



South Aiken High School

Class of 2023

*Commencement Exercises*

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**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 President .....Olivia Morgan Gallardo

Senior Class Secretary .....Caroline 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  
Mr. Dwight Smith, Vice Chairman  
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Mrs. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson  
Mr. Brian Silas  
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

### **DSTIRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. King Laurence  
*Superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools*

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

Mrs. Jennifer Hart  
*Chief Officer of Human Resources and Administration*

Dr. Amy Edwards  
*Chief Officer of Instruction*

Dr. Corey Murphy  
*Chief Officer of Operations and Student Services*

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*Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools*

Mrs. Julie Revelle  
*Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools*

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*Assistant Superintendent of High Schools*

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*Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools*

Mrs. Beth Taylor  
*Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs*

Ms. Merry Glenne Piccolino  
*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 GUESTS .....Mr. Samuel Fuller  
*Principal*

\*NATIONAL ANTHEM .....Aydan 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 Cg(Kn

## 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**

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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  
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."*