



Commencement Class of 2026

Lakewood High School
St. Petersburg, Florida

PRINCIPAL

CONNISHEIA GARCIA

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

LUKAS HEFTY
DONALD JOHNSON
MELANIE ROGERS

SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR

MONICA VANN
ERIKA SANFERRARO

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

VALEDICTORIAN

ZEPHYNIIS WHARTON

SALUTATORIAN

SOFIA LOPEZ

CAT VALEDICTORIAN

JAYDEN NGUYEN

CAT SALUTATORIAN

RORY McMAHON

SCHOOL EMBLEM

“THE FIGHTING SPARTANS”

SCHOOL COLORS

BLACK AND GOLD



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 23, 2026

PROCESSIONAL	“POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE” BY ELGAR
WELCOME	DONALD JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	ESTHER SANNI, PRESIDENT OF NAACP - ST. PETERSBURG
NATIONAL ANTHEM	LAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM GUESTS	MELANIE ROGERS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
GUESTS	KEVIN K. HENDRICK, SUPERINTENDENT DYWAYNE B. HINDS, SR., ED.D., AREA 3 SUPERINTENDENT LAURA HINE, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CAPRICE EDMOND, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON DONNIKA JONES, CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER KATHLEEN YOUNG-PARKER, MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT OFFICER
WELCOME	COREY GIVENS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER & CHRISTOPHER BORG, CAT MAGNET COORDINATOR
GRAD ADDRESS	ZEPHYNIIS WHARTON LHS VALEDICTORIAN JAYDEN NGUYEN CAT VALEDICTORIAN
TRIBUTE TO FACULTY	SOFIA LOPEZ LHS SALUTATORIAN
FAREWELL ADDRESS	RORY McMAHON CAT SALUTATORIAN
PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS	CONNISHEIA GARCIA, PRINCIPAL LUKAS HEFTY, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
SENIOR ROLL CALL	DR. KESHA ALBRITTON & SHANDY GREGG
CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS	MELANIE ROGERS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
RECESSIONAL	“OLYMPIC FANFARE AND THEME” BY JOHN WILLIAMS

CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

MAY 23, 2026

A		D	
Au'Maria Adams		Sh'coriyah Dallas Blackshear	
Amyia Adkins	5	Hayden Darling	4, 8
Saima Akter	3	Khalan Davis	
Helen Alzamora Segura		Twaniyah Davis	
Mairing Alzamora Segura		Paola De Jesus Garcia	5
Lelya Anasri		John Dempsey	2, 7
Jasir Anderson	8	Bennett Detone	2, 7
Samiya Arnold	5	Logan Dillman	
James Atibel		Davion Dixon	
Antoneice Atkins		Omariea Doggett	5
		Vontaevious Ducksworth	9
		Taliyah Dyson	
B		E	
Miguel Badillo Trujillo		Luca Eckerle	
Cha'mya Baker		Xzavier Edwards	
Jacob Barber		Cash'us Elias	
Amari Barnes	4		
James Barnes	5, 7		
Ndey Barrow	1, 4, 7		
Lenora Barton		F	
Spencer Belnavis	7	Michael Fauer	5, 7
Devin Berrien	1, 4, 8	Brayden Ferrell	1, 2, 7
Jalyl Broomfield		Jeremiah Ford-Farrell	4
Ra'nell Broomfield		Demarlis Forman	7
Marquell Brown	1, 4, 7	Steven Freijo	1, 4
Joel Burnsed		Antonio Fuller	
Omari Byrd			
C		G	
Chancellor Campbell	4, 7	Kharma Gamble	
Alastair Chapman	1, 2, 7	Desmond Gaston	
Tim Cole	3	Savannah George	
Amia Collier	1, 4	Tyrone Gray	
Donavin Collins		Dunquez Green	7
Carlos Crowell		Erinn Green	1, 4, 9
Kymani Cunningham	1, 4, 7	Jharon Green	7
		Nigel Griffin	1, 3, 7
		Thomas Guilford	

H

Mikayla Harper	
Maliqie Harrell	4, 7
Addisyn Harris	
Jaylen Harris	
Shamel Harris	
Ricardo Hartwell	
Kamira Haynes	4
Cameron Heatly	1, 2, 7
Amiyah Henderson	4
Jaelyn Hicks	1, 2, 7
Cherish Holloman	
Mark Holloway	
Darryl Hooker	
Logan Houck	
Saveen Hurdle	
Farzana Hussaini	

J

Chrisiya Jackson	
Jared Jackson	1, 2, 7
Roy James	1, 4, 7
Neisha Jean-Jacques	
Derrick Jelks	8
Camora Jenkins	
Brian Johnson	
Isaiah Johnson	
Joshua Johnson	
Bernard Jones	
Jalen Jones	
Wyatt Jones	
Canyon Joseph	7
Jameel Joseph	

K

Carolyn Kelly	
Jordan Kerns	2, 7
Jymarcus King	

L

Irene Laclaustra	5, 7
Kayden Lake	1
Rylan Larkin	2, 7
Tiasia Larkins	8
Dylan Lee	5, 7, 9
Keegan Lewis	7
William Lin	2
Sofia Lopez	1, 2
Jeremiah Lovett	
Laniya Lovett	
Jaidin Lumpkin	
Kasha Lunsford	
Vy Luong	8

M

Jesen Macauley Cernozile	
Naomie Marcelin	4
Blessing McCants	4, 6
Gabrielle Mccaskill	2
Victor Mccoy	2, 7
Zaire McCrea	
Aaron McDonald	7
Jaylin McKenzie	
Jeremiah Mckinnie	5, 7
Rory McMahan	1, 2, 7
Ta'niya Mceuil	5
Cristian Melendez	
Iris Melendez	
Jamaal Miles	
Jordan Mims	7
Caleah Mitchell	5
Margaret Monfreda	1, 2, 7
Melina Morales	4, 8, 9
Dori Morgan	6
Mariah Morrell	
Kristopher Morris	8
Jayden Morrison	7
Marley Morrow	
Milloy Moten	4, 7

N

Ameriya Newton	
Pape Mamadou Ndiaye	
Jayden Nguyen	1, 2, 7
Ma'khiala Norfleet	6
Adam Nouri	1, 2, 7

O

Christian Or	1, 2, 7
Vinni Ortega-Rodriguez	4, 7

P

Alexandra Padilla Aguilar	5
Jeffrey Parker	
Jada Parks	
Jayden Perry	
Marley Poole	4
Shaylin Pridemore	1, 2, 7

R

Brooke Read	7
David Rene	1, 4
Truman Rhodes	1, 2, 7
Amaya Richardson	
Indyja Richter	
Camora Roberts	5, 8
Dmari Roberts	
Britany Robles-Rostran	
Mariah Ross	1, 4, 7
Cayla Rushing	4, 8
Ethan Rusiecki	6
Reece Russo	8

S

Semaj Samms	
Ryan Sandoval	5
Luca Saraceno	3
Zynasia Shine	
Benjamin Shirley	3
T'aujajai Simmons	

Alexis Simmons-Jackson

Kimani Smith	
Marlon Smith	
Griffin Smotzer	1, 2, 7
Dontae Snell	
Cole Sosa-Jones	8
Tory Spire	
Gabriella Staley	
Shaniya Stalling	1, 4, 6, 8
Adilynn Stalteri	6
Nylah Stephens	1, 4, 8
Ladamein Stinson	
Dieunive Sylvaince	

T

Zachary Taylor	1, 2, 7
King Tensley	5
Landrick Thomas	
Taleah Thomas	1
Uriel Torres	
Te'omas Traywick	

W

Ligia Walker	
Olivia Walker	
Ayden Wallace	
Nathan Wallace	
Cody Walters	
Tavarous Warren	
Dariel Watkins	
Travon Watkins	
Kamariah Watson	8, 9
Ryan Watson	
Michael Webb	
Zaniyah Werts	
Zephyniis Wharton	2, 8
Khaylah Whitlock	5
Aniya Williams	2, 8
Benjamin Williams	7
Johnny Williams	

Deondrick Wilson
 Tatyana Wooden
 Ta'naya Wooten
 Dezirae Wright
 Lauren Wright
 Za'niyah Wright
 Jaiden Wynn

7
 2
 5, 7

Z

Nia Zilton

Legend

NHS	1
Summa Cum Laude	2
Magna Cum Laude	3
Cum Laude	4
With Distinction	5
HEART	6
CAT	7
CJAM	8
Take Stock in Children	9

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Michael Dolhancryk	Isabella Mitchell	Necole Tunsil
Delia Doss*	Martin Moraniec	Adam Turkel
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Shandy Gregg	Leslie Morrow*	Destiny Waiters
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Mequel Mobley
Rashad Richardson
Trevonda Walton

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Nick Bianchi
Al Evans
Micheal Hernandez
Latricia Jackson
Jean Jean
Shirley Jordan
Garnet Lloyd
David McCullough
Doretha Patterson
Austin Simmons*

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Zamarie Johnson

SCHOOL RESOURCE

OFFICERS

Officer Rivera
Officer Bell

TECHNOLOGY

TECHNICIAN

Devin Jennings

From the Faculty and Staff

“The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.”

– Eleanor Roosevelt

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Alma Mater

Where oak trees tall and waving palms
Can touch the open sky,
Where mockingbirds in chorus join
The seagull's lonely cry,
Here teacher, classmates come to join
In friendship's closest tie.
Here stands our alma mater dear-
Beloved Lakewood High

From towering pines brave eagles leave
Their nests in freedoms flight
So we must from our school days part
To reach for distant heights.
But hear our hearts will ever stay
Where dearest memories lie,
Here stand our alma mater dear-
Beloved Lakewood High