GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

CA FROST MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2024



Monday, May 20, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Houseman Field | Grand Rapids, Michigan



Dear Graduating Seniors of CA Frost Middle High School.

Congratulations on reaching this remarkable milestone! On behalf of the entire Grand Rapids Public Schools community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you.

Take a moment to pause and look around you right now. You are surrounded by community. Everyone is here to honor the dedication, hard work, and perseverance you and your classmates have invested in reaching this milestone. We are all here for you.

I want to express my profound gratitude to all who have supported you along the way. From your families and friends to your teachers, mentors, and the entire GRPS community, their unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement have been invaluable in shaping the individual you are today.

During your academic journey, you have faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and experienced personal growth. Your resilience, determination, and grit have been evident throughout this journey, and they will undoubtedly continue to serve you well as you embark on the next phase of your life.

No matter where you go from here, remember that the GRPS community stands behind you, cheering you on every step of the way. I have no doubt that each of you will go on to achieve incredible things, and we eagerly anticipate celebrating your future successes.

Sincerely,

Leadriane Roby, Ph.D. Superintendent

WELCOME

TO THE CA FROST MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL **CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT**

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VALEDICTORIAN

Serena Brandt

SALUTATORIAN

Owen Farrey

ACADEMIC TOP TEN

Serena Brandt
Owen Farrey
Yoselin Diaz-Deleon
Kenia Mumford-Watkins
Angel Padronporras
Evan Reinhart
Joshua Schalk
Bradley Schmidt
Evan Stone

SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR

Treyton Waidelich

Mrs. Nicole Shilton

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

"Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Colors Presented by Union High School JROTC Color Guard "Star Spangled Banner" performed by the CA Frost Middle High School Choir

WELCOME

Mr. Owen Farrey, Salutatorian

SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Leadriane Roby

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Dr. Karl Nelson

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS

Mr. Bradley Lundvick

WELCOME FROM CA FROST STAFF

Mr. Aaron McBride

VALEDICTORIAN'S REMARKS

Miss Serena Brandt

PRESENTATION OF THE DIPLOMAS

Mr. Aaron McBride, Counselor

CERTIFICATION OF DIPLOMAS/TASSEL CEREMONY

Grand Rapids Board of Education Trustee

RECESSIONAL

"Superman" by John Williams

CLASS OF 2024

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Serena Brandt

Jakelle Burt

John Calderon

Kaharri Caldwell

Eric Cardenas

Serenity Casler

Arlena Chavez

Jayla Davis

Robert Dedrick

Yoselin Diaz-Deleon

Jacey Doyle

Samuel Ebright

Harper Eklund

Owen Farrey

Aidan Ferrone

Jesus Galindo- Peralta

Ava Garcia

Miguel Gonzalez - Corona Jr.

Jaquari Hayes

Jamee Helmus

Ivan Hernandez

Marcanthony Hernandez

Rodrigo Hernandez

David Hill

Elizabeth Johnson

Isabella Ledesma

Caden Marcusse

Alek Martinez

Emmalee Mayes

Kenia Mumford-Watkins

Angel Padronporras

Jeryld Preston

Gavin Rau

Evan Reinhart

Tristan Rogers

Gavin Scanlon

Joshua Schalk

Bradley Schmidt

Nevaeh Seeyle

Precious Smith

Evan Stone Elizabeth Vander Bos Evelynne Van Dyke **Braylon Waidelich Treyton Waidelich** Sanaa Walker Khimyah Waters

Kiara Webley Steven Williams **Sydney Williams** Theo Williams Nolan Zylinski

Our CA Frost Middle High School graduates will serve as ambassadors for Grand Rapids Public Schools in various avenues including the workforce, military service and at the following institutions of higher education: Aguinas College, Ferris State University, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University, Kentucky State University, LEAD Prep Academy, MCTI, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University and Olivet College.

Gold Cord - 3.5+ GPA Blue & Orange Cord - Superintent's Scholar Advisory Council Grey & Pink Cord - Versiti Leader for Life

CA FROST MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Brad Lundvick, M.S. Principal Katheryn Hudson, M.Ed. Assistant Principal

CA FROST MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF

Melinda Barnes Paraprofessional Brian Bish. M.S. Student Advocate James Bosscher, M.S.W. Therapist Phys. Ed | Social Studies Teacher Dan Covey, M.Ed. Corey Cross Custodian Margaret Doele, M.S. Language Arts Teacher Deb Doss, B.A., M.F.A. Art Teacher Ann Foley Food Service Madeline Ford, B.A. SpanishTeacher Zac Ford, B.S. Math Teacher Tracey Furlong, B.S.N. Nurse Lindsey Gender-Walters, M.A. Math | Social Studies Teacher Ashley Greenup, B.S. Language Arts Teacher Science Teacher Elyse Horak, M.Ed. Tiarra Huling, B.S. **Head Secretary Environmental Science Teacher** David Kraff, M.A. Andrew LaJoie, B.A. Music Teacher Social Studies Teacher Robert Lee, B.S. Heather Lewis, M.S. Social Studies Teacher Kaitlyn Ludeker, B.A. Youth Advocate Emily Makarewicz, B.A. Secretary Kristin Martinez COTA Aaron McBride, M. Ed. Counselor **Gabby Pearson** Nurse's Aide Robin Schilstra, M.Ed. **Environmental Science Teacher**

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SOUTHEAST CAREER PATHWAYS **ADMINISTRATION & STAFF**

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FOREVER FROSTIES!

13-Year Forever Frostie

Serena Brandt
Jakelle Burt
Owen Farrey
Ava Garcia
Rodrigo Hernandez
David Hill
Alek Martinez
Gavin Scanlon
Braylon Waidelich
Treyton Waidelich

12-Year Frosties

Marc Anthony Hernandez Bradley Schmidt Evelynne VanDyke

11-Year Frosties

Robert Dedrick Angel Padron Porras

10-Years Frosties

Gavin Rau Evan Reinhart

8 & 9-Years Frosties

Jayla Davis
Aiden Ferrone
Jesus Galindo-Peralta
Ivan Hernandez
Caden Marcusse
Emmalee Mayes
Precious Smith

PUBLIC SAFETY

A special thank you to Mr. Larry Johnson, Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Public Safety and School Security, and the Public Safety Officers, for their assistance in making this occasion possible.

DISCLAIMER REGARDING STUDENT MESSAGES AT GRADUATION

The Board of Education, administration, or any school employee has not directed nor endorsed any prayer or religious message of any kind. The student graduation speech/message is given by a student volunteer without review or influence by the Board of Education, by the administration, or by any school employee or school official. The Board of Education, the administration, or school employees exercised no control over who drafted the message or content of the message, or the selection of the student volunteer. The decision as to the content of the speech/message rests solely with the selected student speaker.



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