Class of 2026
Commencement Ceremony

Southwest High School

Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 4 p.m.

Dickies Arena

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT





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WEDGWOOD

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Crystal "Cece" Montgomery
WESTCREEK

Rachel Walters
WOODWAY

Campus Vision

At Southwest High School our learning matches industry standards and college expectations through academically rigorous instruction with a sense of urgency so that students can positively contribute to their community and maximize opportunities for success.

Core Values

Be involved. Be respectful. Be present.

Campus Mission

Excellence in everything:
Focus on building strong relationships with stakeholders, consistently providing academically rigorous classroom instruction and ensuring equitable and relevant learning for all students.

Motto

The place to be.

Alma Mater

Hail to our school, our own Southwest,

Throughout the land it is the best.

As years go by we pledge to thee,

Our faith and steadfast loyalty.

With friendships made and knowledge gained and all the highest goals attained,

You've helped to make our lives so full,

Our own Southwest

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Graduates, Families, and Esteemed Guests,

It is with great pride and deep admiration that I welcome you to this momentous occasion — our high school graduation ceremony. Today, we gather not only to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and growth, but to honor the promise, resilience, and brilliance of each student seated before us.

Graduates, your journey has been anything but ordinary. You have navigated challenges, embraced opportunities, and demonstrated a commitment to your future that reflects the very best of our community. Along the way, you have been supported by dedicated educators, loving families, and peers who have walked beside you — each playing a vital role in shaping the individuals you are today.

During my brief time as your superintendent, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the extraordinary talent and determination that exists within our school. You represent the future leaders, innovators, and change-makers who will go on to strengthen our communities and impact the world in meaningful ways. Whether your path leads you to higher education, the workforce, military service, or new adventures yet to be defined, know that you carry with you the foundation, values, and spirit of this district.

This milestone is not simply an ending — it is a beginning. A beginning filled with possibility, responsibility, and hope. I encourage each of you to remain curious, stay grounded in your purpose, and never lose sight of the power you have to make a difference.

To our families and staff: thank you. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and belief in our students have made this day possible. This achievement belongs to you as well.

Graduates, as you turn your tassels and step forward into the next chapter of your lives, do so with confidence, integrity, and pride. You have earned this moment.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. Your future is bright, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter B. Licata

Superintendent
Dr. Peter B. Licata

Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Schools
Dr. Daniel Soliz

Chief of Staff
Dr. Louis M. Kushner

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Commencement Program

Processional . . . . . Southwest Band
"POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" BY EDWARD ELGAR

Presentation of Colors . . . . . JROTC

National Anthem . . . . . Southwest Band
"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER" BY FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

Pledges of Allegiance . . . . . Angela Constance
SENIOR SPONSOR

Welcome and Introduction of Platform Guests . . . . . John Engel
PRINCIPAL

Presentation of Sensory-Sensitive Graduates . . . . . John Engel

Greetings . . . . . Bobby Ahdieh
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent's Address. . . . . Dr. Peter B. Licata

Principal's Address . . . . . John Engel

Honors Recognitions . . . . . Lorin Mobley
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Presentation of Southwest Collegiate Academy Graduates . . . . . Kelly Richey
POSTSECONDARY SPECIALIST

Introduction of Salutatorian . . . . . Sandra Saenz
SENIOR COUNSELOR

Salutatorian Address

Introduction of Valedictorian . . . . . Dr. Melissa Rincon
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOLS

Valedictorian Address

Presentation of Candidates for Graduation . . . . . John Engel
ANNOUNCER: RACHEL BRADFORD, SENIOR SPONSOR

Conferring of Diplomas. . . . . Dr. Peter B. Licata
SUPERINTENDENT

Turning of the Tassel. . . . . Luis Armando Hernandez Morelos
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Alma Mater . . . . . Southwest Band

Recessional. . . . . Southwest Band
"POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE" BY EDWARD ELGAR

View the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Latin Honors graduates, and other honors not available by print time at **fwisd.org/HonorGrads**

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Angela Constance

Superintendent's Scholars

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Akindunjoye Akinyemi
Ola Al Zoubi
Gizelle Alvarado Gomez
Zuniga Anthony
Ashly Arreola Herrera
Rosemary Avitia
Liana Bell
Esmeralda Cervantes
Victoria Cordova
Hannah Cordova
Alina Coronado
Olivia Darden
Helen Delgadilo Arguelles
Adelina Diaz
Abbygail Esparza
Carla Espinoza-Hernandez
Airin Farmer
Kemberly Fernandez
Terriana Ganaway
Aiden Gonzales
Jayton Grady
Aiden Guillen
Rylie Hale
Nicholas Hernandez
Luis Hernandez Morelos
Nering John (Madison)
Alexander Lara
Romel Marquez
Deyanira Martinez
Siniyah Moore
Jhovanna Olais Gonzalez
Brooklyn Priest
Gabriela Quesada
Angelica Ramirez
Lyric Rodriguez-Brown
Kelian Rogstad
Aaron Santos
Janny Santos
Imalya Senevirathne
Matthew Serrano
Miranda Shipman
Torriana Slack
Edgar Sotelo
Natalia Sotelo Mendoza
Chloe Soule
Hannah Stevens
Riya Thing
Tia Thomas
Kennedy Tucker
Adriana Ulloa-Arias
Sophia Valadez
Nydia Vernon
Denisse Villegas
Pedro Villegas
Bronchae Washington
Nathan Young
Johany Zuniga

National Honor Society

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Luis Hernandez Morelos

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Isabella Cordova

SECRETARY
Victoria Cordova

HISTORIAN
Hannah Cordova

TREASURER
Janny Santos

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Ola Alzoubi
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Aleyah Brooks
Wendy Carillo
Alina Coronado
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Ra'Niah Lewis
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Sofia Martinez
Natalia Mendoza Sotelo
Siniyah Moore
Madison Nering
Katie Nguyen
Imani Nicas
Denise Velez Niño
Jackson O'Daniel
Jhovanna Olais
Gabriela Quesada
Israel Rangel
Isabel Reyes
Sidnei Richardson
Kelian Rogstad
Ramon Samano
Cristian Sanchez
Aaron Santos
Imalya Senevirathne
Viviana Segura
Miranda Shipman
Chloe Soule
Riya Thing
Neaveh Thompkins
Julie Tun
Adriana Ulloa-Arias
Kenia Velez
Denisse Villegas
Bronchae Washington
Nathan Young

Southwest Collegiate Academy

Donna Aguillon
Akindunjoye Akinyemi
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Aiden Gonzales
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Romel Marquez
John William Nering
Jhovanna Olais Gonzalez
Gabriela Quesada
Angelica Ramirez
Lyric Rodriguez-Brown
Kelian Rogstad
Aaron Santos
Janny Santos
Imalya Senevirathne
Matthew Serrano
Miranda Shipman
Torianna Slack
Edgar Sotelo
Hannah Stevens
Adriana Ulloa-Arias
Denisse Villegas
Bronchae Washington
Nathan Young
Anthony Zuniga

Associate of Arts Degree

Donna Aguillon
Akindunjoye Akinyemi
Ola Al Zoubi
Rosemary Avitia
Esmeralda Cervantes
Victoria Cordova
Alina Coronado
Olivia Darden
Aiden Guillen
Luis Hernandez Morelos
Romel Marquez
John William Nering
Jhovanna Olais Gonzalez
Gabriela Quesada
Aaron Santos
Imalya Senevirathne
Adriana Ulloa-Arias
Denisse Villegas
Bronchae Washington

Candidates for Graduation

Axel Israel Aguayo Aripez
Donna Aguillon
Hamid Ahmadzai
Omid Ahmadzai
Akindunjoye Oluwajoba Akinyemi
Alaa Maher Alrashid Aldokhi
Gizelle Areli Alvarado Gomez
Ola Maher Al Zoubi
Carmen Na'Ziya Amie
Lyola Desani Andre
Aaron Arellano
Victor Manuel Arreola
Ashly Betsabet Arreola Herrera
Rosemary Michelle Avitia
Martin Ayala
Raymond Balebanga
Stephon Lovell Barber
Andrew Zane Barnes
Charles Christian Barrett
Hannah Lyn Bautista-White
Allycia Carolyn Beachem
Liana Belice Bell
Unique Renea Bolar
Anthony Jacques Boswell
Austin Bates Brewer
Thomas Eric Briceno
Aleyah Navae Brooks
Ke'ira Dannelle Brooks
Holden Allister Burgess
Hector Anselmo Caballero
Zachariah Kentreal Cain
Aericc Keshamion Tanieyl Call
Estevan Adair Camacho
Carranza Danalie
Wendy Vanesa Carrillo Bustos
Monserratt Castelan Fonseca
Valentin Baltimore Castillo
Isabella Castro
Esmeralda Cervantes
Luis Angel Cervantes
Bryan Cervantes Saldivar
Chatmon Ayana
Colin Gizzel
Lay'Zaun Rahsson Cook
Cordova Hannah
Isabella Evelyn Cordova
Victoria Felice Cordova
Eimilee Rose Cormican
Alina Roxanne Coronado
Dylan Michael Craver
Kennady Nicole Crenshaw
Maximiliano Cuate
Olivia Darden
Chandin Lee Davis
Angel De La Torre
Deleon Rojas Erick
Hellen Delgadillo Arguelles
Serenity Love Denzel
Adelina Marie Diaz
Ella Grace Diaz
Savannah Estella Antonia Duran
Naylin Briana Durand
Caph Nael Lovedith Edouard
Jerith Jay Edwards
Key'ntarius Tyrelle Edwards
Pavel Andreevich Ekimov
Hailey Miranda Escalera
Abbygail Esparza
Angela Valentina Espinoza
Anthony Espinoza
Carla Yolissa Espinoza Hernandez
Airin James Farmer
Kemberly Sherlyne Fernandez
Bryan Daniel Flores
Xavier K-Shaun Forbes
Jaiyla Sanaa Franklin
Chris Fuentes
Terriana Lasha Ganaway
Erik Roman Garcia
Maria Eduarda Garcia Varela
Josue Gaspard
Malena De la Caridad Giz Filgueira
Natalie Yoana Gomez
Aiden Elijah Gonzales
Alexia Kali Gonzales
Jason Antonio Gonzales
Jesus Emiliano Gonzalez Martinez
Cailey La'Nay Gordon
Dana Lynneise Gordwin
Jayton Demond Grady
Zy'riah Alayna Gray
Aiden Jeremiah Guillen
Kristy Berenice Gutierrez Medina
Rylie Marie Hale
Ka'Aliyah Mirea Handy
Mathew Haro
Diana Angelique Harrell
De'Von Ray Hartin
Marquis Hatcher
Janelle Hathorn
Loveley Jeshe'A Haulcy
Moises Aron Hernandez
Nicolas Hernandez
Salatiel Hernandez
Luis Armando Hernandez Morelos
Kevin Eduardo Herrera
Sahari Rose Herrera
Jeremiah Demontae Hoffman
Osiris Huerta
Natalie Alexis Huitron
Siyara Isaac
Arianya Lynn Jackson-Greer
Declin Alexander James
Damien Jara
Kendra Deanna Jennings
Reagan Michael Jensen
Caiden Dashon Johnson
Elijah Johnson
KeShaun DeAndre Jones
Keylan Khristion Jones
Kristopher Tarion Jones
Brenda Natalie Juarez
Parfaite Yakolita Kako
Ngoyi Kasongo
Issa Kibasa
Allajah Michelle King
Isiah Dernel King
Amelie Dawn Kostreva
Malae Sumaila Bainki Kpaka
Devyn Lampkin
Trevon Michael Lang
Alexander Lara
Giovanni Agustin Lara Cuevas
Roseberline Leroy
Avery Jane Leutwyler
Jacobie Jayshawn Lewis
Ra'Niah Lanae Lewis
Angel Jesus Lorenzana Soyos
Amaree Lee Lucas
Jesse Jovanni Machado
Matthew Ryan Maglietta
Louis Luke Seven Maldonado
Wyatt Eric Manson
Samarah Mansoori

Candidates for Graduation

Jevon Christopher Marcus
Romel Marquez
Deyanira Anahi Martinez
Sofia Martinez
Brooklyn La'Naye Martin-Nwaohia
Brandon Elvis Mbonabuca
Angela Gabriela McClung
DaVoni Antonee'-Mae McNack
Joseph Maurice Mc Wee Jr
Maelei Angelique Mendez
Robert Mendoza
Xavier Salvador Mendoza
Markens Metellus
Meyer Dane
Renata Meza
Aubrey Miles
Neila Jhanea Mills
Maurkel Antonio James Milton
Hailey Nevaeh Mindieta
Diego Montero
Adrian Eden Chance Moore
Siniyah Symone Moore
Mia Morales
Miranda Ailen Moreno
DeonTa Morris
J'Mia Rachell Mosley
Emily Andrea Munguia
Evan Andrew Munguia
Adria Saron Nelson
Ashley Janiah Nelson
John William Nering
Katie Tran Nguyen
Jasmine Naveah Nunez
Jackson Killian ODaniel
Jhovanna Dalay Olais Gonzalez
Iyanna Oliver
Timothy Oliver
Yaretzy Olmos
Makiya O'Neal
Oliver Lazaro Orihuela Iglesias
Jodye Dayleene Parra
Habarurema Pascale
Christopher Percival Payne
Kenneth Japhet Pena Ferrera
Eduar Leonardo Peraza Urbina
Dachna Pierre
Niyah Marie Pinkston
Gwendalyn Jade Potts
Brooklyn Faith Priest
Gabriela Quesada
Joseline Quezada
Rahma Ramazani
Angelica Rose Ramirez
Jasmine Ramirez
Sophia Irene Ramirez
Yael Ramirez
Israel Jaime Rangel
Samiyah Jaliegha Reaves
Genesis Abigail Reyes
Isabel Angelina Reyes
Raneese Cheyane Ruth-Ethelin Richardson
Sidnei Renee Richardson-Matherly
Issac Felipe Riojas
Mayrin Valentina Rivas Tavira
Xavier Roberts
Karla Daniela Rodriguez
Yvonne Ann Rodriguez
Lyric Nasir Rodriguez-Brown
Kelian Bernt Rogstad
Johnathan Ruiz
King Carlis Russell-Billingsley,
Ramon Samano
Cristian Arturo Sanchez
Diego Armando Sanchez Hernandez
Ashley Dalila Sanchez Jovel
Aaron Joed Santos
Janny Betsabe Santos
Ramya Armani Sayles
Makayla Kamia Scott
Benjamin Sedano
Viviana Segura
Imalya Uthsari Senevirathne
Matthew Serrano
Baitullah Shafi
Dexter Eugene Sherrod
Miranda Jacqueline Shipman
Marie Denise Simmons
Camberlyn Abigail-Renae Simon
Deztany Carlet Simon
Ceriya Danille Sims
Elijah J'Won Sims
Torianna Michelle Slack
Lyndon Darnell Smiley
Kya Ann Smith
William Belton Smith
Edgar Sotelo
Natalia Sotelo Mendoza
Chloe Elizabeth Soule'
Jada Latrice Spells
Megan Charel Stansberry
Hannah Elizabeth Stevens
Yoced Suarez Morales
Orion Ramond Sylvestre
Tyson Prince Syon
Robert Lee-Luv Tarrant
Edi Louise Tatum
Ja'Kiyah Janay Taylor
Ny'Lah Taylor
Daniella Alexis Thal
Riya Thing
Tia Maria Thomas
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Nydia Janae Vernon
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Pedro Villegas
Kaman Jereld Walker
Jezzel Marie Wallace
Kenn'Den LaDale Warner
Bronchae Marquise Washington
Traylen Lewis Whitehead
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K'Nayhia Tanay Womack
Thomas David Woods
Markais Dontae Worlds
Davis Jason Worthington
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Alma Daniela Zarate
Joshua Zavala
Anthony Zuniga
Johany Zuniga

30+ College Hours

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Terriana Ganaway
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Janny Santos
Matthew Serrano
Torianna Slack
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Cords & Stoles

CORDS

Summa Cum Laude . . . . . Maize Gold
Magna Cum Laude . . . . . Silver
Cum Laude . . . . . White
Gold Seal Program of Choice . . . . . Old Gold
30 College Hours . . . . . Navy Blue
Associate Degree . . . . . Blue and Gold
OnRamps . . . . . Orange and Silver

STOLES

National Honor Society . . . . . White

Gold Seal Program of Choice

BROADCAST JOURNALISM & MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

Stephon Barber
Charles Barrett
Liana Bell
Austin Brewer
Thomas Briceno
Holden Burgess
Hannah Cordova
Dylan Craver
Ella Diaz
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Erik Garcia
Jeremiah Hoffman
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Lyndon Smiley
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Coy Wilson

MUSIC AND SOUND DESIGN

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WELDING

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