

# CLASS OF 2026

George P. Butler  
Comprehensive High School

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Friday, May 29, 2026 · 11:00 a.m.  
Bell Auditorium  
712 Telfair St.  
Augusta, GA 30901

Dr. Valerie Squire-Kelly, Principal



# GEORGE P. BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## *Commencement Program*

Prelude .....**Mr. Lynwood Holmes**  
*Fine Arts & World Language Coordinator*

\*Processional.....“Pomp and Circumstance” by **Elgar**

\*Presentation and Posting of Colors ..... **Butler High School MJROTC Color Guard**

\*Pledge of Allegiance ..... **1st Lieutenant Rayven Whitfield**  
*Butler High School Marine Corp JROTC Unit*

Inspirational Reading..... **Jordin McCray**  
*Honor Graduate*

Welcome ..... **Mitayanni Johnson**  
*Honor Graduate*

Salutatorian Address ..... **Daniel Brito**  
*Salutatorian*

Valedictorian Address.....**MaKenzie Evans**  
*Valedictorian*

Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members, and  
Superintendent’s Cabinet.....**Dr. Valerie Squire-Kelly, Principal**

Presentation of the Class of 2026 .....**Dr. Valerie Squire-Kelly**

Awarding of Diplomas .....**Dr. Valerie Squire-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**  
**Ms. Dawn Phillips, Assistant Principal**  
**Mrs. Kerry Flores, Assistant Principal**  
**Mr. Byron Willingham, Assistant Principal**

Scholarship Recognition.....**Antione Clanton, Lead Counselor**

Musical Selection..... **Avery Kendall, Class of 2026**

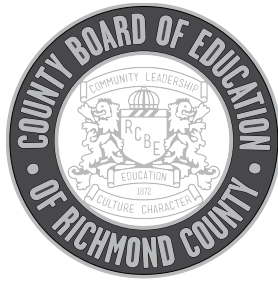
Charge to Graduates ..... **Trinity Walker, Honor Graduate**

Tassel Ceremony..... **Kwamane Bridges, Honor Graduate**

\*Alma Mater..... **Class of 2026**  
*Written by Kent Livingston Class of 1963*

\*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***

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

**Walter H. Eubanks, *District 3***

**Mary Jane Abbott, *District 8***

**Shontae E. Boyd, *District 4***

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

**C. Monique Braswell, *District 5***

**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.



## *MaKenzie Evans*

### **Valedictorian**

MaKenzie Evans is the daughter of Alexis Gomes. She has demonstrated exceptional academic rigor by completing five dual enrollment and four Advanced Placement courses throughout her high school career. She has earned several accolades, including maintaining the highest GPA in the 11th grade and receiving the Central Hudson Baptist Association 2024 Youth of the Year Award. MaKenzie also showcased her creative talents by earning first place in the All-County Art Show. After graduation, she plans to attend college to pursue a degree in nursing, where she intends to apply her focus and passion for helping others into a career in healthcare.



## *Daniel Brito*

### **Salutatorian**

Daniel Brito is the son of Veronica and Martin Brito. Throughout high school, he challenged himself by completing dual enrollment courses along with Advanced Placement Pre-Calculus and U.S. History, earning a 4.0 GPA. Daniel attributes much of his success to staying grounded and is especially grateful for the support of Ms. Reynolds, who guided him when he needed it most. Following graduation, Daniel plans to pursue a career in barbering, with the goal of attending barber school to earn his license and eventually opening his own shop.

*Class of 2026 Scholarships*

**Kavaya Davis**

*Southern Excellence*

**A'Aliyah Crump**

*Mulherin Student Scholarship*

*Chic-Fil-a Remarkable Futures*

**Aaliyah Dorsey**

*Augusta Housing Authority*

**De'Muntrez Gardner**

*Benedict Tigers Scholarship*

**Anzakhia Allen**

*Watson Brown*

*Augusta University*

*Regents Scholarship*

*Emory & Henry Merit Scholarship*

*Advancing Technology Scholarship*

*Young Harris Dean Scholarship*

*Berry College Academic Scholarship*

**Ma'Kya Johnson**

*Lenior Rhyne University Deans Award,*

*Clark Atlanta Merit Scholarship,*

*Benedict College Trustee Scholarship,*

*University of Minnesota Scholarship,*

*Western Carolina University Scholarship*

*Converse Colleg Promise Scholarship,*

*Converse University Presidential Scholarship*

**Jaden Collier**

*Band Scholarship - Talledega University*

**MaKenzie Evans**

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc*

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated*

*North Carolina A&T Merit Scholarship*



*Description of Honors Regalia*

<b>Honor Graduate (3.5 avg)</b> Gold Stole	<b>Shepard Blood Cord</b> Red
<b>Volunteerism</b> Gray Cord	<b>Math Honor Cord</b> Green Cord
<b>Academic Achievement</b> White Cord	<b>Social Studies Honor Cord</b> Old Gold Cord
<b>MCJROTC 4 Level Completion</b> Red, White & Blue Cord	<b>Science Honor Cord</b> Black Cord
<b>World Language Pathway Honor Cord</b> Red & White Cord	<b>Flair</b> Medallion
<b>Advanced Coursework Completion</b> Blue & Gold Cord	<b>Language Arts Honors Cord</b> Orange Cord
<b>Fine Arts National Art Honor Society</b> Multicolor Cord	<b>FBLA Honor Cord</b> Navy Blue and Gold
<b>Fine Arts Seal</b> Lavender Cord	<b>CTAE Pathway Completer</b> Gold Cord



**2025-2026 BHS CTAE Pathways**

- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Web & Digital Design
- Audio/Video Technology & Film

# GEORGE P. BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## *Class of 2026*

Ayana Darielle Adams  
Angelo Xzavier Allen  
Anzakhia Torquil Delayna Allen \* *H*  
Tremayne Lamont Allen, Jr. *H*  
Ahmaad Nasir Anthony *H*  
TeLeah Olivia Barnes-Walker  
Saniya N’Kai Barton  
Tyler Alexander Bennett  
Johnasia Zykeria Bent  
Katelyn Michele Berry \* *H*  
Vandrea Bonny Blockett \* *H*  
Travis Mekhi Blount  
Brent Domeki Boone, Jr. \* *H*  
Paris Haley Branch \* *H*  
Kwamane Ryheem Bridges \* *H*  
Daniel Brito Brito \*\* *H*  
Arianna Michelle Brooks *H*  
Deshaun Christopher Brown *H*  
Kamila Angeli Bruno  
Diamond Deshaun Nakia Bryant  
DaShaun Barkel Bryson\* *H*  
Antwan De’marques Burton  
Meriele Rihanna Burton  
Tyshawn Ja’Taveon Jarmar Burton  
Marcus Tyrone Bush, Jr.  
Debora Denise Canul *H*  
Knowledge Nazira Carson *H*  
Aaliyah Brianna Carter  
Thomas Ta’Shawn Carter  
Kami’yah She’ree Clinton  
Jaden Da’shawn Collier  
Xavier Bertrezz Collier  
Zontario Devon Collier  
Zy’ara Kay Collier  
Christian Micheal Comeaux, Jr. *H*  
Caziny Ja’nya Conley \* *H*  
Azya Zy’kirah Counts (H)  
Ta’Liyah Kryshawn Croker  
Brianna Monet Crum \*(H)  
A’aliyah Latrice Crump (H)  
James Edward Culver  
Ziy’Ona Naveah Curtis \* (H)

Braylan Zachary Dailey  
Jordyn Danae Davis \* *H*  
Kavaya Wilniya Davis \* *H*  
Deon Tra’Von Dixon  
Triniya Shelbyse Dixon *H*  
Charlissa Raynee Dolphus *H*  
Telayshia Deshuna Dority *H*  
Aaliyah Za’Nivea Dorsey *H*  
Daedrick Mykell Dunn *H*  
James Elijah Dunn \* *H*  
Marquel Samuel Dunn  
Samuela Damson Dunn  
Zaniyah LaShae Eason  
Dayshaun Elijah Elam  
MaKenzie Alivia-Michele Evans \*\*\* *H*  
Zya Evans  
Ja’Quon Nathaniel Fallen  
Jayden Lee Folsom  
A’Niya Jaliayah Forrest \* *H*  
Brenay Sheri Frazier  
De’Muntrez La’Trell Gardner \*  
Tito Levon Garnett *H*  
Takaylah Leshe Geter  
Rashod Antonio Gibbs \* *H*  
Quimora Tykyah Golden *H*  
Brandon Yahir Gomez \* *H*  
Kamaria Arianna Grisson \* *H*  
D’Adasia Leesha Hammonds \* *H*  
Hunter Brycelon Harrell  
Janiyah Passion Unique Harrell  
Anthony William Harris, III *H*  
Victoria Michelle Harris  
Martravius Krishawn Heath  
Danyelle Ja’Miyah Hicks \* *H*  
John Leeland Hobbs  
Keyanna Jonell Hodges  
Jalayla Twuanejah Hogan \* *H*  
Daciyah Ania Hood  
Jordyn Dianne Hudson  
A’Brea Sanae Huntley  
Amari Xavion-William Jeffers  
Adarion Ja’Mauri Johnson

# GEORGE P. BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## *Class of 2026*

Aniyah Mo'Net Johnson  
Ma'Kya D Johnson \* *H*  
Mitayanni Mikeya Johnson \* *H*  
Terrell Valdez Johnson, Jr.  
Zykira Mikala Jones  
Alaysia Monet Jordan *H*  
George Henry Kelly, Jr.  
Avery Vaughn Kendall *H*  
Ma'Kirah Kemaya-Star Kidd-Anderson  
Jamiyah Nechelle King \* *H*  
Devin Dontrell Lacy *H*  
Kyndra Nichole Lane *H*  
O'Brian LeMetricus Lewis  
Jexon Ariel Lopez-Pineda  
Lynaida Izabell Lopez  
Johnathan Jayden Beneko Lundy  
Jayden Jacolby Martin  
Kaleb Brian Maxey  
Jamari Nakiyah Maxwell  
Jordin Alexis McCray \* *H*  
Marquez Luwann McFadden *H*  
Brandon Cole McIntosh  
Steven Mercado Vazquez  
A'Layla Darshay Miller *H*  
Jordan Isaiah Miner  
Jason Jeffrey Moore, III  
Kingston Isaiah Mundie  
Destini Weedor Narmah *H*  
Rose Star Nkansah  
Rakeem Ismar Peace, Jr.  
Courtney Cheyenne December Pederson \* *H*  
Andre Daville Pitter  
Jordan Ezekiel Plaza  
Malachi Qion Plummer  
Jovon Mar'kel Rainey  
Tyres Deon Rayson  
Foreva Reeves  
Kevin Mitchell Reyes-Campos  
Alonna De'Nae Rivers  
Takeira Chante' Robinson  
Luis Alberto Rodriquez Villavir  
Hazel Larissa Saunders  
Alexander Lee Scott

Jeffrey Lamar Scott, Jr.  
Anthony Devon Sheppard  
Hakim Jahlil Simmons \* *H*  
Taleeshia Leona Small  
Latrice Denise Smith  
Shounteria Marie Ken'yasia Smith  
Niquasia Emani Spencer \* *H*  
Niava Kyong Springer  
Cameron Sherrod Stanley *H*  
Anthony Khalique Stephenson \* *H*  
Devorion Louis Taylor  
Dwayne Wayne Taylor  
Kenneth Ricardo Thomas *H*  
Mikensey Aliece Thomas  
Kendall JaNe Towner  
Kamaya Shawnte Turner  
Maria Del Jazmin Valdez Perez \* *H*  
Oscar Walker, IV \* *H*  
Trinity Jamelia Walker \* *H*  
Byron Jermaine Warren *H*  
Cabrian Antonio Washington, Jr.  
Chamiyah Alexius Webb  
Alayla Sha'dair Weston  
Rayven Lei'Rae Whitfield *H*  
Desean Jamar Williams \* *H*  
Giselle Gabrielle Williams  
Serenity Christina Williams \*  
Xa'Veon Camari Williams  
Malia Carlese Wilson  
Sasha Nicole Wimbley \* *H*  
Dalaijah Ar'Rihanna Wright  
Sa'Niyah Ciara Wright \* *H*  
Shi'Tanezia Talerra Wylie *H*

### **Key to Symbols:**

\*\*\* **Valedictorian**

\*\* **Salutatorian**

\* **Honor Grad**

*H* **Hope Recipient**

*The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported. Inclusion does not constitute evidence of graduation.*

***The following students are  
graduating with scholastic distinction:***

Anzakhia Allen  
Katelyn Berry  
Vandrea Blockett  
Brent Boone  
Paris Branch  
Kwamane Bridges  
Daniel Brito  
DaShaun Bryson  
Caziny Conley  
Brianna Crum  
ZiYona Curtis  
Jordyn Davis  
Kavaya Davis  
James Dunn  
MaKenzie Evans  
A'Niya Forrest  
De'Muntrez Gardner  
Rashod Gibbs  
Brandon Gomez  
Kamaria Grisson  
D'Adasia Hammonds  
Danyelle Hicks  
Jalayla Hogan  
Ma'Kya Johnson  
Mitayanni Johnson  
Jamiyah King  
Kyndra Lane  
Jordin McCray  
Courtney Pederson  
Hakim Simmons  
Niquasia Spencer  
Anthony Stephenson  
Maria Valdez-Perez  
Oscar Walker  
Trinity Walker  
Desean Williams  
Serenity Williams  
Sasha Wimbley  
Sa'Niyah Wright

***Graduation Committee***

Miquelita Bing  
*ELA Teacher*

Antione Clanton  
*Lead Counselor*

Victoria Cook  
*MTSS Facilitator*

Kerry Flores  
*Assistant Principal*

Khadijah Goodwin  
*Registrar*

Ester Masiello-Herbert  
*Instructional Specialist*

Dr. Valerie Kelly  
*Principal*

Dawn Phillips  
*Assistant Principal*

Schonta Gay-Randolph  
*Instructional Specialist*

Valarie Nixon  
*Counselor*

Moneka Void  
*ELA Teacher*

Byron Willingham  
*Assistant Principal*

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***Senior Class Sponsors***

Ms. Petina McNair  
Ms. Kanisha Roberts

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***Student Marshals***

Mahalia Wright  
Aubrey Reid

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***Ushers***

MCJROTC Cadets

# GEORGE P. BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

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## *Faculty and Staff*

### **Administration**

#### *Principal*

Dr. Valerie Kelly

### **Assistant Principals**

Kerry Flores

Dawn Phillips

Byron Willingham

### **School Counselors**

Antione Clanton

Valerie Nixon

### **Media Specialist**

Amishi McMorris

### **Instructional Coach**

Schonta Gay-Randolph

Ester Masiello-Herbert

### **MTSS**

Victoria Cook

### **Language Arts**

Miquelita Bing

Stephanie Garrett

Amber Lewis

Philanna Peterson

Moneka Void

Natasha Sturup

### **Mathematics**

Georgia Alexander

Orion Kotas

Angela Brown

Jacqueline Davis-Bozeman

Micah Bess

Chautilena Goodwin

### **World Language**

Jennifer Baeza Zuinga

Marie Cogle

### **MCJROTC**

MSgt Melvin Fletcher

1st Sgt Willie Hood

### **Health & Physical Education**

Myron Newton

Kristy Olive

Jeremy Hughes

### **Science**

Winford Chambers

Jaylon Bokknight

Katie Rose

Bridget Suber

Natalia Thrash

### **Social Studies**

Perry Arensman

Richard Danise

Willie Redmond

Alex Wright

Fred Johnson

### **AVID**

Yolanda Spiller

### **Career/Technology Education**

Danta Quinn

Kanasha Roberts

Barry Smith

Charlessia Lightfoot

### **Media Specialist**

Amishi McMorris

### **Special Education**

Carmen Esquivel

Faye Harrison

Jimmy Taylor

Petina McNair

Joseph Nero

Brandi Nickerson

Levonta Reddick

Suzette Rodgers

Darkese Wicker

Latoya Williams

Devin Jones

### **ESOL**

Regina Blocker

### **Fine Arts**

Austin Cochran

Marcus Williams

Rochelle Garman

### **Teacher Assistants**

Shameka Gilead

Idella Cue

Tiease Wells

### **In School Suspension**

Chaz Clark

### **Nurse**

Adrienne Martin

### **Front Office Professionals**

Angela Broadwater

Terry Butler

Khadijah Goodwin

Simone Major

Cynthia Bunch

### **Public Safety Officer**

SRO. Lewis Boykin

SRO. Jayla Scott

### **School Nutrition**

Stephanie Bolton

Raymond Carter

Crystal Hall

Julia Johnson

Keisha Johnson

Jacqueline Wimbley

### **Custodians**

Terrori Calloway

David Nixon

Tara Nixon

Geoffrey White, II

Gracie Williams



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# ALMA MATER

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Dear Butler High, Our Butler High  
We lift our song to thee  
And pray thy love and truth and light  
Our guide will always be.  
May honor reign and strength prevail  
To keep our spirit bold;  
With splendor grand, we proudly stand  
Forever White and Gold!  
Our hearts are filled with memories  
Of all the days gone by;  
We see with joy our victories,  
Remembering with a sigh.  
Through all our lives and towards that mist  
When twilight time draws nigh, We'll  
reminisce with gentle bliss  
Our days at Butler High.

-Kent Livingston  
Class of 1963