John S. Davidson

Fine Arts Magnet School

2026

Dr. Reneé A. Kelly

Principal

Commencement

40th Ceremony

Wednesday, May 27th @ 2:30 PM

Bell Auditorium | Augusta, Georgia

JOHN S. DAVIDSON FINE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Commencement Program

Prelude ..... **Paul Hennessy**
Piano Teacher

*Processional ..... "Pomp and Circumstance" **by Elgar**

*Presentation and Posting of Colors ..... Hephzibah High School JROTC Color Guard

*Pledge of Allegiance ..... **Jane Pennington**
Senior Representative

Welcome ..... **Brooke Lamkin**
Senior Representative

Introduction of Salutatorian ..... **James Brewer**
Band Teacher

Inspirational Address. ..... **Karishma Zechariah**
Salutatorian

Introduction of Valedictorian ..... **Britt Key**
Media Specialist

Graduation Address ..... **Annie Zhang**
Valedictorian

Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members, and
Superintendent's Cabinet ..... **Dr. Reneé Kelly,** *Principal*

Presentation of the Class of 2026 ..... **Dr. Reneé Kelly**

Awarding of Diplomas, Honors, Grants & Scholarships ..... **Dr. Reneé Kelly**
Assisted by:
Mrs. Shawnda Stovall, *President of the Richmond County Board of Education and District 1*
Mr. Edward D. Lowery, *Vice-President of the Richmond County Board of Education and District 6*
Dr. Malinda Cobb, *Superintendent of Schools*
Dr. LeNessa Clark, *Assistant Principal*
Clinton Saunders, *Assistant Principal*
Elizabeth Schow, *Counselor*
Lyric Smith, *Counselor*
Renee Toole, *Fine Arts Coordinator*

Tassel Ceremony ..... **Amiya Brooks,** *Senior Class President*

Musical Selection & Closing ..... Davidson Chorale Seniors
"I'll Be There" arranged by **Jeremy Fox**
Phillip Streetman, *Director*
"Trumpet Voluntary" by **Henry Purcell**

*Recessional ..... "Pomp and Circumstance" **by Elgar**

*Audience Standing

Richmond County Board of Education

Shawnda R. Stovall, *President, District 1*

Edward D. Lowery, *Vice-President, District 6*

Charlie J. Hannah, Jr., *District 2*

Walter H. Eubanks, *District 3*

Shontae E. Boyd, *District 4*

C. Monique Braswell, *District 5*

Charlie B. Walker, Jr., *District 7*

Mary Jane Abbott, *District 8*

Venus D. Cain, *District 9 (at-large)*

Samantha M. Valentine, *District 10 (at-large)*

Dr. Malinda Cobb, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent's Cabinet

Marcus Allen
Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Administrative Services

Dr. Tommy Welch
Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement and Strategic Initiatives

Dr. David Hall
Assistant Superintendent of High School Administrative Services

Aletha Snowberger
Assistant Superintendent of Middle School Administrative Services

Dr. Shontier Barnes
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Administrative Services I

Glenda Collingsworth
Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Administrative Services II

Dr. Melissa Shepard
Chief Human Resources Officer

Bobby A. Smith, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

PLEASE NOTE: Graduation from high school is a milestone for the students and their families. The dignity of the occasion should be observed by refraining from whistling, yelling or applauding for any student. Your congratulations can best be shown by applauding for all students after the last graduate has been awarded a diploma. When taking pictures, please keep the aisles open and the front of the stage clear so that the events that have been planned for this occasion can proceed as scheduled.

Annie Zhang

Valedictorian

Annie Zhang is the daughter of Dr. Donghang Zhang and Dr. Yi Hua. Annie is an accomplished scholar and leader with a commitment to global health. Her academic record includes 15 Advanced Placement courses alongside specialized coursework at Columbia University and dual enrollment at Augusta University and the University of West Georgia. A National Merit Scholarship Finalist and the STAR Student for both her school and county, Annie is most proud of her original research regarding cell phone policies in schools, which earned her first place at the Regional Science Fair and the American Psychological Association Award. She plans to study Economics and Public Health at the University of Chicago, with the long-term goal of working for the UN or WHO to improve global health outcomes.

Karishma Zechariah

Salutatorian

Karishma Zechariah is the daughter of Alvin and Dr. Sunitha Zechariah. As a dedicated leader and musician who challenged herself through the Governor's Honors Program, Dual Enrollment, and numerous AP courses, Karishma earned the status of AP Scholar with Distinction. Her leadership was central to the school community, as she served as Executive President of the Student Council, Symphonic Band Section Leader, and Vice President of Model United Nations. Her diverse achievements include a National Latin Exam Gold Medal, the John S. Davidson Fine Arts Citizenship Award, and a first-place finish in the Georgia Regional Science Fair. Following graduation, Karishma will attend Mercer University as part of the Medical Scholars Program to major in Public Health, with plans to matriculate into medical school in four years.

Class of 2026 Scholarships

Kennedy Albea
HOPE Scholarship
NSBE CSRA Augusta Jr Academic
First Tee
Judge John H Ruffin Trailblazer

Danika Angel Arias
Zell Miller

Autumn Avery
HOPE Scholarship

Karina Bacon
Zell Miller
Howard University Freshman
Spelman College Grant

Taniya Banks
HOPE Scholarship

Eri Barrett
HOPE Scholarship
Ithaca College Academic and Residentional
Emerson College Aspire

Jalen Beard
HOPE Scholarship
College of Charleston Merit Scholarship
Howard University Access Scholarship

Eva Brinson
HOPE Scholarship
College of Charlston Merit
College of Charlston Academic Scholarship

Amiya Brooks
Zell Miller
Georgia State University 1913 Founders Scholarship
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Family Scholarship

Roland Brune
HOPE Scholarship
Debi Ballas Memorial Scholarship
Watson Brown
Mercer University Billington Sanders, Merit

Tremayiah Burley
Zell Miller
Anderson University Out of State
Furman University Bell Tower
Newberry College Merit

Hananiah Butler
HOPE Scholarship

Jasmine Cain
Zell Miller

Adrienne Carr
HOPE Scholarship
TSU 1912 Heritage Scholarship
MTSU Presidential Scholar Award

Taylor Chilton
HOPE Scholarship
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Family
Brenau University Track and Field
University of Alabama Competitive Admissions Scholarship
Elderberry Property Owners Association
Brenau Faculty Excellence Scholarship
Tuskeegee Achievement Scholarship
Georgia Southern Excellence Scholarship
York College of Pennsylvania Presidential Scholarship

Larion Clegg
HOPE Scholarship
Jim Grier Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Cooper
HOPE Scholarship
Watson Brown

Ana Cortinez
HOPE Scholarship
University of Rochester Meliora
Georgia Southern University
Brenau University

Ansley Crawley
HOPE Scholarship
Georgia Southern University Excellence
Brenau University Academic

Julika Cunningham
HOPE Scholarship
Tuskegee University Achievement
Asama Coldwater Manufactoring

Paisley Dorr
Zell Miller
Mercer University Merit
National Beta Club
Barnes & Noble Bookstore
USC Academic Scholarship
Wingate University Academic Scholarship

Riley Dunbar
Zell Miller

Wisdom Enendu
Zell Miller
Tome Student Literacy Dale Pratt Memorial
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Merit
Stony Brook University Presidential Merit
University of Massachusettes Amherst Chancellor Award
MITER Foundation

John Frost
Zell Miller

Tristan Gaskins
HOPE Scholarship

Eleanor Gaston
HOPE Scholarship

Naomi Gillies
HOPE Scholarship
Auburn University Academic Charter
Georgia Southern University Southern Excellence

Anna Griffin
Zell Miller
Clemson University Merit

Simiyah Harper
HOPE Scholarship
Salem College Presidential, College Promise, and Gateway Grant

Kennedy Harris
HOPE Scholarship
Allen University Dance
Benedict College Dance
South Carolina State University Dance
Young Harris College Academic and Performing Arts
Virginia Union University Marching Band
Tuskegee University Academic
Bethune-Cookman University Academic
ACS Book Scholarship

Daniel Harwood
Zell Miller

Noah Hasan
Zell Miller
NIU Music Honors Scholarship
Northern Illinois University Merit

Gabrielle Haynes
HOPE Scholarship

Jean Margareth Henderson
HOPE Scholarship

Kennedy Horton
HOPE Scholarship

Nehemiah Houston
Zell Miller
Watson Brown

Odessa Ito
HOPE Scholarship

Janiya James
HOPE Scholarship

Kamille Johnson
HOPE Scholarship
Tuskeegee University Academic Scholarship

Kennedy Johnson
Ryan Clark
BHS Scholarship

Dominique Judge
HOPE Scholarship
Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority Scholarship
Patricia First Memorial Scholarship

Colette Kriegel
Zell Miller
Harvard Faculty Scholarship

Brooke Lamkin
Zell Miller
Watson Brown
University of Georgia One UGA
AKA Zeta Xi Omega
Omega Psi Phi International Essay
Omega Psi Phi Essay
Alpha Pi Chi National Sorority Scholarship
Patricia First Memorial Scholarship

Ariel Lee
Zell Miller

Aniya Lloyd
HOPE Scholarship
University of South Carolina HOPE Scholarship and Life

Levi McCoy
Augusta Community Outreach Consortium Scholarship
Judge John H Ruffin Trailblazer
Paine College Academic
Nazareth University Dean's 21st Century Leaders Grant
Delta Alpha Sigma
Launch Augusta
Mary Frances Baker Scholarship
AADOCR Award
National Society of Black Engineers
Rev. Dr. Paul W. Gardner Memorial
Mercer University Academic
Oglethorpe University Lanier Scholar
Whittier College Academic, College Grant, and Residency
Cornell College Academic

Liliana Meliezer
Zell Miller
Clemson O/S Tuition Scholarship
Clemson Nonresident Grant
L & D Wehunt Ann Scholarship
Clemson Merit
University of Michigan Merit
University of Georgia Charter Scholarship

Vashauna Murray
HOPE Scholarship
Georgia State University Second Century

Lily Paine
HOPE Scholarship

Jane Pennington
Zell Miller

Aaniyah Peoples-Pendergrass
HOPE Scholarship

Victoria Perkins
HOPE Scholarship

Isaac Price
HOPE Scholarship

Giselle Ramirez
HOPE Scholarship

Camille Reeves
HOPE Scholarship
Tuskegee University Achievement
Johnson and Wales University Presidential
University of Alabama Competitive
Georgia State University Foundation

Samantha Ringgold
HOPE Scholarship
SCAD Academic and Honors
University of South Carolina Academic
College of Charleston Merit
Coastal Carolina Scholar Award

Dayah Robinson
HOPE Scholarship
Agnes Scott Trustees and Visit

Khalia Romero
Zell Miller
Watson Brown
Berry College Dean's Scholarship
A. J. Drexel Scholarship and Drexel Grant
Georgia Southern Eagle Scholar Award
Sewanee EBQ Award and University Grants
Howard University Merit
Brenau University Merit

Autumn Searles
Zell Miller
Watson Brown
Delta Sigma Theta
Crowned in Culture
Impact Scholarship

Quincy Shears
HOPE Scholarship
Watson Brown

Ariana Steele
Zell Miller
Watson Brown
Howard University Capstone Scholarship
Louisiana State University Academic Scholars Nonresident Award
Clark Atlanta Merit Scholarship
Tuskegee University Distinguished Presidential Scholarship
University of South Carolina-Columbia Distinction Award

Taylor Tankersley
HOPE Scholarship
SCAD Academic Honors

Asia Taylor
HOPE Scholarship

Kate Thomas
Zell Miller
Mercer University Merit, CASE, Medical Scholars, and Jesse Mercer
University of South Carolina Academic
Agnes Scott Visionary
Georgia College Provost
Wesleyan College Trustee
National Beta Club
Dennis Maza Memorial
Bailey Potter Award
Shadow Art Award

Addison Thompson
HOPE Scholarship

Marissa Thompson
HOPE Scholarship

Kaleyah Turmon
Zell Miller
Watson Brown
Earl Woods Scholars
Howard University Leadership Scholarship

Caiden Walker
Zell Miller
Olivet Nazarene Academic Scholarship
Bethune Cookman Wildcat Honors Scholarship

Frenchaise Welch
HOPE Scholarship

Peyton Wesley
HOPE Scholarship

Julia White
Zell Miller
Berry College Dean's
Wofford College Old Main

Natalie Whittaker
Fischer College Back Bay and On Campus
Temple University Founders

Caiden Wilson
HOPE Scholarship

Quinn Winner
HOPE Scholarship
Kent State Presidential

Jacob Yawn
HOPE Scholarship
Watson Brown
Beacon College Educator Professional, Founders, and Campus Visit
PTO Scholarship

Karishma Zechariah
Zell Miller
STAMPS Scholar
Ryan Clark
Exchange Club Youth of the Year

Xavier Zeze
HOPE Scholarship

Annie Zhang
Zell Miller
STAR Student Scholarship
Kiwanis Club of Augusta to STAR Student Scholarship

JOHN S. DAVIDSON FINE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

2026 Graduates

Kennedy Jaden Albea+^
Danika Angel Leaño Arias+^
Luka Jenkins Armstrong
Autumn Marlene Avery+^
Karina Ann Bacon+^
Taniya Rachelle Banks+^
Eri Barrett+^
Jalen Michael Beard+^
Asia Marie Bing^
Eva Maria Brinson^
Amiya Rose Brooks+^
Roland Ward Brune+^
Tremayiah Ne'vaeh Burley+^
Hananiah Isaiah Butler+^
Jasmine Alicia Cain+^
Adrienne Nicole Carr+^
Tyler Daniel Cashin
Taylor Marie Chilton+^
Larion Jamea Clegg+^
Olivia Quinn Cooper+^
Ana Cecilia Cortinez+^
Attiyah Amira Crawford
Ansley Marie Crawley+^
Julika Willette Cunningham+^
Tayllor DeAnna Davis^
Paisley Lyon Dorr+^
Riley Michele Dunbar+^
Wisdom Chioma Chika Enendu+^
John Henry Frost+
Xiomara Marie Garcia
Tristan Alexander Gaskins
Eleanor Rose Madison Gaston+
Naomi Susan Gillies+^
Anna Wallace Griffin+^
Camryn Simone Harper
Simiyah Yasmine Harper+^
Kennedy Elise Harris^
Daniel Harwood+
Noah Ayad Hasan+^
Gabrielle Brianna Haynes+^
Jean Margareth Panapanaan Henderson+
Kennedy Anne Horton
Nehemiah Teena Roshell Houston+
Odessa Lee Ito+^
Janiya Rael James+^
Taylor BreAnna James^
Kamille Elizabeth Johnson+^
Kennedy Bernyce Johnson^
Dominique Rafael Judge+
Colette Marie Kriegel+^
Brooke Rihanna Lamkin+^
Ariel Yeji Lee+^
Aniya Marie Lloyd+^
Kairos Gabrielle Maco
Levi Solomon McCoy^
Madison Paige McGahee^
Liliana Eva Meliezer+^
Vashauna Joy'Niyah Murray+^
Cassidy Jade Naber
Lily Cate Paine+^
Jane Ellen Pennington+^
Aaniyah Denise Peoples-Pendergrass+^
Victoria Shamar Perkins+
Taraji Bre'Nay Pollard^
Isaac Edward Price+^
Giselle Nicole Ramirez+^
Camille Elizabeth Reeves+^
Samantha Grace Ringgold+
Dayah Tre'mae Robinson+^
Noel Lynne Rogers^
Khalia Renee Romero+^
Autumn McKenzie Searles+^
Quincy William Shears+
Ariana LeAsia Steele+^
Ian Ashyr Stephenson+
Erin Alena Stokes^
Taylor Madison Tankersley+^
Asia Wiona Taylor+^
Ariana Lumi Goonsarie Thitilerdwong
Kate Charlotte Thomas+^
Addison Layne Thompson+^
Marissa Renee Thompson+^
Kaleyah Denise Turmon+^
Caiden Dionte Walker+
Frenchaise Welch
Peyton Maddison-Mei Wesley+^
Julia Bryant White+^
Natalie Gael Whittaker
Caiden Jelia Wilson+^
Quinn Warren Winner+^
Jacob Jocoby Yawn
Karishma Jane Zechariah**+^
Xavier Yannick Zeze+
Annie Hua Zhang+^*~

Key to Symbols:

+ **Honor Graduate**
* **Valedictorian**
** **Salutatorian**
~ **Star Student**
^ **Fine Arts Diploma Seal**

Graduation Marshals

Adetutu Adeyemi

Hadley Crislip

Charlotte Dickerson

Caroline Moon

Alaina Pruiett

JD White

Description of Honor Regalia

Advanced Placement Coursework – Blue and Gold Cord

Bi-literacy Program – Diploma Seal

Career Ready – Diploma Seal

Fine Arts – Lavender Cord and Diploma Seal

FLAIR: Foreign Language Alliance for International Rapport – Red Cord and Diploma Seal

Georgia Scholar – Diploma Seal

Governor's Honors Program – Silver, Blue and Black Cord

Honor Graduate – Gold Cord

Honor Thespian – Gold and Blue Cord and Diploma Seal

International Honor Thespian – Royal Blue Stole and Diploma Seal

Leadership in the Arts – Medal and Diploma Seal

Mu Alpha Theta – Light Blue and Gold Cord and Diploma Seal

National Art Honor Society – Multi-colored Cord and Diploma Seal

National Beta Club – Gold Stole and Diploma Seal

National English Honor Society – Blue and Gold Cord

National Honor Society for Dance Arts – Light Blue and White Cord and Diploma Seal

National Honor Thespian – Medal and Diploma Seal

National Latin Honor Society – Gold and Purple Cord

Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society – Royal Blue and White Cord

Salutatorian – Medal and Diploma Seal

Shepeard Community Blood Center – Red Cord

Science National Honor Society – Gold, Teal and Purple Cord and Diploma Seal

Student Council – Royal Blue Cord

Tri-M Music Honor – Pink Cord and Diploma Seal

Valedictorian – Medal and Diploma Seal

Volunteerism – Silver Cord

Members of the Faculty and Staff

Dr. Reneé Kelly, Principal *
Dr. LeNessa Clark, Assistant Principal
Clinton Saunders, Assistant Principal

School Counselors
Elizabeth Schow *
Lyric Smith*

Instructional Specialist
Madeline Sellers *

Language Arts
Katelyn Hamilton *
Dakota Hancock
Dr. Jalen Heggs
Brian Neill
Jamie Sadenwasser
Corinne Reece
Juliana Taylor *

Mathematics
Crystal Arnold
Kathryn Bergeron
Hailey Fookes
Jennifer Fuller
Latanya Jackson^
Dr. Kia Mills
Nicholas Woo

Science
Nico Bernal
Lisa Brown*
Dr. Jillian Harold
Faith Huntington
Sierra Mannix+
Dr. Marsha Moorman

Social Studies
James Bower
James Samaha
Melody Spires-Howe *
Karen Thompson
Annmarie Usry
Genevieve Williams

Foreign Language
Jenny Davison
Romy Weinstein Diaz

Health & Physical Education
Erica Johnson
Adam Kowalczyk

Fine Arts
James Brewer
Rebecca Brune
Cori Daniels
Franklin Delgado
Donna Foerster
Cindy Folger
Paul Hennessy
Leron James
Sharon Mayfield
Carey Mogianesi
Jamie Sidener
Phillip Streetman
Raymond Sturkey
Dr. Laura Tomlin
Renee Toole *
Ben Wheeler

Media Specialist
Brittany Key

Office Professionals
Nikki Collier
Darlene Hoffman
Rickey Jones*
Julie Landis
Aletha Toy

Student Support
Trish Kilpatrick

Nurse
LaVold Howard

Custodians
Yolanda Brooks
Fred Bush
Judy Divine
Carl Gabor
Leon Lewis

School Nutrition
Katelyn Anderson
Phyllis Murray
April Roundtree
Karen Roberts
Margaret Sheridan

Hall Monitor
Adelaide Vaughn

KEY:
+ **Star Teacher**
* **Graduation Committee**
^ **Teacher of the Year**

Alma Mater

To Davidson Fine Arts School,

Our Alma Mater dear,

The gifts you have given,

It's these we do revere,

It's you we'll remember,

You we will cherish,

As we go on our way,

For this we pledge to always remain,

Forever true to DFA.