



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Cary Academy
Cary, North Carolina

3:00 p.m.
Friday, May 23, 2025
Center for Math and Science



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

COMMENCEMENT

*Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Sir Edward Elgar/Merle Isaac

Led by Henry Lim

Student Council President-Elect

*Pledge of Allegiance

Dillan Jagannath

Student Council Vice President

Welcome

Dr. Michael Ehrhardt

Head of School

Special Thank You

Rebecca Liu

Class Speakers

Pranav Ravulapati

Callie Chang

Founders' Award

Dr. Donna Eason

Head of Upper School

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Trude Bate

Chair, Cary Academy Board of Directors

Keynote Address

Robin Follet

Director of Upper School at the Wildwood School

Conferring of Diplomas

Dr. Trude Bate

Dr. Donna Eason

Dr. Michael Ehrhardt

Closing Remarks

Dr. Michael Ehrhardt

*Recessional

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

*Audience will stand

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
2024	Uzma Rawn ('08)	SVP, Global Corporate Partnerships, Major League Baseball

CORD DESIGNATIONS

Cords denote personally-significant aspects of graduates' experiences.

Graduates were limited to 2 cords.

Athletics — royal blue and gold

Service — light blue

Affinity Groups — red

Arts — mauve

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

JUNIOR MARSHALS

Sidney Barber

Sarah Chen

Yul Choi

Bella Corral

Daphne DiFrancesco

Alaina Jacobson

Dana Jhoung

Henry Lim

Akash Mani

CARY ACADEMY

CLASS OF 2025

*Molly Masters Acton
Jake Asher Alexander
Gray Caroline Arndts
Mukundh Gopalarathnam Ashok
Reid Gavin Beatty
Carmen Marie Benevides
Ethan Thomas Berson
Avani Bhat
Pierce Andrew Bloedon
Anne Fearn Boyse
Addison Scott Canady
Laura Jane Capps
Surya Cattamanchi
Callie Margaret Chang
Milena Yarid Chiavegatto
William Shien Yi Chow
Connor Sangwoo Chuang
Chelsea Lee Cui
Jacklyn Marie Dauler
Annalise Ruyun Davies
Dylan Wesley Davis
Lea Helen Davis
Dylan Max De Ycaza
Sebastian Robert Edwin deSouza
Mirella May DiGiulio
Braedan Harrison Echevarria
Brian Scott Edlin Jr.
Angelina Belle Erhardt
Abben Fasil
Avery Rose Foster*

*Abigail Kendrick Fox
Meredith Moring Fultz
Elizabeth Dorothy Gayer
Christopher Scott Gillham
Maya Alyse Gupta
Grayson Sullivan Hale
Kainoa Maxim Hall
Derek Han
Cooper Gordon Harris
Alexander Rohan Haugan
Claire Ann Hill
Benjamin Bamforth Holton
Alexander Stephen Houde
Grace Salam Housman
Allen Huang
Sarah Hussain
Declan James Jack
Rutger Michael Jack
Maeve Ana Jaeger-Sandruck
Dillan Sanjay Jagannath
Hugh Carter Johnson
Evan Tseng Jones
Nicholas Michael Jones
Anika Reddy Kadumpalli
Ava Nguyen Karrenbauer
Darcy Grace Keegan
Victoria Kula Kiadii
Tsega Tesfa Kumera
Anthony Esa Lando
Gavin David Larsen
Corinne Mei-chi Laurey*

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Nora Kathleen Leuchtmann
Sebastian Yeh-Kang Limkakeng
Sophia Rose Lineberger
Alex Liu
Rebecca Li Liu
Aida Lo
Sophia Anne Lokitz
Yixuan Ma
Annabel Sara Maidorn
Akshay V. Mandhare
Kaitlyn Palmer An Martin
Morgan Muriel McMullin
Simren M. Mehta
Christopher John Molner
Benjamin Rhodes Morrissey
Sophia Elise Munyon
Brooke Elizabeth Murgitroyd
Addyson Grace Neira
Thomas Robert Neuman
Kainda Nzinga
Finnegan Bale O'Connell
Katherine Lily Ovsievsky
Simon John Park
Nayan Ashish Patel
Carsten Wyatt Perry
Anna-Sophia Polge
Carson Benito Lewellen Pollock
Paloma Pulido
Pranav Janakiram Ravulapati
Riley Benjamin Ro
Owen Michael Rudy

Jill Rhines Sandreuter
Maria Claire Schaeffer
Jacob Thomas Sergent
Rushabh Nimish Shah
Sarah Therese Shaughnessy
Jyothi Deogun Singh
Robert Tyler Smith
Timothy John Spivey
Emily Faelyn Stanley
Ziyao Sun
Sanah Surana
Anwyn Rose Tsalik
Chikezie Uchendu
Ikechukwu Ugwa
Rachel Yuechen Wang
Grant Tsedeke Ward
Shariah Anndraya Warren
Neal Rajan Wasudev
Ethan Gregory Weimer-Kopf
Dax Murray Welborn
Andrew John Wessels
John Galt West
Alana Marie Williams
Sydney Bouchelle Wrege
Isabella Joy Xu
Xander Na Ye
Emma Ge-Fei Zhang
Hailey Zhang
Adam Charles Zheng

COLLEGE DECISIONS

CLASS OF 2025

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 as you embark on your college careers at 61 different colleges in 24 states, and the District of Columbia.

American University
Auburn University
Barnard College
Bates College
Boston University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
Columbia University
Davidson College
Duke University
Elon University
Emory University
Florida International University
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
High Point University
Johns Hopkins University
Middlebury College
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University (Main Campus)
Rice University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Stanford University

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Syracuse University
The Ohio State University
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)
Trinity College
University of California, San Diego
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati (Main Campus)
University of Connecticut
University of Georgia
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Utah
University of Vermont
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
William & Mary
Yale University





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