

T.W. JOSEY
COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL



GRADUATION CEREMONY

CLASS OF 2026

Thursday, May 28, 2026 • 11:00 A.M.
Bell Auditorium
712 Telfair St.
Augusta, GA 30901

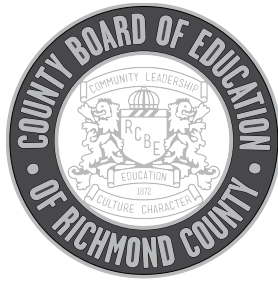
Melisa Clark, Acting Principal

THOMAS WALTER JOSEY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Program

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| Prelude | Mr. Lynwood Holmes <i>Fine Arts & World Language Coordinator</i> |
| *Processional..... | “Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar |
| *Presentation of Colors..... | AFJROTC Color Guard LTC Kurt Barry |
| *Pledge of Allegiance | Alisson X. Saravia <i>Honor Graduate</i> |
| Welcome | Ryan C. Oliver, Jr. <i>Honor Graduate</i> |
| Salutatorian Address..... | Kerri N. Fluellen <i>Salutatorian</i> |
| Valedictorian Address..... | Ricardo M. Garnett, Jr. <i>Valedictorian</i> |
| Solo..... | Alia Rivers & Patrice Williams <i>Class of 2026</i> |
| Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members, and Superintendent’s Cabinet..... | Ms. Melisa Clark , <i>Acting Principal</i> |
| Presentation of the Class of 2026 | Ms. Melisa Clark |
| Awarding of Diplomas..... | Ms. Melisa Clark Assisted by: Mrs. Shawnda Stovall , <i>President of the Richmond County Board of Education and District 1</i> Mr. Edward D. Lowery , <i>Vice-President of the Richmond County Board of Education and District 6</i> Dr. Malinda Cobb , <i>Superintendent of Schools</i> Mr. Quwan Ellis-Asbury , <i>Assistant Principal</i> Mr. Kelly Winstead , <i>Assistant Principal</i> |
| Awarding of Honors, Grants and Scholarships | Dr. Neshika L. Coney-Devine <i>School Counselor</i> |
| Tassel Ceremony..... | McKeal Jones <i>Honor Graduate</i> |
| Inspirational Reading..... | La’Bria Jacobs <i>Honor Graduate</i> |
| *Alma Mater..... | Class of 2026 <i>lead by Lisa Parks</i> |
| *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

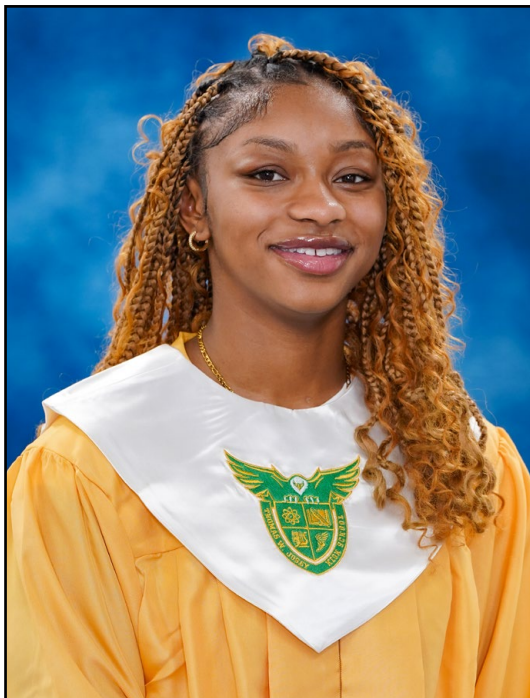
PLEASE NOTE: Graduation from high school is a milestone for the students and their families. The dignity of the occasion should be observed by refraining from whistling, yelling or applauding for any student. Your congratulations can best be shown by applauding for all students after the last graduate 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.



Ricardo Marquez Garnett

Valedictorian

Ricardo Garnett, Jr. is the son of Dorothy Ferguson and Ricardo M. Garnett, Sr. Ricardo is a steadfast student who challenged himself with a rigorous curriculum, completing Dual Enrollment English Composition alongside Advanced Placement courses in African American Studies, Precalculus, and Literature. A dedicated member of the soccer team, Ricardo counts the team's playoff run as a defining highlight of his high school years. Following graduation, he intends to pursue both a college degree and a career in the military.



Kerri Nicole Fluellen

Salutatorian

Kerri Fluellen is the daughter of Jerry Fluellen, Jr. and Keiana Fluellen. She is a dedicated student-athlete who, throughout her high school years, completed several Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement courses while maintaining her membership in the National Honor Society. Kerri's athletic achievements include being named Freshman of the Year, a two-time Region Player of the Year, and a four-time First Team All-Region and State.

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Class of 2026 Scholarships

Robert Alston, Jr .

HOPE

Maleek Bell

HOPE

Ronniya Blackshear

HOPE

Corde Brooks

Paine College

Emily Bustamante

HOPE

Christopher Cabarrus

HOPE

Carlitos Cerna

HOPE

Leandre Cooper

HOPE

ZaCaree Curry

HOPE

Makayla Davis

HOPE

Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship

Cambria Fallen

TW Josey HS Air Force JROTC Lt Col

Benson Memorial Scholarship

HOPE

Watson Brown Scholarship

Camari Fisher

HOPE

Kerri Fluellen

University of Texas at Dallas

HOPE

Newberry University

Flordia Southwestern College

Luzerne County Community College

Southwest Virginia Community College

Northwest Kansas Technical College

MCLennan Community College

Savannah State University

North Central University

New Orleans University

Presbyterian College

Coppin State University

Jackson State University

Gardner Webb University

Georgia State University

Delaware State University

University of Maryland of Baltimore COUNTY

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Georgia Southern University

Radford University

Columbia INTernational University

Burton College

Robert Garnett, Jr.

HOPE

Lanyah Gillians

HOPE

Char'Myah Gillians

HOPE

Takayai Gilmore

HOPE

Makayla Gordon-Moore

HOPE

Dona'e Harden

HOPE

Georgia Southern University

Genesis Harvey

HOPE

Kamaria Haynes

Tuskegee University

HOPE

Paine University

Who's Got Next Scholarship

Marion Barnes Student Scholarship

Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship

Brenau University

Za'Niyah Heard

HOPE

Samyah Hearst

HOPE

Kiyana Henley

HOPE

Zakiyah Higgins

HOPE

La'Bria Jacobs

Illinois Wesleyan

Tuskegee University

Tennessee Wesleyan Merit Award

HOPE

Wingate University

Illinois Institute of Technology

Bradley University

University of Missouri

Brenau University

Mercer University

Valparaiso University

Citizens for Nuclear Technology

Awareness Essay Scholarship

Mississippi State University

University of South Carolina Aiken

LATA

University Maryland Eastern Shore

Bethune Cookman

College Supplies Scholarship

Angnes Scott

Agnes Scott Visionary Scholarship

The University of Oklahoma

Ontrack PLUS Scholarship Award

Cher's Sisters Only Club Scholarships

Delta Sigma Theta

Sigma, Sorority, INC.

Za'Miyah Jenkins

South Carolina State University

Montona Jenkins

South Carolina State University

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Wingate University

Brenau University

Campbell University

Georgia Southern University

Benedict College

KeAijah Jones

HOPE

McKeal Jones

HOPE

Re'Nya Kay

Southeast Missouri State University

Olivet Nazarene University

Pain College

Andreas Langford

HOPE

Kappa Alpha Psi Scholarship

Kenneth Lewis

Toccoa Falls College

HOPE

Long Island University

Johnay Martin

HOPE

Anna-Marie Melchor Douglas

HOPE

Jasenia Miller

The Destination Eagle Nation Scholarship

Darian Murphy

HOPE

Takiera Nair

HOPE

Mariah Olds

HOPE

Ryan Oliver, Jr.

Watson Brown Scholarship

HOPE

McPherson Athletic Scholarship

Muskingum Academic Scholarship

Muskingum Housing Scholarship

Baker University Althetic Scholarship

Arkansas Baptist College Community Service Award

Arkansas Baptist College Athletic Award

Thomas Moore Academic Scholarship

Thomas Moore Athletic Scholarships

McDonna University Academic Merit Award

McDonna University Institutional Award

Culver-Stockton Academic Scholarship

Culver-Stockton Athethic Scholarship

Newberry Out of State Scholarship

Shorter University Athletic Scholarship

LaGrange College Founders Scholarship

Kennedi Philpot

HOPE

Tamika Pressley

HOPE

Lenoir-Rhyne University

E'moni Reynolds

HOPE

Alia Rivers

HOPE

Janielle Smith

Belmont University Achievement Scholarship

Tuskegee University University Achievement Scholarship

Keiser University Student Life Scholarship

HOPE

Penn State Discover Award

Carmen Vergas Paine College

Ojanae' Watson

HOPE

Military Officers Association Scholarship

Jeremiah Watts

Wingate University

Paine College

Sa'Lise Waye

Paine College

South Carolina State Univrsvity

HOPE

Jacksonville University

Za'Niyah Whitehead

Miles College

Benedict College

Alabama State Universith

Delta Sigma Thea Inc. Scholarship

Rosa T Beard Debutante Club Scholarship Class of 2016

Hilton Lee Wearing Scholarship

Class of 2006

HOPE

Paine College

Watson Brown Scholarship

Tristan Williams

Sunset Hardship Scholarship

Psi Omega Foundation Scholarship

HOPE

Allen University Band of Gold Scholarship

Neveah Wright

HOPE

South Carolina State University

THOMAS WALTER JOSEY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

The Class of 2026

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mesiah Jamir Adderley | Za'Niyah Sierra Heard | Zaniya Sabree Omar |
| Robert Josephlee Alston ^ | Samyah Aleria Hearst | Julio Cesar Pahuamba |
| Ma'Kai Elijahuan Bell | Kiyana Antoinette Henley | Albert LaWayne Pearson |
| Ma'leek Qua'Suan Bell | Cheryah Mashay Herring | Danielle Immaculate Ine'Jah Philpot |
| Clyde Anthony Billingsley, Jr. | Zakiyah Tyonna Higgins ^ | Kennedi Rickerson Philpot ^ |
| Ronniya Breanna-Janice Blackshear ^ | Abigail Roselee Himborg | Tamika Myers Pressley ^ |
| Corde Rashad Brooks | Ja'Niyah Cynthia Suray Hobbs | Abriel Shyne Ramsey |
| Chemya Monique Brown | Donovan Alexander Ivey | De'Marion Kendrez Reynolds |
| Miracle Shydia Bunch | La'Bria Renee Jacobs ^ | E'Moni Lacoï-Nicole Reynolds |
| Ty'Shun Davontae Burton | Garren Daniel Jefferson | Alia Diera Maydella Rivers |
| Emily Bustamante ^ | Montana Destiny Jenkins | Talayiah Za'Kiyah Nishae Roberts |
| Christopher Carlito Cabarrus | Za'Miyah Kamarie Jenkins | Ashley Rodriguez |
| Jamar Maurice Camper | Ke'Aijah Li'Braya Jones ^ | Alisson Ximara Saravia |
| Carlitos Narciso Cerna | McKeal D'Anthony Jones ^ | Zetayviana Settles |
| Isaiah Roy Cheely | Re'Nya Charlie Kay | Ti'khila Lychelle Sherman |
| Cristian Lombera Contreras | Reginald Princeton Kemp | Janielle Davema Denise Smith ^ |
| Leandre Deshawn Cooper | Jacob Allen King | Samaria Chanel Stallings |
| Trenidy A'lonnia Crawford | Angel Gathoni Kinuthia | Vontrayvis Terrell Stone |
| Zachee Curry | DeAndre Kevin Lakes | Mariah Deniz Taylor ^ |
| Jessie Lee Davis | Andreas Rashaan Langford | Quillavius DaShawn Thomas |
| Makayla Doris Davis ^ | Cunneisha Shamprell Nicole Lewis | Stanly Jacid Umana |
| Jakobe Jeremiah Demmons | Kenneth Deshawn Lewis, Jr. ^ | Zanoya Saliya Underwood |
| Antron Ca'trus Dunn, Jr. | Isaiah Anthony Lloyd | Jamilla Dashay Vinson |
| Na'Ashia Lee Dunn | Joshua Demein Louis | Carmen Juliett Venegas-Sanchez |
| Malaysia Treyanna Ruchalle Ellis | Keith Jahbarri Lyons-Stark | Chaniya Monique Walker |
| Cayden Damarii Fair | Steve Mantey | Shaniah Lynette Warner |
| Cambria Christine Fallen ^ | Johnay Sha'kea Martin ^ | Ojanae' Lashay Watson ^ |
| Darron Norrad Favors | Keion Anthony Martin | Jeremiah R.C. Watts |
| Camri Moniesia Fisher | Envy Sharna Jezmine McCladdie | Sa'Lise Renee Waye |
| Bryan Gabriel Flores | Zataria Ellona McCladdie | Za'niyah Macoya Whitehead ^ |
| Kerri Nicole Fluellen ** ^ | Dayana Tykira McKinney | Caden O'Bryan Wilcher |
| Antonio Cristian Frank, Jr. | Elizabeth Renee McMillian | Patrice Leann Williams |
| Robert Lee Gardner | Carlos Cesar Mejia-Meza | Takell Armond Williams |
| Ricardo Marquez Garnett, Jr. *** ^ | Anna-Marie Lynne Melchor Douglas ^ | Tristian Reginald Williams ^ |
| Char'myah Bernai Gillians ^ | Ravon Ominique Demontrez Meyers | Zakayla Amiya Pasean Williams |
| La'nyah Bernae Gillians ^ | Jesenia Danielle Miller | Zy'Trez Demarcus Wilson |
| Takayai Maxine Gilmore | La'Niya Felice Morris | Nevaeh Iviana Wright ^ |
| Karlenne Gonzalez | Ma'Kalyn Konae Moss | |
| Makayla Latrice Gordon-Moore ^ | Shamira Ali'Aona Denise Moss | |
| Tre'shon Jamel Hamilton | Darian Tierrell Murphy, Jr. ^ | |
| Donae' Latrice Harden ^ | Takiera Rihana Nair ^ | |
| Genesis Alayah Hillary Harvey | Lamont Rashawn Oakes | |
| Jer'meer Kormaine Hatcher | Mariah Janae Olds ^ | |
| Kamaria A'Ikysa Haynes ^ | Ryan Christopher Oliver, Jr. ^ | |

Key to Symbols:

*** **Valedictorian**

** **Salutatorian**

^ **Honor Graduate**

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



DESCRIPTION OF CORDS

Academic Decathlon

Emerald Green

CTAE Completer

Blue and Gold

Fine Arts Honor

Lavender

FLAIR

Red

Honor Graduate

Gold/ Green/Royal Blue (Intertwined)
Cord & Gold Stole

Math Team

Bronze

National Honor Society

Royal Blue

RCSS Rigor Recognition (AP/Dual Enrollment)

Blue/Gold

Student Council

Gold/Green/White

Volunteerism

Silver

Junior Marshals

Class of 2026

National Honor Society Members

Ushers

AFJROTC



Honor Graduates

Robert Alston

Ronniya Blackshear

Emily Bustamante

Makayla Davis

Cambria Fallen

Kerri Fluellen

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La'nyah Gillians

Makayla Gordon-Moore

Donae' Harden

Kamaria Haynes

Zakiyah Higgins

La'Bria Jacobs

Ke'Aijah Jones

McKeal Jones

Kenneth Lewis, Jr.

Johnay Martin

Anna-Marie Lynee Melchor Douglas

Darin Murphy, Jr.

Takiera Rihana Nair

Mariah Olds

Ryan Oliver, Jr.

Kennedi Philpot

Tamika Pressley

Janielle Smith

Mariah Taylor

Ojanae' Watson

Za'nyah Whitehead

Neveah Wright

THOMAS WALTER JOSEY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 Faculty and Staff

Administration

Melisa Clark
Acting Principal

Quwan Ellis-Asbury
Assistant Principal

Kelly Winstead
Assistant Principal

AFJROTC

LT. Col. Kurt
Barry, Ph.D
MSGT Hollious Holt **

CTAE

Adaeze Enendu
Cherie Moore
Princess White
Dr. Carol Yancy

Custodians

Tonya Bailey
Regenia Burnett
Nuzenia Crawford
Tammy Elam
Mattie Miller
Roy Powell
Winston Primus

ESOL

Brandi Jones

Fine Arts

Keshia Simmons
Heather Staniszewski

Food Services

Sherri Bell
Dominique Brooks
Raquel Brooks-Meyers
Chadwick Butler
Darlene Dickerson **
Icey Hartfield
Jacqueline Hobbs
Vontrice Lewis **

Foreign Language

Renata Castillo
Kokouvi Tegnama

Guidance

Dr. Neshika Coney-Devine
Kathy L. Maddox

Mental Health Counselor

Jessica Singleton

Health & Physical Education

Nichelle Chapman **
Gene Clemons
Malique Gibbons

Information Technology

Natoma Banks

In-School Suspension

Najee Tolbert **

Speech

Jenna Wilson

Language Arts

Tocara Beard
Khadijah Huff **
Lauren Crawford
Emmie Stokes

Instructional Specialists

Dr. Karmenlita Stevens

Math

Walter Augustine
Alex Cooper
Kiran Damala
Shoeb Mohammed
Velishala Swathi
Sherlonda Williams**

Media Center

DeAndra Hall

MTSS Facilitator

Dolly Morris

Nurse

Joann Carter

Paraprofessionals

Nelson Dukes
Jerry Fluellen **
Quin' Tasia Holman
Geraldine Manning
Brenda Swain
Margeret Walker

Parent Facilitator

Tony Mckinnie **

Public Safety

Jeff Stevenson

Office Professionals

Erika Baker
Alexandria Germany
Unee Abrams
Ericka Ware
Tierra Williams

Science

Natasha Harris
Delois Scott
April Tremble

Social Studies

Kadeshia Freeman
Daviana Harvey
Steve Vandalen
Zascha Vilamar

Social Worker

Octavious Murray **

Special Education

Illya Allen
Maacah Casanova
Austin Copeland
Chiquita Johnson**
Cristina McCarthy
Cinney Patterson
Jannie Taylor

Key to Symbols:

** Alumni

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COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

ALMA MATER

Lyrics by: Mrs. Alice McRae, 1964



Hail to thee dear Alma Mater,
Hail to the school we love.
Thy praises we shall sing,
Until echoes loudly ring.
Sons and daughters as they work,
Will be inspired by thee.
In victory or downfall,
Mighty shall thy name be.
May thy glory ne'er decline,
Through the ages wait before,
Raise high the banner gleaming,
Josey's green, white and gold.
When we have gone away,
Out in the world alone,
Still we shall work for Josey,
And to thee honor bring.