

*Tarpon Springs
High School*

Senior Commencement

*May 21st, 2026 4:00 PM
Tropicana Field*



Commencement Program

Pre Ceremony Music	Jazz Ensemble
Opening Ceremony	Josh Armstrong
Pomp & Circumstance	Tarpon Springs High School Band
Processional	Senior Class
National Anthem Alma Mater	Syndicated Sound
Greeting and Introduction	Mrs. Leza Fatolitis, Principal
Platform Guest	Kevin K. Hendrick, Christen Gonzalez, Ed.D., John Koulianos, Dawn M. Peters
Valedictorian	Gabrielle Zsido
Salutatorian	Alexander Sokol
Student Council President	Cyann Westmoreland
Senior Class President	Leana Caban
Conferring of Diplomas	Lisa Lennox
Roll Call of Names	Josh Armstrong, Sharon Savino

TSHS Student Services Team

Assistant Principals	Mr. Martin Guevara, Mrs. Lisa Lennox, Mr. Michael Mellinger
School Counselors	Mrs. Alyssa Cerge, Mrs. Irene Pantelis, Mrs. Sharon Savino

“The content of any student’s speech at this event doesn’t reflect the endorsements, sponsorship, position, or expression of this school or school district”

Class Officers

President	Leana Caban
Vice President	Balint Borbely
Secretary	Costadinos Karalis
Historian	Giada Tallarino
Treasurer	Alannah LaSpesa
Senators	Erika Baxcajay Pedraza, Athens Calderon-Clarke, Olivia Knutson, Victor Santos Espinoza, Gabrielle Zsido

Class Sponsors

Mr. Dupuis

Class Motto

“Unfiltered, Unscripted, Unforgettable”

Class Colors

Maroon & White

Class Flower

Orchid

Class Song

Unwritten by Natasha Bedingfield

Alma Mater

Tarpon High, our Alma Mater,

We are loyal to her name,

We will keep her banner floating

High and spread abroad her flame.

Win or lose, our hearts are with her:

And as fruitful years go by

We will still keep bright

The Maroon and White of Tarpon Springs High.

Class of 2026

Abare, Rachel		Bohannon, Azuli- Skye	
Abbas, Joie	G,9	Borba, Jackson	
Abrams, Griffin	L,3,8	Borbely, Balint	C,D,3,6
Acosta, Giulia		Brewer, Chase	
Acosta-Lora, Pedro	J	Briscoe, Whitney	
Aguilar-Maye, Yesica	L,9	Burton, Hakeen	
Allen, Deniya		Caban, Leana	D,3,4,6,7
Amrhein, Kimora		Calderon, Ilyana	D,L,6,7
Anderson, Angelina	D,L,3,6,7	Calderon-Clarke, Athens	9
Angell, Chloe		Caldwell, Samantha	
Archibeque, Leila	6,7	Campbell, Kaleb	J
Avina, Caliana		Cazel, Olivia Summer	4
Baldwin, Aaliyah		Cepeda Robles, Areliz	
Barber, Nicholas		Chabaniuk, Daria	B,L,6
Barcenas, Vanessa	C,4	Chambers, Evangelia	D,G,6,8
Barnstorf, Joscelyn		Cleary, Brooklyn	D,L,6,7
Bass, A'riyanna		Coleman, Aanesha	
Baxcajay Pedraza, Erika	C,3,6,7	Coley, Carter	
Beach, Oliver	L,3,6,8	Colon, Jalaya	8
Beausil, Marcus	J	Colon Martinez, Sheidylyz	J
Bedford, Mylena	6	Competelli, Alexa	4,9
Benjamin, Brianna	C,D,3,6,7	Crim, Lauren	
Berean, Kaitlyn	9	Davison, Zoey	L
Berrien, Jaiden	4,9	Dill, Connor	
Blasko, Steven		Dilorenzo, Ryker	

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Donu Pedraza, Zitlali	B,D,3,6,7	Gonzalez Rodriguez, Jade	6
Doyle, Julia	D,J,3,6,7	Grazioli, Nicole	
Dunbar, Kaulan	J	Griffin, Amia	J
Eastridge, Alexandria		Griffin, Trinity	4,6,8
Eglinton, Mya	4	Guzman-Torres, Karina	
Febo, Joseph		Hattaway, Jacob	C
Ferrer, Kamilah	9	Hatzileris, Faneromeni	B,D,4,6,7
Fickes, Tristyn	J	Hatzileris, George	
Floyd, Khaziyah		Hennessey, Judah	L
Forsyth, Farrah		Heuertz, Kenyan	8
Foster, Jordan	D,J,3,6	Hines, Shayla	
Francis, Evelyn	3,6,8	Hinkle, Cayden	D,3
Free, John		Homan, Brianna	
Garcia Cintron, Paola		Huettig, Grace	L,6,8
Garmon, Marcus	D,L,6,8	Hunter, Messiah	
Geerdes, Kaiya	4	Hutchison, Aubrey	
Ghaly, Justin	G,9	Issak, Elicia	J
Gianasmidis, Violeta		Jarosz, Laila	
Gilchrist, Nicolette	8	Jeska, Gabriel	D,L,6
Gilliam, Ramiyah		Johnson, Jake	D,L,3,5,6,7
Going, Katherine	9	Jones, Adriana	D,6,8
Goins, Nevaeh		Jones, Audrey	
Gold, Amiyha	4	Jones, Emma	4
Gonzalez, Alexis		Jones, Von	
Gonzalez-Corona, Kevin	L	Julius, Christeonnya	

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Kadaj, Bartosz	L,9	Lowe, Easton	9
Karalis, Costadinos	D,J,6,8	Lugo Leyva, Ernesto	
Kehoe, Baron		Lynn, Teagan	9
Kemp, Colt	9	Maciorski, Damien	
Kerns, Madison		Mack, Mia	3,6,8
Knutson, Olivia		Makryllos, Vasili	B,C,D,G,6,7
Komara, Kristina		Mangos, Sakellarios	C,D,3,6,7
Krehmeyer, Jordan	L	Mangos, Skevo	C,D,3,6,7
Kuhn, Allison	4	Marte, Lilly	
Kwapil, Nicole		Martin, Jayden	6,8
Lapsley-Lewis, Tianna	9	Martinez-Perez, Dayami	4
Larrison, Isaac	J	Massas, Emilia	L
LaSpesa, Alannah	D,3,6,8	Mattern, Jordan	9
Lauriano, Gianna	J	Matzke, George	
Lawson, Alexander	J	May, Garrett	C,3,9
Lechuga, Angella		Mbiad, Avery	C,L,8
Lelekis, Michael	D,L,3,6,8	McCormick, William	6,8
Lelekis, Sofia	D,3,4,6,7	McCullough, Demarious	
Lero, Joshua	J	McDonald, Colin	9
Lindsey, Aiyanna	L,9	McDonough, Cameron	6,8
Lira, Xela		McGowen, Michael	
Locastro, Jacob	6,8	McKinnon, Jha'maya	
Long, Tori		McKnight, Imari	9
Lopez, Hallie		McSally, Kaida	
Lopez-Montanez, Dylan	4	Meyers, Ainsley	L,6,8

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Mims, Jamiah	L	Perez-Pedraza, Oliver	
Molano, Jeronimo		Perez-Pena, Heidi	8
Montalvo, Jaydalen		Pevie, Terrance	
Montoya, Genesis	L	Platt, Lucas	L,3,9
Moorehouse, Brady	D,L,3,6,7	Popov, Henry	
Moorehouse, Sean	D,L,3,6,7	Potts, Kiran	J
Mossor-Sandbank, Gerald	J	Psaros, Nicoletta	J
Mougros, Emmanuel	C	Quezada Charrez, Raengel	J
Mougros, Konstantina		Rademacher, Zechariah	
Munro, Mitchell	J	Ramirez-Ochoa, Ingrid	L
Nabulsi, Ryon	D,G,6,8	Ramos, Leilani	C,D,G,6,8
Naszkieicz, Isabella	D,L,3,5,6,7	Ramos Calzada, Jeydan	
Netzel, Chloe	C,J	Ray, Ashanti	
Nieves, Preston		Reinartsen, Makenzie	
Norton, Kailee	9	Restorick, Quinn	D,3,4,6,7
Norton, Katelyn	J	Reyes Ponce De Leon, Anna	3,8
O'Neal, Francesca	D,L,3,6,7	Rhodes, Jada	L
O'Neal, Talia		Richardson, Aaliyah	
Palavros, Kristian	J	Richter, Caleb	
Pappas, Maria		Rinaman, Carter	C,9
Pateras, Ava		Rios, Brandon	4
Paultre, Eliana	C,3,9	Roberts, Alexander	D,3,6,7
Peoples, Brenda		Roberts, Ashton	8
Perez, Daniel	C,9	Rogers, Hayden	
Perez Jackson, Davontay		Romero Donu, David	

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Ropes, Hunter		Tamas, Tiana	9
Rowe, Aiden	D,J,6,7	Thomas, Liam	L,3,6,7
Russell, Emily	4	Tipton, Lily	C,8
Sadowski, Davina		Tisher, Adrian	
Salemi, Gia	L	Tsalickis, Angelo	C
Salyer, Rubi-Mae	4	Tuckey, Derek	9
Sanchez Alvarez, Mario	3,9	Underwood, Madison	D,J,3,6,7
Santos Espinoza, Victor		Upchurch, Paris	3,4,8
Scott, Antoniyo		Vanderwende, Taylor	9
Shan, Haley Elizabeth	D,J,6,8	Vicens, Gaara	
Sheppard, Jacob		Walters, Kaitlynn	
Shramo, Remy		Weaving, Lilly	9
Siegrist, Chloe Celestia	9	Westmoreland, Cyann	D,L,3,6,8
Slezak, Abigail Jean	3,6,8	White, Josiah	J
Smalios, Polixeni Anna	3,8	Wille, Eden	J
Soal, Mia Jasmin		Wille, Rain	D,3,6,7
Sokol, Alexander	B,C,D,2,3,5,6,7	Xayasone, Aubrey	J
Solomon, Terrace	L,3,6,8	Young, Sydney	C,D,J,6,7
Spataro, Brayden	J	Zarling, Hope	
Spirou, David		Zsido, Gabrielle	C,D,1,3,5,6,7
Stelmach, Mariana	D,3,6,8		
Stevenson, Dylan	J		
Swierk, Katelyn	L,3,9		
Switzer, Kiara	9		
Tallarino, Giada	C,G,3,9		



2026



Honors/Affiliations

1 -Valedictorian

2 - Salutatorian

3 - National Honor Society

4 - Veterinary Science

5 - Mu Alpha Theta/ Math National Honor Society

6 - Summa Cum Laude, GPA 4.01+

7 - Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.81– 4.0

8 - Cum Laude, GPA 3.5-3.8

9 - With Distinction 3.25-3.49

B - Biliteracy Seal Designation

C - Cambridge Diploma

D - Talented 20 / Top 20%

G - Early College Graduates

J - Jacobson Culinary Arts Program

L - Leadership Conservatory for the Arts Magnet

Instructional Staff

Armstrong, Joshua	Lewis, Maura	Ranze, Jason
Baldizzi, Faun	Long, Gretchen	Rivera, Jaclyn
Calu, Zully	Long, James	Sanders, Javaris
Camacho Vargas, Tiffany	MacNeill, Katie	Santos, Gabriela
Cerge, Alyssa	Marmorale, Jessica	Scartz, Benjamin
Crawford, Stephanie	Martinez, Raymond	Savino, Sharon
Dupuis, Daniel	Martinez Paredes, Mariela	Segovia, Maria
Faison, Christopher	Mattiolo, Gina	Semegran, Diana
Fincher, Nicole	McKone, Thomas	Sexton, Timothy
Ford, Kevin	Michalak, Christopher	Sneed, Patrick
French, Jessica	Monokandilos, Yelena	Sponaugle, Kristin
Frioud, Jeremy	Ngjelina, Elvira	Tallarino, Kristen
Fye, Heidi	Pantelis, Irene	Vasquez, Adrienne
Halls, Cameron	Parker, Joshua	Visnage, Stephen
Hendrickson, Jessica	Pesce, Vincenzo	Wade, Heidi
Henges, Katherine	Picking, Kelly	Watson, Benjamin
Howard, Jeffery	Popov, Joy	West, Antonia
Hubbard, Jason	Posewitz, Shawn	White, Eric
Ingram, Samuel	Potaris, Anna	Zsido, John
Kennedy, Melissa	Priddy, Jennifer	
Kern, Jenna	Priddy, Joseph	

Support Staff

Berean, Kerri

Moreno, Omar

Berry, Balford

Mosad, Maha

Bridges, Michelle

Mott, Jeff

Daniel, Jessica

Neller, George

Diamantaras, Patty

Roberts, Norman

Ghattas, Soulang

Santiago, Tamara

Gonzalez, Armando

Saylor, Kristina

Hayes, Javor

Shan, Heather

Hayes, Todd

Sommer, Ian

Henin, Amal

Thomas, Mark

Hewett, Carol

Waldman, Bela

Locatelli, Annalise

Watts, Lauren

Luttrull, Cody

Williams, Stephanie

Moreno, Carlos

The History of Tarpon Springs High School

The first settlers of Tarpon Springs came here because of the beauty and the bountiful natural resources, just after the Civil War. The first homes built were along the Anclote River and Tarpon's bayous. Samuel Hope bought the first real estate here along the north bank of the Anclote River in the 1860's and was soon followed by the Thompson and Meyers families.

In 1876, A. W. Ormand and his daughter Mary from South Carolina built the first cabin near what is now, Spring Bayou. They saw it as the "boiling spring." The next year, Joshua Boyer, who sailed into the Anclote River and decided to stay, soon married Mary Ormand, the lady who gets the credit for naming Tarpon Springs.

In 1887, three major events occurred – The railroad arrived in Tarpon, Tarpon was officially incorporated as a city, and the Anclote Key lighthouse was built. After that, yachts, steamboats, sailboats, fishing vessels and paddleboats piled into Tarpon's waterways. Merchants, men of all trades, and laborers were lured to Tarpon by inexpensive land and a bright future. Grand hotels, opera, band concerts, famous artists, and millionaires soon made Tarpon Springs a haven for the cosmopolitan.

Somewhere, three blocks north of Tarpon Avenue and on the east side of Pinellas Avenue, where the new St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Community Center and the Theofolis Hall now stand, the first Tarpon Springs School was built. The school consisted of four rooms and was a two-story building. Downstairs were the elementary grades, and upstairs were the upper levels. The first graduating class was the TSHS class of 1906. There were 3 graduates that year. The last year that building was used was 1911. There were between 150 and 250 students in attendance, at the time.

This building was moved to another site and a brand new Tarpon Springs Public School was completed on the same site in 1912 at a cost of \$11,598. There were seven 23' X 20' classrooms, a library, a chemistry lab, and an auditorium, and housed 1st through 12th grades, until 1915, when Tarpon Springs Primary School was built. Then, in 1927, a new school was opened at the intersection of Pine, Ring, and Orange Streets for \$118,839. This is where the present City Hall is, now.

Finally, in 1962, our present Tarpon Springs High School was completed. Over the years, it has been added to and remodeled, greatly. Today, TSHS is a magnificent, multi-faceted complex that now even includes the old Sunset Hills Elementary School. Between 1,900 and 2,200 students are in attendance, every year.



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Superintendent

Christen Gonzalez, Ed.D.
Area 1 Superintendent

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