

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

ONE-HUNDRED AND
TWENTY-SECOND
COMMENCEMENT



THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
7:00 P.M.—RAUCH FIELD
JIM SCANLAN STADIUM



SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS

Amanda Kuntzman
Kyle Ellrich

CLASS OFFICERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Evan Gaither—President
Jessie Tovo—Vice President
Isaac Burr—Secretary
Maci Rohlfing—Treasurer

Class Song.....*Counting Stars*
by OneRepublic

Class Flower.....*Hydrangea*

Class Motto*“Let’s go Blue Jays”*
Ed Stahl





COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Welcome.....	Dr. Kelle McCallum Principal
Processional (audience standing).....	Band “Pomp and Circumstances” By Elgar/Polyhar
Presentation of Colors (audience standing).....	JROTC
Pledge of Allegiance (audience standing).....	Jessie Tovo Vice President, Class of 2023
National Anthem and School Song (audience standing)	Choir Ms. Jessie Patterson, Director
Introduction of Stage.....	Dr. Kelle McCallum Principal
Recognition of Honors and High Honors.....	Mr. Ben Strauser Assistant Principal Mrs. Mary Kleekamp Assistant Principal
Student Addresses.....	Mr. Shawn Wallace Assistant Principal
Superintendent's Message.....	Dr. Jennifer Kephart Superintendent
Presentation of the Class of 2023.....	Mrs. Kelly Richard Retiring WHS Counselor
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Mr. Dan Leslie School Board President
Turning of Tassel.....	Evan Gaither President, Class of 2023
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Kelle McCallum Principal

Pablo Ballesteros-Melchor
Alexis Jade Barks
Kelton Willem Lewis Barron
Molly Abigail Bauer
Haiden Ray Bean
William Carter Beaver
Claire Bellows
Mason Louis Bennett
Tristen Rae Bethel
Lacey Renee Bieker
Delaney Rae Biser
Morgan J. Bivens
Braxton Edwin Blackwell
Blair R.R. Blaylock
Blake Paul Boley
Isabella Josephine Bonastia
Alexander David Bordak
Dylan P. Borgmann
Brittney Renee Bowers
Emma Braun
Lily Carolyn Brickel
Emma Nichole Briggs
Jackson R. Briggs
Aidan Christopher Brinkmann
Brian A. Brinkmann
Kayla Brinkmann
Madison Anne Broughton
Jacob Parker Brown
Emily R. Bruckerhoff
Trevor Buhr
Sienna Rose Bullock
Drew Joseph Bunge
Isaac Henry Burr
Madison Kristeen Busch
Lydia Renee Bush
Kaden James Butler
Lucy Renae Cahill
Ella Grace Carver
Alexander John Charles
Anthony Joseph Cherry
Kamryn J. Christensen
Trinity L. Clark
Catalina J. Clarke
Cole Thomas Click
Dillon Mark Coats
Zoe Brook Compton
Jack Ryan Courtney
Jack William Courtney
Courtney Lynn Crabtree
Trinity Lauren Cragun
Brady Alan Crider
Bradlee Joseph Crismon
Annika Aurelia Cusumano
Mackenzie Czeschin
Nicolas Keeven Damian
Nora Mckenzie Danz
Nevaeh Pearl Davis
Rebekah A. Davis
Victor Landon de Paula Rocha
Devon W. Deckelman
Sarah C. Dennis
Rachel Grace Derner
Sarah Nicole Desmond

Blake Joseph Dewert
Lillian Jada Distler
Davin M. Donnelly
Julia Eden Donnelly
Peyton Lynn Dunn
Tyler Derek Eckelkamp
Madison Renee Edmondson
Brody Kristopher Frank Eikmeier
Christopher W. Ellis
Rebecca Lynn Ellis
Beau Matthew Evans
Mackenzie Faye Feist
Margaret C. Figas
Isabella Rose Fitzgerald
Blake William Ford
Lawrence Walter Fournier
Kaitlyn Marie Frankenberg
Mason Jesse Fratzke
Seth C. Frazier
Matthew John Freitag
Sophia Elizabeth French
Evan Jacob Gaither
Diego Alejandro Garcia Gutierrez
Faith Nicole Gardner
Landin Chayton Garris
Emma Marie George
Landon James Gildehaus
Claire Rosemarie Glastetter
Anna Gleeson
Austin Louis Gober
Vincent W. Gotway
Dason Gregory Gould
Marcus Cole Graham
McCajor T. Graham
Travis M. Grannemann
Lily Grant
Ava Mckenzie Griffey
Madeline A. Grimes
Francisco Ivan Guerrero
Pauline Marie Guillot
Kody Michael Gundry
Sheyann Victoria Gunn
Luke Eric Haberberger
Ava Lee Hackmann
Ciara Nicole Hailey
Austin Gregory Hamann
Cody Ryan Hamann
Carly Pearl Hamlyn
Hunter Logan Michael Hampe
Darius Ethan Haney
Dayton Michael Hanneken
Noah Kenneth Hart
Isabella Ruth Hartung
Haley Savanna Hawk
Madison R. Hawkins
Sean Patrick Heide
Claire Louise Hellebusch
Adam Youssef Henderson
Clyde Andrew Hendrix
Mark James Hensley
Cooper Patrick Herbert
Karlene Sophia Hoch
Taylor May Hoelscher

Anna Julia Hoffman
Kate Marie Hoffman
Nicholas Glen Holdmeyer
Samuel A. Holguin
Sean Hollis
Angelique Myshelle Holtmeyer
Brooke Anne Holtmeyer
Chloe Holtmeyer
Andru Patrick Hommes Clarke
Michael Hotra
Alexander Dean Huddleston
Briar Dale Hutson
Myla E. Inman
Ivy M. Jacquin
Hanon Major Gordon Jarvis
Jack Jasper
Charli Piper Leslie Jaycox
Philip Bryant Jenner
Jyllian Hope Jensen
Luke Samuel Johnson
Megan Renee Jones
Ian Everette Junkin
Emma Alyssa Kamp
Kinsey O'Hara Kamper
Joseph David James Karll
Kalee Lynn Kelley
Maddie May Kelley
Calvin Robert Kelpé
Parker Dallas Kelpé
Will Scover Kelpé
Lauren Lucille Killian
Cole J. Kimminau
Ryan W. King
Cole M. Kleekamp
Casey Jacob Klein
Nora Rayne Kleinschmidt
Jacob Louis Kluba
Tristan E. Kluba
Damian Jacob Kohl
Dakotah J. Kohlbusch
Adam Joseph Kopmann
Kaylee L. Krafft
Aleksander Thomas Kramer
George C. Krattli
Damian Krebs
Elsie Luralai Kresse
Brayden Eric Kriete
Ella Caroline Kroeter
Carter Michael Kuenzel
Chloe Elizabeth Kugel
Damian Landen Lamkin
Abigail Marie Langendoerfer
Alexander Kurgan Lee
Trisha Lynn Lewis
Gabrielle Leigh Lindemann
Jak Peyton-Kossmann Livengood
Cierra Brooke Loepker
Holly Francine Lottmann
Julianne Marie Lough
Grace Lowe
Chloe Kay Lowery-Dickson
Jack Ryan Mackin
Laney Jane Marks

Avery Nicole Marquart
Jacob Riley Martin
Jackson Wade Marts
Gavin James Matchell
Ariel Desire McCarty
Emma Lynn McCary
Brayden Andrew McColloch
Donovan Z. McDaniel
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Whitley E. Merryman
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David Michael Obermark
Logan T. Oglesby
Levi Anthony Orf
Parker Aaron Owens
Isabella Marie Parker
Makayla Jolie Parker
Quentin Kaine Parker
Samuel Douglas Paule
Aden A. Pecka
Melaina Lynn Pellin
Alexis Christine Perriman
Connor J. Peterson
Julia Kathryn Petry
Hannah Elizabeth Jewel Pilarski
Michael Angelo Pizzarelli
Gavin L. Poole
Hunter Wayne Poole
Diego Ramirez-Nambo
Austin K. Reagan
Olivia Dawn Reed
Elecya Grace Reisinger
Jake Slade Rhodes
Katelyn Marie Rice
Kayleen Nicole Rice
Evan J. Richart
Carter Michael Riegel
Connor A. Riegel
Shyanne L. Riegel
Kaylie Paige Rieger
Hanna R. Roady

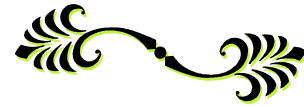
Maxwell Wallace Robinson
Nathaniel Allen Rogala
Maci Leanne Rohlfling
Darin Earl Rucks
Charlie Ann Rumpell
Hannah E. Schaedler
Cameron Edward Schenkel
Elizabeth Scheperle
Kellen Schiermeier
Lily Evelyn Schmitt
Madelynne Elizabeth Schmitz
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Ryan Schwanitz
Matthew Hunter Schwentker
Tanner Michael Schwoeppe
Stella K. Secor
Hunter Jackson Sederwall
Madelyn E. Sheets
Vanessa Joy Shola
Logan S. Shryock
Dakota J. Siebert
Zora Janee Skanes
Abigail Marie Sloan
Abigayle K. Smith
Connor Michael Smith
Elijah J. Smith
Matilde Spada
Olivia Rose Sprehe
Thomas Jack Stahl
Ethan Michael Stellhorn
Kelsey J. Stemmley
Aireana Naomi Stevens
Ashton Blayne Straatmann
Ezra James Straatmann
Margaret A. Straatmann
Owen Joseph Straatmann
Peyton Christopher Straatmann
Sydney Nicole Struckhoff
Alyssa M. Studebaker
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Mya Ann Wardwell
Kendal Riley Warren
Jora Rena Weaver
Angelina Elizabeth Wedge
Jacob E. Weidle
Ryan A. Weidle
Paytin Olivia Welsh
Emma Lynn Wheeler

Leah Lynn Wheeler
Tyler Jacob Wheeler
Leah R. Wideman
Elizabeth Renee' Williams
Serenity Nichole Williams
Allison Grace Willming
Aaliyah G. Wirthwein
Charley Witte
Jason Lyndell Wood
Avery D. Worley
Deven Yeary
Katy N. Young
Filip Zajicek
Isabelle Ann Zanin
Thomas Eugene Zawadzki
Clara Michelle Zeh
Seamus David Zeh
Emery Christine Zeigler
Gabrielle Neomi Ziglin
Garrett Alan Ziglin
Nina Nicole Zimmermann

High Honors -
Medallion with White Ribbon
Honors -
Medallion with Light Blue Ribbon
National Honor Society -
Blue & Gold Cord
A+ Recipient - *Red Cord*
DECA - *White & Blue Cord*
Mu Alpha Theta - *Teal & Gold Cord*
FFA State Qualifiers -
Twisted Blue & Gold Cord
Student Council Leadership -
Light Blue Cord
Interact - *Green Cord*
Music - *Pink Cord*
Theater - *Antique Gold Cord*
Cocoa Café -
Royal Blue Cord
Journalism - *Gold & Royal Blue Cord*
Jr. Optimist - *Navy & White Cord*
HOSA - *Maroon, Navy & Silver Cord*
Horizons Academy -
Light Blue & Gold Cord
NJROTC - *Red, White, & Blue Cord*
Teaching Careers - *Red & Black Cord*
Early College -
Light Blue & Gray Cord



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Notes on Academic Costume

The unique and colorful attire worn by the graduates, faculty, administration, and school board members on this occasion of commencement exercises has historic roots in the distant and medieval past. Dressed as they are in caps, gowns and hoods the graduates and professional educators form a part of a long line of tradition that dates back to Paris and Bologna, to Oxford and Cambridge.

The precise origin of several parts of the academic garb are not easy to discover. Dating back to medieval times it is believed the gowns, caps and hoods are associated with the clerical institutions of the day.

For the most part, only members of the clergy were educated. The gown seems to be an adaptation of the robe of friar or priest; the hood, of the monk's or friar's cowl and the mortarboard cap of today is the end product of a curious evolution, recalls and skull cap of days when tonsured heads needed protection against the cold drafts of medieval classrooms.

Academic attire began to appear quite generally on U.S. campuses in the late 1890s. Since that time its use has become the universal symbol of high school and college graduation ceremonies, and its pattern is highly uniform.

The Gown—The gowns are four in number and styling. The high school graduates wear a basic gown signifying they have graduated from high school. The professional educators who have a bachelor's degree wear a gown, which is a yoked closed front garment, with long pointed sleeves; those who have the master's degree have sleeves long and closed, but slit just above the elbow to allow the forearms to protrude; those who have a doctor's degree have full, bell-shaped sleeves. Only the doctor's gown is trimmed—with velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on each sleeve.

The Hood—The hood at first seems to have been worn over the head and was attached to the gown. When the cap was introduced, the hood was retained but was detached and worn as it is today. Each degree (bachelor's master's and doctorate) has a special hood, which varies in length and, for the doctor, also a pattern.

The colors you see in the hoods signify the graduates college or university and their degree—dark blue for philosophy; light blue for education; white for arts; gold-yellow for science; orange for engineering; purple for law; lilac for dentistry; green for medicine; and scarlet for theology.

The Cap—The mortarboard has become the universally accepted style of graduates in the United States. Many European institutions still retain distinctive forms of academic head-dress. The tassel on the cap is generally black but the tolerated practice of varying the color of the tassel to represent school colors has gained acceptance.



*Where the vale of ole Missouri
Meets the eastern sky
Mid the rustling of the tree tops
Stands our good old High
When the evening twilight deepens
And the shadows fall
Linger long the golden sunbeams
On the western wall
When the shades of life shall gather
Dark the heart may be
Still the rays of youth and love
Shall linger long o'er thee*

Chorus

*School we love High School
Live forever:
Our Alma Mater dear:
May thy sons be lead and loyal
To thy Memory*

