



Fortieth Commencement

**A.R. Johnson
Health Science and
Engineering
Magnet School**

DR. EMILY DRIGGERS, PRINCIPAL

MAY 25, 2023 | 7P.M.

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HEALTH SCIENCE & ENGINEERING MAGNET SCHOOL

Commencement Program

Prelude	A.R. Johnson Orchestra Mrs. Amy Ellington , <i>Orchestra Director</i>
*Processional	“Pomp and Circumstance” By ElgarA.R. Johnson Orchestra
*Presentation of Colors.....	Lucy C. Laney Army JROTC Color Guard
*Pledge of Allegiance	Jalen E. Chance <i>Class of 2023</i>
Inspirational Reading.....	Anthony DuBois, II <i>Class of 2023</i>
Welcome	Reynaldo Delva, Jr. <i>Honor Graduate</i>
Salutatorian Address	Jonathan C. Ross, Jr. <i>Salutatorian</i>
Valedictorian Address.....	Nyla R. Watson <i>Valedictorian</i>
Recognition of Superintendent, Board Members and Superintendent’s Cabinet.....	Dr. Emily Driggers , <i>Principal</i>
Presentation of the Class of 2023	Dr. Emily Driggers
Awarding of Diplomas, Honors, Grants and Scholarships	Dr. Emily Driggers Assisted by: Mr. Charlie B. Walker, Jr. , <i>President of the Richmond County Board of Education</i> Mrs. Shawnda Gri n , <i>Vice-President of the Richmond County Board of Education, District 1</i> Ms. Venus Cain , <i>Richmond County Board Member, District 9 (at-large)</i> Mrs. Vicki Knox , <i>Assistant Principal</i> Ms. Frankie Wright , <i>Assistant Principal</i> Mrs. Emily Kelm , <i>Senior Counselor</i> Mrs. Marcy Bradley , <i>Senior Counselor</i>
Musical Selection.....	A.R. Johnson Orchestra
Tassel Ceremony.....	Yarelis M. Padilla <i>Senior Class President</i>
*Alma Mater.....	Class of 2023
*Recessional	“Celebration for a New Day” by PhillipsA.R. Johnson Orchestra
*Audience Standing	

Nyla Rose Watson



Valedictorian

Nyla Rose Watson is the daughter of Montiel and Alanna Watson. She plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Nyla has already received her Associate's Degree in Biology from Georgia Military College where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. She is a member of Phi Kappa Honor Society and is President of the A.R. Johnson National Honor Society. Nyla is a student-athlete, is a member of HOSA- Future Health Professionals, and is also a peer tutor. She has completed 37 volunteer hours of community service. Nyla plans on enlisting in the Air Force as an Officer. She also plans to attend medical school to become an OB-GYN physician.

Jonathan Corey Ross, Jr



Salutatorian

Jonathan Corey Ross, Jr. is the son of Mr. Jonathan Ross, Sr. and Ms. Latrice Miller. Jonathan has been selected as a 2023 Gates Scholar. Students who earn this coveted and highly prestigious honor receive funding for the full cost of attending college. Additionally, Jonathan has earned the College Board National African American Award, the F. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Program Scholarship, the Black Scholar Recognition Award from Augusta State University, and a scholarship from Morehouse College. He is a member of the Augusta Youth Leadership Program, the National Honors Society, and is a student athlete. Graduating from A.R. Johnson's Engineering Track, Jonathan plans to attend Morehouse College to pursue a bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

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Class Of 2023

Luke William Adams
JaReem Edward West-Allen
Ashton Matthias Anderson 🏆🏅
Jasmine Evon Armstrong 🏆🏅
Trevor Dillon Aron 🏆🏅
Stanley James Aye, Jr. 🏆🏅
Christiana Anita Sha'Tri Baez 🏆🏅
Mikaela Jean Bennett 🏅
Morgan Ruth Bennett 🏆🏅
Kristaisa Ly'Daisa Jada Brown 🏆🏅
Gavin Mitchel Bruce
Ariel Janay Buggs 🏆🏅
DeVontras Quintravious Castleberry 🏅
Ja'len Eugene Chance
Isabella Estrella Crocker
Trinity A'Sharia Davis
Reynaldo Delva, Jr. 🏆🏅
Ariana Marie Diggs
Anthony DuBois, II
Kaleel Rashod Dunn
Joshua Casey Ellis
Cheyenne Tacoma Ellison
Mia Ithandewy Enriquez Ortiz 🏆🏅
Melvin Estif Escobar Olivares
Ezekiel Terrell Frails

Daviyon Christopher Glasgow
Laila Denise Gracy 🏆🏅
MaKayla Rikenna Harris 🏅
Kaylan Francis Henley 🏆🏅
Nickolas Christin Justin Horvath
Emerson Renee McGowen Hudson
Jaden Samuel Jenkins
Ajah Jenae' Johnson
Jaleesa Letrice Johnson
Tatyana Alexis Johnson 🏆🏅
MacKenzie Elise Jones
Tarik Keyshaun Jones
Jameson Marcelius Jukes 🏆🏅
Cameron Mobley Killough 🏅
Wesley Hamilton Kimbrell 🏆🏅
Tyler Constante Miles Leal
Joshua Edward Lee
Kason Donovan Lowery 🏅
Michael Elijah Meriweather 🏆🏅
Jasmine Eliza Mixon 🏆🏅
Ethan Joseph Morrow
Joshua Gregory Oliver
Yarelis Marie Padilla 🏆🏅
Rickey Arturo Platts 🏆🏅
Namiko Kynai Tayana Pooser

Bryce Richard Kemar Powell
Akaia Natrice Prince 🏆🏅
Kiani Elane Richie 🏆🏅
Jonathan Corey Ross, Jr. 🏆🏅🏅
Kenyatta Dell Shaw, Jr.
Benjamin Jackson Smith 🏅
Akaeira Stiles Marie Spruell 🏆🏅
Lorrilyn Elizabeth Strand
Annalise Marie Torres Tackney 🏆🏅★
Jadon Claude Tanksley
Tatyana Faith Timmons 🏆🏅
Nyla Rose Watson 🏆🏅🏅
Anna Sophia Welch
Destiny Ja'Toria Wright
Kevin Asher Wright 🏆🏅

Key to Symbols:

- 🏅 Valedictorian
- 🏅 Salutatorian
- 🏆 Honor Graduate
- 🏅 Prospective HOPE Recipient
- ★ Star Student

Advanced Curriculum
Blue/Gold

FLAIR Honor Society
Red

GaDOE Fine Arts Honor
Lavender

Honor Graduate
Gold Stole

Volunteerism
Silver

PRESIDENT
Yarelis M. Padilla

VICE PRESIDENT
Mia I. Enriquez Ortiz

SECRETARY
Anthony DuBois, II

TREASURER
Jaleesa L. Johnson

GRADUATION FACULTY ADVISORS
**Dr. Virginia Dunker, Ms. Crystal Langston, Mrs. Pamela McCorkle,
Mrs. Sallie Manning, and Ms. Kate Watkins**

SENIOR COUNSELORS
Mrs. Emily Kelm & Mrs. Marcy Bradley

e Senior Class wishes to express its appreciation to

Mr. Lynwood Holmes
Fine Arts and World Language Program Administrator

Lucy C. LanT1 C

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