

**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**

**GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC
MUSEUM HIGH SCHOOL**

Class of 2024



PUBLIC
MUSEUM
SCHOOL

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Houseman Field | Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Grand Rapids Public Schools

Dear Graduating Seniors of Grand Rapids Public Museum 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 GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC
MUSEUM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2024
COMMENCEMENT



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VALEDICTORIANS

Natasha Do
Sophia Haralson
Terra Workman

SALUTATORIANS

Caris Beurkens
Lourdie Clark
Sophia Ferenczi
Campbell Hansen
Emily Rodriguez

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Caris Beurkens
Natasha Do
Campbell Hanson
Sophia Ferenczi
Dylan Fischer
Joseph Lyons
Rikiya Matthews
Caleb Oeverman
Emily Rodriguez
Terra Workman

SENIOR CLASS ADVISOR

Ms. Kristine Beeckman

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

“Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Colors Presented by Ottawa Hills High School JROTC Color Guard
“Star Spangled Banner” performed by Public Museum High School
Advanced Choir

WELCOME

Ivan Schury, Student Body Mayor

SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS

Dr. Leadriane Roby

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REMARKS

Mr. Matthew Beresford

PRINCIPAL’S REMARKS

Dr. Christopher Hanks

VALEDICTORIAN’S REMARKS

Ms. Natasha Do

Ms. Terra Workman

POET LAUREATE

Ms. Genesis Villafane

PUBLIC MUSEUM HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER REMARKS

Ms. Candice Anderson

PRESENTATION OF THE DIPLOMAS

Ms. Kristine Beeckman

CERTIFICATION OF DIPLOMAS/TASSEL CEREMONY

Grand Rapids Board of Education Trustee

RECESSIONAL

“All in This Together” - High School Musical

“Congratulations” - Post Malone

CLASS OF 2024

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Caris Beurkens

Levi Bodziak

Lourdie Clark

Natasha Do

Naomi Dubbink

Levi Faber

Sophia Ferenczi

Dylan Fischer

Case Franzak

Lucas Fridsma

Cristian Gonzalez

Lennox Graham

Jaden Greer

Gracie Griffin

Naijela Blu Guardado

Naseyheir Hall

Campbell Hansen

Sophia Haralson

Daniel Hendricks

Naomi Jacobsen

Natalie Johnson-Greer

Alyssa Keys

Adaga Kobaba

August Kowalski

Angela Lubic

Joseph Lyons

Cosette Mahlie

Rosalba Maldonado-Robles

Attyn Marshall

Rikiya Matthews

Isaac Melton

Lidia Mijarez Gonzalez

Jack Miller

Elias Morgan

Daniel Neri-Campos

Keira Nickerson

Gabriel Noguez Martinez

Caleb Oeverman

Ana Dena Perez

Emily Rodriguez

Brandon Santiago-Alvarez
Ivan Schury
D'Juan Shelton Baniel
Jonas Smith
Rowen Sortwell
Spencer Spitler
Simon Tallent
Asher Teft
Ela Tomas-Pedro

Kevin Valera-Maldonado
Tobin Venegas
Genesis Villafane
Lilian Vogel
Liam Walters
Sannai Whirley
Engelina Wisselink
Terra Workman
Neftali Zapot-Vazquez

Our Grand Rapids Public Museum 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: Aquinas College, Ferris State University, Fordham University, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University, Howard University, Kalamazoo College, Launch U Early Middle College @ GRCC, Loyola University, Michigan State University, Michigan Tech University, North Carolina AT, Northern Michigan University, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University.

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Christopher Hanks, Ph.D.

Principal

Kimberly Rowland, M.Ed.

Assistant Principal

Sam Mickens, Sr.

Dean of Students

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL & SUPPORT STAFF

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English Teacher

Kristine Beeckman, M.A.

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Art Teacher

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English Teacher

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Susan Dooge

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Science Teacher

Pamela Jackson

Nutrition Service

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School Nurse

Soonja Koole, M.A.

English Teacher

Benjamin Kruid, M.A., M.Ed.

Social Studies Teacher

Lindsay Lane, M.A.

Curriculum Integration Specialist

Nate Langel, M.S.

Science Teacher

Alex Lawton, B.A.

CAD Teacher

Amy Liberato Jasinski, Ed.D.

Spanish Teacher

Tom Peterson, B.A.

Social Studies Teacher

Dave Petroelje, B.S.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher

Marisa Plouhar, B.A.

Music Teacher

Holly Postma, B.A.

English Teacher

Ang Rock

Nutrition Service

Jaylin Singleton, B.A.	Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Marcus Taylor	Custodian
Augustine Wasinski, B.A.	Special Education Teacher
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Donald Zomer, M.A.	History Teacher

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Nicole Gonzales	Head Secretary
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Kristen Strojny, B.A.	English Teacher

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ORIGINAL MASTODONS!

These seniors attended Public Museum High School
from 6th through 12th grade!

Caris Beurkens
Levi Bodziak
Lourdie Clark
Natasha Do
Naomi Dubbink
Levi Faber
Sophia Ferenczi
Dylan Fischer
Naseyheir Hall
Naomi Jacobsen
Natalie Johnson-Greer
Alyssa Keys
August Kowaski
Joseph Lyons
Cosette Mahlie

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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.

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