

South Texas ISD World Scholars

Graduation Ceremony | Walk of Honor



2025-2026





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Cynthia Chairez, Ed.D. - Principal
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Counseling Department:

Elizabeth Lopez - Counselor

Senior Class Sponsors:

Yessica Collins

Class Color: Yellow

Class Flower: Daffodils

Class Song: "Good Riddance" Green Day

Class Motto: After All, We're Still Together



Graduation Ceremony | May 21, 2026

I. Processional	Pomp & Circumstance
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Isabella Garcia
III. Pledge to Texas Flag	Kaleb Mercado
IV. National Anthem	Matthew Aguilera
V. Invocation	Tonatiuh Perales-Valencia
VI. Welcome from the Principal	Cynthia Chairez, Ed.D.
VII. Welcome from Superintendent and Introduction of Board Members	Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.
VIII. Welcome from the STISD Board of Directors	Dr. Sylvia Sánchez Garza- Board Vice-President
IX. Introduction of Salutatorian	Cynthia Chairez, Ed.D.
X. Salutatorian Address	Alana Mendes Albert
XI. Introduction of Valedictorian	Cynthia Chairez, Ed.D.
XII. Valedictorian Address	Nilgeidy Sofía Rojas Sanchez
XIII. Certification of Graduates	Superintendent and Principal
XIV. Presentation of Diplomas	The STISD Board of Directors
XV. Closing Remarks	Cynthia Chairez, Ed.D.
XVI. Recessional	



World Scholars Class of 2026

Valedictorian

Nilgeidy Sofia Rojas Sanchez (Edinburg) Rice University A S T10 ◇ *

Salutatorian

Alana Mendes Albert (Edinburg) Point Park University B S T10 ◇ *

Cora Mae Tomai (Edinburg)	University of Texas at Austin	S T10 ◇ *
Tonatiuh Perales-Valencia (Weslaco)	University of Texas at Austin	S T10 ◇ *
Luke Samuel Garcia (Edinburg)	Texas A & M College Station	S T10 ◇ *
Kaleb Parker Mercado (Edinburg)	Yale University	S AP T10 ◇ *
Olaguer Bauza-Bisteni (McAllen)	Amherst College	S AP T10 ◇ *
Jaileen Moreno (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S T10 ◇ *
Montserrat Amarah Peña (Hidalgo)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S T10 *
Natalie Marie De La Peña (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S T10 ◇ *
Matthew Adonay Aguilera (San Juan)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C *
Josue Aguillon (Alton)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	M *
Alfredo Aleman (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C *
Aryzela Alonso (Edinburg)	Texas A&M University	S ◇ *
Mark Mpuapeeya Anabila (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	M *
Karla Aranda Soto (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S *
Karina Rai Ayala (Edinburg)	South Texas College	*
Madelynn Monik Badillo (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S *
Skylar Rayne Barrera (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Manan Ketanbhai Bhakta (Edinburg)	South Texas College	M *
Armand Army Bocanegra (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	M *
William Ottavio Borowski (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	M *
David Jordan Boyd (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C *
Miguel Jesus Bravo (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	M *
Alisha Natalie Calderon (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S ◇ *
Amy Alexa Candanosa (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.....	M *
Melanee Jay Cantu (Edinburg)	Colorado State University	S *
Rylee Rene Cantu (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C *
Damaris Cervantes (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Jeremy Daniel Chairez (Santa Rosa)	University of Texas at San Antonio	S ◇ *
Mariana Azereth Chapa (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	S ◇ *
James Chavera (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	M *
Leopoldo Kien-Jen Chow (McAllen)	New York University	S ◇ *
Avah Sofia De Leon (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	C *

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B- Salutatorian
T10- Top 10

S- Summa Cum Laude
M- Magna Cum Laude
C- Cum Laude

◇- IB Diploma Candidate
AP- AP Scholar
a= Associate Degree

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Juan Fernando Escobedo (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Arianna Esquivel (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Jesus Angel Gallegos (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Isabella Garcia (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ ◇ *
Izrael Zeke Garcia (Edinburg)	University of Teas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Kodin Sebastian Garcia (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Mallory Sky Garcia (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Danna Constanza Garcia-Pecina (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Roberta Garza (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Trey Alexander Garza (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Kaden Nathaniel Guerra (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Kelly Nevaeh Guizar (Edinburg)	Advanced Barber College	℄ *
Kevin Antonio Gutierrez (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Scarlet Marie Gutierrez (Edinburg)	Texas State Technical College	*
Ricardo Hernandez (Edcouch)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Nicole Herrera (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ a *
Derrick Isaiah Huerta (Pharr)	South Texas Vocational Technical Institute	*
Amber Skye Jackson (Edinburg)	Full Sail University	℄ ◇ *
Anne-Marie Joseph (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Jordan Jerome Juarez (Edinburg)	School of Art Institute	ℳ *
Yocelin Airam Juarez Felipe (Edinburg)	New York University	ℳ *
Kenneth Bladimir Kerps (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Samuel Zachry Kruse (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Leanna Tuyetmai Le (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Nedalyn Nicole Gillamac Llasos (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Melina Rose Lozano (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Bruno Alexander Maldonado (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Jesus Rolando Maldonado (Edcouch)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Daniel Martinez (La Feria)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Rebekah Mael Martinez (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Daniel Alexander Matias (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Brooke Ilyssa Medelez (Rancho Viejo)	St. Mary's University	℄ *
Ethan Gonzalo Medina (Los Fresnos)	Texas Southmost College	*
Edwin Antonio Moreno (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Elijah Marcus Moreno (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Aiden Alexander Muniz (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*

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Maximiliano Padilla (Edinburg)	University of Texas at San Antonio	ℳ *
Sierra Elise Padilla (Weslaco)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Diego Perales (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Hector Rios (Donna)	Texas State University	ℳ *
Gala Rodriguez (Pharr)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
David Leonardo Rojas (Edinburg)	University of Pittsburgh	ℳ *
Emily Rosello (Mission)	South Texas College	℄ *
Maria Monserrat Saenz (Edinburg)	St. Mary's University	℄ *
Jose David Salazar (Mission)	South Texas College	*
Maya Keena Salinas (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Delilah Mercedes Sanchez (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	℄ *
Valeria Denisse Sanchez Tovar (Donna)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Maximus Akhasone Saycocie (Mission)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Diego Silva (Mission)	Texas A&M Kingsville	ℳ *
Vanessa Solis (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	*
Katelyn Julianne Soliz (Edinburg)	South Texas College	℄ *
Sofia Monserrat Soto (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Chris George Thomas (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Rey Jose Trevino (Alamo)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Aditi Manish Tripathi (McAllen)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Amelia Ravilievna Tyumeneva (Donna)	Seattle Pacific University	ℳ *
Dielka Uribe (Edinburg)	Texas A&M University	ℳ *
Edmundo Varela (Edinburg)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *
Andy Adonis Vargas-Galaz (Edinburg)	University of Texas at Austin	ℳ *
Yazleen Itzel Villarreal (San Juan)	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	ℳ *

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