



LUCY CRAFT LANEY  
COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

# Commencement Exercises

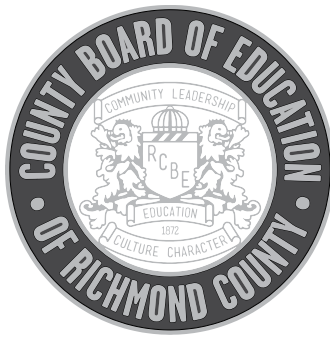


## Class of 2023



MAY 25, 2023 • 11 A.M.  
JAMES BROWN ARENA, 601 7TH ST.  
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

DR. CORDARYL C. MIDDLETON, PRINCIPAL



## **Richmond County Board of Education**

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### ***Superintendent's Cabinet***

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*Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services and Cluster 3*

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*Assistant Superintendent for School Improvement and Administrative Services and Cluster 4*

**Dr. Cecil S. Clark, II**

*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.

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## *Commencement Program*

Prelude .....	<b>Mr. Lynwood Holmes</b> <i>Fine Arts and World Language Program Administrator</i>
*Processional.....	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar ..... <b>Mr. Lynwood Holmes</b>
*Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome .....	<b>Zion Gardner</b> <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Inspirational Reading.....	<b>KeShaun Sanders</b> <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Salutatorian Address .....	<b>Amari Lampkin</b> <i>Salutatorian</i>
Valedictorian Address.....	<b>Tiyana Lawrence</b> <i>Valedictorian</i>
Musical Selection.....	<b>Ms. Jovonda P. Jones</b> <i>Vocalist</i> Assisted by: <b>Mr. Lynwood Holmes</b>

Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members, and

Superintendent’s Cabinet..... **Dr. Cordaryl Middleton, Principal**

Presentation of the Class of 2023 ..... **Dr. Cordaryl Middleton**

Awarding of Diplomas and Honors ..... **Dr. Cordaryl Middleton**

Assisted by:  
**Mr. Charlie B. Walker, Jr., President of the Richmond County Board of Education**  
**Mrs. Shawnda Griffin, Vice-President of the Richmond County Board of Education, District 1**  
**Ms. Venus Cain, Richmond County Board Member, District 9 (at-large)**  
**Dr. Brittany Bush, Assistant Principal**  
**Mrs. Charlotte Fields, Assistant Principal**  
**Mr. Javon Jackson, Assistant Principal**

Awarding of Grants and Scholarships ..... **Ms. Barbara Weaver**  
*School Counselor*

Tassel Ceremony..... **Adrionna Sims**  
*Honor Graduate*

\*Alma Mater..... Class of 2023

\*Recessional..... “Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar ..... **Mr. Lynwood Holmes**

*\*Audience Standing*



## *Tiyana Lawrence*

### ***Valedictorian***

Tiyana Lawrence is the daughter of Brittany Lawrence. She is currently being raised by her grandparents Timothy and Tammy Barnes. She has been a member of the Pride of Augusta Marching Band for 4 years and is the Captain of the Lucy Craft Laney Ikettes. Tiyana earned the title of Ms. Freshmen during her 9th grade year. She will also be graduating with honors and as an Advanced Placement (AP) Graduate. Throughout her participation in multiple extracurricular activities, Tiyana managed to maintain all A's in her high school courses. In the fall, Tiyana plans to attend Savannah State University and major in business administration. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to become an entrepreneur.



## *Amari Lampkin*

### ***Salutatorian***

Amari Lampkin is the daughter of Ron Lampkin and the late Alva Lampkin. She currently serves as the 2022-2023 Miss Laney. Some of her other titles include: 2019-2020 Miss JV Cheerleader, 2020-2021 Miss Sophomore, and 2021-2022 Miss P.E.A.R.L.S. Amari managed to maintain an all A average in her high school courses while being dual enrolled at Augusta Technical College. Amari served in multiple leadership roles during her high school career such as co-captain for the JV squad and president of SkillsUSA. Throughout her high school career, Amari also participated in many organizations, clubs, programs, and community service events. Amari will be graduating with honors and as an Advanced (AP) Placement Graduate. In the fall, Amari plans to attend Kennesaw State University and major in nursing. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to go to medical school to become a pediatrician, OB/GYN or a traveling nurse.

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## *Class of 2023*

Thomas Lee Anderson ^  
 Arrya Tianaisa Andrews  
 Tyrell J. Argyle  
 Johnathan Latron Ashley, Jr. \*\*  
 Zariah Tyreah Janett Ashley  
 IiYonna Zanea Bailey ^ \*\*  
 Ashlynn Eice Bell ^  
 Amya Vontrice Blaylock \*\*  
 Mariah Chanelle Bompers \*\*  
 Tarvares Jamarquez Bonner \*\*  
 Willie Ixavyian Booker  
 Bryanna Z. Boyd  
 Markell J. Brigham  
 Taurus Victoria Bromell ^  
 Hannah Lanovia Brown  
 Gregory Maurice Cody, II  
 Kaylah Jovonna Coker  
 Tremayne Edward Collins ^ \*\*  
 DeAndre' Jasean Cook  
 Mitchell Mekhi Culbreath  
 Kalon Raynard Curry ^ \*\*  
 Xavier Kantral Dice ^ \*\*  
 Elisha Dunn  
 Sheila Dunn ^  
 Aniyah Antonay Loriandra Dyers \* ^  
 Eboni A. English  
 Amyrion Edward Estelle  
 Ja'miaya Michelle Fields ^ \*\*  
 Keniya Anari Fields  
 Janiya Michelle Florence \*\*  
 Chasity J. Forston-Lewis  
 Jayden Rachelle Freeman \* ^  
 Zion Amire Gardner \* ^  
 Madison Garrison \* ^  
 Enyshawna Naija Hyacinth Gbaka  
 Aiyanna Shanell Gilbert \* ^ \*\*  
 Anthony Pernell Gilbert, II  
 Gregory Lamar Grace, Jr.  
 Renandus Zyquadra Grandstaff, Jr.  
 DeMarcus Q. Grant  
 Donjinay Caliyah Greene  
 Destiny Zsa'Nee Gregory ^  
 Ro'Niyah Aliyanna Le'Shay Habersham \* ^  
 Brianna Marie Hansbro \* ^  
 Ernest Grier Harden \* ^

Makale Jaleek Harley \*\*  
 Keyonte DeWayne Harris  
 Jasmin Monea Henley  
 Zy'Kerria Brianna Hicks \*\*  
 Tre'shon N'Kiah Hinkins \* ^  
 Jason Mark Hobbs  
 Timothy DeWayne Holland  
 Joseph Lamar Hollins \*\*  
 Arianna Skye Hughes ^  
 Jeremiah DeAndre Jackson  
 Paris Chanel Jackson ^ \*\*  
 Samuel Miguel Jackson  
 Walter Charles Jackson  
 Za'Mya Na'Stasha Jackson ^  
 Jordan Emanuel Jackson-Johnson \* \*\*  
 Shanisty Keyiona Natayia Jacobs ^ \*\*  
 Jaz'min Shandrea Theresa Jefferson \* ^ \*\*  
 Rachiya Leenasia Johnson  
 Lawrence Edward Jones ^  
 Lorenzo Alexander Jones  
 Qa'vyion L. Jones \*\*  
 Ethaniel Ikenna Joyce  
 Joseph Braydon Ladd ^ \*\*  
 Le'Victor Alonzo Lakes  
 Amari Shamir Cassandria Lampkin \* ^ \*\* \*\*  
 Sani Cynthia Lankford ^ \*\*  
 Tiyana Ashley Lawrence \* ^ \*\* \*\*  
 JaShawna Shyasia Lee ^  
 JaKari R. Lewis  
 Victoria Lofton  
 Kazembe Atiba Logan  
 Cameron Kwantez Marshall  
 Xavier Marquis McCullough ^ \*\*  
 Zharia C. McKinney  
 Michael Anthony Miller, Jr. ^ \*\*  
 Anthony Ferando Tyler Montgomery  
 Daryus Shaun Moore ^ \*\*  
 Alyce'a Tyasia Nattinger-Allen ^ \*\*  
 Tywan Kahlil Patterson ^ \*\*  
 Benjamin Frederick Perdue \* \*\*  
 Michael T. Perry  
 In'Teria Alexuis Phillips  
 Madison Nevaeh Phillips ^ \*\*  
 Sylvia Joyce Pittman  
 Kierra T. Rawls

Alfred Robinson, III  
 Samara L. Rogers  
 KeShaun Jordon Sanders \* ^  
 Melissa Dejenay Saunders \*\*  
 Charles S. Scott, III ^  
 Makhia Li'nessia Scott ^  
 Adrionna Katherine Sims \* ^  
 Jalaya Sanai Sims  
 Michelle Denise Sims \*\*  
 Charles Elbert Small, Jr. ^ \*\*  
 Jaeden Devin Smiley ^  
 Caleb Elias Smith  
 Kaylin Monique Smith  
 RoDezua Amari Saivion Smith  
 Aaliyah L. Sutton ^ \*\*  
 Josiah Gift Tamba  
 Makayla Raniya Thompkins  
 Ciara Joelle Turner ^ \*\*  
 Kiara Joelle Turner ^  
 Kadin VanDonkelaar  
 Skye Marie Waites ^  
 Angel Deona White  
 Kelvin Maurice Wilkins \*\*  
 LaCourtney Alese Alexandria Williams  
 Hannah Shae Wilson \*\*  
 Summorah Teaira Wright

### Key to Symbols:

- \* **Honor Graduate**
- \*\* **Salutatorian**
- \*\*\* **Valedictorian**
- ^ **Advancement Placement Graduates**
- \*\* **CTAE Pathway Skills Diploma Seal**

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

# LUCY C. LANEY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

## *Faculty and Staff*

### **Principal**

Dr. Cordaryl Middleton

### **Assistant Principals**

Dr. Brittany Bush  
Carlotte Fields  
Javon Jackson

### **Guidance Counselors**

Eula Chestnut  
Gwendolyn Golatt  
Amy Raker  
Barbara Weaver

### **Instructional Specialist**

Tomika Briscoe

### **Media Specialist**

Jessica Hill

### **Language Arts**

Amanda Corley-Holmes  
Amber Fielder  
Trulana Hines  
Jerrica Jefferson  
Megan Toon

### **Mathematics**

Latoya Ashley  
Alexis Hayes  
Jessica Hughes  
Kalpana Katam  
Tiana Myers  
Leela Srikakulapu

### **Science**

Dr. Shannon Crawford  
Terri Green  
Idris Naveed  
Byron Willingham  
Sarah Zeinelabdin

### **Social Studies**

Willie Adams  
Alicia Carroll  
Tracey Gamble  
Tina McGee  
Tiffinni Watson

### **Special Education**

Gemiya Bowman  
Tracey Greene  
Alexis Greenwood  
Craig Hinson  
Tammy Holley  
Marice Jones  
Courtney Lawrence  
Adriana Phillips

### **CTAE**

Clinton Blocker  
Melvin Covington  
Selina Hamby-Davis  
Lucinda Lessington

### **Fine Arts**

Shannon Johnson  
Anthony McCullough  
Andrea Scott

### **Foreign Language**

Giulianna Cunningham  
Tesa Gunby

### **Health & Physical Education**

Ronnie Baker  
D'Marcus McMillian

### **JROTC**

LaCount Bly  
William Flournoy

### **ISS Instructors**

Brandon Few  
Otis Smart

### **Custodial Staff**

Dale Harmon  
Gerald Huff  
Albert Jackson  
Shirley Prince  
Robert Riley  
Kathy Sheppard  
Willie Simmons  
Janice Smith

### **Nurse**

Diletha Adams

### **Nutrition Services Staff**

Wanda Anderson  
Melinda Brown  
Patricia Canter  
Channice Moody  
Tamekia Williams

### **Office Professionals**

Alethia Albright  
Rebecca Crosson  
Kimberly Kardos  
Debra Ratliff  
Dorie Seabrook

### **Paraprofessionals**

Heather Abraham  
Lisa Clark  
Candyce Graham  
Emma Kelton  
Brien McCarthy  
Jarius Price  
Toi Williamson

### **Parent Facilitator**

Angela Caldwell

### **Public Safety Officer**

Kellie Holland

### **School Social Worker**

Colleen Fisher



## **Description of Honor Stole & Cords 2023**

**Honor Graduate** — Gold Stole Cord

**Advanced Placement** — Gold & Royal Blue Cord

**Cosmetology** — Black & Pink Cord

**CTAE** — Blue & Gold Cord

**English Language Arts** — Red & Royal Blue Cord

**Fine Arts** — Lavender Cord

**Foreign Language** — Gold & Red

**JROTC** — Gray & Red Cord

**Mathematics** — Gold, Light Blue, & White Cord

**P.E.A.R.L.S** — Black & White Cord

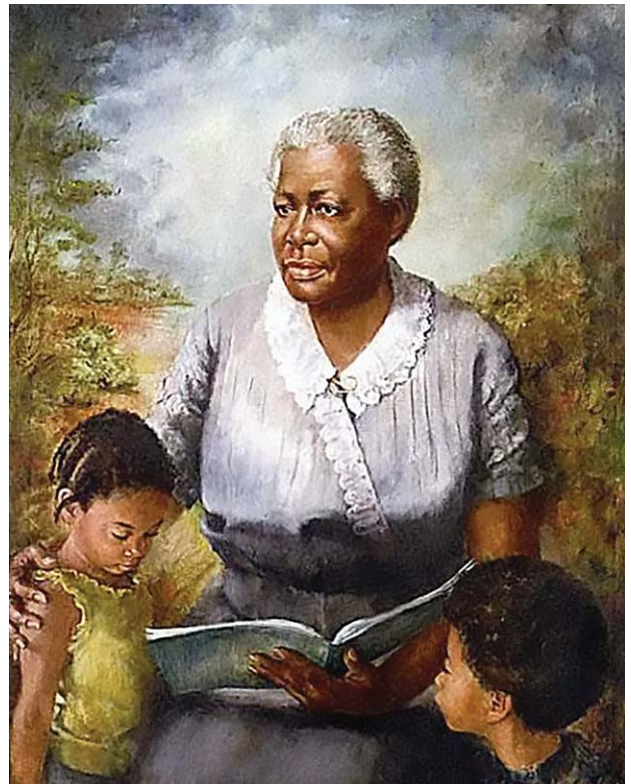
**Skills USA** — Red & White Cord

**Shepard Blood Center Donor** — Red Cord

*“Mother of the Children of the People”*  
*Miss Lucy Craft Laney*  
*1854-1933*

## **History of Lucy Craft Laney High School**

Lucy Craft Laney High School is a school rich in tradition and heritage. In 1949, A. R. Johnson and Haines Normal and Industrial Institute came together to form what is now known as Lucy Craft Laney Comprehensive High School. This combination merged what was seen as the best of both schools and with that, Laney derived the mascot, the “Wildcat” and the school colors of Red and Gray.



In the summer of 1951, the old building was torn down on the Haines site and the new building was started. During the construction, school was held at another site until the new school was completed.

In September 1953, Lucy Laney High School moved into its new building with Mr. C. W. Johnson as Principal. In 1964, the Music Building was added with spacious new choral and band rooms.

In 1981, renovations were made to the building to update the library facilities and the main offices. Air conditioning was installed. The 1996-97 school year began an approximately seven million-dollar renovation for school improvements. The new construction resulted in the addition of ten new classrooms, including a technology lab, a new media center, the expansion of the gym with a concession area and new restrooms and new furnishings. The new facilities were completed during the 1997-98 school year.

On April 13, 1998, Haines Alumni Association, Inc., Lucy Laney’s Alumni and the school celebrated Miss Laney’s Birthday and Open House. This event was marked with the lighting of the “Eternal Flame” on Miss Laney’s grave. The Haines Alumni Association, Inc. donated the “Eternal Flame”. During the program, the staff, alumni, students, along with the Lucy Craft Laney High School community, committed to keeping the Laney Legacy alive.

The Lucy Craft Laney High School family was honored to be in attendance for the unveiling ceremony of a bust of Miss Laney. The program was presented by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the gymnasium on October 9, 1998. Present for this occasion were the following guests: Mayor Larry Sconyers and Superintendent Dr. Charles Larke. The artist of the bust, Mr. Norman Hughes, designed a one-of-a-kind masterpiece, and through his work he captured the essence of Miss Laney’s spirit.

The Laney family continues to implement initiatives to improve student achievement.

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LUCY CRAFT LANEY  
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# Alma Mater



NESTLED 'MONGST THE HILLS OF GEORGIA  
STANDS THE SCHOOL WE HOLD MOST DEAR;  
AND WITH HEARTS FILLED WITH DEVOTION  
SING WE NOW WITHOUT A FEAR.

THOU ART UNTO US A STAR,  
GUIDING US TO TRUTH'S GREAT LIGHT,  
LANEY, LANEY, DEAR OL' LANEY, WE'LL  
FORE'ER BE TRUE TO THEE.

LANEY, LANEY, LANEY, DEAR OL' LANEY,  
THY SONG SHALL BE OUR TRAIL.  
HONOR, COURAGE, TRUTH AND DEVOTION,  
MAY WE NEVER FAIL.

LOOKING FORWARD, REACHING UPWARD,  
CLIMBING ON TO GREATER HEIGHTS,  
FAME AND WISDOM WON FOREVER,  
DEAR OL' LANEY HIGH.