

Class of 2023

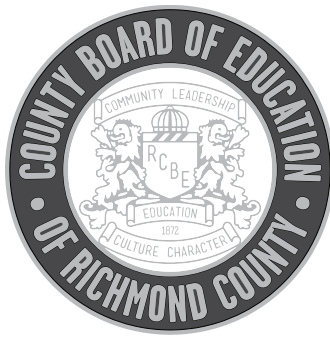
Fortieth Commencement

**A.R. Johnson
Health Science and
Engineering
Magnet School**

DR. EMILY DRIGGERS, PRINCIPAL



**MAY 25, 2023 | 7P.M.
JAMES BROWN ARENA, 601 7TH ST.
AUGUSTA, GA 30901**



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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.

AUGUSTUS ROBERSON JOHNSON HEALTH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING MAGNET SCHOOL

Commencement Program

Prelude	A.R. Johnson Orchestra Mrs. Amy Ellington , <i>Orchestra Director</i>
*Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance” By ElgarA.R. Johnson Orchestra
*Presentation of Colors.....	Lucy C. Laney Army JROTC Color Guard
*Pledge of Allegiance	Jalen E. Chance <i>Class of 2023</i>
Inspirational Reading.....	Anthony DuBois, II <i>Class of 2023</i>
Welcome	Reynaldo Delva, Jr. <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Salutatorian Address	Jonathan C. Ross, Jr. <i>Salutatorian</i>
Valedictorian Address.....	Nyla R. Watson <i>Valedictorian</i>
Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members and Superintendent’s Cabinet.....	Dr. Emily Driggers , <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of the Class of 2023	Dr. Emily Driggers
Awarding of Diplomas, Honors, Grants and Scholarships	Dr. Emily Driggers Assisted by: Mr. Charlie B. Walker, Jr. , <i>President of the Richmond County Board of Education</i> Mrs. Shawnda Griffin , <i>Vice-President of the Richmond County Board of Education, District 1</i> Ms. Venus Cain , <i>Richmond County Board Member, District 9 (at-large)</i> Mrs. Vicki Knox , <i>Assistant Principal</i> Ms. Frankie Wright , <i>Assistant Principal</i> Mrs. Emily Kelm , <i>Senior Counselor</i> Mrs. Marcy Bradley , <i>Senior Counselor</i>
Musical Selection.....	A.R. Johnson Orchestra
Tassel Ceremony.....	Yarelis M. Padilla <i>Senior Class President</i>
*Alma Mater.....	Class of 2023
*Recessional	“Celebration for a New Day” by PhillipsA.R. Johnson Orchestra
*Audience Standing	

Nyla Rose Watson



Valedictorian

Nyla Rose Watson is the daughter of Montiel and Alanna Watson. She plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Nyla has already received her Associate's Degree in Biology from Georgia Military College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is President of the A.R. Johnson National Honor Society. Nyla is a student-athlete, is a member of HOSA- Future Health Professionals, and is also a peer tutor. She has completed 37 volunteer hours of community service. Nyla plans on enlisting in the Air Force as an Officer. She also plans to attend medical school to become an OB-GYN physician.

Jonathan Corey Ross, Jr










Salutatorian

Jonathan Corey Ross, Jr. is the son of Mr. Jonathan Ross, Sr. and Ms. Latrice Miller. Jonathan has been selected as a 2023 Gates Scholar. Students who earn this coveted and highly prestigious honor receive funding for the full cost of attending college. Additionally, Jonathan has earned the College Board National African American Award, the F. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Program Scholarship, the Black Scholar Recognition Award from Augusta State University, and a scholarship from Morehouse College. He is a member of the Augusta Youth Leadership Program, the National Honors Society, and is a student athlete. Graduating from A.R. Johnson's Engineering Track, Jonathan plans to attend Morehouse College to pursue a bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

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Class Of 2023

Luke William Adams
 JaReem Edward West-Allen
 Ashton Matthias Anderson  
 Jasmine Evon Armstrong  
 Trevor Dillon Aron  
 Stanley James Aye, Jr.  
 Christiana Anita Sha'Tri Baez  
 Mikaela Jean Bennett 
 Morgan Ruth Bennett  
 Kristaisa Ly'Daisa Jada Brown  
 Gavin Mitchel Bruce
 Ariel Janay Buggs  
 DeVontras Quintravious Castleberry 
 Ja'len Eugene Chance
 Isabella Estrella Crocker
 Trinity A'Sharia Davis
 Reynaldo Delva, Jr.  
 Ariana Marie Diggs
 Anthony DuBois, II
 Kaleel Rashod Dunn
 Joshua Casey Ellis
 Cheyenne Tacoma Ellison
 Mia Ithandewy Enriquez Ortiz  
 Melvin Estif Escobar Olivares
 Ezekiel Terrell Frails

Daviyon Christopher Glasgow
 Laila Denise Gracy  
 MaKayla Rikenna Harris 
 Kaylan Francis Henley  
 Nickolas Christin Justin Horvath
 Emerson Renee McGowen Hudson
 Jaden Samuel Jenkins
 Ajah Jenae' Johnson
 Jaleesa Letrice Johnson
 Tatyana Alexis Johnson  
 MacKenzie Elise Jones
 Tarik Keyshaun Jones
 Jameson Marcelius Jukes  
 Cameron Mobley Killough 
 Wesley Hamilton Kimbrell  
 Tyler Constante Miles Leal
 Joshua Edward Lee
 Kason Donovan Lowery 
 Michael Elijah Meriweather  
 Jasmine Eliza Mixon  
 Ethan Joseph Morrow
 Joshua Gregory Oliver
 Yarelis Marie Padilla  
 Rickey Arturo Platts  
 Namiko Kynai Tayana Pooser

Bryce Richard Kemar Powell
 Akaia Natrice Prince  
 Kiani Elane Richie  
 Jonathan Corey Ross, Jr.   
 Kenyatta Dell Shaw, Jr.
 Benjamin Jackson Smith 
 Akaeira Stiles Marie Spruell  
 Lorrilyn Elizabeth Strand
 Annalise Marie Torres Tackney   
 Jadon Claude Tanksley
 Tatyana Faith Timmons  
 Nyla Rose Watson   
 Anna Sophia Welch
 Destiny Ja'Toria Wright
 Kevin Asher Wright  

Key to Symbols:

 **Valedictorian**
 **Salutatorian**
 **Honor Graduate**
 **Prospective HOPE Recipient**
 **Star Student**

Significance of Cords

Advanced Curriculum
Blue/Gold

FLAIR Honor Society
Red

GaDOE Fine Arts Honor
Lavender

Honor Graduate
Gold Stole

Volunteerism
Silver

Shepard's Hero
Red

Student Council
Navy Blue

Student-Athlete
Purple/White

Key Club
Navy Blue

Blood Connection Hero
Red

CTAE Pathway
Navy Blue/ Gold

Science Honor
Teal/ Gold

Math Honor
Dark Green/ Gold

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Yarelis M. Padilla

VICE PRESIDENT

Mia I. Enriquez Ortiz

SECRETARY

Anthony DuBois, II

TREASURER

Jaleesa L. Johnson

GRADUATION FACULTY ADVISORS

**Dr. Virginia Dunker, Ms. Crystal Langston, Mrs. Pamela McCorkle,
Mrs. Sallie Manning, and Ms. Kate Watkins**

SENIOR COUNSELORS

Mrs. Emily Kelm & Mrs. Marcy Bradley



The Senior Class wishes to express its appreciation to

Mr. Lynwood Holmes

Fine Arts and World Language Program Administrator

Lucy C. Laney Army JROTC Color Guard,

The ARJ Faculty and Staff for their assistance today

AUGUSTUS ROBERSON JOHNSON HEALTH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING MAGNET SCHOOL

2022-2023 Faculty and Staff

Dr. Emily Driggers, Principal
Mrs. Vicki Knox, Assistant Principal
Ms. Frankie Wright, Assistant Principal

Support Staff

Mrs. Emily Kelm, Counselor
Mrs. Marcy Bradley, Counselor
Mrs. Beth Strickland, Instructional Specialist
Ms. Laurie Grove, Media Specialist
Mrs. Shalene Zanatta, School Social Worker

Faculty

Ms. Mikalia Addison-Rosier, Social Studies
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Dr. Ginger Dunker, Language Arts
Mrs. Amy Ellington, Orchestra
Ms. Syeda Fatima, Mathematics
Ms. Jasmine Freeman, Social Studies
Mrs. Amanda Glover, Science
Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Spanish
Mr. Philip Grabowskii, Language Arts
Mrs. Brandi Harris, Healthcare Science
Ms. Kristina Istre, Science
Ms. Cassie Ito, Science
Mrs. Trista Bridgette Kayea, Mathematics
Mrs. Talithia King, Language Arts
Ms. Crystal Langston, Physical Education
Ms. Donita Legoas, Science

Ms. Leonor Macias, Spanish
Ms. Sallie Manning, Social Studies
Mr. Jonathan Matthews, Language Arts
Mrs. Pamela McCorkle, Music Technology
Ms. Jean Mier, Mathematics
Ms. Elizabeth Miller, Social Studies
Ms. Cathleen O'Shea, Latin
Ms. Roberta Robinson, Language Arts
Mr. Justin Russell, Engineering
Mr. Courtney Safford, Mathematics
Mr. Dennard Scott, STEM
Mr. Christopher Shears, Computer Science
Mr. Darrin Shine, Physical Education
Mrs. Kareshia Tanner, Healthcare Science
Ms. Elaine Ward, Engineering
Ms. Kate Watkins, Science
Ms. Felicia Westbrook, VILS Coach
Ms. N. William, Mathematics
Mrs. Keisha Williams, Engineering
Mr. Brian Williams, Science
Mrs. Denise Wright, Mathematics

Office Professionals

Mrs. Remille Ables, Bookkeeper
Mrs. Shannon Brigham, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Cheryl Brown, Registrar
Ms. Jacquelyn Trigger, Nurse
Mrs. Doris Wearing, Administrative Assistant

School Nutrition

Ms. Pearly Bolton
Mrs. Patricia Furr
Mrs. Alma Johnson
Ms. Teresa Scott
Ms. Susan Stephens, School Nutrition Manager

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Mr. Willie Calvin
Mr. Robert Fallen
Mrs. Fawn Ferguson
Ms. Monique Griffen
Mr. Jonathan Herrington
Mr. Troy Jarvis, Head Custodian

Site Safety Monitor

Dr. Roosevelt Isom, Jr.
Mr. William Johnson

School Resource Officer

Cpl. Vicky Dunn

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We are the hopes of tomorrow.
We are the dreams of today.
We are the students of Johnson.
We are leaders of the way.
Along life's road we'll travel,
First together and then alone,
But never shall we forget the days
When we started out as one.

Purple and White, Royal and Pure,
To you dear Johnson
We shall always be true.

We'll remember Johnson to the end,
The times we shared, the plans we made;
The laughter, the joy, and the tears
Our gain, our loss, our fears.
An institution of learning
An institution of care
An institution of love
That taught us all to share.

Purple and White, Royal and Pure,
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