

RMA
Midland



Class
of 2026

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“People might not get all they work for in this world, but they must certainly work for all they get.”

- Frederick Douglass



RMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2025-2026



Dear Class of 2026,

Today marks more than a milestone. It is a defining moment in your story. On behalf of the faculty and staff of RMA Public Schools, I am honored to celebrate you and extend my deepest congratulations.

Each of you arrived with a different journey, a different set of challenges, and a different vision for your future. Yet you stand here together, having made a powerful decision to keep going. You chose growth. You chose resilience. You chose to finish what you started. That is the mark of an RMA graduate.

As you step into what comes next, carry that same determination with you. Whether your path leads to college, a career, or a new direction still unfolding, trust your ability to adapt, to rise, and to lead your own life with purpose. You have already proven that you can overcome obstacles and create opportunities where others may not have seen them.

Take time to honor the moments that brought you here. The relationships you built, the lessons you learned, and the strength you discovered within yourself are not behind you. They are part of you. They will continue to guide your decisions and shape your future.

Hold tightly to the values that carried you to this day. Stay grounded in integrity, lead with perseverance, and pursue excellence in all that you do. You represent something powerful, and you carry that forward with every step you take.

Remember that your connection to RMA does not end today. You are part of a community that believes in you, supports you, and will always celebrate your success. We will be watching, proud of who you are and even more proud of who you are becoming.

Walk forward with confidence. Be bold in your choices. Stay committed to your vision. The future is not something you wait for. It is something you build.

With pride and unwavering belief in you,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, reading "Armard Anderson".

Dr. Armard Anderson
RMA Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Graduates,

I want to congratulate all of my soon-to-be-former students for completing a significant chapter in their lives: High School! After you walk away from this stage with your diploma in hand, you will start the next chapter in your lives: adulthood. I know that some of my students are already living the life of a responsible adult: holding a job, paying the bills, and taking care of your families. For those students, I wish to commend you for balancing a life of adult responsibilities with those of a high school student. To every graduate: all the academic knowledge and skills that you have learned from your time with us, along with those learned from home, were mere practice for adulthood, preparing you for the next few critical years of your young adult life. As you walk out of this building, you will have two important questions to consider: Who do you want to be, and what do you want to do for the rest of your life?

There are few critical junctures in life which provide the opportunity to change the course of your future. One of those junctures is right now: you have the opportunity to choose any profession you want. You only need the desire in your heart, the determination in your mind, and the commitment in your soul. Nobody can stop you from achieving that goal!

Two main ingredients that are catalysts for achieving your goal are: first, education and, second, the drive and desire to learn. Education is the master key to unlock many doors of opportunity; your drive and desire to learn will fuel your future success. The day you stop learning is the day your life will become stagnant. Dear students, this will be my last lesson to you: never stop learning - be a student for life!

I wish you all the best and happiness in life! Thank you.

Varghese Panachakunnil (VP)
Principal RMA-Midland



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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL.....“Pomp and Circumstance”

GREETINGS FROM RMA SCHOOL DISTRICT Dr. Leslie S. Bonds

INTRODUCTION OF THE VALEDICTORIAN.....Mr. Varghese Panachakunnil

VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS.....Ms Joanna Granillo

INTRODUCTION OF THE SALUTATORIAN.....Mr. Varhese Panachakunnil

SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS.....Ms. Leilani Tirado

PRESENTATION TO VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN Mrs. Kenia Maldonado

GUEST SPEAKER.....Andrew Rodriguez

RECOMMENDATION OF GRADUATES FOR DIPLOMAS.....Mrs. Kenia Maldonado

CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS.....Dr. Leslie S. Bonds

CLOSING REMARKS & TURNING OF THE TASSELS.....Mr. Varhese Panachakunnil

RECESSIONAL.....“Pomp and Circumstance”

(Guest to remain seated until the platform and graduates have exited).



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2025-2026 GRADUATES



ANDREW ARBALLO
JOSELYN CEBALLOS
GERARD COTE
JOANNA GRANILLO
DESTINY GONZALEZ
ARTURO HERNANDEZ
RILEY JONES
ALYSSA KEMP
ANDREW KENNEDY
KH'YMANI KING
JONATHAN LOPEZ
LEATHY MARTIN
LOUIS MARTINEZ
JEREMIAH MORALES
JORGE RAMIREZ
JESUS SANCHEZ
ORLANDO SANTOS
ANGEL TAMEZ
XAVIER THORNBURG
LEILANI TIRADO
STEVEN TORRES
JUAN ULATE



**RMA PUBLIC
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HONOR STUDENTS**



VALEDICTORIAN: Joanna Granillo

SALUTATORIAN: Leilani Tirado



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SASH and CORD RECOGNITION

Valedictorian/Salutatorian.....	Red Stole
TOP 10%.....	Gold
TSI/College Bridge English.....	Green
TSIA/College Bridge Math.....	Blue
Distinguished Achievement.....	White
Volunteer.....	Red
Career and Technical Education.....	Turquoise & White
Student Organization.....	Black



RMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2025-2026



FACULTY AND STAFF

Superintendent of Schools.....Dr. Armard Anderson
Executive Director of Academics.....Dr. Uneeda Givens
District Instructional Coordinator.....Dr. Ulelia Childs
Principal.....Varghese Panachakunnil
Counselor.....Maria Martinez-Gonzales
Registrar.....Kenia Maldonado
Electives Dotty Wiederstein
Science.....Zachary Pfalzgraf
Social Studies.....Courtney Taylor
English Language Arts.....Kay Long
SPED Teacher.....Jennifer Peterson
CTE Associate Teacher.....Catherine Hampton
SPED Associate Teacher.....Monica Baeza
Associate Teacher-----Shelby Pate
Math-----Jan Stephan
CIS Coordinator-----Diego Mata

Teacher

(N) TEE-CHER: A MULTI-TASKING
EDUCATIONAL ROCKSTAR WHO LIVES TO
INSPIRE AND LOVES TO ENCOURAGE.
THEY'RE KIND OF A BIG DEAL.

RMA MISSION

**Empowering students to graduate,
prepared to exceed all
expectations.**

RMA VISION

**Every student will be empowered
to make choices for lifelong
success.**

**GRADUATING
CLASS OF 2026**



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank all our faculty, staff, volunteers, students, and parents for making this year one to remember.

. Congratulations! Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head. You have
feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to go

Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA?

RMA Public Schools helps students take the next step toward graduation through flexible, personalized support designed to meet students where they are and help them finish strong.

INVITE A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER!

If you know someone who has not yet earned a high school diploma, encourage them to scan the QR code to learn more about enrollment opportunities at RMA Public Schools.



ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN!



CONGRATULATIONS
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