



**LAGRONE**  
— A C A D E M Y —

# Commencement Ceremony

**Class of 2023**

**University of North Texas Coliseum**

May 26, 2023 at 11 a.m.



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### **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	Alexa Eilyn Euan
Ross Clayton Alexander	Caitlin Ann Flener
Emilia Elise Allen	Anicia Renae Flores
Alissa Marie Anquoe	Ivette Flores
Anderson Watkins Johnson Atkinson	Ximena Marisol Flores
Teleigh Jene Berry	Joel Matthew Francis
Jamie Lyn Bradford	Zachary Austin Freelove
Nathaniel Dale Bradley	Sheyly Nineth Fuentes Galo
Max Harrison Broadhurst	Edgar Sebastian Garcia JR
Savannah Rose Bruton	Julissa Giselle Garcia
Malachi Breyden Butler	Laisha Ximena Gauna
Maryann Elizabeth Byrne	Santana Manuel Golden
Brayden Lynn Campbell	Sarah Elizabeth Guevara
Frank Angelo Carlos	Brilynn LeeAnn Hatten
Karlee Ryann Carlton	Angel Gabriel Hernandez
Thomas Michael Centorcelli	Jorge Hernandez Mejia
Matthew Steven Chandler	Kerly Dayana Hernandez Rosero
Tariah Lynae Choice	Lily Beth Hill
Evan William Cochran	Nicholas Joshua Hill
Saraiya Mackenzie Conley-Williams	Samarrria Marie Hollis
Gavin Cole Cowart	Mikayla Grace Howe
DeAnna Erin Mary Daub	Alma Carolina Huerta
Jerry Dale Davis III	Olivia Belen Ibarra
Leslie Delarosa	Jayda Ambreen Jenkins
Kendall Mary Evelyn Dickinson	Max David Jordan
Peyton Ivan Dodds	Stephen Daniel Klingsheim
Kole Chandler Domingos	Colin Michael Koja
Mattie Lynn Dorman	Alexis Morgan Kralicek
Brandon Michael Doty	Marie-Chantal Kumodzi
Shylynn ChaseLee Duren	2,4 Andrew McBeth Larsen
Hugo Rolando Espinoza	John Mark Lent

# Candidates for Graduation 2023

Jonathan David Loftin

Jacqueline Lopez

Lucas Antonio Marrero

Ciera Michelle Martinez

Eric Alexis Martinez

Nekaila Katrice Renae Mayes

Nadiyah Victoria Jem McGain

Nehemiah Xavier McCain JR

Tristen Jeffrey McCallister

Lyric Denise Ann McCarty

Guadalupe Mejia Garcia

1,4 Isaac David Meza

Austin Thomas Mitchell

Majaie Paulette Moore

Ivan Narciso Perez

Jose Manuel Nava

Gabriel Alejandro Palerm Cochran

Aaliyah Marie Palomares

Sage Elizabeth Ray Parker

Jeremiah Payan-Lopez

Jasmin Perez

Drew Jameson Petty

Kaitlynn Michelle Petty

Kao Deya Phifer

Tyra Nicole Slaton Phillips

Alexis Marie Pineda

Zachary James Powelson

Jose Manuel Puga-Hernandez

Julia Isabella Radberg

Darios Manuel Ramos Colon

Alessandra Rangel Ramirez

Natalie Marie Rawson

Allyson Claire Rennie

Angel Alexandro Rivera JR

Kareena Nicole Rodriguez

Andrew Blake Roethler

Mirka Yulisa Saldana

Carlos Blanco Sanchez II

Lauren Alyssa Sanchez

Gabino Santamaria

Aaron Jonathan Smith

Isaac Scott Smith

Sophia Leigh-Ann Smith

Tyzreil Jonathan Smith

Genesis Solorzano

Jaxson Robert Spina

Azlynne Jo Stanfield

Taniya Benae Thomas

Natalie Torres

Shaun Peter Turner

Sebastian Matteo Valverde

Benjamin Alan Villarreal

Kendall La'Shay Washington

Jermaine Tyreek Wheeler

Jera Layne Whitehead

Christian Daniel Bishop Williams

Jaleah Brianne Williams

Victoria Alexis Wolf

Saul Manuel Ybarra

## **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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Dr. Robert Stewart, Assistant Superintendent  
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*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](http://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.*