



CROSS CREEK  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Commencement Exercises

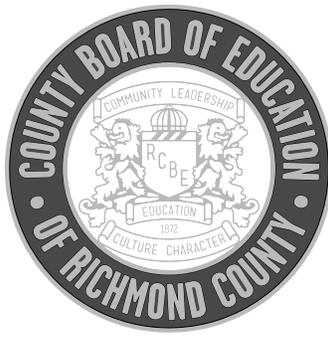


Class of 2023



MAY 24, 2023 • 6:00 PM  
JAMES BROWN ARENA, 601 7TH ST.  
AUGUSTA, GA 30901

SHERRI DARDEN, PRINCIPAL



## **Richmond County Board of Education**

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

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*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. David Yates</b> <i>Assistant Principal</i>
*Processional .....	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar ..... <b>Mr. David Yates</b>
*Presentation of Colors.....	Cross Creek NJROTC
*Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome .....	<b>Ronald Heath</b> <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Inspirational Reading.....	<b>Taniyah Thomas</b> <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Salutatorian Address .....	<b>Samia Evans</b> <i>Salutatorian</i>
Valedictorian Address.....	<b>Candice Rogers</b> <i>Valedictorian</i>
Musical Selection.....	CCHS Choral
Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members, and Superintendent’s Cabinet.....	<b>Ms. Sherri Darden</b> , <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of the Class of 2023 .....	<b>Ms. Sherri Darden</b>
Awarding of Diplomas.....	<b>Ms. Sherri Darden</b> Assisted by: <b>Mr. Charlie B. Walker, Jr.</b> , <i>President of the Richmond County Board of Education</i> <b>Mr. Edward Lowery</b> , <i>Richmond County Board Member, District 6</i> <b>Mrs. Helen Minchew</b> , <i>Richmond County Board Member, District 10 (at-large)</i> <b>Mrs. Latasha Goodman</b> , <i>Assistant Principal</i> <b>Ms. Chanique Hill</b> , <i>Assistant Principal</i> <b>Mr. Anthony Holden</b> , <i>Assistant Principal</i> <b>Mr. David Yates</b>
Scholarship Recognition.....	<b>Ms. Chashawna Wesby</b> <i>Senior Counselor</i>
Tassel Ceremony.....	<b>Akira Anderson</b> <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Alma Mater .....	Class of 2023
*Recessional.....	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Elgar ..... <b>Mr. David Yates</b>

*\*Audience Standing*

## *Candice Ashlee Rogers*

### **Valedictorian**

Candice Ashlee Rogers is the daughter of Sirena and Vincent Rogers. During her time at Cross Creek High School, she was a proud member of the National Honors Society, the Bible Club (Vice President), the Positive Ladies Club, Student Council (Parliamentarian), DECA (Chapter Vice President), Senior Council, and Varsity Cheerleading (Co-Captain). As a cheerleader Candice was awarded Most Dedicated Cheerleader, Best All Around Cheerleader, and the Cheerleading Coaches Award. During her junior year, she was voted Prom Princess. Academically, she has received the Outstanding Performance Awards in Social Science courses, AP Calculus AB, AP Human Geography, AP Environmental Science, and AP English Literature and Composition. She was awarded the Augusta University Black Scholar Award, the Foreign Language Alliance for International Rapport (FLAIR) Award, and the Augusta Coca-Cola Award. Her favorite course was history. She enjoys serving on the Ushers Ministry and Youth Ministry at church as well as the Homeless Outreach Ministry. During her free time, she loves spending time with family. Candice plans on attending the University of Georgia to pursue her bachelor's degree in psychology.



## *Samia LaShay Evans*

### **Salutatorian**

Samia LaShay Evans is the daughter of Yolanda Houston and Samuel Evans. During her time at Cross Creek she was a proud member of the DECA Club, History Club, Positive Ladies Club, Spanish Club, the Debate Team, Student Council, Senior Council, and Varsity Cheerleading Team. Her academic achievements include receiving awards for AP Calculus AB, AP United States History, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Human Geography. Samia has also been recognized for Second Highest Average in her graduating cohort, third place in the Georgia Speech and Debate Competition, and Principal's Honor Roll Award. Her favorite course was AP Seminar. She enjoys writing, reading, cheering, listening to music, and spending time with her family and friends. Samia plans to attend Duke University to pursue her bachelor's degree in public policy with a minor in biology and computer science.



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## *Class of 2023*

Tyvon John-Paul Adams	Katelyn Alexis Gatch ^	Sabrina Mariah Lewis	Dy'nasty Neveah Snow Shaw*^
Jada Leigh Akeson ^ Ø	Jasmine Odell Gause	Trevon Quardrius Lewis	Aiden Blaze Shipley
Akira A'Mya Anderson * ^ +	TyJavian Elijah Gilmer	Jenna Lauren Ligon *	Hunter Nathaniel Sikes ØØ
Sierra Nicole Anderson Ø	Montel Jiquan Gilmore	Marcus Jabez Little	Marypaz Silva Oropeza
Curtis Jayden Annis	Blake Edna Goedart	Antoine Montoya Lorick, III Ø +	Bryant Ke Bruis Simpson
Isam Lee Anthony, Jr.	Nia Vaughn Graham Ø +	Isabella Fiona Lout ^	Jaylen Jermaine Singleton
Kayla Lanae Anthony	Jerwayne Jerlon Grant	Christiana Markia Luke ~ Ø	Dontrel R. Smith
Ra'Shaun Strassi Bailey ^	Jada Madison Gray	Robert Dwight-McCarthy Mabry	Kieon Jermaine Smith
Cayley Nicole Barrow * ^	Ashanti Nadia Green	Donovan James Maclin *^	Alaiya Jha'sel Stevens^
Alisha Lasha' Barton * ^ <	Michael Shane Green	Tylinda Mokia Keyonna Martin ^ Ø +	Dylan Thomas Stevens
Catharine Nichole Baty-Brown	DaNae Christine Gresham	Quaran Acy Mathis	Camya Traneise Strickland
Cecelia Rebecca-Ann Benitez	Kameron Marquis Grissom ^ ~	Toran Asa Mathis Ø	Terry Lloyd Stringer^ Ø+
Aiden James Berry	Cambre Danai Habersham	Jaleel Elijah Matthews	Naleyah Tyiana Sweat*^
Dejah Evette Blount Ø +	Demetria Michelle Hall	Derrick Preston McBride	Ayanna Maranda Taylor
Joseph Paul Bolt * ^ +	Hunter Alex Hall	Colin Elijah Mealing	Ivana Ann-Renee Taylor
Chelsea Bonne-Annee * ^ #	Mason Conner Hall	Kendal Nasir Mealing ^	Trevion Diqua Taylor
Emma Nikol Bowman	Wykyme M. Harding	Janiya Ariana Melton ^	Gavin J. Teal Ø
Shania Te'Asia Bradley	Jayvon Mandrell Harris	Rashard Jaquan Mickens	Lauryn Mikale Terry
Troy-John Elliot Brewster	Jurnee Azariah Harris ^	Jeremiah Eugene Middleton * ^	Aniyah Arian Thomas^
Christopher Leverte Brown	Tyler Mayamiko Harrison	Deon Marquise Morgan	Mya Sanyia Thomas^
Kyndell Renee' Brown ^	Jayda Alyce Hawkins	Mercedes Latrice Morgan * ^	Taniya Marcella Thomas*^+
Richard Jaylin Burch	Ronald Montell Heath * ^	Adrian Bernard Morris ^ Ø	Jaydon Jahiem Thompson^
Aaliyah Antoinette Burton * ^	Tynisha C. Heath ^	Mary Elizabeth Morris * ^	Jalen Daeshon Tolbert
Lillian Aviana Camille Burton ^	Miles Kersey Heisekell	Vernanda Ann Morris ~	Irene Iyona Tolliver-Mims^
Joycelyn Amia Bussey	Savanna Elaine Herrington	Caroline Jean Murphy Ø	Kelly Grace Towner
Tristan Pharrell Carpenter	Johnny Lavell Hester	Hannah Jade O'Berry	Gregory Allen Tripp III
Faith Annabella Carver ^ Ø	Lauren Janae Hightower * ^	Michael Anthony Odums ~	Justin Thomas Turberville
Ethan Anthony Cerenord	De'Kel Lashaud Hobbs * ^	Jamya Eumeeka Orr	Ashton Shabiyas Upson
Laura Monique Chaverst ^	Paris Nyila Holcombe ^	Grace Alexandria Owens	Michael Kennedy Wade
Brittany Nicole Clark * ^	Janaesha Nicole Holliday	Mayah Simone Page Ø +	Cariea Diane Washington
Candace Lynette Clark	Violet Denise Holman	Sarah Marie Palmer Ø Ø	Diavalo Fernandez Washington
Melanie Marie Cooper	Jada Marie Hudson ^	Jaden Grace Paris	Robert Leigh Whitehead
Kalieh Inuk Correa Ø +	Connor Joseph Huffman ^	Elijah Lavoy Parker	Diamond Monae Williams
Kenneth Prestone Crider	Isiah Jeremiah Hutton * ^	Jaden Clarence Patterson	Makenzie Sharnai Williams
Treyvon Deondre Counts	Logan Gabrielle Ingram ^ Ø +	Jalen Daniel Peck	Casson B. Willis^
Aaron Michael Crum	Corey Keiardrea Jackson	Kourtney Renee Peel ^	Michaela Gail Marie Wilson^~
Jeremiah Jerrell Crumpton	Jordan Amaree Jackson	Kanye Talia Perkins	ZaKiya Leslie Rob'nicca Wimberly
Carmen Maria Daily ^ Ø	Jamaal B Jennings	Winton Marcell Phillips ^ Ø +	Taylor Amir Wynn
Quatavious Keysean Davis	Aaron Matthew Jenigan ^	Takerra Zamyia Peirce ^	Jalayah Yasmine Yarbary
Ashley Michelle Dickerson	Justin Iykeem Jobs	Casandra Marie Powell	Kayla Rayne Zanger
Haley Nicole Dubose Ø	Hannah Noelle Johnson	Alicia Michelle Prince ~	
Emmily Nevaeh Dunn	Ashanti Jones ^	Jeremiah Antoine Purdis	<b>Key to Symbols:</b>
Jayden Meki Dunn	Cassie Lynn Jordan * ^ ~ Ø +	Markell Brandon Pyatt * ^	^ <b>Hope Potential</b>
Douglas Edwards, Jr. Ø	Christian Marshall Jordan * ^	Marcel K Rainey	* <b>Honor Grad</b>
Myles Alexander Edwards	Dayonna AD Joseph ^	Jayla Aiyahna Riley ^	+ <b>Completed Pathways</b>
Samia LaShay Evans * ^	Jasmine Jewel Joubert * ^	Ali Page Roberts ^ Ø	~ <b>Fine Art</b>
Isabella Grace Faglier	Kaleb M. Joyner ^ Ø	Samara Nicolette Robinson ^ ~	< <b>Star Student</b>
Armando Lopez Flores-Lopez, Jr.	Elijah Kauila Kaniho * ^ Ø +	Candice Ashlee Rogers * ^	Ø <b>CTAE Pathway Skills Diploma Seal</b>
Ronald Maurice Ford * ^	Megan Christina Kemp ^ +	Dusten Gregory Rosario	Ø <b>CTAE Leadership Skills Diploma Seal</b>
Scicily Amari Forman^~	Zaria Delise Keys	Iyanna Leilonie Ruiz	# <b>CTAE Distinguished Employability Soft Skills Seal</b>
Jerrold Curtis Freeman, Jr.	Amarionna Tykira Lane	De'Shon Deundre Scott * ^	
Brinson James Frost +	Darren Mekhi Lanham * ^	TreShone Delonte' Scott * ^	
Ro'Drena Nicole Garner	Khamani Troy Lawrence ^	Stacy Elaine Seago * ^	
Kemiyana Jermiah Garrett	Demetria Michelle Lawson	Kenyari Latrelle Searles ^	
Willie James Gassett, Jr.	Aniyah Lajune Lewis	Melanie Rachel Self	

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



## **Honor Regalia**

- Honor Graduate** ~ Double Gold Cord  
**Fine Arts Honor Diploma Seal** ~ Lavender  
**FLAIR** ~ Red Cord  
**Math Team** ~ Kelly Green Cord  
**National Honor Society** ~ Blue & Gold Cord  
**Math Honor** ~ Green & Gold Cord  
**NJROTC Honor Cadet** ~ Blue & Gold Cord  
**CTAE Honor Cord** ~ Purple Cord  
**FBLA Honor** ~ Gold & Blue Braided Cord  
**Social Studies Honor** ~ Navy & Gold  
**Science Honor** ~ Orange Cord  
**Century Club** ~ White Tassel, Cord, or Stole  
**AP Art Cord** ~ Multicolored Cord  
**Spanish Pathway** ~ Red & Gold Cord  
**French Pathway** ~ White, Blue, & Red Cord  
**Four Year Language** ~ Red & Black Cord  
**Advanced Curriculum Honor** ~ Blue & Gold Cord  
**FFA Honor** ~ Blue Stole  
**FCCLA** ~ Red & White Cord  
**Volunteerism Honor** ~ Silver Cord  
**DECA Honor** ~ White & Blue Cord, White Stole

## **GRADUATION COMMITTEE**

- Ms. Sherri Darden  
Mrs. Latasha Goodman  
Ms. Chanique Hill  
Mr. Anthony Holden  
Mr. David Yates  
Mrs. Leandrea Goolsby  
Ms. Palmira Johnson  
Ms. Chashawna Wesby  
Mr. Robert Jackson

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## *Faculty and Staff*

### **Principal**

Sherri Darden

### **Assistant Principal**

Latasha Goodman  
Chanique Hill  
Anthony Holden  
David Yates

### **Guidance Counselors**

Leandra Goolsby  
Palmira Johnson  
Chashawna Wesby

### **Media Specialist**

Zachary Burch

### **Title I Parent Facilitator**

Joseph Parsons

### **Instructional Specialist**

April Demsko-Dawson

### **Language Arts**

Emilee Dyches  
Phillip Dyches  
Alicia Garnett  
Robert Jackson  
Brian Neill  
Jaquetta Ransom  
Shinika Simmons

### **Foreign Language**

Vasco N'Kutula  
Elvira Nieves  
Carlos Rios  
Dialmarys Velez

### **Career Technology Education**

Tiffany Brooks  
Stacey Henderson  
Deborah Major  
Dennis Merrion  
Dr. Linda Washington  
Shamika Zinnerman

### **Science Department**

Charmaine Bridges  
Angelica Briers  
Christopher Fitzgerald  
Krystal Holland  
Cornell Grate  
Salina Patton  
William Saunders-Cummings

### **NJROTC**

STGC Wayne Scott  
Judith Vanderwaal D'orooco

### **PE/Health Department**

Ezzard Horn  
Lawrence Kelly  
Kim Schlein  
David Scouten

### **Math Department**

Elvina Bezue  
Tiesha Donigan  
Goutham Gondrala  
Mekayla Marshall  
Nelson Patton  
Keisha Stewart  
Andrea Triplett  
Ceona Wright

### **Social Studies**

Rebecca Abstance  
Dr. John Baker  
Shannon Coble  
Darnell Grainger  
Dr. Patricia Morales  
Curtis Osborn  
Poria Welsh

### **Fine Arts**

Erskine Fleming  
Rochelle Garman  
Jerome Peterson

### **Special Education**

Renee Blackwell-Nix  
Becky Cole  
ReSharda Coleman  
Imogene Crowder

Robert Hawes  
Brittney Johnson-Neal  
Cori Morgan  
Tiffany Rogers  
Gloria Williams  
Becky Winslow  
Bryan Wright

### **Teacher Assistants**

Shaolin Boston  
Patricia Robinson  
Jarrett Williams

### **Public Safety Officer**

Christopher Smith

### **Nurse**

Beverly Jeffers

### **Administrative Support Staff**

Kimberly Holloway-Mays  
Tamika McNeal  
Angela Smith  
Tiffany Strand  
Tammie Thompson  
Kristy Wright

### **Custodians**

Annette Hicks  
Sharon Baxter  
Frank Bush  
Ronald Chapman  
Cassandra Green  
Douglas Dortch  
Janice Dunbar  
David Jackson  
Andrew Jordan  
Ronald Kilgore  
Shantae Walton

### **Lunchroom**

Sandy Holden  
Cheryl Burke  
Felicia Bush  
Charlene Farmer  
Latonya Jones  
Primrose Jones  
Cathy Thompkins



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# Alma Mater



Written by Sonya Bailey & Students, 2000

AT THE CROSSING OF THE CREEKS  
HEARTS AND HANDS UNITE  
AS KNOWLEDGE WE WILL SEEK  
AND STRIVE TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.  
TRADITIONS COMING DOWN  
AS NEW BEGINNINGS WE SEE  
OUR DREAMS THEY KNOW NO BOUNDS  
AS ONE WE LEARN TO BE.  
WE'LL REMEMBER, WE'LL BE TRUE  
CROSS CREEK LIVES ON IN YOU  
WE'LL REMEMBER, WE'LL ADORE  
CROSS CREEK HIGH FOREVERMORE.