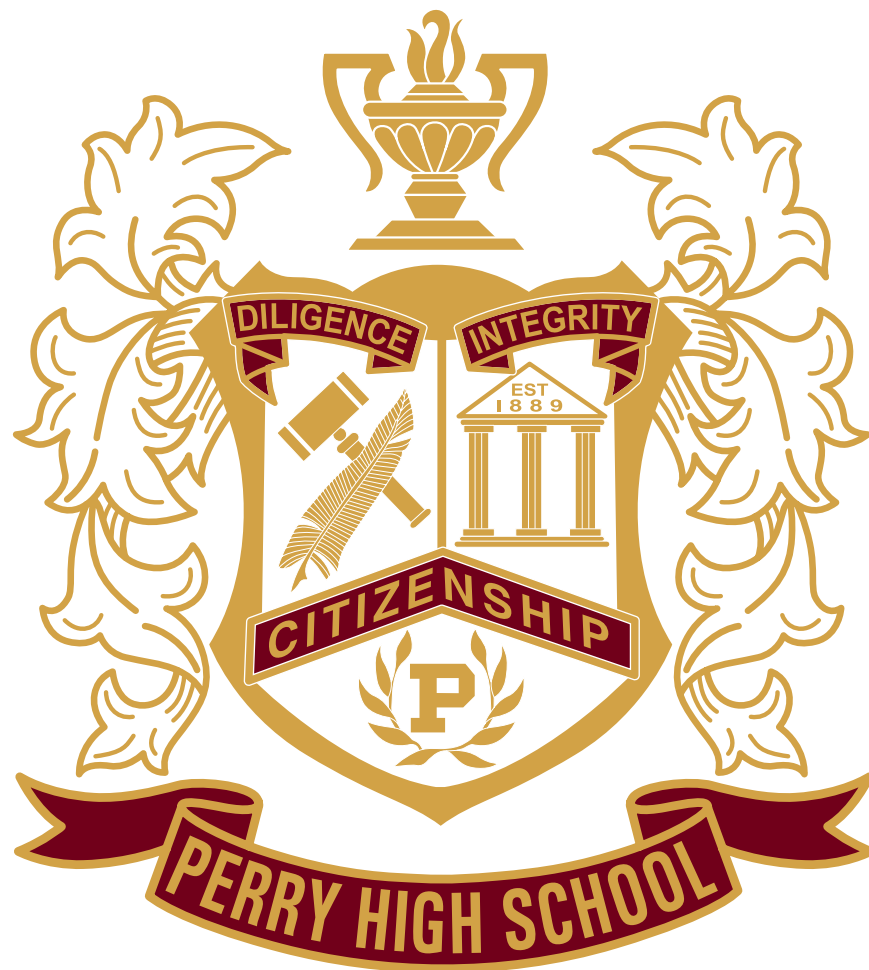


Perry High School Class of 2023 Commencement Exercises



**May 27, 2023
3:30 pm
Reaves Arena
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
Perry, Georgia**



To the Graduating Class of 2023:

Congratulations! Today marks one of the most memorable milestone moments you will get to celebrate in your life. When you walked into the hallways of PHS only a few years ago, many of you could not imagine what this day might feel like. Well, your time has come. You are here, and you have made it. I know that many of you have encountered some very difficult trials along the way. Those challenges you faced should make today's celebration that much sweeter. The work ethic you have displayed and your devotion to your studies deserve both high praise and thoughtful recognition. We have gathered here not only to highlight your achievements, but also to show our love and appreciation for all that you have accomplished.

For many of you, this is the last time you will have the pleasure of being in each other's company. As you prepare to close out one chapter of your life and dedicate yourself to the pursuit of the next, do not forget to take some time to live in this moment. Look into the faces of your fellow graduates and recall to memory those special times you all have shared with each other through the years. Whether you realize it right now or not, in the years to come, you will think back on this day with a fond remembrance. Make the absolute most of the fast and fleeting instances that you will get to share with each other today. Once this graduation ceremony ends, your adult lives will come into very sharp focus, and the choices you have made thus far will take many of you in very different directions.

Some of you have elected to join the military where you will proudly serve your country. I want to personally thank you in advance for both your sacrifice and your service. Others of you will head off to your respective colleges, universities, and technical schools where you will begin to pursue a degree that will enable you to carve out a life for yourselves. Quite a few of you have no doubt opted to enter the work force right away, and that occupation of your choosing will surely test you at one point or another. Whatever direction your life takes, I am confident that you have acquired many of the tools you will need to excel and become productive members of society. The fact that you are here in this moment ready to receive a diploma that you have earned tells me that you are more than ready to take on the next phase of your lives.

In closing, even though you are preparing to part ways from each other, do not forget that taking part in today's festivities means you and your fellow classmates will forge a unique bond that can never be broken. For all of posterity, you will be a member of the Perry High School graduating class of 2023. The resilience you have shown these past 13 years is commendable, and it is my greatest wish that all of you get to experience the very best that this life has to offer.

Good luck on all of your future endeavors. I am very proud of you, and I want to personally thank you all for your **Commitment to the "P."**

Mr. Wesley Del Martin
Principal, Perry High School

Commencement Exercises

Graduates will be led by Perry High School
2023 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Tony Whitten and
2023 STAR Teacher, Dr. Dawn Knappek

Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance"	Sir Edward Elgar
Opening Remarks	Mr. Wesley D. Martin	<i>Principal, Perry High School</i>
*The National Anthem	Tony Hudgens, Jr.	<i>Class of 2023 Graduate</i>
*Pledge of Allegiance.....	Ashton Russell	<i>Class of 2023 Honor Graduate, PHS AFJROTC Cadet</i>
Welcome	Charles Bonilla	<i>Class of 2023 Honor Graduate, Class of 2023 President</i>
Salutatorian Address	Ava Slaughter	<i>Class of 2023 Honor Graduate, Salutatorian</i>
Commencement Address.....	Claire McDonald	<i>Class of 2023 Honor Graduate, Valedictorian</i>
Presentation of Class for Diplomas	Dr. Mark Scott	<i>Superintendent of Schools, Houston County School District</i>

Awarding of Diplomas

Houston County Board of Education
Dr. Mark Scott, *Superintendent of Schools*
Mr. Wesley D. Martin, *Principal*

Turning of the Tassel	Jasmine Jamerson	<i>Class of 2023 Secretary</i>
	Carrigan Grace Temple	<i>Class of 2023 Treasurer, Class of 2023 Honor Graduate</i>

Alma Mater	PHS Chorus Ensemble
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Emily Barron	Megan Christianson	Brianne Davis	Alexys Jones
<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2023 Honor Graduate</i>	<i>Class of 2023 Honor Graduate</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>

Recessional	"Pomp and Circumstance"	Sir Edward Elgar
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Please remain seated for the processional and recessional so all graduates may be seen by our guests.

**Audience will stand*

Perry High School Candidates for Graduation

Class of 2023

HONOR GRADUATES

Claire Elizabeth McDonald

Valedictorian

Ava Rose Slaughter

Salutatorian

Areyna Je'Nay Adams

Joseph Frazier Adams

Taylor Abbie Allen

Mar'kiyah Kanevea Anderson

Gentry Arnette, IV

Rory Nicole Arrington

Logan Lee Arrowsmith

Lily Caroline Barfield

Owen Daniel Barrett

Brandon Ke'yon Battle

Aly Marlene Bautista

Micah Keegan Belflower

Charles Red Ferrer Bonilla

Ethan James Bowden

Reagan Ansley Boynton

Aidan Kristian Brady

Alainey Marie Breaux

Ryan Thomas Brewer

Justin Connor Bridges

Brianna Alicia Brown

Trent Sydney Brown

Rodney Anthony Bryant, II

Jaylada Lamai Cates

Luke James Caulley

Megan Elizabeth Christiansen

Abigail Grace Conrad

Luke Callaghan Copeland

Thomas Henry Corbitt

Autum Leigh Davis

Brianee Nikole Davis

Mitchell Alan Day

Emily Elizabeth Dean

Gabriel Delgado Diaz

Summer Kate Deloach

Brianna Michelle Dickson

Kaitlyn Elizabeth Dickson

Delta Larissa Ebersole

Julieanna Fernandez-Ronda

Jaeden Michael Fields

Ashlyn Bailey Fordham

Rogelio Garcia

Thomas James Gillies

Tucker Merrill Gossman

Connor Scott Griffin

Tymia Octavia Dejeanae Harris

Gabrielle Victoria Hawk

Ian Randall Herbst

Samantha Christine Hillhouse

Madalyn Renee Horan

Carter Emmett Horton

Chase William Howeth

Jayden Antwan Jackson

Kathryn Elizabeth Johnson

Trever Mead Johnson

Alexys Taylor Jones

Amelia Grace Kelly

James Griffin Kitchens

Rosalee Lynn Kreischer

Hunter Blake Leslie

Austin Blake Locke

Hayden James Lovelady

Hunter Anthony Lowe

Georgia Mabel Maddox

Emalie Nichole Maddox-Brummitt

Benjamin Kelly McDow

Brianna Rose McNulty

Marissa Anne Melnick

Mary Elizabeth Merritt

Keilah Parris Miles

Nathaniel Lewis O'Neill

Anaya Mi'laun Owens

Nolan Bryant Owens

Joseph Keegan Parker

Rhailyn Jai Pavlik

Kelsie Alexis Pugh

Taylor Leigh Queener

Isabella Grace Rigdon

Kylee Marie Rivas

Caroline Avery Roberts

Hannah Christina Rojano

Andrew Michael Rowland

Trent Austin Rucker

Kennedy Elise Runyon

Reece Lindsey Runyon

Ashton Sway Russell

Markala Jarissa Sanders

Elyomar Santiago

Kathryn Rose Scance

Cameron DeAndre Searcy

Robert Grant Sharples

Cate Elizabeth Sims

Laura Kathryn Singleton

Conner Nathan Smith

Jeremy Ray Smith, Jr.

Daniel James Snell

Cathleen Anais Suarez

Aryana Michelle Sumler

Grace Ann Surber

Carrigan Grace Temple

Abigail Brooklyn Townsend

Meredith Layne Tucker

Carleigh Elizabeth Turrell

Bryhannah Nicole Velasco

Clarissa Kaleigh Walker

Summer Rose Walker

Niall Robert Walsh

Reece Jordan Whitehead

Michaela Alexandria Whitest

John Paul Williams

Victoria Ann Williams

Caleb Walter Wilson

Miller Jefson Wood

Lillian Grace Young

GRADUATES

Michael Tanner Adams
 Azariah Sonei' Alexander
 Paris Nicole Allen
 Tyshonna Nicole Allen
 Makayla Calease Almond
 Za'Riah Simone Anderson
 Reynaldo Arreguin
 Landon Lee Arrowsmith
 Kenneth Harold AsburyV
 Merrick Rae Avery
 Alexis Rian Baer
 Natalie Paige Baird
 Kathryn Brooke Ball
 Khanijah ShiJai NaTavia Barrett
 Emily Grace Barron
 Aaron John Matthew Battle
 Ely Jessenia Bautista
 Ricardo Bautista
 Abigail Elise Bedgood
 Janea Nyiema Berry
 Alivia Jeanette Blanton
 Ryan Allan Boyd
 Clarence Eli Branch
 Layke Haze Brantley
 Charkyria Dishun Brown
 La'Kameyan Quazaria Bullard
 Ka'Liyah De'Onna Burnam
 Alejandro David Cabrera
 Caden Bennett Camp
 Madison Hope Carroll
 Demetrious Daquavion Carter
 Tiffany Danielle Carter
 Anderson Christopher Chambers
 Cason Riley Chance
 Isaiah Neriah Chandler
 Austin John Childs
 Dylan Wade Coleman
 Marcus Andre Conner
 AnnaBelle Lynn Connor
 Nyjaya Laterra Cooper
 Shannon Savannah Skye Cranford

Kaly Angeline Crumpton
 Coby Leron Jon Davis
 Jalen Leon Davis
 Joseph Levi Davis, Jr.
 Londyn M'kele Davis
 Daniel Stephen Douglas, III
 Benjamin Christian Driscoll
 Randall Lanier Duke, III
 Jalen Tavion Duncan
 Charles Mason Dupuis
 Braxton De'von Durham
 Christopher Jordan Dyson
 Jaylon Lee Edwards
 Justice Renee Edwards
 William Cooper Edwards
 Mason Allen Engle
 Jaslyn A'miya Engram
 Sean Joseph Eskew
 Solomon Luke Faraone
 Christian Reed Fletcher
 Jayden Ja Cori Fletcher
 Braylin Kendarious Floyd
 Damion La'trell Fluellen
 Eli Matthew Flynn
 Malaysia Nicole Ford
 Aariana Maleia' Foster
 Thomas Walker Fowler
 Anya Keasia Unique George
 Nathan Michael Gibbs
 Iyana Renee Gibson
 Brenden Keith Gilbert
 Vann'zavyare A'amri Glover
 Camila Gonzalez
 Armar Rashod Gordon, Jr.
 Lindsay Diane Grant
 Ciara Charletha Green
 Noah Luke Grimsley
 Kailey Nicole Hairrington
 Blake Matthew Hamm
 DaTren Xai'Norman Hammonds
 Shanaia Christine Harris

Ashley Jordan Hawkins
 Semeria Jacinda Hayward
 Liliana Marie Hernandez
 Anthony Denzel Morgan Herrin
 Mason Andrew Hilgendorf
 Kelvyn Zimri-Valece Hill
 Allamar Hinnant
 Adrian Tishaun Hinton
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 Jayla Aaliyah Simone Howard
 Tony Lee Hudgens, Jr.
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 Princeton Bernard Huston
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 Keenan Mekhi Jones
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 Kaeden Thomas Kitchens
 Cole Erich Kleinebekel
 Daniel Jeremy Knowles
 Levi Eldon Kruger, Jr.
 Antonio Maurice Lawson
 Ahmad De'wayne Lee
 Kylie Marie Lemoine
 Deonte Malik Lester
 Marisa Desray Lockhart
 Logan Zackary Lott

GRADUATES CONTINUED

Jesus Adrian Mancio Suarez, Jr.	Javen Ja'Darin Postell	Jamari James Stone
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Camerin Lanier Marshall	John Wesley Prickett	Nyla Alandra Sullivan
Amelia Anne McCauley	Briana Kendall Purvis	Isis Monay Swinson
Leah Allysa McColum	Marcus Andrew Ragin, Jr.	Jordan Christian Taylor
Thomas Clayton McCormick, Jr.	Anna Lee Raines	Nicholas La Norris Taylor, Jr.
Shamariah Michelle Mickens	Risjon Maleek Raveneau	Kaleithia Veara Thomas
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Johnathen Gene Miller	Jaylen Andrew Reitz	Tyrese Tyler Tolliver
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Matthew Dean Mitchell, Jr.	Thomas Alexander Romeo	Ja'Linthya Jalisia Wade
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Kinady Breya Mossman	Landen Gabe Scott	Donovan Marshall White
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Nolan Ryan Nauss	Malonni Ayannah Sheffield	Nathaniel Xavier Jean White
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Nataliya Channelle Vaughn Parker	Davis Lane Smith	Mackenzie Alyssa Winkler
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Addison Case Poole	Mia Grace Stewart	Makalah Z'Mya Young
Lance Avery Popham	Kristen Ava Stokes	Collin Thomas Zeigler

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<u>Green</u> AP Award with Distinction	<u>Silver</u> Fine Arts Honor	<u>Silver and White</u> CTAE
<u>Black & Gold</u> Beta Club	<u>Multi-Color</u> National Art Honor Society	<u>Navy and Gold</u> Golden Eagle

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*Far above the Ochlahatchee,
'bove its waters clear-
Stands forever Alma Mater
Perry loved and dear.*

*Lift your voices, send them upward,
Loud your praises sing;
Hail to thee – our Alma Mater
Wide your honors ring!*

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