



Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2026

University of North Texas Coliseum

May 21, 2026, 3:00 PM

Principals

Vernon Reeves, Principal
Ronda Bean, Associate Principal

Assistant Principals

Erin French
Randal Hare
Mandy Nabors
Bryce Overstreet
Francisca Ryan
Jay Swafford

Counselors and Social Workers

Tiffany Biggers, Lead School Counselor
Angela Holl, Social Worker
Emily Kinnaird, IMPACT School Counselor
Amy Matthews, School Counselor
Courtney Skaggs, Career and Technology Counselor
Erin Smithers, School Counselor
Wes Upton, School Counselor
Emily Valenta, School Counselor
Olumide Aje, Communities in Schools
Diane Owen, Talent Search College Prep Counselor

2026 Senior Class Officers

Emery Hodge, President
Luna Kobayashi-Hare, Vice President

2026 Student Council Officer

Sophiya Islam, President



Board of Trustees

Barbara Burns, President
Sheryl English, Vice President
Charles Stafford, Secretary
Dr. Buddy Dunworth
Dr. Patricia Sosa-Sanchez
Tanya Wright

Denton Independent School District Administration

Dr. Susannah Holbert O'Bara, Superintendent
Dr. Jeremy Thompson, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Lacey Rainey, Assistant Superintendent
Jason Rainey, Assistant Superintendent
Paul Andress, Executive Director of Operations
Robert Pierce, Chief Technology Officer
Dr. Deron Robinson, General Counsel
Nick Petito, Chief Communications Officer
Robin Brownell, Area Superintendent
Dr. Charlene Parham, Area Superintendent
Luci Schulz, Area Superintendent

Commencement Program 2026

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar
Performed by RHS Band and Orchestra*

Welcome..... Emery Hodge, Senior Class President

Presentation of ColorsAFJROTC Color Guard
Commanded by Cadet Colonel Abigail Metting

National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner" RHS Choir, Band and Orchestra*

Pledge of Allegiance AFJROTC
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Korbyn Causey

Welcome Vernon Reeves, Principal

Introductions of Distinguished GuestsEmily Hipo, Salutatorian
Luna Kobayashi-Hare, Senior Class Vice President

Presentation of Choir Sophiya Islam, Student Council President

"May the Music Never End" Performed by RHS Chorale*

Class of 2026 ValedictoriansGloria Bahamon, Antonio De La Rosa, Jack Essington,
Emery Hodge, Luna Kobayashi-Hare, Addison McDaniel, Maya Travis

Reflections from the 2026 Student Council President.....Emery Hodge

Presentation of Graduate Candidates.....Vernon Reeves, Principal

Certification of Graduates..... Dr. Susannah Holbert O'Bara, Superintendent

Presentation of Diplomas.....Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Changing of the Tassel Emery Hodge and Sophiya Islam
Senior Class President and Student Council President

Alma MaterLed by Elijah Weinberg and Claire Petersen
Choir President and Vice President
Accompanied by RHS Band and Orchestra Members

Recessional Theme from "Die Meistersinger" By Wagner
Performed by RHS Band and Orchestra Members*

*Jarrod Beard, *Director of RHS Band*

*Jeremy Atkins, *Director of RHS Orchestra*

*David Rives, *Director of RHS Choir*

Candidates for Graduation 2026

1,5	Gloria Sophia Bahamon	Zackary Randall-Wade Baker
1,4,5	Antonio Joaquin De La Rosa	Isaac David Banda
1,4,5	Jack Taylor Essington	Shedrick Renord Banks III
1,4,5	Emery Lindon Hodge	Armando Cristofer Barahona Vanegas
1,4,5	Luna Belle Kobayashi-Hare	Ashlyn Barbour
1,4,5	Addison Pamela McDaniel	Diego Barcenas
1,4,5	Maya Day Travis	Myriel Yvette Barfield
2,4,5	Emily Annmarie Hipo	Kiera Renee Barnhart
4,5	Mercy Abba	Sadik Bassirou
	Donovan Joseph Acosta	Kaylee Ann Beard
4,5	Baraat Omotoke Ade-Jamiu	Jayden Jerome Beck
	Johanna Gabrielle Malay Agomaa	4 Julieann Ayleen Beltran
	Jeimy Gissell Aguilar	Hector Guillermo Bernal
	Victoria Aguilar	Romeo Miguel Berrios
	Brisa Alejandra Aguilera Barraza	Doriyel Ronjanae Berry
	Kamariya Louise Akhtab	Dre'Lyn Amarion Blackburn
5	Olamide Oluwatoyin Akilo	Preston McBride Blankenfeld
	Christian Jamal Aldridge	Gabriel Lee Bonham
	Emma Grace Anderson	Beckham Michael Bonilla
	Samarria Lashi Andrews	Braxten Jacoby Keith Bounds
	Jehsabeth Katerin Arenas Briceno	Armando Anival Bracamonte
5	Valerie Juliana Arenas Castaneda	Sam Hayden Brannen
	Kevin Arias-Solache	Davian Briseno
	Jose Luis Arriaga	DeMichael Brown Brooks
	Satvik Gupta Arvapally	Jah'Miyah LeAziah Ruth Ann Brown
	Gavin Parker Atchley	Shantea Shavonne Brown
	Darren-Franchel Chieh Awasume	Urijah Christopher Burch
	Quinella Sena Awumee	James Marion Burchfield V
4	Bobbie Orion Bailey	Laurie Crystal Burgos-Pena
	Jordan Jamison Baines	Jude Wayne Burr

Candidates for Graduation

	Cole Alan Bush		Emmalee Gale De Los Santos
	Alexandra Guadalupe Cabrera		Dafne Bet-Sua Del Toro Dominguez
	Andrew Cabrera		Giselle Ernestina Diaz Velasquez
	Elizabeth Camacho		Maddyn Renae Dooley
5	Amy Sarai Campos		Jaxson Brennan Dozier
	Karolin Rocio Caseres		Reagan Elizabeth Dragoo
	Benjamin Josias Castaneda		Jesse Gregory Durand
	Bradley Castillo		Kylie Brooke Elrod
	Ariana Rachel Castro		Alec Reece Emery
	Caden Malechi Causey	5	Angelique Enriquez-Duarte
	Joshua Thomas Chavira		Jonathan Alberto Espinoza
	Mekailah Anaiya Christie		Hector Esteban
	Reese Nicole Clark	5	Dulce Judith Estrada
4,5	Ansel Davis Close		Andrew Paul Evans
	William Joseph Cockerill II		Donovan James Evans
	Colton Joe Cogdell	5	Stephanie Lynn Evridge
	Shawn Terdell Collins JR		Ifeanyichukwu Victor Ezeigbo
	Jaelene Alizbeth Concepcion	5	Sophia Ngozichukwu Ezeigbo
	Melissa Contreras-Torres	5	Paola Gabriela Farinas Marquina
	Olivia Monika Coppin	4	Jadea Alinia Ferguson
	Juan Antonio Cordoba-Gonzalez JR		Ryleigh Grace Fielding
	Malosi Renato Costa		Desiree Nicole Flemming
	Levi Owen James Crockett		Kimberly Grissell Flores
	Chase Tatum Crooks		Matthew Isaiah Foster
	Benjamin Hayes Crum		Zoey Tate Fox
	Sophia Elisabeth Cruz-Whitworth		Kha'ron Jasiem Freeman-Wade
	Juan Pablo Cura JR		Alijah Jeremiah Friday
	Damica Patricia Marie Curry		Tamara Arlet Galan-Mora
	McKenzie Marie Dahn		Melanie Melissa Gallegos Ruiz
	Jakob Elias De La Rosa		Carlos Reymundo Gamboa

Candidates for Graduation

	Giselle Garcia		Da'Quarius Lamont Harris
	Gerardo Ian Garcia Herrera		Kendrick Lamar Harris
	Andres Garcia Molinar		Annelys Sinay Harry Vidal
	Jarol David Garcia Rivera	4,5	James Ryan Hathcock
	Ciara Shayvonne Garrett		Brandon Leron Hawkins
	Jude Christopher Garrison		Kali Faith Hayes
	Carly Hope Garza-Reyes		Casey Caul Hearne
	Quailan Makih Gause	5	Quin Meyer Henigan
	Jordyn Alexis Gilbert-Marion		Angie Valeria Hernandez
5	SeEna Ernestine Gillum		Olbin Said Hernandez Cruz
	Leeland Brave-Wolf Glaser		Kale Carter Herod
	Alyssa Jaselle Gomez		Brayden Edward Herrera
	Isaiah Victor Gonzales		Emily Herrera
4	Emiliano Alexander Gonzalez		Patrick Christian Heying
	Norberto Gonzalez III		Kishon Moses Hicks
	Shyann Alyssa Gonzalez		Joaquin Aaron Hidalgo
	Jean David Gonzalez Saez		Xaier Rafeal Hiler
	Autumn Brooke Graham		Payton Abigail Hill
	Yariana Granados		Zion Jamelle Hill
	Alejandro Enrique Graves		Devon Willie Hodges
	Kevin Octavio Gregorio		Mackenzie Faith Holbert
	Zuri Nivana Guerra		Charisma Da-Xia Horton
	Daniel Alejandro Guevara Moron		Kiala Nicole Hudson
	Jovani Gutierrez		Karson Dane Hughes
	Margaret Ariella Gutierrez Saavedra		Kaela Elizabeth Hunter
	Angel Guzman	4,5	Esenam Hussey
	Braylan Manuel Haines	4	Jaden Vinh Huynh
	Margitta Luise Hansen-Thomas		Ryan Isabel
	Alanis Isabelle Harper	5	Sophiya Emaan Islam
	Jacia Shanel Harper		Cameron Xavier Ivory

Candidates for Graduation

	Elijah Juan Jackman		Alexis Daniel Licea-Nunez
	Kaylin Marie Jackson		Yubo Liu
5	Antonia Jimenez		Kiana Jenae Blas Llamelo
	Neeha Elsa John		Jayvyn Tristan Long
	Aaron Mounta Johnson		Tate Vidal Longoria
	Aayden Cole Johnson		Victor Daniel Longoria
	Michael ChezVoski Johnson		Cole Everett Loper
	Allison Juarez		Carlos Lopez JR
5	Cristal Jurado		Khoa Tan Luu
4,5	Ivon Jurado		Zaviyana DeAisha Madison
5	Anna Jade Justice		Justin Malave
	Dibenesha Precieux Kabuya		Guadalupe Maldonado
5	Morgan Jean Kalaf		Demeterious Rashad Manuel JR
	Evan Daniel Keener		Yajaira Manzanares
	A'Yanah Maechelle Kelley		Camila Martel Carreon
	Marcus Xavier Kennard		Kayla Angelina Martin
5	Eva Kim		Brooke Emmaliani Martinez
	Stevie Parnell King		Elexa Martinez
4	Philip Iver Kiraly		Jennyfer Martinez
	Kylah Vinnae Kirkwood		Oliver Martinez
	Spencer Russell Kleppe	4,5	Wendy Martinez
	Jacob Anthony Knox		Jonathan Tannon Martino
	Jesenia Lynn Lake		Andres Mata
	Audrey Rose Lamb		Grant Aldrich May-Wright
5	Damean Emilio Laurel		Evan Keilen Joseph Mayon
	Rebekkah Lynne Lawson		Russell Wayne Mazy JR
4	Brennyn Violet Leath		Aviana Shanae McCrary
5	Joonki Brandon Lee		Brayden Donnell McDade
4	Kinley Nachele Lewis		Kaleb Anthony McDade
	Tacara Alise Lewis		Rayanna Lachaya McDonald

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	Grisleidi Medina Catarino		Vanessa Olivares
	Sunery Medina Palau	4,5	Josue Eduardo Olvera-Alfaro
5	Braylan Michael Meeks		Giselle Diona Orozco
4,5	Addison Kathryn Menzie		Olivia Salome Orozco
	Jennifer Mercado		Liliana Ortiz
	Mya Aileen Mercado	5	Toluwabori Josephine Owosho
	Emily Valeria Meza		Christopher Andre Pace
	Briana Isabel Mireles		William Paez JR
	Desilu Diane Mitchell JR		Juan Emigdo Palacios-Aranda
	D'Marcus Traycelle Modester		Ricardo Paredes JR
	Jacob Shelby Mon		Dylan Alexander Parrish
	Yazmine Analy Mondragon		Jayce Aaron Patterson
	Jason Bright Mongo		Gervin Gregorio Paxtor Rivas
	Yiringhwi McRoy Victor Mongo		Jade Ivelyn Paz
	Charles William Montgomery III	4,5	Isaiah Emmanuel Kwarteng Peprah
	Yanisel Morales	4,5	Claire Isabelle Petersen
	Juan Anthony Moreno		Jurnee LaShay Phenix
	Chavy Malayna Mov		Makayla Marie Phillips
4	Nirbhik Mukherjee		Emily Piedra
	Elizabeth Murillo Garcia		Kylei Jerae Pierce
	Bradley Darnell Musafiri		Alexander Damon Pitts
	Takudzwa Musungate		Bryan Ponce
	David Adriano Nasie		Andrea Carolina Portillo
	Aldo Nava		Josue Manases Portillo
	Tony Micheka Ndemo		Nathaly Diana Puga
4	Ian Sebastian Nelson Rascoff		Sydney Yumino Pulliam
	Unison Mugisha Nkundizanye	5	Peyton Nicole Pulte
	Josiah Allen Noble		Roman Lamar Quinones
4	Marianeth Ariana Nunez		Claudia Guadalupe Quintana Perez
	Amelia Blythe O'Connor		Aldo Guadalupe Quiroz Pina

Candidates for Graduation

5	Kaylee Rose Radcliff		Isabella Anne Samford
	Savannah Narcisa Ramirez		Alexandre Michael Sanchez
	Jahzeel Ramirez Hernandez		Jonathan Alexis Sanchez
	Akin Ramiro Rangel		Arturo Santos
	Jose Manuel Rangel		Leilani Kiara Saucedo
	Aaron Rea		Manuel Saucedo
	Abrahan Rea		Kayla Maria Saucedo-Ortiz
	Delaney Susanne Redding		Audryna Nicole Schopen
	Tre'Vaughn DeWayne Reynolds		Garvin Jaden Scott
	Justice Lee Rhodes		Abigail Segovia-Reyes
	Javier Jeremiah Richard		Jacob Tyler Sestic
	Steve Riojas	4,5	Maddison Ann Sharp
	Brian Alejandro Rivas		Brian Thomas Shugart
	Estevan Giovanni Rivas		Luis Gerardo Silva
	Jalen Deshun Rix-Denton		Cayden Joseph Skaggs
	Lillian Arbozine Roberson		Ahjani Clemant Smith
	Mara Jade Robertson	5	Braelyn Michelle Smith
	Gorje Rodriguez		Katherine Allerton Smith
	Mariana Rodriguez		Raymond Douglas Smith JR
	Natalie Elizabeth Rodriguez		Andres Solis
	Alejandra Elizabeth Rodriguez Ramirez		Jocelyne Sosa
	Evelyn Rodriguez Sauza		Diego Nahin Sosa Morales
	Rodrigo Romo		Angel Leonardo Soto Rodriguez
	Jashmeelash Rosas		William Joseph Spurgin
	Jacey Renee Rose		Grayson David Stephens
	Olivia Grace Russell		Noah James Stepheon
	Olivia Michelle Russell		Elias Suarez Gallegos
	Jacob Jesus Salazar-Picasso		Allison Elizabeth Sullivan
	Dayami Salazar Sandoval		Brody Vaughan Sullivan
	Adalberto Salinas		Dominic Rae' Shawn Jamaal Swain

Candidates for Graduation

	Savannah Lynn Swartwood		Dominic Marquis Walker
4	Christopher Allen Sweeney JR		Jeremiah Walker
	Tyja Kai Tanakura		Uzziah Omubo Warmate
4	Montserrat Tapia		Wesley Emerson Watson
	Emma Grace Tarwater		Cambryn Charles Weatherford
	Alyviah Lienne Taylor		Elijah Quinn Weinberg
	Clairnay Yavon Taylor		Nathen Huber Wences
	Ian Christopher Terrell		Errol Nicholas West JR
	Kevin Ray Thomas JR		Diamine Wheeler
	NaKaila Sharnice Thomas		De'Shyre Denise White
4,5	Katherine Angelitsun Thompson		Amariez Jamel Wilburn
	Austin Trumaine Torres		Amaya Nalani Wilkins
	Karla Alexis Torres		Madisyn Janai Wilkinson
4,5	Hugo Schroeder Trachsel		Alyssa Janelle Williams
4	Rowen Faye Trachsel		Jaiden Samone Williams
	Shaii Trejo		Kadence Alexandra Williams
	Kinli Drae Trotman		Mia Lynette Williams
	Makayla Marie Tucker		Shawnaya Lashelle Wingo
	Natalia Yzabel Uriostegui	5	Ayla Marie Wyke
	Angelina Valdez		Jason Jamaal Young JR
	Neve Zaira Bangay Valleser		Madison Marie Zamora
	Kaylin D'Von Vallier		
	River Davis VaQuera		
	Abigail Natalie Vasquez		
	Carlos Ivan Vasquez Rodriguez		
	Jimena Elizabeth Vega		
	Jose Andres Vega Calderon		
	Alin Vega Perez		
	Samantha Lynn Ventrca		
4,5	Roy Leland Vining Fuchs		



Alma Mater

*We are Ryan High School strong
And to you we sing this song
Ryan Raiders, we'll be true
Ryan Raiders through and through
We sing to you, our own proud school
For without a doubt
In victory we'll shout
Faith and hope anew
We are true
Ryan Raiders, we love you!*



Congratulations to the 2026 Senior Class



**Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens
who positively impact their local and global community.**

Photos taken during the graduation ceremony today are available at www.flickr.com/photos/dentonisd/albums

The students speaking at today's event were selected based on neutral criteria to deliver messages of the students' own choices. The content of each student speaker's message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District.