

Class of 2026 Commencement

Hephzibah
Comprehensive High School



Wednesday, May 27, 2026 • 5:30 p.m.
Bell Auditorium
712 Telfair St.
Augusta, GA 30901

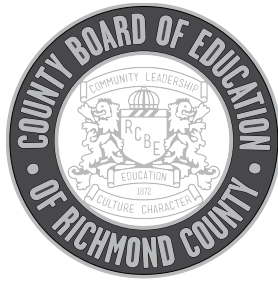
Chris Nabahe, Principal

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Commencement Program

Prelude	Mr. Lynwood Holmes <i>Fine Arts & World Language Coordinator</i>
*Processional.....	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar
*Presentation of Colors.....	JROTC Color Guard SGM Clifton Fields
*Pledge of Allegiance	Jadyn Phillips <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Welcome	Taylor McClendon <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Inspirational Reading.....	Cassandra Charles <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Salutatorian Address	Mariah Thompson <i>Salutatorian</i>
Special Tribute to the Class of 2026	Freedom Burns <i>Class of 2026</i>
Musical Selection.....	<i>The Greatest Love of All</i> Mariah Thompson Mr. Francis Franqui, HHS Choir Director
Valedictorian Address.....	Logan Heyward <i>Valedictorian</i>
Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members, and Superintendent’s Cabinet.....	Mr. Chris Nabahe, Principal
Presentation of the Class of 2026	Mr. Chris Nabahe
Awarding of Diplomas.....	Mr. Chris Nabahe 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 Mrs. Tameka Brown, Assistant Principal Dr. Michael Williams, Assistant Principal Ms. Frankie Wright, Assistant Principal Dr. Laurie Taylor, Assistant Principal Mr. Robert Jones, School Counselor Dr. Melissa Kennedy, School Counselor Mrs. Talonda Landers, School Counselor
Awarding of Honors, Grants, and Scholarships	Mrs. Talonda Landers
Tassel Ceremony.....	Neoski Burns <i>Senior Class President</i>
*Alma Mater	Senior Ensemble <i>Class of 2026</i>
*Recessional	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar

* Audience Standing



Richmond County Board of Education

Shawnda R. Stovall, *President, District 1*

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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

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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.



Logan Heyward

Valedictorian

Logan Heyward is the son of Joshua and Sabrina Heyward.

Logan is a dedicated student-athlete who managed a rigorous academic schedule alongside prominent leadership in varsity athletics. He completed a wide range of gifted and Advanced Placement courses, including AP Statistics, AP Precalculus, and AP Environmental Science, while consistently maintaining the highest GPA in his class. A captain of both the football and baseball teams, Logan earned the CSRA Scholar Athlete Award. After graduation, Logan plans to attend Andrew College to major in engineering.



Mariah Thompson

Salutatorian

Mariah Thompson is the daughter of Brittany Shunte' Thompson. Dually enrolled with Georgia Military College, she also completed a slate of Advanced Placement courses ranging from AP U.S. History to AP English Literature. Mariah's leadership is most evident in her role as the Rebel Battalion Cadet Major S-3 Operations Officer, and she contributed significantly to the Student Council, National Honor Society, and Academic Decathlon. Following graduation, Mariah plans to attend Fort Valley State University to major in psychology and begin her journey toward becoming a Child Behavioral Specialist.

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Class of 2026 Scholarships

Ja'Mya Adams

HHS Alumni Association Scholarship
Tuskegee University Achievement Scholarship
Augusta Tuskegee Alumni Club Scholarship

Mirakulae Burley

HHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Mya Byrdsell

Jefferson Energy Scholarship

Christian Chance

Paine College Scholarship

Cassandra Charles

HHS Alumni Association Scholarship

Evelynia Collins

Allen University Athletic Scholarship

Jaiden-Chase Dixon

Benedict College Band Scholarship
Allen University Band Scholarship
South Carolina State University Band Scholarship
Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Kara Eley

Benedict College Band Scholarship
Allen University Band Scholarship
South Carolina State University Band Scholarship
Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Tytiana Fann

LaGrange College Athletic Scholarship

Shakayla Franklin

Salem College
Academic Scholarship

Darius Generette

Benedict College Band Scholarship
Allen University Band Scholarship

Josiah Graves

Benedict College Band Scholarship
Allen University Band Scholarship

Justin Harden

Benedict College Band Scholarship
Allen University Band Scholarship
South Carolina State University Band Scholarship
Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Logan Heyward

HHS Alumni Association Scholarship
Sterling College Athletic Scholarship

Timyra Howard

REACH Scholarship

Kaleb Janice

Benedict College Band Scholarship
Allen University Band Scholarship
South Carolina State University Band Scholarship
Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Jazmine Jones

Paine College Scholarship

Caleb Majors

REACH Scholarship

Solomon Mathis University of Cincinnati

Athletic Scholarship

Taylor McClendon

Jefferson Energy Scholarship

Barry McCree

Benedict College Band Scholarship

Allen University Band Scholarship

South Carolina State University Band Scholarship

Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Julianna McFarlin

Claflin University Academic Scholarship

Paine College Scholarship

Savannah River Mission Family Scholarship

Salem College Academic Scholarship

Serenity McIlwain

Benedict College Band Scholarship

Allen University Band Scholarship

South Carolina State University Band Scholarship

Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Joel Mendez

Paine College Scholarship

Jadyn Phillips

Benedict College Band Scholarship

Allen University Band Scholarship

South Carolina State University Band Scholarship

Savannah State University Band Scholarship

Javon Reid

ICYOU Foundation Scholarship

Isaiah Richardson

Denmark Tech Athletic Scholarship

Arien Thomas

Florida A & M Athletic Scholarship

Jermaine Walker

Benedict College Band Scholarship

Allen University Band Scholarship

South Carolina State University Band Scholarship

Savannah State University Band Scholarship

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2026 Graduating Class

Treasure Breanna Marie Abrams	Nadia Channel Coleman	Makenzie Lynne Hagerman
Danetria Danielle Adams	Evelynia Lanea' Collins * ^	Saniyah Sunshine Hailey *
Ja'Mya Erica Adams * ^	Ajani Bruce Collymore	Justin O'Bryant Harden *
Lakendra Yevon Adams ^	Emmanuel O'nan Conner	Robert Zacchaeus Harper
Aiden Sean Anderson	Akiyah Omariana Denise Cooper * ^	Jonathan Devar Harrell
Ambrielle P Arnold	Kai Jeffery Crawford	Destiny Mariah Hamlett
Jamison Lee Arrington, Jr.	ZaMir SaNaj Crumbley * ^	Nevaeh Sameria Hawthorne ^
Emma Michele Babinec * ^	Kameron Mikai Daggett * ^	Ty'Quavious Ardae Lafred Heath
Marquis Delafayette Bailey, Jr.	Amaya Malea' D'Antignac * ^	Eri'Yonna Jaliah Tanae Henley * ^
Darrell Devon Baker	Linda Keyonna Dawson	Logan Joshua Heyward *** ^
Jada Jaslize Baker * ^	Cristian Diaz ^	Ardrez Sadarion Hill
Adelyn Sulliana Barreto * ^	Jaiden-Chase Renee' Dixon	Talea D'Asha Holley ^
Gabriela Barreto * ^	Jordan Maddox Dukes	Jasmine Anna-Leah Hollins
Da'Shaun Ke'auntay Belizaire	Raiford Charles Dunbar, IV * ^	Timyra Elisabeth Sybil Howard
Alejandro Royce Bell Ramos	Kara Noel Eley	Ayden Parker Hughes
Shauneria Patrecia Berry	Brandon Tarik Eubanks	Shemar Akanni Hughes
Alec Lee Black, II	Mi'Kera Amya Evans	Kendrick Dewayne Ivey ^
Roger Wayne Blair, Jr.	Tatiyana Corneshia Fann	Bryson Kenneth Jackson ^
Lavender Moniquia Brayboy	Zamirah Ty'Keirra Aniyah Fields	Taniya Emonia Jackson
Adria Olivia Brown * ^	Julissa Carmen Figueroa * ^	Kaleb Amarion Janice ^
Zachary William Brown * ^	Kaira Michela Floyd * ^ ~	Amiya Nicole Johnson Graham * ^
Mirakulaa Ju'Naye Burley * ^	Shakayla Joyce Jenet Franklin	Jalani Jacalvin Jones
Freedom Imoni Kayaron Burns ^	Kyler Amir Freeman * ^	Jazmine J'miyah Renae Jones ^
Neoski Shaye'Von Burns, II	Zakya Nyal Lanae Fulton	Jacob Yahanon Joseph ^
Janiah Zipporah Bush	Fredrich Judcardo Fye, Jr.	Da'Shawn Treyvon Kelly
Lanique Butler	Solomon M Galinski *	Qua'Shawn Jayvon Kelly
Mya Nicole Byrdsell	Trayvon Latroy Garnett	Aniya Linae Lanium
Johnathan Antwone Duane	Taylor Nyriah Garvin Few	A'Karri Lazii Laughlin * ^
Campbell	Darrius Hayden Generette	Jamya Samella Irene Levi * ^
Paris Nelaysia Carpenter	Jarquez Brandon Gomillion	Makenzie Shavonne Levines ^
Kyle Tajari Carter	Richard Jose Gonzalez Mendez	J'Mycal Emanuel Lewis
Tasha Renae Carter * ^	Justin Scott Gonzalo * ^	Malia Kionnie Lewis
Christian Jaden Zandell Chance	Mackenzie Alesse Goulet *	Christiana Carrielle Ja'Chae Lynch
Cassandra Marie Charles * ^	Josiah Jermaine Graves *	Evan Eugene Mack
Robert Lee-Patrick Chavis, Jr.	Cayden McKenna Green	Felipe Damarion Mack
Skylar Montielle Clarke ^	Ya'Asia Vonteece Latrelle Greene ^	Issac Elijah Mack
Sanreasia Ahmazin Clifford * ^	Ka'Miyah Shante' Griffin	Kabreyia A Mack
Cantrell Jamie Coleman	Camauri Jaden Habersham	Jaden Christopher Maddox ^

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Caleb Michael Majors ^	Jadyn Leah Phillips * ^	Jamarian Marques Travet
Breydon Logan Malone	Tynesha Olivia Pierce	Rayanna Jamiya Travis * ^
Chase Trenton Marsh	Jenee Evette Hilaire Pierre-Louis	Jonathan Jamel Turman
Bre'Naeisha Unique Martin * ^	Kentrell Zihaven Powe ^	Marvin Brigido Valle Reyes ^
Solomon Christopher Mathis	Jacqueline Rose Prince	Xavia Brinee' Walden
Justus Zane Mays ^	Zyon Kewane' Quebodeaux	Jermaine Walker
Taylor Messiah McClendon * ^	Kingston Zion Rainey	Bryson Zakai Warren
Dillon Avery McCloy	Tianna Lee Ranel	Lailah Dreyonna Watson
Barry Marquise Siare McCree *	Javon Renee Reed ^	Eriyanna Rose'Shaylin Webb
Juliana Bostic McFarlin	Carina Tatnae Reyna * ^	Nyaisha Monique West
Promise Krystian McGee	Isaiah Thomas Richardson * ^	Baylee Nicole Whisnant * ^
Adrianna Rose McGowen	Markayla Jakeria Roberson	Matthew Condaronda Whitaker, IV ^
Serenity Jeniya McIlwain * ^	Seth Joseph Brian Rouzan, Jr.	Gabriela Milagros White- head-Machado * ^
Caden Jaysione Mckinney	Gregory P Rowe	Raven Nykil Wilburn
Zavona Ziekira McNair	Chevelle Alan Salser ^	Amir James Donte Williams
Joel Mendez	Michelle Sanchez Reyes	Marquett Keshawn Williams ^
Yonjairon Mendez	Preston Jay Sapp * ^	Martavious Davion Williams
Trinity Frances Milton	Saniyah Nicole Seymore ^	Promise Zamyra Williams
Alexis Tayana Moore * ^	Kwame Cortez Simmons, Jr.	Emanuel Wayne-Eric Williams
Arionna Elise Moore	Al O'Bryan Simpkins, Jr.	Nicoya Ronnique Wilder
Triniti Makayla Morris	Janasia Mashay Smallwood * ^	Maurice Jamaal Wilson
Trevion Keyshon Morton	Albert Lewis Smith, III	RaShawn Elijah Wilson
Jaydon Alexander Mosby ^	Amya Briahara Smith	Eric Zaire Donell Wright
Kali Omega Murry ^	Devin Jamar Smith	Devin Wyquanis Young * ^
Makyia Michelle Myers ^	Kamille Alyese Smith	
Jalia Mykia Nelson	Valerie Solis ^	
Mashayla Cyann Nelson	Earl Jamahl Spencer, Jr.	Key to Symbols:
Sha'Yanis Tyasia Yvette Nelson * ^	Isabelle Faith Staffey * ^	*** Valedictorian
Danny Ray Odom, Jr.	Bria Kelscia Sutton * ^	** Salutatorian
Terriona Sammee Olanike Olajubutu ^	Melanie Amya Swaby	* Honor Graduate
Akira Nyree Owens ^	Angel Elizabeth Thomas ^	^ HOPE Eligible
Thomas Allen Cole Palmer *	Aniya Christine Thomas * ^	~ Star Student
Desiray Arianna Parker	Arien McKenzie Thomas * ^	
Devaughn Raheem Patterson *	Ian Langston Thomas	
Rodney Owen Patterson ^	Ciara Shaunta Thompson * ^	
Kendayl Rihanna Payton	Mariah Lanier Thompson ** ^	
Krista Marie Peel	Miracle Devine Toney	
Makale Peneiro Peele * ^	Nhu-Y Phuong Tran	

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

Description of Honor Regalia

Academic Decathlon Red/White/Blue (Intertwined) Cord
American Patriotism Club White Cord
Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment Blue/Gold
CTAE: Automotive Club (Skills USA) Red /White (Double Cord)
CTAE: Cosmetology Pink Cord
CTAE: Future Farmers of America (FFA) Navy Blue/Gold (Intertwined) Cord
CTAE: Welding Red/White/Blue (Triple Cords)
Fine Arts: Art Club Honor Green/Gold/Purple (Intertwined) Cord
Fine Arts: Band Honor Red/Gray (Intertwined) Cord
Fine Arts: Chorus Honor Pink/Black/White (Intertwined) Cord
Foreign Language: FLAIR Honor: Red (Double Cord)
Honor Graduate Gold Stole
National Honor Society Society Blue/Gold (Intertwined) Cord
JROTC: Enlistee Black/Gold (Army), Blue/Red (Marine) or Blue/Gold (Navy) Stole
JROTC (LET III) Black/Gold (Intertwined) Cord
JROTC (LET IV) White Stole w/ROTC Seal

Junior Marshals

Ty'Tianna Berry	Christopher Kohn
Lyric Chalker	Jordan Mitchell
Thomas Coleman	De'Vonye Person
Bryttoni Duverny	Jamarcus Salmond
Jazmyne Escalera	Robert Willis

Honor Graduates

Ja'Mya Erica Adams	Eri'Yonna JT Henley
Thomas Alancole	Amiya N Johnson-Graham
Emma Michele Babinec	A'Karri Lazii Laughlin
Jada Jaslize Baker	Jamya Samella Levi
Adelyn Sulliana Barreto	Palmer Mackenzie
Gabriela Barreto	Bre'Naeisha Unique Martin
Adria Olivia Brown	Taylor Messiah McClendon
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Mirakulae Ju'Naye Burley	Serenity Jeniya McIlwain
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Amaya M D'Antignac	Isaiah Thomas Richardson
Kameron Mikai Daggett	Preston Jay Sapp
Raiford Charles Dunbar	Janasia M Smallwood
Julissa Carmen Figueroa	Isabelle Faith Staffey
Kaira Michela Floyd	Bria Kelscia Sutton
Kyler Amir Freeman	Arien McKenzie Thomas
Solomon M Galinski	Aniya Christine Thomas
Justin Scott Gonzalo	Ciara Shaunta Thompson
Alesse Goulet	Rayanna Jamiya Travis
Josiah Jermaine Graves	Baylee Nicole Whisnant
Saniyah Sunshine Hailey	Gabriela M. Whitehead-Machado
Justin O'Bryant Harden	Devin W Young

Pathways

- Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair
- Band
- Chorus
- Cosmetology
- JROTC – Army
- Plant & Landscape Systems
- Sheet Metal
- Visual Arts
- Web & Digital Design
- Welding
- Financial Services

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Faculty and Staff 2025-2026

Principal

Chris Nabahe

Assistant Principals

Tameka Brown

Dr. Laurie Taylor

Dr. Michael Williams

Frankie Wright

Language Arts

Michael Collins

Jasmine Gomez-Corona

Dr. Stephanie Graham

Tameka Hanford

Garnetta McGuire

Meschery Pollard

Charles West

Math

Bakari Bland

Reginald Crawford

Joe DeSantis

Micheale Jenkins

Harriet Marsh

Kathy Morgan

Curtis Pryor

Social Studies

Garrick Cummings

Henry Graham

Matthew Hill

Christopher Lett

George Pedano

Matthew Williams

School Safety

Sgt. Kenneth McCormick

Wallace LeBrane

Tikera Tucker

Nannette Brinkley

Letisha Card

Okeyma Thomas

Frank Bush

Johnnie Boyd

Diana Daniels

Science

Jasmine Calvin

Zoe Curry

Jeremy Dingman

Wesley Guyton

Jazmin Jones

Anthony Killings

Samantha Wells

Fine Arts

Christopher Andrews

Francis Franqui

Sean Moton

Instructional Coach

Lisa Parks

School Counselors

Robert Jones

Dr. Melissa Kennedy

Talonda Landers

Foreign Language

Catalina Espinosa-Rodriguez

Joseph Joseph

Elizabeth Rodriguez

Sandra Rodriguez

School Psychologist

Julie Meeks

Health & Physical Ed.

Daniel Dorsey

Courtney Johnson

Nicolette Mayo

Kobe Russell

Jalen Sheppard

MTSS Facilitator

Alicia Fuquay

CTAE

Lee Anderson

Wayne Hall

LaDale Hayes

Barbara Lynch

James Reddick

John Williams

IB Coordinator

April Cofer

Special Education

Carl Andrews

Johnny Chen

Teresa Dennis

David Dorsey

Annie Franklin

Bettie Booths-Jones

Ashley Lamback

Shawn Parks

Reagene Rodgers

Redonna Scruggs

Mark Winkler

JROTC

SGM Clifton Fields LTC

Claude Walker

Orchestra

Rachel Misner

Social Worker

LaShaun Coronel

Media Specialist

Amie Swearingen

Nurse

Colleen Young

Information Technology

Ryan Zielinski

Paraprofessionals

Raya Cooper

Taylor Davis

Amreia Jessie

Baron Smith

Christopher Williams

Front Office Professionals

Lillian Allen

Kathleen Serrano

Monica Wells

Patsy Williams

Parent Facilitator

Te'Asha Heard

Food Services

Chandara Girard

Albert Newson

Jennifer Powell

Doretha Roberts

Joyel Watkins

Custodians

Charles Brinson

Torrell Butler

Miguel Canales

Dennis Carmichael

Shannon Claiborne

Jeanette Hannah

Lester Hills

Brenda Medina

Shantrice Scott

Johnnie Mae Simmons

Jiree Smiley



Hephzibah
Comprehensive High School

Alma Mater



In the sunny county of Richmond
Stands a high school dear,
And we all will honor thee
Through the coming years.

Praise and glory we will bring thee;
We will do our best.
Till we win the praises due thee,
We will never rest.

As we lead our lives out yonder
In this world of woe,
Back to thee our thoughts will wander
As we meet our foe.

Chorus:

Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Dear old Hephzibah High,
And thy precepts we will follow
Till the day we die.