Commencement Ceremony
Class of 2023

University of North Texas Coliseum
May 26, 2023 at 11 a.m.
Principal
Marcus Bourland

Assistant Principal
Barbara Sides

Counselors
Amy Williams, School Counselor
Susan Reyes, Career Counselor

2023 Student Council Representatives
Laisha Gauna
Alma Huerta
Tyra Phillips
Mirka Saldana
Commencement Program 2023

Processional “Pomp & Circumstance” ................................. by Sir Edward Elgar

Opening of Commencement ................................................ Marcus Bourland
Principal

Pledge of Allegiance ............................................................. Tyra Phillips
2023 Student Council Representative

National Anthem “The Star Spangled Banner” ...................... by Francis Scott Key
Recording by the United States Army Band

Introductions of Distinguished Guests .................................. Laisha Gauna
2023 Student Council Representative

Faculty Recognitions ............................................................. Alma Huerta
2023 Student Council Representative

Senior Address ................................................................. Andrew Larsen, Class of 2023 Salutatorian
Isaac Meza, Class of 2023 Valedictorian

Teacher Address ............................................................... Jeffrey Dan Smith
LaGrone Academy Teacher

Senior Video ................................................................. Produced by LaGrone Media Productions

Principal's Address and Presentation of Graduate Candidates .... Marcus Bourland
Principal

Certification of Graduates ................................................... Dr. James K. Wilson, III
Superintendent

Changing of the Tassel ........................................................ Mirka Saldana
2023 Student Council Representative

Alma Mater ................................................................. by Lance and Kaitlyn Candler
Recording by DHS Choir

Recessional “Procession of Nobles ” ................................. by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
Candidates for Graduation 2023

Festus Adeola Adesida
Ross Clayton Alexander
Emilia Elise Allen
Alissa Marie Anquoe
Anderson Watkins Johnson Atkinson
Teleigh Jene Berry
Jamie Lyn Bradford
Nathaniel Dale Bradley
Max Harrison Broadhurst
Savannah Rose Bruton
Malachi Breyden Butler
Maryann Elizabeth Byrne
Brayden Lynn Campbell
Frank Angelo Carlos
Karlee Ryann Carlton
Thomas Michael Centorcelli
Matthew Steven Chandler
Tariah Lynae Choice
Evan William Cochran
Saraiya Mackenzie Conley-Williams
Gavin Cole Cowart
DeAnna Erin Mary Daub
Jerry Dale Davis III
Leslie Delarosa
Kendall Mary Evelyn Dickinson
Peyton Ivan Dodds
Kole Chandler Domingos
Mattie Lynn Dorman
Brandon Michael Doty
Shylynn Chase Lee Duren
Hugo Rolando Espinoza
Alexa Eilyn Euan
Caitlin Ann Flener
Anicia Renae Flores
Ivette Flores
Ximena Marisol Flores
Joel Matthew Francis
Zachary Austin Freelove
Sheyly Nineth Fuentes Galo
Edgar Sebastian Garcia JR
Julissa Giselle Garcia
Laisha Ximena Gauna
Santana Manuel Golden
Sarah Elizabeth Guevara
Brilynn LeeAnn Hatten
Angel Gabriel Hernandez
Jorge Hernandez Mejia
Kerly Dayana Hernandez Rosero
Lily Beth Hill
Nicholas Joshua Hill
Samarria Marie Hollis
Mikayla Grace Howe
Alma Carolina Huerta
Olivia Belen Ibarra
Jayda Ambreen Jenkins
Max David Jordan
Stephen Daniel Klingsheim
Colin Michael Koja
Alexis Morgan Kralicek
Marie-Chantal Kumodzi
Andrew McBeth Larsen
John Mark Lent

1 – Valedictorian, 2 – Salutatorian, 3 – National Merit Scholars,
4 – Advanced Placement Scholars, 5 – National Honor Society
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Alma Mater

To the school we love so dear
That taught us ne’er to fear,
The lion did engrave
Be confident and brave.
Orange and gray you will always be
A place of love and family.
We’ll forever loyal be
to LaGrone Academy!

Mission Statement

It is our mission to foster
a responsive learning environment
focused on the needs of each unique student,
to promote achievement of college/career
readiness and life goals,
while keeping social/emotional needs
and our love for the student
at the very heart of our values and beliefs.

What We Value

Loving Students First
The central purpose is to connect with students.

Building Respectful Relationships
Treat students like adults when they act like adults.

Appreciating Uniqueness
Champion differences.

Ensuring College/Career/Life Readiness
Application of learning is not optional.

Teaching Critical Thinking
Teach students to be self-directed in thinking and learning.

Listening to Students
Students demonstrate capacity for remarkable ideas when we ask and listen.
Board of Trustees

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Deron Robinson, General Counsel
Julie Zwahr, Chief Communications Officer
Dr. Gwendolyn Perkins, Area Superintendent
Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

Empowering lifelong learners to be engaged citizens who positively impact their local and global community.

Photos taken during the graduation ceremony today are available at www.flickr.com/photos/dentonisd/albums

The students speaking at today’s event were selected based on neutral criteria to deliver messages of the students’ own choices. The content of each student speaker’s message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District.