

South Texas ISD Virtual Academy

Graduation Ceremony | Walk of Honor



2025-2026





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Eric Gutierrez – Principal
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Senior Class Sponsors:

Dr. Roberta Zamilpa

Class Color: White Peonies

Class Flower: Purple and Gold

Class Song: Everyone wants to rule the world by Tears for Fears

Class Motto: To the world we dream about and to the one we live in.



Agenda for Graduation Ceremonies

I.	Processional	Pomp & Circumstance
II.	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Valna Dominika Rossi
III.	Pledge of Texas Flag	Valna Dominika Rossi
IV.	National Anthem	Camila Sofia Rojas
V.	Invocation.....	Sophia Hinojosa
VI.	Welcome from Principal.....	Eric Gutierrez, Principal
VII.	Welcome from the Superintendent and Introduction of Board Members.....	Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
VIII.	Welcome and STISD Board of Directors.....	Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza, STISD Board Vice-President
IX.	Introduction of Salutatorian.....	Eric Gutierrez, Principal
X.	Salutatorian Address.....	Jakayla Latricia Alexander
XI.	Introduction of Valedictorian.....	Eric Gutierrez, Principal
XII.	Valedictorian Address.....	Camila Sofia Rojas
XIII.	Certification of Graduates.....	Superintendent and Principal
XIV.	Presentation of Diplomas.....	The STISD Board of Directors
XV.	Closing Remarks by the Principal	Eric Gutierrez, Principal
XVI.	Recessional	



Virtual Academy Class of 2026

Valedictorian

Camila Sofia Rojas (McAllen) The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley **A S T10 AP ***

Salutatorian

Jakayla Latricia Alexander (Los Fresnos).....The University of Houston **B S T10 ***

Valna Dominika Rossi (Penitas) The University of Incarnate Word **S T10 ***
 Seifer Iain Ash Mata (Brownsville).....Workforce **S T10 * ★**
 Sofia Neveah Hinojosa (Weslaco).....South Texas College **S T10 * ★**
 Joliza Lyla Bender (Rancho Viejo).....The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley **S T10 ***
 Joshua Dylan Cantu (McAllen).....South Texas College **S T10 ***
 Xymena Aleman (Edinburg).....South Texas College **S T10 ***
 Samantha Marie Villarreal (San Juan).....Workforce **M T10 ***
 Sophia Alexandra Muñoz (McAllen).....The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley **M T10 ***

Elibeth Ann Ambriz (Mission).....Workforce **C ***
 Ashley Yvonne Araguz (San Benito).....Workforce **M ***
 Angeleigh Giselle Fontecha (Edinburg).....Texas State University **M ***
 Elias Alejandro Garza (Edinburg).....South Texas College **M ***
 Nadia Catarina Hernandez (Los Fresnos).....Texas Women's University **C ***
 Robert Christopher Lochhead (Pharr) Workforce *****
 Kaedyn Elisabeth Lopez (Weslaco).....The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley **C ***
 Andrea Patricia Mireles (McAllen).....Workforce *****
 Noah Andrew Piña (Brownsville).....The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley *****
 Diana Alejandra Reynosa (Mercedes).....Workforce **C ***
 Leonardo Salinas Jr (Brownsville).....The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley *****
 Brianna Nicole Vega (Donna) South Texas College **C ***

A	Valedictorian		S	Summa Cum Laude		AP	AP Scholar
B	Salutatorian		M	Magna Cum Laude		*	Distinguished
T10	Top 10 Graduates		C	Cum Laude		★	STC Certificate