

THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES  
AT SAVANNAH HIGH SCHOOL

*Commencement Exercises*



**ENMARKET ARENA**

Thursday, May 21, 2026

1:00 P.M.

*Principal*

Shomari Gilford

*Assistant Principals*

Adelyn Bankston

Kenna Wilson-Bote

Shanel Ferrell

*Dean of Students*

Melanie West

*Senior Class Advisors*

Wendi Powell Caughran  
Lauren Denson  
Whitney Ellis  
Jessica Marshall  
Shaquanda Middleton

Jacqueline Murray  
Florence Ricketts  
Alex Seidensticker  
Jacquelyn Sumpter  
Kyandria Zellner

*Senior Counselors*

Dr. Deborah Kittrell-Mikell  
Kimberly Reynolds  
Savannah Hogue

*Senior Class Coordinator*

LaToya Kelly-Murray

*Alma Mater - Faith of our Fathers*

*Our Alma Mater, SHS*

*You stand beneath a southern sky  
O. how our hearts are filled with pride  
Whene'er your banner waves on high.*

CHORUS

*Loyal to thee, our Guiding Light  
We'll ever praise the Blue and White.*

*When from your classrooms we have gone,  
Our places in the world to find,  
In mem'ry we will come again  
And gather 'round old High School's shrine.*

CHORUS

*Loyal to thee, our Guiding Light  
We'll ever praise the Blue and White.*

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*A Special Message to Our Audience*

The graduating Class of 2026 asks of you a very special request: the loving gift of silence.

As a final remembrance of these last few moments of friendship, unity, and school spirit, the graduating Class of 2026 asks that the roll call of names be received with dignity and honor. While each name stands alone, individually recognized, they will all be joined forever in a bond of shared achievement.

The members of the Class of 2026 have worked long and hard to accomplish this shining milestone in their young lives. They ask only that you allow them to approach this threshold proudly, in quiet reflection.

Please demonstrate your respect for them by granting this request.



*Sign Language Interpreters*

The Division of Academic Affairs is pleased to provide sign language interpreters for those in attendance who may be hearing impaired.

*Inspirational Educator Grant*

The 2026 Inspirational Educator Grant Award is made possible by the Educate Chatham Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Savannah-Chatham Public Schools.

## Commencement Exercises

Processional.....	Savannah Brass Quartet
Presentation of Colors.....	School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School JROTC
National Anthem.....	Savannah Brass Quartet
Pledge of Allegiance*.....	James R. Kelley, IV <i>JROTC Cadet Captain</i>
Welcome.....	Marcus M. Reynolds
Introduction of Valedictorian and Salutatorian.....	Javontae R. Vann
Salutatorian’s Address.....	Jakaila D. Cohns
Valedictorian’s Address.....	Markus T. Pinckney
Educate Chatham Award.....	Ashley DuBois
Presentation of Candidates.....	Shomari Gilford, <i>Principal</i>
Awarding of Diplomas.....	S. Denise Watts, Ed.D. <i>Superintendent, Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools</i>
Recognition of Graduates.....	Shomari Gilford, <i>Principal</i>
Alma Mater*.....	Denise A. Turner and the Class of 2026
Recessional*.....	Savannah Brass Quartet

\*Audience please stand

## Graduation Regalia

Honor Graduate – *Gold*

Valedictorian and Salutatorian – *Honor Medallion*

Military Service Recognition (Active Duty) – *Red, White, and Blue*

Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (Certified Completer) – *Various*

Distributive Education Clubs of America – *Blue and White*

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America – *Red and White*

Fine Arts (Band/Visual Arts) – *Pink*

Foreign Language – *White*

Future Business Leaders of America – *Royal Blue and Gold*

GPA Scholars – *Royal Blue*

Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps – *Green and Gold*

National Beta Club – *Black and Gold*

National Honor Society – *White and Royal Sash*

SkillsUSA – *Red and White*

Student Leadership Program – *Purple, Red, and Teal*

Technology Student Association – *Red, White and Blue*

## THE SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES AT SAVANNAH HIGH SCHOOL

## Candidates for Graduation

2025-2026

### Valedictorian

Markus Tyler Pinckney

### Salutatorian

Jakaila Deandra Cohns

### Honor Graduates

Makayla ReAntai Tali’Jah Edwards  
Carmen Angelica Ortiz

Arthur Lee Housey  
Ashia Regina Williams

### Graduates

J’Niya Jacarra Ancrum  
Jazarah Joh’nae Ancrum  
Jalyah Tychelle Anderson  
La’Nahla Aniyah Anderson  
Ariel Monique Lee Barger  
Christian Jamil Bell  
Kyrell Jaron Benton  
Jamya Sharita Bing  
Ikyra Malazia Bizzard  
Ja’Rhya Michelle Blake  
Makayla Ja’Lay Blount  
Jalyn Janae Boyd  
Anton Shyheim Bowens  
Takira Ivorni Brannen-Martin  
Joshua Alexander Brown  
Shaddai Omar Brown  
Zy’onna Da’Janea Brown  
Kayden Ny’rae Louise Bryant  
Tamiah Raushawna Carswell  
Caden Terrell Carter\*  
Devan Deshawn Carter  
David Marco Cassinera  
Saraya Joy Chaplin  
Jakaila Deandra Cohns  
Tyshaun Omar Coleman  
Camyrna La’Neah Cooper  
Ana Jury Ventura Dacio  
Adri’ana Jenel Davis

Ja’ Quan Ontario Davis  
Ka’ron Eric Davis  
Ja’Kari Leonard Douse  
Edwin Duran Perez  
Clinton Early, III  
Makayla ReAntai Tali’Jah Edwards  
Rolando Marlon Allen Epps  
Jamir Rahsaan Evans  
Charis Evelyn Exley  
Amorey Karlos Farrow  
Nalasia Elayna Aniyah Fickling  
Kendrick Akileel Flowers  
Frank Antonio Frazier  
Zyair Jamontae Dominique Frazier  
Eli Cornelius Andrew Frieson  
Erin Cornesha Ayna Frieson  
Quan’Niyah Quave’ Gadson  
Leroy Garvin, III  
Jalaira Alexis Graves  
Jermiah Rashone Graves  
Tyrelle JaMarcus Gray  
Jakiah A’merie Green  
Jahiem Isiah Marquez Griffin  
Troy Montaviaus Lamont Griffin  
Jya’mere Jeffrey Hamilton  
Willie De’shon Holmes  
Kamari Levaughn Holmes  
Arthur Lee Housey

Darius Irvin Hunt, II  
Ja’Layia Alexandria Hymon  
Delvin Dupree Jackson  
Jewel Mylasia Jackson  
Bellrheev Jeanty  
Cherish Emoni Johnson  
Joi Elizabeth Denise Johnson  
Nathaniel Amurie Johnson  
Te’Yanna Shanice Johnson  
Mychal Ramone Jones  
Sydney Reese Jones  
Tonasia Shanell Jones  
James Robert Kelley, IV  
Andrea’ Unique King  
James Ja’Bree Kittles  
Jnhia LatRace Lawton  
Davion Keome Maddox  
Raygan Taylor Mack  
Gary Jarnard Maxwell  
Destiny Sa’Nya McClain  
Ne’asha Marie McClain  
Samaya McCombs  
Gabrielle McCray  
JaShiem McNair  
Makeen Maurice Mervin  
DaShawn Joseph Maurice Mitchell  
Kayonna Patricia A’niyah Mitchell  
Keyonna Vera Lanaya Mitchell  
Lamon Montrell Mitchell  
Martrell Daeshon Mitchell  
Jasanae’ Chanel Moore  
Daviana Maria Morgan  
Sa’Morra Camone Morgan  
Ronlayia Shawndaya Myers  
Jalen Jamain Nevels  
Carmen Angelica Ortiz  
Ja’meria Lashawna Parker  
Steve Leonard Parker  
Keegan Vincent Parten  
Ma’Kayla Andrea Payne  
Samuel John David Pickett  
Markus Tyler Pinckney  
Malaysia Tyrita Le’Teria Poe  
Nehemiah Darion’ Leonard Porches  
Iiyana Lashae Rains-Evans  
Marcus Montrell Reynolds

Garyonna Sabria Riley  
Antwan Rashawn Maurice Rivers  
Kamora Cristy Roberts  
Kamyia Crisse Roberts  
Serenity Lashanda Mae Roberts  
Ja’Kyi Keonne Robertson  
Corey Lee Robinson  
Noah Briann Robinson  
Arpona Rihanna Rountree  
Carlay’Ja Darcell Sanders  
Jawan Rame Saxon  
Cerenity Ka’Milla Schley  
William Thomas Scruggs  
Te-Jean Christopher Sheppard  
Charlotte Geordaia-Patience Smart  
Brandon Maurice Smith  
Rakeem Shaquill Smith  
Tiona Christine Stanley  
Zion Elijah Steele  
Andrew Joseph Stephens  
Alexis Yvette Taylor  
Heaven Saretha Taylor  
De’nise Aurihanna Turner  
Javontae Romell Vann  
Gelena Ines Ventura  
Donald Anthony Walker  
Ja’mari Zhair Walker  
Dextasia Jasmine Renee Washington  
Miasia Alexandria Washington  
Queen Shontavia Washington  
Josephine Elizabeth Whitehead  
Angel Noel Willams  
Ashia Regina Williams  
I’mik Ka’shi Williams  
Kennedy Lyneese Williams  
Nevaeh Christopher Williams  
Rashard Lorenzo Williams  
Robert James Williams, IV  
Tonjalaya Regina Lexci Williams  
Vincent Antwaan Williams  
Zion Serville Worthen  
Caden D’Kari Wright  
Joshua Emanuel Wright  
Erron Sean Anthony Young  
Janavas Ja’Quan Herman Young