

Mc⁺ALLEN ISD

**ACHIEVE EARLY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL**

Class of
2025



Graduation Ceremony

McALLEN CONVENTION CENTER
FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 | 2:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

ACHIEVE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

2:00 PM

Prelude & Processional - "Pomp and Circumstance" McAllen ISD Fine Arts Department
Welcome Mr. Miguel A. Carmona, Principal
Pledge of Allegiance (*please stand*)..... Hector Alejandro Flores, AECHS Graduate
National Anthem (*please stand*) Performed by Donovan Dezena-Bautista, AECHS Graduate
Student Welcome Jade Gabrielle Guiam, Senior Class President

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Message from the McAllen ISD Board of Trustees Trustee Robert J. Carreon
Student Body President Address Kyra Paris Aguilar
Senior Class President Address Jade Gabrielle Guiam
Salutatorian Address Joaquin Andres Zuniga
Valedictorian Address Anahi Ortega
Certification of Graduates Mr. Miguel A. Carmona, Principal
Declaration of Graduates Dr. René Gutiérrez, Superintendent
Presentation of Diplomas Superintendent & Board of Trustees
Tassel Ceremony Kyra Paris Aguilar, Student Body President
A Tribute to the Class of 2025 Senior Class Video edited by Julissa Marie Alvarez AECHS Graduate
Alma Mater..... Class of 2025
Closing Remarks Mr. Miguel A. Carmona, Principal
Recessional - "Pomp and Circumstance" McAllen ISD Fine Arts Department

Special Thanks to:

South Texas College Administration, Faculty & Staff, STC Board of Trustees, McAllen ISD Administration,
McAllen ISD Board of Trustees and Achieve Early College High School Staff

The students who shall be speaking at the graduation ceremony were selected based on neutral criteria to deliver messages of the students' own choices. The content of each student speaker's messages is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect any position or expression of the district or the Board of Trustees, or the District's administration, or employees of the District, or the views of any other graduate. The contents of these messages were prepared by the student volunteers, and the District refrained from any interaction with student speakers regarding the student speaker's viewpoints on permissible subjects.

Summa Cum Laude

Top 2% of Senior Class

Anahi Ortega
Joaquin A. Zuniga

Magna Cum Laude

Top 3-5% of Senior Class

Marc Miyamoto
Eduardo Cavazos Quintero
Jade Gabrielle Guiam

Cum Laude

Top 6-10% of Senior Class

Aranza Solis Almanza
Krysell Villarreal
Samantha K. Madrigal
Layna Vasquez
Alejandro M. Salgado
Luna A. Cuevas

National Merit Commended Scholar

Granted to students who score in the top 3-4% of test-takers on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Joaquin Andres Zuniga

National African American Scholars

Granted to students named National African American Scholar by the College Board Recognition Program.

Richard Fidel Jimenez
Johnny Ray Myers Jr.

National First- Generation Scholar

Granted to students who are the first in their family to pursue a higher education degree.

Maria Fernanda Castro-Garcia
Luna Antonia Cuevas
Richard Fidel Jimenez
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Israel Ortiz Jr.
Javier Alejandro Ramos
Skylar Raquel Rodriguez
Bryan Orlando Salazar
Genesys Sujei Torres
Layna Vasquez
Krysell Villarreal

National Hispanic Scholars

Identified as highest-scoring students from a nationwide total of 250,000 high school juniors who took the PSAT/NMSQT and designated themselves as Hispanic.

Moises Benitez
Frida Carrillo
Maria Fernanda Castro-Garcia
Eduardo Cavazos Quintero
Luna Antonia Cuevas
Adrian De Santiago
Renata Sofia Gonzalez

Barbara Grimaldo
Richard Fidel Jimenez
Alexa Martinez
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Angel Gabriel Medina
Avril Nicole Ocanas
Anahi Ortega

Israel Ortiz Jr.
Javier Alejandro Ramos
Brittney Anette Reyes
Skylar Raquel Rodriguez
Bryan Orlando Salazar
Alejandro Maximo Salgado
Aranza Solis Almanza

Genesys Sujei Torres
Brielle Olivia Tully-Diaz
Oscar Eduardo Valdez
Layna Vasquez
Krysell Villarreal
Joaquin Andres Zuniga

STC Associate Degree

Kaylee Monique Admire
Eric Adrian Jr
Jesus Emilio Aguilar
Julissa Marie Alvarez
Gustavo Eliam Andrade
Jazzline Andrea Arenas
Alexandria Marie Arriaga Yap
Magerit Avila
Julie Ann Azua
Moises Benitez
Mia Celest Cantu
Frida Carrillo
Giselle Castellano
Maria Fernanda Castro-Garcia
Eduardo Cavazos Quintero
Luna Antonia Cuevas
Adrian De Santiago
Donovan Dezenea-Bautista
Zena Rosh Discipulo
Alyssen Monique Esparza
Hector Alejandro Flores
Jose Flores III

Norma Abigail Franco Rodriguez
Pamela Abigail Garcia
Savanah Sahara Raine Garcia
Seth David Garcia
Sinhai Gasperin
Ayleen Gonzalez
Haylie Kate Gonzalez
Hugo Emiliano Gonzalez
Renata Sofia Gonzalez
Barbara Grimaldo
Molly Grace Guerra
Jade Gabrielle Guiam
Clarissa Jasmine Guzman
Roselyn Hernandez
Elian Jimenez-Amaro
Richard Fidel Jimenez
Beatriz Lopez Gonzalez
Brittanya Lopez
Leslie Abigail Lopez
Gema Lorena Luna
Samantha Katrina Madrigal
Neveah Harley Marks
Alexa Martinez

Ismael Alessandro Martinez
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Sarah Danielle Martinez
Angel Gabriel Medina
Marc Miyamoto
Alexis Uriel Molina Munoz
Melanie Iveth Mora
Luis Morales Lopez
Kevin Anthony Moreno
Johnny Ray Myers Jr.
Aidan Miguel Nunez
Avril Nicole Ocanas
Anahi Ortega
Israel Ortiz Jr.
Kevin Elias Ortiz
Danika Mia Peche
Abraham Perez
Javier Alejandro Ramos
Marilyn Theresa Rector
Elian Mariana Retana
Brittney Anette Reyes
Daisy Nicole Rodriguez
Javier David Rodriguez

Jose Alejandro Rodriguez
Marco Aurelio Rodriguez Jr.
Skylar Raquel Rodriguez
Frida Rosales Trevino
Jonathan Arturo Saenz
Ashley Nicol Salazar
Bryan Orlando Salazar
Alejandro Maximo Salgado
Brianna Denise Shelton
Aranza Solis Almanza
Deija Danae Sosa
Genesys Sujei Torres
Brielle Olivia Tully-Diaz
Fabrizio Gabriel Urquia Ventura
Oscar Eduardo Valdez
Paulo Adriel Valdez
Aliza Lizet Valenciana
Miranda Mia Vallejo
Layna Vasquez
Krysell Villarreal
Julieta Zamora
Joaquin Andres Zuniga

AP Scholars with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Javier Alejandro Ramos

AP Scholars with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

Eduardo Cavazos Quintero
Barbara Grimaldo
Anahi Ortega
Alejandro Máximo Salgado

AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Moises Benitez
Frida Carrillo
Adrian De Santiago
Marc Miyamoto
Bryan Orlando Salazar
Genesys Sujei Torres
Aliza Lizet Valenciana
Krysell Villarreal
Joaquin Andres Zuniga



Achieve Early College High School

CLASS OF 2025



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Class of 2025 Officers

President: Jade Guiam
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Secretary: Brielle Tully-Diaz
Treasurer: Samantha Madrigal
Historian: Haylie Gonzalez



High School Class of 2025

Achieve Early College High School

• Top 10 Graduates •



Anahi Ortega
Valedictorian

Hello, Jaguars! Today is more than a farewell to high school- it's a celebration of everything we've overcome and have yet to become. This moment reflects our resilience, drive, and the dreams that carried us here. To our teachers, thank you for your endless patience and the passion you bring into every lesson. Our successes would not have been possible without the support of our friends and families. I owe everything to my parents. Your unwavering support, love, and sacrifices have been the foundation of my success, and I am forever grateful. To my fellow graduates: The future is unwritten and ours to shape. Embrace the unknown, lean into challenges, and never forget that growth begins where comfort ends. Step forward with courage- you are meant for greatness.

Congratulations, Class of 2025. We did it!

- Anahi Ortega



Joaquin Andres Zuniga
Salutatorian

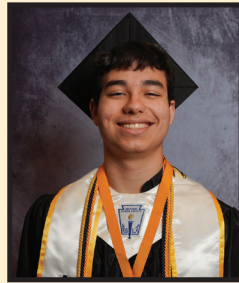
Hello fellow graduates, today marks a monumental milestone in our lives, one that will pave the way for the remainder of our careers and respective paths. There is no way of telling if our lives will end up exactly as we want them to, but I have no doubt that you all will do great things with your lives, regardless if they've been planned or not. As we all split off from Achieve and go our own ways, a little piece of our hearts should remain here. At home. So that we may never forget what we learned here, the people we've become friends with, our families who've constantly supported us, and the community that we've built with everyone here. Congratulations once again to everyone and I'll leave you with the best advice that I can give you, that I learned from one of my chess mentors. Don't use your time to reconsider the choices you have made, take your time to ensure that you make choices you are happy with the first time, be proud and be confident in your abilities and own your own moment. Take care of yourselves and make sure to live your lives to the fullest.

Congratulations Class of 2025!

- Joaquin Andres Zuniga



Marc Miyamoto
Magna Cum Laude



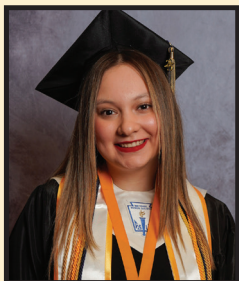
Eduardo Cavazos Quintero
Magna Cum Laude



Jade Gabrielle Guiam
Magna Cum Laude



Aranza Solis Almanza
Cum Laude



Krysell Villarreal
Cum Laude



Samantha K. Madrigal
Cum Laude



Layna Vasquez
Cum Laude



Alejandro M. Salgado
Cum Laude



Luna A. Cuevas
Cum Laude

AECHS • 2025 Candidates for Graduation

Kaylee Monique Admire Eric Adrian Jr Jesus Emilio Aguilar Kyra Paris Aguilar Julissa Marie Alvarez Gustavo Eliam Andrade Jazzline Andrea Arenas Alexandria Marie Arriaga Yap Magerit Avila Julie Ann Azua Moises Benitez Dominik Estevan Canales Carlos Gadiel Cantu Mia Celest Cantu Frida Carrillo Bianca Salome Castaneda Giselle Castellano Maria Fernanda Castro-Garcia Eduardo Cavazos Quintero Luna Antonia Cuevas Adrian De Santiago Donovan Dezenea-Bautista Zena Rosh Discipulo Alyssen Monique Esparza Marisol Mariana Esquivel Skye Angellie Fernandez Hector Alejandro Flores Jose Flores III Norma Abigail Franco Rodriguez Pamela Abigail Garcia Ryan Garcia Savannah Sahara Raine Garcia Seth David Garcia Sinhai Gasperin Angelique Gonzalez Ayleen Gonzalez Haylie Kate Gonzalez Hugo Emiliano Gonzalez Natalie Janae Gonzalez Renata Sofia Gonzalez Barbara Grimaldo Molly Grace Guerra Jade Gabrielle Guiam Clarissa Jasmine Guzman Christian Gabriel Hernandez Roselyn Hernandez Naomi Star Herrera Michelle Hinojosa Elian Jimenez-Amaro Richard Fidel Jimenez Carlos Alberto Lazcano Sofia Aubrianna Lerma Aaron Santos Lopez Beatriz Lopez Gonzalez Brittany Lopez Diana Michelle Lopez Leslie Abigail Lopez Gema Lorena Luna	Samantha Katrina Madrigal Neveah Harley Marks Alexa Martinez Ismael Alessandro Martinez Jocelyn Annette Martinez Kamilla Anahy Martinez Sarah Danielle Martinez Angel Gabriel Medina Marc Miyamoto Alexis Uriel Molina Munoz Melanie Iveth Mora Luis Morales Lopez Kevin Anthony Moreno Johnny Ray Myers Jr. Aidan Miguel Nunez Avril Nicole Ocanas Anahi Ortega Israel Ortiz Jr. Kevin Elias Ortiz Danika Mia Peché Rad Lee Pena Abraham Perez Javier Alejandro Ramos Marilyn Theresa Rector Elian Mariana Retana Brittney Anette Reyes Daisy Nicole Rodriguez Dibri Rodriguez Javier David Rodriguez Jose Alejandro Rodriguez Marco Aurelio Rodriguez Jr. Skylar Raquel Rodriguez Veronica Rodriguez Frida Rosales Trevino Jonathan Arturo Saenz Ashley Nicol Salazar Bryan Orlando Salazar Victoria Elizabeth Saldivar Alejandro Maximo Salgado Victor Manuel Sanchez Brianna Denise Shelton Aranza Solis Almanza Deija Danae Sosa Brayan Tijerina Genesys Sujei Torres Brielle Olivia Tully-Diaz Fabrizio Gabriel Urquia Ventura Oscar Eduardo Valdez Paulo Adriel Valdez Aliza Lizet Valenciana Miranda Mia Vallejo Layna Vasquez Yoanni Vela Diego Osvaldo Villarreal Krysell Villarreal Julieta Zamora Joaquin Andres Zuniga
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Summa Cum Laude
 Magna Cum Laude
 Cum Laude
 STC Associates Degree
 STC Honors
 National First Generation Scholar
 National Merit Commended Scholar
 National Merit Finalist
 National African American Recognition
 National Hispanic Recognition
 AP Scholar w/Distinction
 AP Scholar w/Honor
 AP Scholars
 PA Perfect Attendance
 Military
 MISD AP Program Graduate
 Distinguished Level of Achievement
 National Honor Society
 STEM Endorsement
 Business & Industry Endorsement
 Public Service Endorsement
 Arts & Humanities Endorsement
 Multidisciplinary Studies Endorsement
 Dual Credit
 Bilingualism & Bi-literacy
 AP/IB Exams
 Ack. SAT/ACT
 A state recognized or nationally/internationally recognized business or industry certification or license
 College, Career & Military Readiness

AWARDS

ValedictorianAnahi Ortega
SalutatorianJoaquin Andres Zuniga

United States Military

AIR FORCE

Adrian De Santiago
Israel Ortiz

ARMY

Brayan Tijerina

MARINES

Bryan Orlando Salazar

Scholarships and Awards

The following scholarships were presented to the Class of 2024 at the Senior Recognition Ceremony.

QuestBridge Scholarship
Eduardo Cavazos Quintero

UTRGV Luminary Scholarship
Anahi Ortega

Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Joseph Clair Scholarship
Genesys Sujey Torres

UTRGV Greater Texas Foundation
Neveah Marks
Sara Danielle Martinez
Oscar Eduardo Valdez

Lozano Alumni Scholarship
Pamela Abigail Garcia
Marco Aurelio Rodriguez

Nikki Rowe Girls Softball Booster Scholarship
Savanah Sahara Raine Garcia

McAllen Housing Commission Scholarship
Fabrizio Urquia Ventura

Patty and Larry Fallek
Danika Mia Peche

Roman Delgado Scholarship
Luna Antonia Cuevas
Alyssen Monique Esparza
Danika Mia Peche
Anahi Ortega

Vamos Scholarship
Aranza Solis Almanza

University Achievement Awards

Arizona State University
Ayleen Gonzalez

Baylor University
Anahi Ortega

California College of the Arts
Barbara Grimaldo

Case Western Reserve University
Alejandro Maximo Salgado

Grand Canyon University
Alyeen Gonzalez

Incarinate Word University
Oscar Eduardo Valdez

Lindenwood University
Kaylee Monique Admire

Oregon State University
Joaquin Andres Zuniga

St. Edward's University
Julissa Marie Alvarez

St. Mary's University
Eric Adrian
Jesus Emilio Aguilar
Kyra Paris Aguilar
Frida Carrillo
Giselle Castellano
Adrian De Santiago
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Gema Lorena Luna
Ismael Alessandro Martinez
Marc Miiyamoto

St. Mary's University (continued)

Anahi Ortega
Kevin Elias Ortiz
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Aliza Lizet Valenciana
Krysell Villarreal
Julieta Zamora

School of Art-Institute of Chicago
Clarissa Jasmine Guzman

Texas A&M University
Luna Antonia Cuevas
Samantha Katrina Madrigal
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Danika Mia Peche
Anahi Ortega
Marco Aurelio Rodriguez
Krysell Villarreal

Texas A&M Kingsville
Hector Alejandro Flores
Luis Morales Lopez
Oscar Eduardo Valdez

Texas State University
Ayleen Gonzalez
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Brittney Anette Reyes
Jose Alejandro Rodriguez
Birelle Tully-Diaz

Texas Tech University
Barbara Grimaldo
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Anahi Ortega
Jose Alejandro Rodriguez
Krysell Villarreal
Oscar Eduardo Valdez
Layna Vasquez

Trinity University

Alejandro Maximo Salgado

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Moises Benitez

University of California Santa Cruz
Maria Fernanda Castro-Garcia

University of Houston
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Anahi Ortega
Krysell Villarreal

University of Texas Arlington
Kamilla Anahy Martinez
Layna Vasquez

University of Texas-Austin
Anahi Ortega
Samantha Katrina Madrigal
Marc Miyamoto
Skylar Rodriguez

University of Texas-Dallas
Eduardo Cavazos Quintero
Jade Gabrielle Guiam
Anahi Ortega

University of Texas-San Antonio
Gustavo Eliam Andrade
Deija Danae Sosa
Layna Vasquez

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Jazzline Andrea Arenas
Magerit Avila
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Achieve ECHS Alma Mater

Music by Asahel Nettleton (1813)
Lyrics by the Class of 2024
w/ J. Samaniego

Dear Achieve, our alma mater,
Honor, courage, inspired by thee;
Arm-in-arm we stand united,
Gold and black, we'll ever be;
Jaguar family, fierce and mighty,
Your accomplishments we praise;
Arm-in-arm we stand united.
Gold and black our hearts will stay.

Chant:

Dream. Believe. Achieve. Succeed!

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act,
but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." - Anatole France*