

Jonathan C. Gibbs High School



Senior Class

Barry Brown, Principal
Commencement Ceremony
May 22, 2026
Tropicana Field

Class of Two Thousand Twenty Six

Jonathan C. Gibbs High School

Faculty and Senior Class Processional

Presentation of the Colors	JROTC Honor Guard and Michael Walker- Army Instructor
Pledge of Allegiance	Marjanique Oliver
National Anthem	
Welcome	Barry Brown, Principal
Senior Class President Address	Leila Cabric
Salutatorian Address	Anthony Scott, Salutatorian
Valedictorian Address	Ameria Akuffo, Valedictorian
Senior Serenade	Isabel Sanchez
Awarding of Diplomas	Principal of Curriculum
Gibbs High School Alma Mater	PCCA Senior Ensemble Matthew Clear, Director
Tassel Ceremony	Barry Brown, Principal

Honored Guests

Kevin K. Hendrick, Superintendent

Dywayne B. Hinds, Sr., Ed.D., Area Superintendent, Area 3 Schools, CTAE & EAS

Donnika Jones, Chief Academic Officer

Kathleen Young-Parker, Minority Achievement Officer

Caprice Edmond, School Board Chairperson

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Key to Graduate Cords and Stoles

Cords

Academic Top 10% Students	Double Twist Blue/Gold
BETA Program	Gold & Red
Early Childhood Program	Double Red Pair
Early Graduates	Purple/White twisted
Musicians	Pink Pair
National Art Honor Society	Rainbow
National Honor Society	Blue & Gold
PCCA Program	White
Senior Class President	Blue Pair
SGA President	Double Twist Blue & White
Student Government	Gold & White
Fishing Club	Double Blue & Green
PBIS	Red & Gold
Girlfriends	Lavender & Creme

Classic Stoles

Academic Top 10% Students	Gold & Blue lettering
Senior Class President	Blue & White lettering
SGA President	Blue & White lettering

Pendant Stoles

NHS officer	Blue with NHS emblem
NHS members	White with NHS emblem
EMT	Blue & Orange Stoles

Pointed Stoles

BETA	Gold & Black lettering
AVID	Gold with Blue lettering

Medallions

Graduates	Golden Ribbon
College Reach-Out Program	Red, White, Blue Ribbon
JROTC Seniors	Blue & Gold Ribbon
PCCA	White Ribbon
Thespian Honors	White Ribbon

Robes

Academic Top 10% Students	White
Graduates	Blue

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." - Martin Luther King Jr.
"Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make makes you." - John C. Maxwell

2026 Candidates For Graduation

Akuffo, Amerie	Υ	TSScIBH	Collins, James	
Aldas, Abigail		TSH	Conley, Sophia	TM
Alford, Dakota			Corbett, Luci	
Amani, Dieudonne			Covington, Jarrod	
Anderson, Maurvalas			Cruz, Olivia	TMH
Arkin, Justice		DIB	Cunningham, Micael	
Askew, Lamaiya		D	Curbelo, Leyla-Jade	TMH
Atkins, Sariah		Sc	Danford, Marcus	
Avise, Emerson		TSScH	Davenport, Deshawn	C
Baker, Adaya			Davis, Aaliyah	MI
Baldino, Mia		M	Davis, Isreal	
Barber, Charlie			Davis, Solana	
Bardo, Brianna		TMScH	Dawkins, Travon	
Batson, Khalil			De La Piedra, Elena	TSScBH
Bautista, Devin		MSc	Dejesus, Xaniya	
Beguiristain-Ruiz, Ariana		MI	Denison, Jaylyn	C
Bell, Andie		MHE	Denson, Makayla	
Bell, Jenaye		TS	Desocio-Ulacia, Paul	
Bell-Brown, Ajanay		I	Dixon, Tiasha	
Benson, Ella		TSScBH	Dooner, Riley	TMScIBHK
Blanchard, Jonellessa		I	Drummond, Naylene	
Boone, James			Duncan, N'ziya	
Boyd, A'nija		E	Edwards, Soraiya	TMH
Boykins, Jyteron			Estrada, Cristian Enrique	
Boykins, Xsora		C	Eubanks, Honesty	C
Bradley, Duane			Eubanks, Ke'Maria	
Brinson, Auri'yanah		CE	Evans, Adyson	TS
Brinson, Dash			Evans, Kamaria	
Brinson, Laterrika		TMIH	Fanfan, Nathaniel	
Brooks, Christopher			Fasnacht, Benjamin	D
Brown, Dena			Feaster, Jordyn	C
Brown, Enoch			Felton, Gabriela	TSScBH
Brown, Joseph			Ferguson, Chantionna	TSScI
Brown, Xavier			Fisher-Sutton, Shania	C
Broxton, Michael			Fletcher, Neveya	CE
Bryans, Zachary		Sc	Flowers, Zionna	
Brydson, Tanae		TS	Foley, Sadie	TSScH
Bunce, Aidan		TSScIH	Fowler, Zaniyah	D
Cabric, Leila		TSScH	Franklin, Jairus	
Caldwell, Jamaal			Fuller, Antorio	
Cannaday, Madison		C	Gaines, Jaida	
Cedeno Lozada, Omalys		TSBHK	Gauthier, Sydney	TSH
Chambers, Diamond			Gervais, Jovan	CIK
Clayton, Emma			Gil, Tiana	
Coleman, Zaahir			Grant, Alicia	D

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Green, Breanna		Little, Elizabeth	M
Green, Jayde	DI	Llamas, Javier	I
Green, Taneisha	D	Lloyd, Grace	E
Gregory, Cheyanne	TSH	Louis, Ja'sci	
Grimes, Ashanti		Mack, Adreana	TS
Gunn, Saahniyah		Mackie, Hazel	I
Harris, Aniyah		Mahurin, Robert	C
Harris, Shadae	ME	Maki, Aoifa	TSScIH
Helland, River	TSScBE	Maley, Aubrey	
Holmes, Archie		Marshall, Knowledge	
Horton, Alicia		Marte Perez, Shaddai	
Hoston, Mariah	TMH	Martin, Danielle	
Houston, Michael		Martinez Pagan, Jaicob	
Houston, Nygel		Matthews, Kamara	
Howard, Michael		Mccant, Mario	
Hylton, Tariq		Mccree, Sheyenne	I
Ingold, Dalianna	CScI	Mccullough, Deasia	
Jackson, Caleb	I	Mcfadden, Mariah	E
Jackson, Christine		McGee, Adam	I
Jackson, Myki'el	C	McGriff, Shimir	
Jefferson, Jerome	MI	Mckenzie, Tiana	MIH
Jenkins, Krista-Andria	TSH	Mckinney, Micah	
Johnson, Carlos		Mcmullen-Smith, Tully	TS
Johnson, Tava'rio	D	McNaughton, Kayden	TMH
Jones, Aubrey	I	Mezquite, Juan	CScB
Jones, Dwight		Michael, Brooklynn	M
Jones, Juan		Mielich, Joslyn	
Jones, Nezji		Mitchell, Tony	I
Jones, Raymond		Mooney, Nola	CI
Jordan, Camelita		Moore, Destiny	D
Jordan, Elijah	TMB	Moore, Makayla	D
Jordan, Jontae		Morgan, Dominique	
Keeley, Amonnie	EK	Mosley, Calvia	
Keith, Darrius		Moss, Darren	D
Kelly, Sabrin		Moss, I'Braysia	
Kilgore, Jackson	MScI	Murray, Ja'siah	
Kind, Emma	TSScBH	Narvaez, Brianna	C
Knause, Ciara		Nembhard, Delmarley	CScBK
Kovacs, Makena	TSScH	Newsome, Keyvin	
Kropp, Tobin	TM	Newton, Roman	
Lane, Jai	MIH	Nichols, Georgian	
Langmyer, Landen	C	Norton, Rau'janae	C
Larkin, Gemma	M	Obinka, Ginikachi	TSH
Leshore, Brianshae		Oliver, Marjanique	D
Lester, D'Angelo		Oliveras, Edwin	CI

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Page, E'shanti	MI	St Fleur, Witheler	
Palmer, Josiah		Stedman, Jimm	I
Patrick, Ar'Nasia		Stewart, Byron	I
Perry, Trevor	D	Stoglin, Trenton	
Peter, Henry	C	Stone, Maki	
Peters, Sandra	CSc	Strober, Muhammad	
Petrachi, Nicole	TSScBH	Stubbins, Jayla	TM
Pinney, Annalise		Stukes, Xvavaier	
Plattner, Molly	TMScIH	Symonette, Davareus	
Plouf, Paloma	C	Temple, Khloe	TSSc
Pollack, Mariah	K	Thomas, Angeleena	
Poole, Ronisha		Thomas, Jabria	D
Powell, Keona	D	Thomas, Javier	
Pray, Mekhi		Thomas, Lenijah	CHE
Rahdert, Kahlen	TSScIH	Thomas, Naviae	
Rainey, Latravia		Thomas, Troy	
Ramirez, Josephine	TSScH	Thornley, Ryan	CScI
Reddick, Alexxis	DSc	Timmons, Julian	M
Reedy, Deijon		Tippett, Keleise	CIK
Rhodes, Kingston		Tuttle, Collin	D
Roberts, Bernard		Wagner, Jayme	TSScH
Roberts, Learnard		Walker, Adrian	I
Roberts, Maurice		Walker, Andre	TM
Roberts, Terry		Walker, Yorel	CI
Robertson, Reydiance		Wall, Trevon	
Rochelle, Marquell		Walters, Doran	
Rodgers Spaights, Rainna	TSIH	Walton, Sariyah	
Ruffing, Rachel	TSScH	Warren, Serenity	TSIH
Sanchez, Isabel	TMH	Washington, Alana	
Sanders, Nyla		Watson, Zyeir	
Santiago, Yuliani		White, Jerrell	
Schauer, Noah	TSScIH	Wilder, Dylan	
Schipper, Jermaine		Williams, Derrick	
Scott, Anthony	⌘TSScI	Williams, De'wann	
Scott, De'asia		Williams, Jai'qwan	C
Scott, Dominique	D	Williams, Mariah	
Simmons, Darrielle		Williams, Shanice	
Simpson, Kamille	CSc	Wooten, Zaria	
Skipper, Jackson		Wright, Desaray	CI
Smith, Jordan		Wright, Nylah	D
Smith, Kayla	C	Wright, Tyrese	I
Smith, Kenyatta		Wynn, Sir'riyah	
Smith-Price, Cazshmeir	D	Youssouff, Ajanaih	
Speights, Yisrael			
Spencer, Tavana	MI		

Graduation Key

Key			
⌘	Salutatorian	T	Talented 20
∩	Valedictorian	B	Bilateral Seal
H	National Honor Society	E	Early Grad
D	With Distinction	I	Industry Scholar
C	Cum Laude	A	Advanced Scholar
M	Magna Cum Laude	Sc	Scholar
S	Summa Cum Laude		
K	Take Stock In Children		

- D **With Distinction** = GPA greater than or equal to 3.25, but less than 3.5
- C **Cum Laude** = GPA greater than or equal to 3.5, but less than or equal to 3.8
- M **Magna Cum Laude** = GPA greater than 3.8, but less than or equal to 4.0
- S **Summa Cum Laude** = GPA greater than 4.0

2026 Graduation Program Disclaimer

The seniors' names listed in this program are based on the list of students who have been considered candidates to graduate by the end of the first semester of their graduating cohort year. Registration for these commencement exercises does not guarantee, in any way, that they have satisfied all of the requirements of a high school diploma.

The Office of Records and Transcripts remains the final authenticating document for obtaining a high school diploma from Gibbs High School in accordance with all of the standards set by the Pinellas County School District.

Congratulations 2026 Graduates



Graduation Committee

Nina Olivardia, Chairperson
Shaylan Davidson
Caroline Bigley
Santana Bauford
Michelle Owens

Acknowledgments

To our many volunteers, parents, relatives, teachers, adjuncts and the Community; we would like to express a heartfelt thank you to those who have contributed to Gibbs High School and the success of the Class of 2026.

“Never be limited by other people’s limited imaginations.”- Dr. Mae Jemison

SENIORS

Class of 2026

Academic Top 10% Students

ValedictorianAmerie Akuffo
Salutatorian.....Anthony Scott

Emma Kind Leila Cabric Ginikachi Obinka

Jenaye Bell Rainna Spaights

Makena Kovacs Aidan Bunce

Serenity Warren Sadie Foley Ella Benson

Emerson Avise Jayme Wagner

Gabriela Felton Elena De La Piedra

Josephine Ramirez

Noah Schauer Rachel Ruffing Cheyanna Gregory

Abigail Aldas Tanae Brydson Aoifa Maki

Adyson (Aiden) Evans Kahlen Rahdert

Sydney Gauthier Khloe Temple

Student Government

President.....Marjanique Oliver

Senior Class Officers

President Leila Cabric

Vice President..... Soraiya Edwards

Secretary/TreasurerHonesty Eubanks

Senior Class Sponsor and Commencement Director -

Ms. Nina Olivardia

Gibbs High School Faculty and Staff

Alanah Ash	Nathan Going	Tanya Myrick-Mills '84
Jurilis Amaro	Patricia Grunz	Grenda Newsome
Jerelle Avery	Allison Harmon	Nina Olivardia
Paula Beard	Lindsey Harris	Michelle Owens
Tamika Bennett '99	Nikki Hill	Kelly Ohare
Caroline Bigley	Christopher Henderson	Romeka Oglesby
Santana Bauford	Dyan Dennard-Hill	Patricia Paige
Steven Beverage	Dustin Hinzman	Gail Olds
Ruby Boyd	Laura Holcomb '83	Lynden Ostrander
Janice Byrd	Kecia Holley	Kevin Pace
Ricky Boyd	Tavarres Holloway	Charmaine Purchase
Walter Brady '05	Evan Johnson	Colleen Quinn
Lori Carmona	John Johnson	Amber Quimby '92
Natalie Calderon	Marlene Johnson	Lisa Robinson
Caroline Carter	Thomas Johnson	Fabian Rivera
Timya Cannon	Jennifer Krantz	Kiana Robinson
Rebekah Chambers	Theodore Locascio	Rodney Russ
Matthew Clear	Ariel Long	Betty "Anna" Scott
Darryl Craft	Magda Lopez '04	Jameson Sexton
Willie Clinton	Kimberly Latimore	Alvin Shirley
Willie Clinton Jr	Denelle Marlowe	Ingrid St. Clair
Dean Cornelio	Justin McAllister	Ernest Stewart
Shaylan Davidson	Julia McCullough	Denise Smith
Nykisha Davis	Nia McElroy	Herbans Paul
Patricia Donnelley	Lauren Melendez	Amy Shaw
Regina Dixon	Jasmine Mims	Jacob Thompson
Eunice De La Piedra	Emily Munoz	Chia Teoh
Terrence Drake	Nicole McGough	Patricia Teoh
Farouk Dudha	Matthew McKillop	Robert Thomas
Erin Gatchell	James Morris	Michael Walker
Latasha Gilbert	Crystal Milton-White	Keara Wilson-Crockett
Melanie Gillett	Michael Moten	Jerel Walker
Lily Giering	Freddie Middlebrooks '01	Demetrius Williams
Ryan Green	Larry Murphy	Dennis Zuercher '87

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Dawn M. Peters, *Vice Chairperson*

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Area 3 Schools, CTAE & EAS
Rita Vasquez, Ed.D., *Executive Director of High School Education*

Administrators

Principal

Barry Brown

Assistant Principals

Nicole Johnson, *BETA Magnet Coordinator*
Michael Machado, *Athletics & Activities*
Michael Vasallo, *PCCA Program Director*

School Resource Officers – G. Albritton & J. Hayes

School Counselors

Dr. Paula Beard, *Chair*
Dean Cornelio, *Traditional* Natalie Calderon, *Magnet*

Gladiator Nation



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**HOME OF THE
GLADIATORS
GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL
ALMA MATER**



Dear Gibbs High School
From thy shrine we'll ne'er part
Memories, loyalty, will e'er be in every heart
Our alma mater, we'll love and protect thee,
From thee our voices raise;
A hymn, a prayer, of our loyal praise.
Dear God, protect Gibbs High School thru' the years;
May she stand e'er aright.
Drive away her fears and tears;
Fly high our banner of blue and gold
For thee our voices raise;
A hymn, a prayer, for eternity