



## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Cary Academy  
Cary, North Carolina

3:00 p.m.  
Friday, May 24, 2024  
Center for Math and Science

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a learning community  
committed to discovery,  
innovation, collaboration,  
and excellence.*

# COMMENCEMENT

\*Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance*

Sir Edward Elgar/Merle Isaac

*Led by Rebecca Liu*

Student Council President-Elect

\*Pledge of Allegiance

Andrew Lim

Student Council President

Welcome

Dr. Michael Ehrhardt

Head of School

Special Thank You

Mehitabel Surafeal

Class Speakers

Adam Levin

Andrew Lim

Founders' Award

Robin Follet

Head of Upper School

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Trude Bate

Chair, Cary Academy Board of Directors

Keynote Address

Uzma Rawn

Senior Vice President, Global Corporate  
Partnerships at Major League Baseball

Conferring of Diplomas

Dr. Trude Bate

Dr. Michael Ehrhardt

Robin Follet

Closing Remarks

Dr. Michael Ehrhardt

\*Recessional

*Stars and Stripes Forever*

John Philip Sousa

\*Audience will stand

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CLASS OF 2024

*Hamza Adnan*

*Aditi Ahuja*

*Hanorah Ryan Alapati*

*Elizabeth Hee Hoon Alvarez*

*Madeleine Mi Hoon Alvarez*

*Salim Abdullah Alvi*

*Sahil Arora*

*Evan Charles Astrike-Davis*

*Anna Rachel Berger*

*Zachary Alexander Bigelow*

*Brayden Alexander Bishop*

*Ava Mylan Bui*

*Kailey Burkett*

*Andrew Harris Buxbaum*

*Isabel Grace Chang*

*Yixuan Che*

*Ian Yu-Xing Chen*

*Vincent Alexander Chen*

*Alessia Annabelle Cicuto*

*Ashleigh Michaela Colantuoni*

*Benjamin Hall Coley*

*Matthew James Corkey*

*Tess Linda Courts*

*Charlotte Dadd*

*Daniel Alejandro*

*Davalos-Martinez*

*Dirk Wyatt DeGraaf*

*Thuy Quang-Nguyen Dzu*

*Charles Edward Ehemann*

*Ian Yu-Wei Fan*

*Jacob Conrad Farris*

*Callum Chartrand Fitzsimons*

*Reid Sullivan Fultz*

*Thomas George*

*Isabella Helen-Tara Goddard*

*Anika Gupta*

*Asha Roshini Gupta*

*Charles Haines*

*Joshua McKenzie Hanson*

*Mason David Herr*

*Keely Anne Hinn*

*William Matthew Hook*

*Jiayin Fiona Hu*

*Katelyn Juan Hu*

*Isabella Huang*

*Haier Isliamov*

*Anyia Jain*

*Catherine Connelly Jamieson*

*Julia Emma Johnson*

*James Brandon Joof*

*Samuel Brecken Joof*

*Ayan R. Jung*

*Kevin Christopher Kaufman*

*Timothy Sawyer Kaufman*

*Christopher Kelly*

*Kayleigh Habien Ko*

*Adora Prevost Koonce*

*Anay Kumar*

*Alexa Lynn Lattanze*

*Samuel Morgan Lee*

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*Adam Matthew Levin*

*Andrew Lim*

*Sunil Alexander Lindsay*

*Alexander Daniel Manakhov*

*Austin Mark Marchand*

*Sydney Ava Bing Martin*

*Joshua Lincoln Mask*

*Monica Eileen Mayr*

*Roderick Anderson McKenzie, IV*

*Sadie Armstrong McMahon*

*Alexander John Tan Moore*

*Claire Rosalie Moorhead*

*Luca Stefano Multari*

*Lucy Binh Nagel*

*Laiq Ali Nasim*

*Ava Rachel O'Brien*

*Sophia Rose O'Neill*

*Sydney Isabella O'Rourke*

*Dhiren Saai Parvathaneni*

*Iain Shi Wu Paul*

*Samantha Elle Perez*

*Jiya Hiten Prajapati*

*Cade Anders Reading*

*Tanya Sachdev*

*Simeon Tyre Scott*

*Kaiya Jay Shah*

*Maya Amish Shah*

*Katie Li Shen*

*Caitlin Easterlin Smith*

*Dylan Webster Sparks*

*Sawyer Beckett Spector*

*Bridget Ella Stober*

*WenHan Su*

*Mehitabel Ababech Surafeal*

*Laila Christine Taylor*

*Anna Carolyn Titcomb*

*Colin William Troan*

*El Shaddai Goitom Tuccu*

*Ethan Alexander Vandewouw*

*Angelika Murong Wang*

*Ingrid Joy Wang*

*Xiran Wang*

*Davis William Weber*

*Louisa Rose Wendt*

*Grace Megan Westmoreland*

*Katherine Jane White*

*Alexander Holt Wood*

*Lakshmi Jaya Wood*

*Ruiyang Wu*

*Eric Yu Xie*

*Saatvik Yamala*

*Eric Kangyi Ye*

*Jasmine Yaoting Ye*

*Alexander Lee Yohn*

*Angela Guo Zhang*

*Ella Zhang*

*Rich Zhou*

*Joshua Zhu*

*Renee Yuxin Zhu*

*Sean Anthony Zolfo*

# COLLEGE DECISIONS

CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 as you embark on your college careers at 65 different colleges in 18 states, the District of Columbia, and China.

*American University*

*Appalachian State University*

*Auburn University*

*Barnard College*

*Brown University*

*California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo)*

*Clemson University*

*College of Charleston*

*Cornell University*

*Davidson College*

*DePaul University*

*Drexel University*

*Duke Kunshan University*

*Duke University*

*Elon University*

*Emory University*

*George Washington University*

*Georgetown University*

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

*Harvard University*

*Howard University*

*Indiana University (Bloomington)*

*Johns Hopkins University*

*Lehigh University*

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

*Michigan State University*

*New York University*

*North Carolina State University*

*Northeastern University*

*Northwestern University*

*Rhode Island School of Design*

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*Rice University*

*Santa Clara University*

*Savannah College of Art and Design*

*Siena College*

*Stanford University*

*Stevenson University*

*The University of Tampa*

*The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)*

*United States Military Academy at West Point*

*University of California (Berkeley)*

*University of Chicago*

*University of Florida*

*University of Georgia*

*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

*University of Kentucky*

*University of Louisville*

*University of Maryland (College Park)*

*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

*University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

*University of North Carolina Wilmington*

*University of Notre Dame*

*University of Pennsylvania*

*University of Richmond*

*University of Rochester*

*University of South Carolina*

*University of Southern California*

*University of Virginia (Main Campus)*

*Villanova University*

*Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*

*Wake Forest University*

*Washington and Lee University*

*Wellesley College*

*Williams College*

## JUNIOR MARSHALS

*Gray Arndts*

*Carmen Benevides*

*Callie Chang*

*Ben Holton*

*Dillan Jagannath*

*Nicholas Jones*

*Rebecca Liu*

*Pranav Ravulapati*

*Ike Ugwa*

*Alana Williams*

*Ezra Zhang*



# CARY ACADEMY ALMA MATER

Music composed by Ross Andrus (Class of 2000)  
Lyrics by the Class of 2000

You've given us the knowledge  
Of the thinkers of the past  
And empowered us to form  
Our dreams in a future vast.

You've opened our hearts and minds  
And enabled us to see  
That there's a place for each of us  
In the world's immensity.

Through the lessons that we've shared,  
The friendships, joys, and sorrow,  
You have given us the strength we need  
To boldly face tomorrow.

## Cord Designations

Cords denote personally-significant aspects of graduates' experiences. Graduates were limited to 2 cords.

Athletics – Dark Blue

Service – Light Blue

Affinity groups – Red

Arts – Maroon

STEM – Dark green

Humanities – Orange

National Honor Society – Gold

7-year Cary Academy student – White

World Language/World Cultures – Purple

Environmental Awareness/Wilderness Leadership – Emerald green

## Past Commencement Keynotes

2000	Dr. Marye Anne Fox	Chancellor, North Carolina State University
2001	The Honorable James B. Hunt	Governor of North Carolina
2002	Dr. Nannerl O. Keohane	President, Duke University
2003	Dr. Lee Stiff	Professor of Mathematics, North Carolina State University
2004	Bill Irwin	Motivational Speaker
2005	Doug Marlette	Pulitzer Prize-Winning Cartoonist
2006	Anson Dorrance	Head Coach, Women's Soccer University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2007	Bill Nye	"The Science Guy"
2008	Dr. James H. Johnson	William Rand Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Management University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2009	Dr. Benjamin Dunlap	President, Wofford College
2010	Dr. Holden Thorp	Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2011	Henry H. Shelton	General (Ret.) U.S. Army
2012	Cynthia G. Marshall	President, AT&T North Carolina
2013	Nina Jacobson	Film Producer, Color Force
2014	Dr. Carol Folt	Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2015	Christopher J. Cassidy	Captain, U.S. Navy; NASA Astronaut
2016	Anita R. Brown-Graham	Director, Institute for Emerging Issues North Carolina State University
2017	Dr. James H. Goodnight	Founder, Board of Directors, CEO of SAS
2018	Lianne M. Gonsalves ('06)	Technical Officer, World Health Organization (WHO)
2019	Holly May ('05)	Head of People and Operations, Datavant
2020	Robert Ingram	General Partner, Hatteras Venture Partners
2021	Sandra Gutierrez	Author and Food Historian
2022	Kip Kroeger	Film Producer
2023	Cindy Laughlin	Former Middle School Senior Administrative Assistant

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