

CLASS OF 2023

Thirty-seventh Commencement

John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

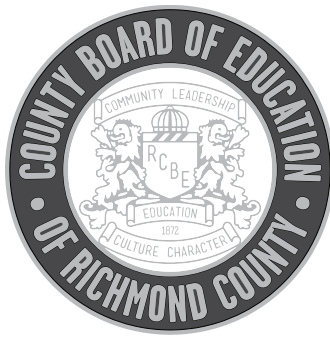
Renee A. Kelly, Ed. D.

Principal



FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023 | 11AM

JAMES BROWN ARENA
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



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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.

JOHN S. DAVIDSON FINE ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

Commencement Program

*Processional.....	“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar
*Pledge of Allegiance	Brian Sadenwasser <i>Senior Representative</i>
Welcome	Danielle Vergara <i>Student Council President</i>
Introduction of Salutatorian	Mrs. Samantha Holt <i>Latin Teacher</i>
Inspirational Address.....	Song Ting Tang <i>Salutatorian</i>
Introduction of Valedictorian	Mrs. Cindy Folger <i>Dance Teacher</i>
Graduation Address	Tyler Sims <i>Valedictorian</i>
Recognition of Superintendent, Superintendent’s Cabinet, and Board Members.....	Dr. Reneé Kelly, Principal
Presentation of the Class of 2023	Dr. Reneé Kelly
Awarding of Diplomas, Honors, Grants & Scholarships.....	Dr. Reneé Kelly 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> Dr. LeNessa Clark, <i>Assistant Principal</i> Clinton Saunders, <i>Assistant Principal</i> Elizabeth Schow, <i>Counselor</i> Gina Bassford, <i>Lead Counselor</i> Renee Toole, <i>Fine Arts Coordinator</i>
Tassel Ceremony.....	Kylee Blount <i>Senior Class President</i>
Musical Selection & Closing	Davidson Chorale Seniors “Somewhere” arranged by Robert Edgerton Phillip Streetman, <i>Director</i> “Trumpet Voluntary” by Henry Purcell

*Audience Standing



Tyler Sims

Valedictorian

Tyler Sims is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Elmore and Stephanie Sims. He is president of the Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society, Varsity Math Club, and Model United Nations. Tyler is an active member of the Student Council, National Beta Club, English Honor Society, Dance Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. He was named a Georgia Certificate of Merit Scholar, Bovard Scholar, and QuestBridge Scholar. Tyler is the recipient of Letter in the Arts award for dance, Watson-Brown Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, CNTA Scholarship, Ryan Clark Scholarship, and Live Like Lily Kate Scholarship. Tyler has been a part of the Youth Board. Tyler is a longtime member and leader of the Westobou Junior Board, 4-H County Council, and The Hill Youth. Tyler will attend the University of Georgia in the fall as a student of the Terry College of Business where he plans on double majoring.



Song Ting Tang

Salutatorian

Song Ting Tang is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yao Liang Tang and Yan Shen. He is president of Beta Club, vice president of Student Council, attendee of the Governor's Honors Program, first singles player on the tennis team, member of the Academic Decathlon team, art teacher at the CSRA Chinese School, representative for Youth Leadership Augusta, and Richmond County Student Advisory Council. He is a National Merit Finalist, STAR Student of the county and region, AP Scholar with Distinction, and Georgia Merit Scholar. He is also the recipient of the Harvard Book award, Citizenship Award, and LITA in visual arts and band. He received the Watson-Brown Scholarship and the Augusta Xi Scholarship. Song Ting will be attending Princeton University and majoring in Molecular Biology.

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2023 Graduates

Marton Bagi + ^
Kadija Kayla Bah + ^
Samuel Joseph Barbee +
Jessica Lauren Barela + ^
Joshua Jerome Benson
Brady Alexander Bentley
Catherine Elizabeth Blanchard + ^
Kylee Valencia Blount + ^
Matthew Ezechial Bonitatibus
Angela Arrington Bowden + ^
Kiara Daniele Bowman ^
Mikinna Lael Bradley + ^
Emily Nicole Broadwater
Breland Diana Brogan + ^
Tayla Shanece Brown +
Faith Eleanor Bullington + ^
Raven Elizabeth Bussey + ^
Cylicia Nevaeh Cassidy Byrd-Keller + ^
Rachel Berit Cain + ^
Lauren Rose Cawthon + ^
Arianna Gabrielle Clarke +
Nifishe Toluwani Coe + ^
James Carl Coleman ^
Summer Violet Cooper ^
Camille LaVonne Cooperwood
Heaven Leigh Counts ^
Nyla Elise Crowell
Haydin Marie Cully
Savannah Jordan Doggette +
Jessica Jane Duggan
Stephanie Precious Oluoma Echere + ^
Tayla Jean Eller + ^
Alexis Ann Forner + ^
Brieonnah Marie Gaither ^
Elizabeth Marie Gautreau +
Molly Katherine Griffin + ^
Raymond Levi Guthrie + ^
Carrington Alexandra Harris + ^
Kiara Latrice Henley ^
Mallory Breenan Henley
Madison Bella Heyman + ^

Olivya Damya Hicks + ^
Nadia Noelle Jacobs + ^
Dylan Mason James +
Kendall Johnson + ^
Owen Harris Johnston + ^
Kennedi Shanya Jones ^
Frances Annette Kennedy +
Samuel David Kershner
Kayla Saniya Kitson + ^
Laouratou Lila Kouyate + ^
Jessley Vale Letbetter + ^
Genesis Yanniely Maestre-Ruperto + ^
Autumn Nikole Malonjao ^
Ty Lateishia Lee Manley
Jesse Ezekiel Mays + ^
Lillian Grace McGowan +
Andrew Joseph McMahon + ^
Daisy Kathleen Mills
Elizabeth Makenzie Mooney + ^
Martha Kate Morrison + ^
Tamia Renae Mozzone ^
Caleb Michael Nelson +
Rylee Kay Olson +
Alyce-Dean Elam Owens + ^
Taneya Monai Neshelle Pinkston
Janiya Charlize Reed + ^
Kindle Cassidy Reeves + ^
Brooklyn Elise Reynolds + ^
Jadieana Symone Robinson + ^
Lee Marie Sabovich +
Brian Sadenwasser +
Emma Lynne Schuyler
Morgyn Nicole Scott +
Madison Elizabeth Scott ^
Amarion Jaquinten Sea ^
Anna Bridget Shuford + ^
Conner Joshua Sims + ^
Tyler Adam Sims * + ^
Emma Leigh Sganga + ^
Ashley Brison Smith + ^
Avice Janae Smith + ^

Howard Ruben Smith ^
Tatyana Lei Smith + ^
Andrew Joseph Snowberger + ^
Tyler Mayes Spruill + ^
Shantavia Na'Khia Starks ^
Kathleen Nicole Swint ^
Song Ting Tang ** ~ + ^
Autumn Rain Taylor + ^
Mekhi Shajeed-Nasir Thomas
Divine Sondra Thompson ^
Anslie Thorp + ^
Lucy Rebecca Tomeo + ^
Lucienne Kaye Tompkins +
Nyomi Ann Troy +
Danielle Mae Vergara + ^
Charles Bruce Walker + ^
Caleb Alexander Walters +
Iyonna JaMyia Ward ^
Christian David Weston +
Sophia Monique Williams + ^
Yasmine Savannah Williams + ^
Jordan Wright Wilson +
Heaven Ne'Veah Winfrey
Christie Tian Wu + ^

Key to Symbols:

+ **Honor Graduate**

* **Valedictorian**

** **Salutatorian**

~ **Star Student**

^ **Fine Arts Diploma Seal**



Graduation Marshals

Ava Bai
Madison Bold
Peyton DeLoach
Molly Drake
Iris Moore
Mary Oliff Johnston
Myah Rodriguez-Alvarado



Description of Honor Regalia

Advanced Placement Coursework – Blue and Gold Cord
Bi-literacy Program – Diploma Seal
Career Ready – Diploma Seal
Fine Arts – Lavender Cord and Diploma Seal
FLAIR: Foreign Language Alliance for International Rapport – Red Cord and Diploma Seal
Georgia Scholar – Diploma Seal
Governor's Honors Program – Silver, Blue and Black Cord
Honor Graduate – Gold Cord
Honor Thespian – Gold and Blue Cord and Diploma Seal
International Honor Thespian – Royal Blue Stole and Diploma Seal
Leadership in the Arts – Medal and Diploma Seal
Mu Alpha Theta – Light Blue and Gold Cord and Diploma Seal
National Art Honor Society – Multi-colored Cord and Diploma Seal
National Beta Club – Gold Stole and Diploma Seal
National English Honor Society – Blue and Gold Cord
National Honor Society for Dance Arts – Light Blue and White Cord and Diploma Seal
National Honor Thespian – Medal and Diploma Seal
National Latin Honor Society – Gold and Purple Cord
Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society – Royal Blue and White Cord
Salutatorian – Medal and Diploma Seal
Shepard Community Blood Center – Red Cord
Science National Honor Society – Gold, Teal and Purple Cord and Diploma Seal
Student Council – Royal Blue Cord
Tri-M Music Honor – Pink Cord and Diploma Seal
Valedictorian – Medal and Diploma Seal
Volunteerism – Silver Cord

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Members of the Faculty and Staff

Dr. Reneé Kelly, Principal *

Dr. LeNessa Clark, Assistant Principal *

Clinton Saunders, Assistant Principal *

School Counselors

Gina Bassford *

Elizabeth Schow *

Instructional Specialist

Madeline Sellers*

Language Arts

Curtis Adams

Katelyn Hamilton *+

Jennifer Knight

Jamie Sadenwasser

Corinne Veale

Virginia Veale

Juliana Taylor *

Mathematics

Crystal Arnold

Kathryn Bergeron

Jennifer Fuller

Amy Harriman

Latanya Jackson

Tiffany Tatem

Science

Lisa Brown*

Carl Hammond-Beyer

Sandra McCullough

Sierra Mannix

Dr. Marsha Moorman

Faith Huntington

Social Studies

James Bower

Lee King

James Samaha

Melody Spires-Howe*

Karen Thompson

Genevieve Williams

Foreign Language

Samantha Mealing Holt

Penny von der Luft

Health & Physical Education

Erica Johnson

Adam Kowalczyk

Fine Arts

James Brewer

Cori Daniels

Rebecca Brune

Franklin Delgado

Donna Foerster

Cindy Folger

Leron James

Paul Hennessy

Latasha Louis

Sharon Mayfield

Carey Mogianesi

Phillip Streetman

Dr. Laura Tomlin

Renee Toole *

Elizabeth Walpert

Ben Wheeler

Media Specialist

Brittany Key

Office Personnel

Nikki Collier

Darlene Hoffman

Julie Landis

Aletha Toy

Katie Knoke*

Student Support

Trish Kilpatrick

Nurse

LaVold Howard

Safety Officer

Vicky Dunn

Custodians

Fred Bush

Frederick Cowins

Teresa Gordon

Leon Lewis

Carolyn Madison

School Nutrition

Tariq Cherry

Stephanie Martin

Shari Barrows

Phyllis Murray

April Roundtree

KEY:

* **Graduation Committee**

+ **Star Teacher**

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Alma Mater

To Davidson Fine Arts School,

Our Alma Mater dear,

The gifts you have given,

It's these we do revere.

It's you we'll remember,

You we will cherish,

As we go on our way.

For this we pledge to always remain

Forever true to DFA.