Academy of Richmond County

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 2023

MAY 26, 2023 • 2:00 PM
JAMES BROWN ARENA, 601 7TH ST.
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

JASON MEDLIN, PRINCIPAL
Richmond County Board of Education

Charlie Walker, Jr., President, District 7
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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.
Commencement Program

Prelude

*Processional .......................................................... “Pomp & Circumstance”
ARC Orchestra led by Amy Ellington

*Presentation and Posting of Colors .................................................. JROTC Color Guard

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag ........................................ Nehemiah Horton, Honor Graduate

Inspirational Reading ............................................................ James Kay, STAR Student

Welcome ........................................................................ Lucy Fulcher, Honor Graduate

Salutatorian Address .............................................................. Sydne Swoope, Salutatorian

Valedictorian Address .............................................................. Samuel Jackson, Valedictorian

Recognition of Superintendent,

Board Members and Superintendent’s Cabinet .................................... Jason Medlin, Principal

Presentation of the Class of 2023 .................................................. Jason Medlin

Awarding of Diplomas ..................................................................... Jason Medlin

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)
Mr. Courtney Flournoy, Assistant Principal
Mr. Scott Guinn, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Chequita Stephens, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Carson Thompson, Assistant Principal

Musical Selection ............................................................................ ARC Senior Ensemble, Dr. Jamyle Searcy, Director

Awarding of Honors, Grants, and Scholarships ................................... Sonya Bolden Weaver, Counselor

Tassel Ceremony ............................................................................ Chardecia Hosendove, Class President

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

*Recessional ........................................................................ Academy of Richmond County

*Audience Standing
Samuel Peyton McGill Jackson

Valedictorian
Samuel Peyton McGill Jackson is the son of Elizabeth and Grady Jackson, III. Sam plans to attend the University of Virginia majoring in business.

Sydney Lauryn Swoope

Salutatorian
Sydney Lauryn Swoope is the daughter of Susan and Christopher Swoope. Sydney plans to attend the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill majoring in biology/pre-Med.
ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

Dominique Antoine Abraham
Mykel Eugene Abrams
Jane Sutton Adams
Alyssia A. Anderson
Charlotte Cora Anderson
Khailil Anderson
Kyreem Jamarl Anthony
Victoria Deasia Anthony
Xavier Riley Argyle
Maggie Walker Bachelder
Shanya LaShaunte Baker
Reid McWhorter Barfield
Larry James Brodie Beam
Aurelia Grace Beck
Hope Marie Belanger
Maleik Bernard Bell
Ta'Kwon Sharod Bell
Shaterra Renee Bennett
Alexia Jamyia Benning
Lillie Rickett-Coffman
Andre Dryus Blackwood
Collin Jackson Blakely
Thomas Maxwell Blanchard
Charles Michael Bolton
Ashlyn Nicole Boseman
Thomas Vaughan Boulus
Kenedi Sierra Brantley
Ashlyn Nicole Boseman
Dominic Adrian Cameron
Salem Conner
Cammy Annette Carpenter
Jinyah Lamareona Carter
Savion Christian Carter
Derek Castro
Yemaya Imani Chambers
Tanya-Jamilla Elizabeth Chisolm
Malcom Joseph Cochrane
Shamina Tenae Collier
Raniya Evelyn-Marie Coward
Amy Rochelle Culbreath
Brooks Alston Curley
Lacey Nell Koltz
Keyana La'Shay Key
Christian Thomas Fielding

Ayleseana Trinity Fisher
Andrew John Flythe
Shamiah Ny'Qui Freeman
Trinity London Freeman
Lucy Claire Fulcher
Amari Nasir Gadsden
Azaviera Maurice Gaines
Ryan Leander Paslial Gallosa
Maniya A. Garnett
Ciera N. Gaston
Jacobi Greenon Gerhardt
Ala'ja Amira Gillings
Naomi Arlette Gonzalez
Xavier Joseph Gooding
Isabelle Goodwin
Makena Michelle Gordon
Jaelyn S. Graham
Natalie Angleea Graham
Kelly Randall Grant
GeNette Caley Green
Arianna Kershana Griffin
Kadeja Coseanna Griffin
Abigail Gunnels
Chase Latron Hall
Denzeldrick LaTron Hankerson
Makiah L. Harris
Shaniya Ebony Ty'Nae Harris
La'Treyvion Deondre Heady
Isaiah Angelo Heggie
Amari J. Hemingway
Sarah Rose Henderson
Damarai Rylan Henry
Huliez Hussein Heraldez
Lillian Violet Holder
Nehemiah Marquet Horton
Chardecia Sarah Nichole Hosenidov
Lamarion Quamain Demontrez Hudson
Carderria Irvin
Tar Brandy Italien
Bryce Carltaveon Ivey
Kimora Amani Jackson
Roderick Antonio Jackson II
Samuel Peyton McMill Jackson
Joseph Levan Jacobs
Geovanny Jean
Desmond Kendrell Johnson
Thomas McGuirre Johnson
Alonzo Eugene Jones
Chelsea Lyona Jones
Emma Elizabeth Jones
Gilliam Sage Jones
Jalen A. Jones
Javis Jones, Jr.
Jonna M. Jones
Macon Louise Jones
Raychel Jones
Taron Alexander Jones
Mohamed Kamara
James Benjamin Kay V
Abdoulayye Keita
Andrea Lamont Kelley, Jr.
Kameren Key-West
Keyana La'Shay Key
Lacey Nell Koltz
Nia Antwané Law
Chasie E. Lawrence
LaNavi Brenauva Lee
Gabriella Lee Leonard
Chandill Rene Lewis
Madison Joi Lewis
Ricardo Santawn Lindsay
Jaiden Ramel Lowery
Dasani LaShay Lucas
Derek Bryson Luther
Marties D. Major
Justus Camaron Martin
Carlos Roberto Martinez
Makayla Mason-Bennett
Kaydence Claire McBride
Timothy McClain
Kaden Donnell Mccord
Julianne McCravy
Kellen Mehki McDuffie
Rockell Mccgee
Camron Javon McGruder
Brandie Monae McIntosh
David McLeod
Maki DeAndre McNeil
Jordan Aaliyah Middleton
Akasha Kaolonic Milligan
Jalanna Amaurie Mims
Yazmine Renay Minniefield
Darren JaQuail Moore
Wyatt McVay Moore
Adeja Kelis Amanu Morgan
Myles Joseph Morgan
James Ellwood Morris IV
Jordyn Makhay Moulton
Aniyah Lee-Ann Moy
Catherine Leigh Murphy
Jackson Murphy
Tiana Akaria Neal
Shrue Maelanie Nena
David Alexander Nichols
James Grady Noegel
Katherine Kelley Norris
Chris Nassir Parks
Serinity Lynn Paschal
Joshua Lee Javier Perez
Chalen Andrew Perkins
Pamela Chloe Perkins
William Heath Perry
Curry Learn Phlipot III
Antwan Lamar Pierson, Jr.
Gage Lee O'Neal Poole
Za'Naya Shay'Dreona Porter
Garys Marketh Quinn
Malori Morgan Ray
Elliot Conner Rayl
Amber Quacha' Jolie Reeves
Alden A Robinson
Daijah Monet' Rollen
Jasmine Jalia Rolle
Zariah Jalia Rolle
Margaret Summers
Sydney Lauryn Swoope
Grace Elose Thomas
William Jacob Thompson
Shana Shruke Tiftas
Paris Takira Tillman
Amir Jihad Tolbert
Devon Marquis Tiller
William Augustus Trotter
Mark Everett Tudor
Joel Jackson Turner, Jr.
Taysia Nicole Tuten
Marcus Caleb Tutt
Lamoiya Kameron Walden
Davis Marshall Walker
Gene Alfred Walker
Gracy Demetrius Walker
Kelby Orlando Walker
Madison LeJoi Walker
Ma'Kya Amarianna Walton
Kiara Hyun-Hee Washington
Montasia Simone Washington
Christian Jeremiah Waters
Zanyahia Ciara Wellman
Anne Welsh
Kathleen Adair Weston
Calvona Deorlisa White
Lazoriai Undre Wilson
Andrew Se'Maj Williams
Antoine Marquis Williams II
Bryson Malik Williams
Freeman Jahmill Williams, Jr.
Jordan Rae Williams
Keontae Shauron Williams
Javynal Caire Wilson
Carlie Denae Wooten
Olivia Denise Wright

Key to Symbols:
****** Valedictorian
** Salutatorian
@ Honor Graduate
@ DE Distinction
^ Fine Arts Diploma Seal
^ Career Ready Pathway Diploma Seal
~ IB Programme Candidate

Richmond County School System
Graduation Honor Cords/Stoles

BETA Honor
(3.5 avg. Inducted) - White Stoles

National Honor Society
(85 avg. Inducted) - Blue Stoles

ARC CTAE Pathway Completer
(Pass Test)-Gold/White

National Soc. Studies Honors Society
(Rho Kappa)-White/Blue

Academic Decathlon
(Competition/Placement) Red/White/Blue

Intl. Skills Diploma Seal
(3rd Lang & 90 avg.).-Light Blue/White

Math Team
(Competition & Placement) -Navy

FLAIR
(3rd Yr. Lang & 90avg.).-- Red

Tri-M Music Honor Society
(3 of 4 in Fine Arts Concen.) -Pink

Fine Arts Seal
(3year Fine Arts +1)- Lavendar

IB Diploma Programme
(IB Candidate)- Teal

IB Career-related Programme
(IB Candidate)- Purple

Dual Enrollment Completion
(College Diploma/Degree)- Black

RCSS Rigor Recognition
(3+ Courses-IB/Dual/AP)-Blue & Gold

JROTC Honor Society
(Service Learning & Completion)
White/Blue/Red; White Stole

National Science Honor Society
Purple/Gold//Green

Skills USA
(Salon Officer and Competition)-Red/White

Volunteerism
(50 Hours Senior Year w/ Essay)-Gray

Class of 2023
Distinguished Scholars

Jane Sutton Adams
Maggio Walker Bacheleder
Shanya La’Shaunte Baker
Reid McWhorter Barfield
Aurelia Grace Beck
Shaterra Renee Bennett
Alexia Jamyia Benning
Thomas Maxwell Blanchard IV
Thomas Walter Blanchard III
Thomas Vaughan Boulus
Kennedi Sierra Brantley
Ronald Brown III
Camy Annette Carpenter
Amya Rochelle Culbreath
Brooks Alston Curley
Delila Renee Delgado
Samuel Racer Downing
Nadia Anasia Evans
Tavis Keith Evans
Sheniyah Kyannta DeNora Farmer
Nebiyu Isaiah Feleke
Christian Thomas Fielding
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Andrew John Flythe
Lucy Claire Fulcher
Amari Nasir Gadson
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Akasha Kaolonie Milligan
Wyatt McVay Moore
Catherine Leigh Murphy
Jackson Murphy
Tiana Akaria Neal
Katherine Kelley Norris
Serenity Lynn Paschal
Chalen Andrew Perkins
William Heath Perry
Daijah Monet’ Rollen
Arshana Lynn Singh
Zion Emanuel Sowell
Areyana C. Stephens
De’Asia Stone
Shalyn Grace Stripling
Margaret Summers
Sydney Lauryn Swoope
William Jacob Thompson
William Augustus Trotter
Davis Marshall Walker
Madison Le’Joi Walker
Anne Welsh
Kathleen Adair Weston
Calvona Deloris White
Freeman Jahmall Williams
Jaylan Caire Wilson
Olivia Denise Wright
Faculty and Staff

Principal
Jason Medlin

Assistant Principal
Courtney Flournoy
Scott Guinn
Chequita Stephens
Carson Thompson

Guidance Counselors
Patrice Gude
Ethoin Rowe
Juretta Thomas
Sonya Weaver

School Social Worker
Carolyn Hawkins

Media Specialist
Ashley Streets

Speech
Christie Maund

School Psychologist
Elizabeth Johnston

Instructional Specialist
Amanda Hubbard

Language Arts
Samantha Carr
Amber Dumbuya
Chad Hubbard
Angela Lillard
John Loebl
Niajah Moore
Calvin Pennywell
Elizabeth Rindt
Krystal Samuel
Rachel Woo

Mathematics
Elise Aldred
Leary Bartels
Jamie Baxley
Deborah Fredenberg
Nancy Ginn
Vakesa Hawthorne
Abigail Johnson
William Tankersley
Amber Temple

Social Studies
David Bartlett
Kyle Blum
David Bradberry
Brian Joiner
Grady Nickel
Matthew Ryan
David Sammons
Justin Steiner(Patricia Miller)
Jabril Toney

Science
Shawn Fisher
Erik Hearn
Felton Jackson
Meenalosani Malligaarjunan
Nicole Moss
Desire Rohde
Katie West

Foreign Language
Kayla Holland
Keysa Pacheco
Zulailed Rivera-Thompson
Marcial Rodriguez
Judith Stork

Technology/Career Education
Valerie Jordan
Angel Little
Donnie Peel
Gerald Rhoads
Malissa Roye
Natasha Youins

Special Education
Stephen Bailey
Michael Buckshaw
Laura Carr
Regina Holt
Nancy McDonald
Reagan Morrison
Joy Owens
Annamarie Noegel
Sonja Pompey
Katherine Scoggins

Athletic Director
Kevin Scheyer

Health & Physical Education
Kennan Grisett
Timothy McClain
James Mitchell
Steve Nobles
David Sammons

Nurse
Curtis Tiller

ROTC
MSG James Harris, Jr.
CW3 Alvin Jenkins

Fine Arts
Amy Ellington
Robert Freeman
Katharine Anne Howard
Charles Lanier
Jamylee Searcy

Teaching Assistants
Tamieka Green
Yolanda Knight
Rashaud Lee
Jonathan Shackelford
Dorothy Smith
Cindy Whiting

Public Safety
Cpl. Travis Lazenby

Office Professionals
Hannah Stitzel
Denise Jenkins
Dorothy Johnson
Patricia Kelly
Shontel Mackey
Diana Register

Custodians
Lisa Ellison
Pamela Fulton
Ken Gardenhire
Delores Green
Zabian Howard
Raymond Jones
Kelly Meadows
Richard Murray
Naomi Smith
Cashus Thompkins
Mingo White

Nutrition Service
Catherine Bowen
Wendy Carter
Sandra Colann
Deborah Hardin
James Harvey
Aisha Heath
Velma Tucker
Our Alma Mater glorious stands
By old Savannah’s turbid stream,
Upreared by loyal hearts and hands,
Fulfillment of her children’s dream.
Her noble sons adown the years,
Have proved their courage, conquered fears,
On fields of glory, honor, tears,
Inspired by Alma Mater.
Her last-born sons go forth to prove
‘Mid scenes of joy, ‘mid scenes of strife,
The strength of her sustaining life,
They go at duty’s stern command,
On sea, in the sky, or distant hand,
Of our fair Alma Mater.
A gracious mother, fair and wise,
Ten thousand sons she yet shall bear,
With souls unseared in honor’s eyes,
With zeal to do, with will to dare,
And when their well-spent days are told,
From every deed of hero bold,
Weave thou a crown more rich than gold,
For brow of Alma Mater.