



South Aiken High School

Class of 2023

Commencement Exercises

Thursday, June 8, 2023

2:00 P.M.

University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center

Aiken, South Carolina

**SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL
2022 2023 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS**

Student Body President.....Paul Hugh Hommel

Senior Class President.....Aydan Lee Nguyen Masterson

Senior Class Vice PresidentOlivia Morgan Gallardo

Senior Class SecretaryCaroline Sarah Bowers

Senior Class Treasurer.....Jules Aubrey Brown

Senior Class Honorary Member.....Natalie Grace Cannon

Senior Class Honorary Member.....Hannah Grace Escalante

Senior Class Honorary Member.....Landon Joseph Park

Senior Class Honorary Member.....Madelyn Grace Royals

Senior Class Honorary Member..... Isabella Renee Reesor

Senior Class Honorary Member.....Kaylee Grace Young

AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
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DSTIRICT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. King Laurence
Superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools

Mr. M. O. Traxler, III
Chief Financial Officer

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Chief Officer of Human Resources and Administration

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Chief Officer of Instruction

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Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services

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Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools

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Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs

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Director of Communications and Community Partnerships

AREA 1 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Albertine Grant, *Chairman*
Mr. Clarence Jackson, *Vice Chairman*
Ms. Linda Karapatakis
Mr. Ryan Orr
Mr. John Pettigrew
Mr. Joshua Raines
Mr. Eugene White

ORDER OF CEREMONY

*PROCESSIONAL..... “Pomp and Circumstance”
by Edgar Elgar

PRESIDING..... Mr. Samuel Fuller
Principal

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTSMr. Samuel Fuller
Principal

*NATIONAL ANTHEMAydan Lee Nguyen Masterson
Senior Class President

WELCOME..... Paul Hugh Hommel
Student Body President

SUPERINTENDENT’S ADDRESS.....Mr. King Laurence
Superintendent

BOARD MEMBER’S ADDRESS.....Mr. Cameron Nuessle
Board Chairman

PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS.....Mr. Samuel Fuller
Principal

SALUTATORY ADDRESS..... Marie Yochabel Parungao
Salutatorian

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS..... Zane Hampton Leigh
Valedictorian

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....Mr. Samuel Fuller
Principal

In order to

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMPLETERS

Chase Ephraim Adams
Greyson Gage Airington
Christie Garduno Alaniz
Kaitlynn Hope Alsbrooks
Joshua Lee Ancrum
Jessica Arreguin Mejia
Briel Natalie Basnight
Trinity Benet Bates
Elijah Makale Battle
Nathaniel James Bazen
Christina Marie Benton
Cayden William Bonner
Garyson Edward Bostic
Kelvin Darnard Braxton
Landen Michael Briatico
Kearsten Destiny Broach
Isis Leilani Bryant
Manuel Campos
Kameron Tate Carter
Lane Tyler Carter
Deven Alyssa Charles
Zachary Michael Cissell
Ja'vez Treyvon Coates
Alexander Cobbs
Suzanna Elise Coker
Aidan Pierce Cook
Kayden Corbett
Kensley Corbett
Avery Alice Crane
Tylan Jacobi Creech
Stephaun Jalen Cullum Jackson
Jade Isabella Davis
McKenna Kay Deets
Alondra Patricia DeLeon
Krystian Sebastian Dobrzycki
Hannah Grace Escalante
Taylor Marie Fazekas
Abel Flores-Garcia

Dabyus Jermo'n Ford
Katherine Grace Forker
Alden Jacob Gantt
Yajaira Garcia
Mason Orlando Ginn
Sinceer Ni'shun Glover
Thomas Austin Glover
Kaden Nathanal Gorham
Rachael Celeste Graham
Ansley Kate Green
Faith Neel Griffin
William Barrett Hagan
Quentin Lee Hall
Jackson David Hammett
Paisley Brielle Hammonds
Cris'tion A'maya Harley
Jamesha Raquel Hatcher
Rileigh Nicole Higgins
Isabella Renee Ibarra
Jeffery Derick Jackson
Noah James Jacobs
Andrew Tyler Jenkins
Kenneth LaMorris Zonnie Jenkins
Kaden Joseph-

SEAL OF BILITERACY

The South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy advances the state's and Aiken County School District's commitment to preparing every learner for college- and career-readiness in an increasingly international community by recognizing learners who attain levels of proficiency in English and at least one other world language required in the global workforce. South Carolina, is one of 40 other states who award the Seal of Biliteracy.

To earn the Seal of Biliteracy students must meet rigorous requirements and provide evidence of achieving the required level of language proficiency in English plus one or more other languages. Students must meet the rigorous criteria for both English and another language, regardless of the students first language.

Jessica Arreguin Mejia
Mariza Benitez Guzman
Isidora Antonia Carvajal Munoz
Kiany Marie Colon-Collazo
Alondra Patricia DeLeon

Hannah Escalante
Lauren Mackenzie Kling
Luis Alejandro Morales Mendez
Arleth Michelle Osorio Garcia
Madelyn Grace Royals

SENIOR SCHOLARS

Aiken County recognizes students as Senior Scholars for maintaining academic excellence throughout their high school career. Senior Scholars must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75, rank in the top 10% of the class, and have earned a minimum of a "B" in every class during each quarter of high school.

Caroline Sarah Bowers
Jules Aubrey Brown
Natalie Grace Cannon
Lane Tyler Carter
Isidora Antonia Carvajal Munoz
Deven Alyssa Charles
Claire Elizabeth Chostner
Avery Alice Crane
Ryan Michael Davis
Hannah Grace Escalante
Robert Miles Eubanks
Olivia Morgan Gallardo
Lexi Cashmere Goodwin
Cassidy Michelle Green
Diana Maria Haltiwanger
Kinalya Isabel Hughes

Lauren Mackenzie Kling
Zane Hampton Leigh
Caroline Joy Luton
Camden Ellis McKinney
Madeline Grace Molidor
Aydan Lee Nguyen Masterson
Landon Joseph Park
Noah Richard Parr

HONORS

VALEDICTORIAN

Zane Hampton Leigh

SALUTATORIAN

Marie Yochabel Parungao

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Caroline Sarah Bowers
Jules Aubrey Brown
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Hannah Grace Escalante
Robert Miles Eubanks
Olivi EMC P2ubanks

CUM LAUDE

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Hailey Elizabeth Ardis
Althea Abadilla Bascos
Mariza Benitez Guzman
Cameron Bryan Biddle
Jaxsen John Briatico
Landen Michael Briatico
Isis Leilani Bryant
David Vaughn Burkhalter
Blake Hampton Carter
Aaron Cole
Aidan Pierce Cook
Stephaun Jalen Cullum Jackson
Christina Marie Derrick
Krystian Sebastian Dobrzycki
Amy Sinclair Draeger
Ashleigh Christina Fair
Janai Alyssa Gardner
Jami Danielle Gaskins
Jack David Green
Jason Alexander Grimes
Katelyn Grace Hagan
Jacob Samuel Heyward
Benjamin Kirk Hildebrand
Anya Rebecca Hommel
Katelyn Amber Irby
Jeffery Derick Jackson
Noah James Jacobs

SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL
2022 2023 GRADUATING CLASS

Joshua David Acuna	Abraham Hasiel Chavez
Chase Ephraim Adams	Aniya Nicole Chavis
Greyson Gage Airington	Claire Elizabeth Chostner***
Omolola Olamiposi Akanbi	Ethan Ray Christmas
Christie Garduno Alaniz	Zachary Michael Cissell
Kaitlynn Hope Alsbrooks	Carson Garner Clark
Joshua Lee Ancrum	Sky Ann Clarke
Talan James Anderson	Caleb Osbourne Clements
Alyssa Ann Ard**	Ja'vez Treyvon Coates
Hailey Elizabeth Ardis*	
Jessica Arreguin Mejia	
Jasmin Arreguin-Zamora	
Christopher Michael Atkinson	
Stephen Jeffrey Baker**	
Althea Abadilla Bascos*	
Briel Natalie Basnight	
Neva Elizabeth Bassett	
Trinity Benet Bates	
Elijah Makale Battle	
Nathaniel James Bazen	
Mariza Benitez Guzman*	
Christina Marie Benton**	
Cameron Bryan Biddle*	
Cayden William Bonner	
Garyson Edward Bostic	
Caroline Sarah Bowers***	
Grace Arizona Bowers**	
Joshua David Boyer	
Tamara Aiyana Brantley	
Benjamin Whitted Brash	
Kelvin Darnard Braxton	
Jaxsen John Briatico*	
Landen Michael Briatico*	
Kearsten Destiny Broach**	
Ahren Stephen Brown	
Jade Elizabeth Brown	
Jules Aubrey Brown***	
Isis Leilani Bryant*	
David Vaughn Burkhalter*	
Annabelle Jean Cadden	
Manuel Campos	
Natalie Grace Cannon***	
Gerald Richard Carroll	
Blake Hampton Carter*	
Kameron Tate Carter**	
Lane Tyler Carter***	
Isidora Antonia Carvajal Munoz***	
Deven Alyssa Charles***	

Mary Helen Fazekas
Taylor Marie Fazekas
Olivia Pearl Feinauer***
Abel Flores-Garcia
Dabyus Jermo'n Ford
Katherine Grace Forker
Amariyana Skye Foster
Akua Anyanewaa Frempong
Olivia Morgan Gallardo***
Gabriel Demetrios Gammon

Karley Love Martinez**
Alec Robert Nguyen Masterson*
Aydan Lee Nguyen Masterson***
Madeline Christine Matthews**
Carter Matthew McAlpin**
Colby Matthews McCaw

Aidan Scott VanPelt
John William Vaught**
Katelyn Jane Ventura**
Lauren Faith Walden
Alexia Sage Walker*
Calvin Earl Walker*
Damari Nasir Walker
Savanna Ardell Welch**
Emily Jean Westberry**
Scott Rawlins Wheatley**
Riley Paul Wheeler
Sanaa Octavia Whosendove
Alexis Marie Williams
Luke Mcswain Williams***
Mykeria Dnasia Williams
Ta'Lyric Ni'jay Williams
Tyreke Jakwan Williams
Landon Parker Williamson
Jaleya Keeshay Wilson
Jaelynn Danilah Windham
Diane Woo
Angel Lynn Wood
Ian Sage Woodward
Logan Elizabeth Wren
Kendra Jayne Wright
Ashley James Yaughn**
Kaylee Grace Youngaughn

HONOR CORDS

Honor cords are worn during commencement ceremonies to signify distinguished members of prominent academic honor societies students participated in during high school.

Beta Club
Black & Gold

Mu Alpha Theta
Light Blue & Gold

Career Readiness Standards
Silver

Music Honor Society
Pink

College Readiness Standards
Green

National Art Honor Society
Multi-Color

College & Career Readiness Standards
Green & Silver Twisted

National Honor Society
Gold

German Honor Society
Red, Black, & Gold

National Spanish Honor Society
Red and Gold

Military After High School
(delayed entry program)
Red, White, & Blue

National Technical Honor Society

MARSHALS

Bayer Keisler Dawsey

Anna Elizabeth Karius

USHERS

Brianna Kennedy Brown
Gavin Anthony Carraway
Anna Kathleen Dzikowski
Obiora Chidi Eneje
Robert James Etheridge
Jolie Blu Goodwin
Sydney Georgia Green

Damaris Guillen
William Haltiwanger
Jacob Thomas Hamm
Caroline Annabelle Kidd
Grace Elizabeth Nuessle
Sophie Grace Walls

STAGE ASSISTANT

Gabriel Anderson Ray

Special thanks to the South Aiken High School NJROTC unit for their assistance

**SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL
ALMA MATER**

*On the plains of faith and truth
Stands South Aiken High;
Where we've overcome our failings
To attain our goals set high.
Time may haze cherished memories
We have held so long,
Still we praise thee ever as we sing,
"Hail, South Aiken High."*