Class of 2023

Gaither High School
Commencement Exercises

May 30, 2023
7:00 p.m.
State Fairgrounds
Expo Hall
Hillsborough County School Board Members
Nadia T. Combs, Chair
Henry “Shake” Washington, Vice Chair
Lynn L. Gray
Stacy A. Hahn, Ph.D.
Karen Perez, LCSW
Patricia Rendon
Jessica Vaughn

Hillsborough County School District Administration
Addison G. Davis, Superintendent of Schools
Terry Connor, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Tanya Arja, Chief Communications Officer
Van Ayres, Chief of Strategic Planning & Partnerships
Tracye Brown, Chief of Federal Programs & Grants
Susan Burkett, Chief of Schools
Christopher Farkas, Chief of Operations
Michael McAuley, Chief of Staff
Shaylia McRae, Chief of Transformation Network
Romanjohn Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Monica Verra-Tirado, Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Dr. Thomas Weeks, Chief Technology Officer
Dr. Marie Whelan, Chief of Human Capital
Gary Brady, Region Superintendent
Owen Young, Region Superintendent
Kenneth Hart, Deputy Director, Chief Schools

Gaither Administration
Thomas Morrill, Principal

Assistant Principals
Rebecca Wickham
Rubye Dunn
Laura Meehan, Climate & Culture Resource Teacher
Deputy John McCarrell, School Resource Deputy

Jackie Eisenhauer
Kedric Harris
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Commencement Program

Gaither Fight Song  *The Magnificent Seven*, Bernstein
Processional for Staff  *Flourish for Wind Band*, Vaughn
Processional Music  *Pomp & Circumstance*, Elgar
Performed by:  Graduation Band
Presentation of Colors  NJROTC
National Anthem  Concert Chorus Seniors
Pledge of Allegiance  Victoria Nicole Karsen
Introduction of Guests  Thomas Morrill
Class Co-Valedictorian  Sara Melo Fernandez
Class Co-Valedictorian  Michelle Poveda
Unique Senior  Jaylin Juliana Gourrie
Musical Selection  “Friends”
Performed by:  Concert Chorus Seniors
Awarding of Diplomas  Thomas Morrill
Assisted by:  Rebecca Wickham, Jackie Eisenhauer
               Jerry Murray and Teresa Trumbach
Alma Mater  Chorus Officers & Class of 2023
Conferring of Diplomas  School Board Member
Recessional  *Nathan Hale Trilogy*, Curnow
Performed by:  Graduation Band

Marshalls
Mary Calvert, Carissa Deneca, Nancy Feldhaus,
Karen Hough, Kelleigh Weeks

Junior Ushers
Joshua Choe, Natalie Fernandes, Madeline Mercer,
Isabela Miller, Sophia Pena Simeon, Zoe Perry,
Katie Rivas-Perez, Taylor Schumann, Jamison Seldes,
Ava Whalen

Senior Class Officers
Victoria Nicole Karsen—President
Panayiota Laliotis—Vice-President
Hannah Tascione—Secretary

*A student’s speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the Hillsborough County School District or Gaither High School.*
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Honor Circle Graduates

Sara Melo Fernandez—H,N,B
Michelle Poveda—H,N,C
Dylan Gabriel Alfonso—H,N,B
Jacob James Langford—H,N,B
Maria Elena Arcis Pineda—H,N,B
Alexandra Claire Wilkes—H,N,B

Alma Doninguez—H,B
Cyenna Nicole Ison—H,N,B
Ronald Khoa Nguyen—H
Aliannah Airinee Camacho Joya—H
Taylor A Dittmam—H,C

Honor Circle consists of the top eleven graduates in the Class of 2023. These students have achieved the highest grade point average in the Senior Class.

Graduates

H—4.0 GPA and above in white stoles (Honor Graduate)
N—National Honor Society, B—National Beta Club
C—Conservatory of Music and Leadership
*—3.0 to 3.9 GPA

Jillian Grace Abarca—H,N,B,C
Mavrick James Acevedo— H
David Acevedo*
Jamari David Adams
Joselin Sigrid Agurco
Melanie Aguilar Noa
Ahmed Al Doori*
Soledad Yvette Allen— H
Kristelena Afnizar*
Caitlyn Alexis Alvarez*
Fernando Evert Alvarez Sanchez*
Jose Agustin Alvira-Morales*
Stephanie Grace Amaro*
Mateo Enrique Amaya — H
Aric Reynolds Angelo— H,C
Jesus Alfonzo Araque Diaz*
Itzel Aline Arellano Titto*
Gustavo Daniel Arredondo Cruz
Kamila Grace Avila Mejia*
Alexandra Hope Ayala-Miller — H
Isabel Tatiana Aymat-Harshaw— H
Victoria Elizabeth Bacon— H
Aidan Justice Bailey-Piowaty*
Adriana Lucia Ballesteros Barros— H
Christian A. Barbosa— H
Jennifer Fabiola Barrientos
Desiree Lavette Barton
Bradley Cooper Basham— H,N,C

Mario Luis Bauza Cuesta*
Riley Elizabeth Beausoleil— H
Cecilia Paige Beltran— H,N,B,C
Yengner Ernesto Bermudez— H,B
Aaliyah Vivian Bernier
Drake Beethe
Jackson Michael Bie
Akua Adomaa Wiaye Boama*
Logan Theodore Boeiek— H
Joanna-Marie Catungal Bodo— H,B,C
Nicole Alyss Boismier— H,C
Rachel Roslyn Bones De Jesus
Terry Alexander Boniphant— H,C
Jacob Joseph Bouchard— C
Jasmine Nicole Boyer
Alden Christian Figueroa Brigino*
Alexis Chris Bringuer
Parker David Brogan— H
Fay Lilla Brooks— H,B
Kyle James Brownlee
Sabrina Augustina Broyles
Caelyn Suzanne Bulnes— C
Jenna Susanne Burden— H
Fabiana Valentina Bustamante Lucena*
Erika Caballero Gonzalez*
Anyelic Cabrera Echemendia
Bernard Joshua Calixte
Evan Mark Campbell— H
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Davi Campos Pereira*          Joshua Elijah Dixon
La'kechia N'y'quear Canadaite* Sophia Kylie Doherty-- H
Robert Anthony Cano II*       Alexander Daniel Donivan-- H
Tasha Nhi Hoang Thao Cao*     Madison Marie Dorman-- H
Alejandro Cardona Villarreal  Naomi Drummond-Mejia
Jarrett Joshua Carlton        Binh Khanh Duong-- H
Isaiah Anthony Cartagena      Athena Marie Duran Norris
Zoe Lucille Cartmill-- H      Garrett Michael Durant-- H
Aspen Chae Cartwright-- H C  Arianna Cristina Echavarria
Daniel Carvajal Cartaya-- H   Nicole Dayessi Echazabal-Jimenez
Luis Manuel Castellano        Brooke Mackenzie Elder-- H
Lester Castillo Bermudez      Nicholas Andrew Elenbaum-- H
Edgardo Gabriel Castillo Pedro-- H Luis Miguel Espinoza
Ramon Isaiah Castro Jr.*      Judy M. Essa*
Steven Alexander Cervin-- H C Anahy Estrada Ortuno*
Erick Esau Chacon-- H         Kristopher Maddox Fagan*
Gabriel Chavez*              Aisha Omolola Fashola-- H
Tyler Chou-- H                Walker David Fatico-- H
Nyen Aleczander Clark-- H    Liliana Nicole Favata-- H N
Bella Evalis Clarkson-- H N  Geovan Febus*

Bianna Carol Claypool*        Francisco Alexis Feliciano
Derron Dwight Coghil-- H      Daniel Fernandez*
Angelyna Margarita Collado   Gabriel Faustino Fernandez
Matias Luciano Colome*        Janelly Skyla Figueroa
Camryn Rose Colon-- H         Keila Marie Figueroa-- H
Tanijah Michelle Combs        Xavier Figueroa-- H
Alexandria Alexia Copeland*   Sofia Jolie Figueroa Gonzalez-- H C
Gianna Marissa Cordileone-- H Dony Tatrece Fletcher*
Mia Joy Cordova-- H N         Joshua James Foddrill
Maria Antuanet Cortez Candamo* Lauren Renee Foley-- H
Ana Jimena Coss-- H
Abigail Elizabeth Cross*-- N  Hunter John Foster
Omar David Wilfredo Cruz      Gregory Patrick Frances-Barlan-- H
Angel Sebastian Cruz*         Alexander Michael Freire
Alexis Katrin Curri-- H       Carl David Furr-- H
Ashley Lin Custin-- H N      Kaili Anne Gaffney-- H C
Elizabeth Sophia Dallmann    Reilly Andrea Gagne-- H
Julia Lynn Davila            Robert Lee Gahagen
Jaden Antwuan Tyler Davis*    Karina Janet Galarza
William Samuel Davis Jr.*    Melanie Samantha Gallardo-- H
Graziella Karoline De Souza Nunes Madison Arianna Gambino*
Hayden Joel Deitch*          Christopher Alexander Garcia Jr.*
Alyssa Joli Delgado-- H       Melanie Garcia
Christian Delgado-- H C       Riley George Garcia
Gabriel Delgado*              Genesis Asheni Garcia Reyes-- H
Maria De Los Angeles Delgado-Utrera* Deanna Christine Izabella Gares
Nelson Amauri Delvalle       Giovanni Edward Garrido-- H
Quincy Xavier Dinkins        Robert Nathan Geer-- H
Dwayne Raynard Dixon Jr.      David Emery George-- H C
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Amaya D'Jolene Savanah Gilbert – C
Erick Giraldo – H
Gabriela Marie Giraldo – H
Gabriela Alejandrina Giron Vasquez
Charlie Benjamin Gold – H N
Armin Rafael Golkar *
Rolando Gomez-Hernandez
Dominik Gonzalez
Jillianne Gonzalez – H N
Yaim Rey Gonzalez-Lopez
Jessica Gonzales Valenti – H
Mary Ellen Gooden *
Jaylin Juliana Gourrie *
Andrea Valentina Gouvia Marquez
Briony Jenae Graham
Alyssa Jean Gravette
Nevin Ryan Green *
Corey Jamal Greenhow
Gage Alan Greenlaw – H C
Karen Paola Guarin Meza – H
Stephanie Stacie Guerrero
Meizly Arianny Guerrero Baez *
Santiago Enrique Guevara Villasmil
Giovanni Antonio Guzman *
Ian Jahn Guzman – H
Samuel William Gwynn – H
Sarah Ghandi Halabi – H
Lillian Lucy Halls – H, B
Bryce Hunter Hanlin – H
Ryan Anthony Hanson
Haylee Layne Harnage – H
Tyler James Harris
Samuel Ryan Hebert – H
Ricardo Emilio Henriquez
Jordan Rebecca Hernandez – H C
John Davis Hickerson – H
Marina Hidalgo-Mares *
Archie Holden Hill V – H, B
Jada Nicole Hill
Justin Lee Hill – H
Isis Aaliyah Hopf *
Tajel Matthias Horne
Nathan James Howard
Samuel Oliver Hrezo – H
Dylan David Infante *
Nuray Farhad Ismayilova *
Kaitlyn Linese Jackson *
Lucas Jaramillo Garcia – H
Anaya Kiara Jean-Baptiste – H

Zion James Jemmerson
Aliala Onesha Olena Jenkins *
Zakary Monroe Jenkins – C
Brianna Estevany Jimenez *
Luisa Maria Jimenez Tejeda
Jason Alexander Johnson *
Montana Hawk Johnson
Jaeden Zurn Johnson
Zaiah Grace Johnson *
Jabe Amadi Judge *
Julea Kolling Kamga
Benjamin Thomas Kanoza *
Victoria Nicole Karsen – H
Kamryn Isaiah Kennedy
Faith Michaela Knight – H
Ana Laura La Rosa Mosquera
Leearsi Kennedy Lagares – H
Andrea Emily Lagray-Beers – H
Panayiota Nicole Laliotis – H, N, B
Mia Isabella Lane – H
Philip Alexander Langford
Jean Richard Laroche
Reyna Pangamiban Larrobis – H
Cameron Alexander Lawson – H
Hope Destiny Lewis *
Lucero Paloma Litares Bauer
Clark Walter Lincoln – H, N
Melanie Loaiza-Zuluaga
Erick Alberto Lopez Roman *
Megan Kessler Loughren – H
Cristian Daniel Lugo
Hannah Jane MacWilliam *
Jomar Alexander Madera
Genesis Adriana Madrigal – H, N
Ligjja Maksyvitis – H
Khary Matthew Mallea Jr.
Winston Phillip Heath Marcum
Javier Esteban Marino Ariza – H, N, B
Carmen Maribella Marquina – H
Kami Emlaine Martin – H
Anthony Angel Martinez
Diego Anibal Martinez *
Iulio Luis Martinez Arcila – H
Jacob Moises Martinez Concepcion
Trinity Autumn Mayer – H, N, B
Dylan Gregory McClenty – C
Dusten Todd McDuffie Bozeman *
Brenna Rae McEwen – H
Samuel John McIntosh – H
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Kailee Dawn McGimmon
Alirio Jose Medina Rendon
Maven Beaux Mijares Mendoza
Kaylee Lynnette Milan – H
Katherine Jean Miller – H,B
Adianis Molina Ruiz De La Torre – H,C
Analyse Melina Molina*
Kayla Lee Montoya
Jaden Alexander Moore*
Anneliese M. Moraguez
Mauricio Jose Morales Cumare*
Emanuel Josue Moran*
Eric Samuel Morrison*
Logan Eugene Moses
Adrian DeJesus Muchacho Barrios
Andres DeJesus Muchacho Barrios
Trey Matthew Mummey
Cassidy Geraldine Munnings
Elyse Madyson Murray
Tatyana N’Gouin-Claih – H
Jubae Inpone Nampengsone – H
Isaac Tyson Nashagh – H
Jacob Gia Nguyen – H
Mai Vy Quy Nguyen – H,N
Nicholas Julian Nieto
Linnett Marie Nunez
Adyson Riley O’Connor – H
Fiona L. O’Neill – H
Timothy Joseph O’Neill – H,C
Alexandra Victoria Obediente – H
Brian Sebastian Ochoa Lizarazo*
Nelle Rose Offutt*
Elijah Jesus Torres Oliver
Valerie Opritescu-Craictun
Camila Ortega-Pineda – H
Nicholas Joseph Orthoefer – H
Sellynette Ortiz – H
Kendry Yobal Otero Herrera
Lucas Joseph Oviedo Valbuena
Eva Owens – H
Henry Alejandro Pacheco*
Cameron Ryan Packer*
Keeda Selene Padro-Willis – H,N
Manuel Paez
Larry Jose Palomo Santana
Daniela V. Pamela – N
Michael Dale Patierno – H
Alex Manuel Paulino – H

Sierra Victoria Payne – H
Benjamin Thomason Peabody – H
Mya Lee Pedersen*
Josiah Jayden Pena – H
Julia Pena – H
Nathaniel Lee Penenger*
Leopoldo Pereira Da Silva Jr.
Elias Gustavo Perez – H
Julian Miguel Perez*
Vanessa Perez
Ayden Dar Perez-Chanthavong – H,N
Aniely Perez-Dominguez
Zoe Lee Petrou
Mackenzie Joanne Phipps
Masqal Pierre
Brandyn Edwin Pierre-Charles – H
Jesus Miguel Pina Hernandez
Emily Pino Gonzalez
Joseph Ronald Polonia Pascual – H
Lexmar Pirlau Porrata
Alexa Camila Postigo
Joshua Andres Poventud-Cruz*
Nicole Ramirez – H
Gabriela Loren Ramputi
Peyton Elizabeth Raymond – H,N,B,C
Colette Alarice Rechel – H,C
Kyhi Brookie Recktenwald – H
Alexander Agustin Reyes – H
Athany Cyese Reyes*
Sofia Elizabeth Reyes – C
Alba Ricardo Puente – H,B
Debrielle Bernice Richardson*
Gisselle Rimada*
Jeshua Isaiah Rios – H
Ayi Danielle Rivera*
Emanuel Jacob Rivera*
Jorge Alejandro Rivera Gomez – H
Linder Maribel Rivero Luzzardo*
Audrey Grace Robbins – H
Aurora Rose Roberts
Castille Alexander Robertson Vallejos
Collan Stone Roderick – H
Antonio Rodriguez
Joshua Rodriguez*
Mareelee Rodriguez – H
Reese Jared Rodriguez
Nancy Rodriguez Acevedo*
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Sarah Isabella Rodriguez Mora – H
Williams Rodriguez Morales
Karolyn De La Rosa Rodriguez Perez – H
Alex Emil Rodriguez-Torres
Daniel Allen Rogers*
Gabriella Analisa Rojas – H C
Steven Rojas*
Ysabel Vanessa Marysol Rojas – H,N
Matthew James Romaelle
Dezanne Jaliah Romero – H
Alejandro Roque – H
Kathleen Andrea Rosales – H
Eduardo Rosales
Melissa Rutmielis Rosales Rodriguez
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Makayla Loretta Roy – H
Alexandrea Iyelle Rucker*
Christian Russell – H
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Ysabella Salvarrieta
Andrea Denise Sanchez
Andrea Denise Sanchez*
Zorida Aida Sanchez*
Diego Sanchez Aparicio
Celine Sanchez Correa – H
Zachariah Ivan Sanjuri*
Sebastian Santa*
Edwin Joaquin Santana*
Linzy Mabel Santos-Velasquez – H
Jacey Lane Saunders
Yasmine Marie Sealzo
Tyler Wilhelm Schopenhorst*
Mia Olivia Schwartz – H C
Remington Lynne Scott – H
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Henry Daniel Segarra*
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Jacob Alan Sentlingar*
Gabriel Alejandro Serna
Maria Camila Serna Cardona – H
Luisangela Serrano*
Gracie Ann Shashack – H C
Jaiden Douglas Shearer*
Scout Mcleod Simpson*
Bill Scott Simpson – H
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Nahshon Rowemoio Anthony Smith – H
Sophia Marie Smith – H C
Jason Edward Smolka – H
Gian Pierre Solis Quiones – H
Diana Caroline Soria
Arianna Sosa – H,N
Jake Anthony Sotelo – H
Dante Marques Souverain – H
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Jagger Michael Stahl
Sarai Stewart
Andrea Faviola Sune – H,B,C
Patrick Kevner Taijoejaya – H
Hannah Maria-Arelis Tascione – H,N
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Kara Elise Taylor – H
Zakari Maximus Thalji – H,N
Jakob Jude Thomas
Kya Elizabeth Thomas – H
Isaac Bryan Thoms – H C
Jeremy Nathan Tidwell – H C
Alexis Marie Tolbert*
Jackson Louis Toma*
Robert Tortolo – H
Tiuy Kam Tran – H
William Tran*
Kara Marie Travieso
Austin Jeffrey Truman – H C
Alaina Camele Tucker – H
John Harrison Turner
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Anibal J. Utrera
Ava Ann Vaccaro
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Timothy James Dennis Valdez – H
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Matthew Alexander Vasquez – H,N
Amari Kelis Vasser – H
Hitomi Velez Yauce – H
Ava Sophia Vergara – H
Nicholas Peter Vetran – H
Emma Brooke Vogt – H
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Joseph Thomas Wan*
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Uton Anthony Watson
Brevarrra Coreatha Webb
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Julius Lamar Williams
Justine Lacey Williams
Kendal Michelle Williams – H
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Alek Andrew Wimmert – H
Charles Robert Wolfe*
Jason Lee Wurtz – H,N
Jaime Yanes Jr.
Christian Josue Young*
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Dominic Michael Zarcone – H
Brian Alexander Zetino
Alexander Maximillian Zettel
Gaither High School opened its doors to students on August 27, 1984, bringing together faculty and students from many schools in Hillsborough County. Our school is named for Mr. Vivian Gaither who served as principal of Wilson Jr. High, Franklin Jr. High and Plant High before going to Hillsborough High School in 1933, where he stayed for 33 years. Prior to his retirement in 1966, he served as an Area Director. Mr. Gaither received many honors for his contributions to the Hillsborough County School System, including an honorary degree of Doctor of Education from the University of Tampa.

Our primary goal from the very first day has been to establish a “Commitment to Excellence” in both curricular and co-curricular activities. That excellence is evident in the members of our 38th graduating class. Welcome to our commencement ceremony.
Alma Mater

On our city’s northern border,
Reaching toward the sky;
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
Gaither Senior High.
Let our voices come together
Hear the trumpets sound
And forever will the Cowboys
always stand as one,
With the silver, white and blue
of Gaither Senior High.
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Special Thanks and Acknowledgement To:

The Vivian Gaither faculty and staff for your continual support, commitment and dedication to the student body throughout their entire high school experience.

Music Directors
Luis Alvarez
Kristy Dell
Kyle Goyens

NJROTC
Lieutenant Commander Jim Stauffer
Senior Chief Ed Donohue
Senior Chief Loney Cason

Senior Class Sponsor
Teresa Trumbach

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