



HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Commencement

MAY 25, 2021, 7PM | HOLLAND CIVIC CENTER

The 152nd Commencement of Holland High School

Families, please direct your attention to screen or online-feed.

Welcome

Veronica Salazar - Graduation Sponsor

Graduate Procession

Pomp & Circumstance

Pledge of Allegiance

Zach Kapla - Director, Holland Virtual Tech

National Anthem

Class of 2021 Choir Members

Student Speaker

"A BOMBASTIC REFLECTION ON A BOMBASTIC CLASS"

Diamante Balcazor - Student Senate President

Musical Presentation

"THE ROAD HOME"

Class of 2021 Choir Members

Introduction of Commencement Speaker

Isabella Salazar - Graduation Committee Member

Commencement Address

"THE LEGACY WITHIN EACH OF US"

Brian Davis, Ph.D - Superintendent, Holland Public Schools

Presentation of the Class of 2021

Katharine Pennington - Principal, Holland High School

Josh Rumpsa - Assistant Principal, Holland High School

Andrea Mehall - Assistant Principal, Holland High School | Director, Holland Early College

Zach Kapla - Director, Holland Virtual Tech

Recognition of Graduated Class of 2021

Congratulations & Closing Comments

Katharine Pennington - Principal, Holland High School



HOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS Class of 2021

HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL Graduation Candidates:

Francisco Alejandro Junior
Abreu Gutierrez
Daniel Alvarez
Raul Sebastian Arvizu
Micah Joseph Babinski
Xander Blake Bakay
Lashani Yvette Baker
Diamante C Balcazar ♦
Alexis Adela Barajas
Alicia Lucila Barajas
Alejandro Diego Bargas
Austin Marc Bell
Lacette I Benavidez
Isaiah J. D. Bernal
Olivia Maliyah Bissonette
Benjamin A Blink
Elijah Tony Ray Blue Holmes
Isabella R. D. Britt ▲
Dejaunae Ayesha Broomfield
Q'uirke Brandon Burke
Charity Ann Burlingame
Lizbeth Campa
Beatriz Campos
Jiselle Guadalupe Campos
Marvic G Cardenas Gallegos ▲
Connor Lee Carrillo ♦
Daniel Santana Castaneda
Eric Donatillo Castillo
Michael Castillo Jr
Carly Rose Caudill ▲

Olivia Marie Ceithaml ♦
Xavier Fitzgerald Chavis
Prawana N Chhoeun
Brian Chiv ▲
Leif Keslar Christensen ♦
Heather N. A. Clark
Joshua M Collins
Aaliyah Aubrieanna Cordova
Jocelyn Daisha Corona
Alexander Cruz
Carlos M Cruz Jr
Moises Cruz
Lucas Drew Dailey ▲
Alexander J Daniels ▲
Austen Thomas Dattadeen
Samuel G Davis
Shanise Lashay Dawson
Nia Elizabeth DeGarmo
Nickolas Conant DeGarmo
Olivia A DeGraaf ▲
Kendal Joy DeVoe
Houston Ann Duque
Delfina Johanna Duron ♦
Geessiena Soledad Duron ♦
Kyle Russell Dyke
Branden D Eikenberry
Seth Robert Eskes
Joey Cruz Esparza Jr ▲
Santos Jose Figueroa
Madison Nicole Fischer
Ace Donovan Flores
Caleb J Fortune ▲

Maximus Jeremiah Fuentes
Alexis E Galaviz
Connor Gregory Gallagher
Giovanni G Garcia
Giovanni R Garcia
Carla Garcia-Caballero
Katherine Azucena Garcia
Carrillo
Brittany Diane Ginger
Linkin J Glatz
Skyli E Gonzales
Axel Donovan Gonzalez
Jewlian M Gonzalez ▲
John T Gordon
Mixy Lyn Green
Payton M Hartman
Rachel Lauren Haworth ▲
Diego A Hernandez
Samuel Walter Michael
Hescott
Seth D Hidalgo
Dat Quoc Ho ≈
Zachary David Hoekstra ▲
Kylie Marie Horn ▲
Gabrielle R Hosta
Matthew P Huizinga ▲
Alexa C Hysen
Ryan Matthew Jablonski ▲
Nazim Farid Jafarov ♦ ≈
Kierstyn Lynn Jewell
Marisa Q Johnson
Megan A Kalman

Clayton Derek Kammeraad Jr
Jason Todd Kamphuis ♦
Michael Steven Kelley
Camby Aliya Ket
Bryce G. M. Klammer
Tae'Niya Rianne Marie Knight
Cameron J Koberna
Justin Ray Krantz
Alisha Vanny Kun ▲
Charlotte A Lance ▲
Paola Leilany Lara
Madeline Elizabeth Lepard ▲
Seth Michael Leveque
Emily T Logan ▲
Jaden Elizabeth Long
Carter Dean Lynch ♦
Delaney Belle Lynch ♦
Ilkin Nijat Mardanov ≈
Maria Eugenia Martinez
Schotborgh
Alexander Thomas Marko ♦
Benjamin D Marlor
Easton Jade Marroquin-
Mendoza
Aaliyah Yvette Martinez
Elisa Mercedes Martinez
Brisa Martinez Contreras ≈
Linda Mata
Jerry Fernando Matute-Zelaya
Confiance Mbuyu ▲
Mikah M McClain
Jada Paloma Medellin

Victor Jahir Mendoza Otero
 Leah Barbara Meppelink ♦
 Joy Angeline Miller
 Coreyanna Victoria Maria Mirelez
 Bryce Lucas Montgomery
 Cristopher Martin Montoya Gallo
 Kevinbrayan Morales Batista
 William J Morrison ♦
 Abigail MacKena Mulder ♦
 Felecia Navarro ▲
 D'Quincy H Nelson
 Steve Baotuan Nguyen ♦
 Chawol P Niphong
 Owen W Nyenhuis ♦
 Jackelyn Palmas ▲
 Melissa Parra ▲
 Destinee Aliyah Phasoukvong ▲
 Aaliyah Pinela Escalera
 Grant Alexander Pountain
 Thyme Christine Pountain
 Caitlyn Sue Prins ▲
 Danielle Joyce Prins
 Tyler Jackson Punch ▲
 Emma E Ramirez
 Jordan Paige Ramirez ▲
 Kira Jenisa Rendon
 Adrian Roa
 Antonio Demetrian Robinson
 Alexander Jesus Romero
 Anahi Mya Romero-Solano
 Carlie Marie Rozema ♦
 Charlotte Rose Ruiter ♦
 Angel Marie Ruiz ▲
 Christian Alexander Ruiz
 Emilio F Ruiz
 Selena Jane Rumpsa
 Ava Leticia Ryzenga ▲
 Isabella Malia Salazar ▲

Emanuel Sanchez ▲
 Alexander Sanchez-Camacho
 David Alejandro Sanchez-Sanchez
 Adam George Saucedo Jr
 Robert Allen Schoen
 Alexis Delilah Serrano
 Lillian Grace Sharp ♦
 Beni Shindano
 Zoe G Sierra Ramirez
 Jayden Sisson
 Aaliyah Isabel Smith
 Brianna Nichole Smith
 Mallory A Sneller
 Mazen Samih Nagi Soofi
 Evan A Stokes
 Matthew David Thompson Jr
 Caitlyn E Tietema
 Garret Wallace Tinney ♦
 Kyle D Torres ▲
 William Torres
 Rosaura Trejo Alvarez
 Silver Raine Tye
 Brendan James Tyler
 Mina C Valdiviez
 Rachel Marie Van Beek
 Logan Michael Van Dine ▲
 Neil Robert Van Faasen ▲
 Chloe Michele Van Huis
 Ian W. E. Van Kula
 Megyn Elizabeth Van Oss
 Daniel John Van Ravenswaay ▲
 Rachel Ann Vandermeer
 Jordan P VandeVusse
 Samantha Mailany Varillas
 Casilda Vasquez
 Selena G Vazquez ♦
 Jasmine Villalobos-Mendoza
 Cleo Ann Vollstedt ▲

Anton Gregory Voss ≈
 Teagan J Wade ▲
 Halee Victoria Waters
 Brooke Marie Wehrmeyer
 Angesom Kidane Welday ≈
 Noah Allyn E Whiteman ▲
 Isabella Milan Williams ▲
 Malaya Lynae Williams
 Sailor Brooke Woiwode
 Justin D Wolters ▲
 Adriana H Woodcock
 Gregory Woods III ♦
 Snan A Yahya

HOLLAND EARLY COLLEGE Associate Degree Candidates:

Elija Matthew Abram
 Dalton M Berrington ▲
 Brianna M Bradford
 Marissa Anne Coleman
 Diego Alberto Felix-Trejo ♦
 Aliya Gonzalez Morales
 Daniel Allen Jordan
 Roberto Martinez Iracheta
 Ashley Lizeth Pedraza ▲
 Keith Pike ▲
 Guadalupe Alin Quinones ▲
 Nicholas Trey Santellan ♦
 Taliyah Lashawn Sumerall
 Samantha Tapia Silva
 Dylan Scott Trudgeon
 Tyrese John Turner
 Sierra Autumn Tye ▲
 Jessica L Ver Burg ▲
 Savannah Sky Vigil ▲
 Samuel Morgan Wolthuis ♦

HOLLAND VIRTUAL TECH Graduation Candidates:

Jonathan Angel Balderas
 AnnaMarie Cagle
 Karina Esther Cerritos-Torres
 Carmen Davidson
 Paris Elizabeth DeMaat
 Xander David DeMaat
 Pablo Jose Galan Zamora
 Enya Karina Galeno
 Edgar Alberto Garcia-Garcia
 Dawson James Goodin
 Armando Gutierrez-Santos Jr
 Jacob Ryan Hettinger
 Tyson Levi Hughes
 Nayeli Luz Islas
 Nolan William Lee Jansma
 Noah Phaelan Daniel Kasten
 Tallen Jon Lent
 Avonte Jordan Lorminier
 Sincere Marie McGruther
 Rachel Lynn Penninga
 Ava G Strabbing

CLASS OF 2021 | HONORS & AWARDS

VALEDICTORIAN

Charlotte Ruiter

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Diamante Balcazar | Isabella Britt
Marvic Cardenas Gallegos
Connor Carrillo | Olivia Centhaml
Brian Chiv | Leif Christensen
Lucas Dailey | Alexander Daniels
Olivia DeGraaf | Delfina Duron
Geessiena Duron | Diego Felix-Trejo
Kylie Horn | Matthew Huizinga
Jason Kamphuis | Alisha Kun
Charlotte Lance | Madeline Lepard
Alexander Marko | William Morrison
Abigail Mulder | Steve Nguyen
Owen Nyenhuis | Jackelyn Palmas
Melissa Parra | Destinee Phasoukvong
Caitlyn Prins | Tyler Punch
Carlie Rozema | Charlotte Ruiter
Angel Ruiz | Isabella Salazar
Emanuel Sanchez | Lillian Sharp
Garret Tinney | Neil Van Faasen
Daniel Van Ravenswaay
Selena Vazquez | Savannah Vigil
Cleo Vollstedt | Teagan Wade
Noah Whiteman | Isabella Williams
Justin Wolters | Samuel Wolthuis
Gregory Woods

HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

District Art Award

Tyler Punch

National Art Honor Society

Kendal DeVoe | Tyler Punch
Teagan Wade

Sharon Rocker Excellence in English Award

Charlotte Ruiter

District Family Consumer Science Award

Giovanni R Garcia | Kylie Horn

Mary Butler Outstanding Math Award

Jason Kamphuis

District Health Science Award

Lucas Dailey | Aaliyah Smith

District Science Award

Jason Kamphuis

HOLLAND ROTARY

Junior Rotary Member

Steve Nguyen

MILITARY HONOR CORDS

Nolan Jansma, U.S. Marines
Noah Whiteman, U.S. Army

SALUTATORIAN

Diamante Balcazar

BILITERACY

Brisa Martinez Contreras | Dat Ho
Nazim Jafarov | Ilkin Mardanov
Anton Voss | Angsom Welday

PROMESA PROGRAM

Beatriz Campos | Olivia Ceithaml
Marvic Cardenas Gallegos
Geessiena Duron | Joey Esparza
Carla Garcia-Caballero
Seth Hildalgo | Alisha Kun
Brisa Martinez Contreras
Confiance Mbuyu | Jackelyn Palmas
Destinee Phasoukvong
Kira Rendon | Isabella Salazar
Lillian Sharp | Selena Vazquez

UPWARD BOUND

Delfina Duron | Geessiena Duron
Melissa Parra | Angel Ruiz
Samantha Tapia Silva

PERFORMING ARTS

Louis Armstrong Jazz

Ian Van Kula

Director's Award for Band

Caitlyn Prins | Angel Ruiz

Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award

Jason Kamphuis

Woody Herman Jazz

Madison Fischer

John Philip Sousa

Jayden Sisson

Leonard Bernstein Musicianship

Micah Babinski

National School Marching Award

Seth Leveque

Kerry & Diane Daab Vocal Music

Camby Ket | Jaden Long

National School Choral

Joy Miller

Choir Service Award

Kierstyn Jewell | Isabella Salazar

Conductors Award

Carlie Rozema

National Orchestra Award

Diamante Balcazar

Honor Thespians

Olivia Ceithaml | Delaney Lynch
Garret Tinney

Excellence in Theatre

Delaney Lynch

CLASS of 2022 #1 Rank

Delaney Lynch (Early Graduate)

ATHLETICS

MHSAA Scholar Athlete

Alexander Marko | Steve Nguyen
Charlotte Ruiter | Neil Van Faasen

Senior Athlete Award

Olivia DeGraaf | Brittany Ginger
Gabrielle Hosta | Clayton Kammeraad
William Morrison | Steve Nguyen
Aaliyah Smith | Neil Van Faasen
Noah Whiteman

Milton L. Hinga Award

Lucas Dailey | Olivia DeGraaf

OK Conference Athletes of the Year

Aaliyah Smith | Neil Van Faasen

OK Conference Scholar Athletes

Diamante Balcazar | Olivia Ceithaml
Leif Christensen | Lucas Dailey
Alexander Daniels | Olivia DeGraaf
Diego Felix-Trejo | Caleb Fortune
Jewlian Gonzalez | Zachary Hoekstra
Matthew Huizinga | Madeline Lepard
Emily Logan | Carter Lynch
Alexander Marko | William Morrison
Steve Nguyen | Tyler Punch
Charlotte Ruiter | Ava Ryzenga
Emanuel Sanchez | Lillian Sharp
Garret Tinney | Kyle Torres
Sierra Tye | Neil Van Faasen
Daniel Van Ravenswaay
Cleo Vollstedt | Noah Whiteman
Isabella Williams | Justin Wolters
Gregory Woods

HHS Distinguished Athlete

Francisco Abreu Gutierrez
Isaiah Bernal | Xavier Chavis
Leif Christensen | Lucas Dailey
Alexander Daniels | Olivia DeGraaf
Brittany Ginger | John Gordon
Gabrielle Hosta | Matthew Huizinga
Clayton Kammeraad
Madeline Lepard | Ilkin Mardanov
Easton Marroquin-Mendoza
William Morrison | Steve Nguyen
Aaliyah Pinela Escalera
Charlotte Ruiter | Emanuel Sanchez
Lillian Sharp | Aaliyah Smith
Garret Tinney | Kyle Torres
Neil Van Faasen | Noah Whiteman

The CLASS OF 2021 has earned \$4,800,000 in scholarships.

RUTH COMSTOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Delfina Duron

JESS MICHAEL DUNN DIRKSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Carly Caudill

EDNA MAE HAWORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Board Of Education

Diamante Balcazar

Superintendent Of Schools

Justin Wolters

High School Principal

Leah Meppelink

Holland Early College

Savannah Vigil

Holland Virtual Tech

Jonathan Balderas

Mary Butler Math Scholarship

Owen Nyenhuis

MARK VAN LARE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Ceithaml

RACHAEL PFEIFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Teagan Wade

HOLLAND EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Ceithaml

HOLLAND OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP

Beatriz Campos | Kira Rendon

HOPE COLLEGE

Dutch to Dutchmen Scholarship

Caleb Fortune

John Dykema Scholarship

Alexander Daniels

TRENDWAY/GEORGE AND LUCILE HEERINGA COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

Confiance Mbuyu

DWAYNE "TIGER" TEUSINK TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP

Neil Van Faasen

CAREERLINE TECH CENTER

CTC PR-Public Safety Community Scholarship

Brisa Martinez Contreras

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE HOLLAND/ZEELAND AREA

Brooks Family First Generation Scholarship

Jackelyn Palmas | Angel Ruiz

Jessie F. Dalman Scholarship

Olivia Ceithaml

W.L. Dream Scholarship

Nazim Jafarov

Haworth Scholarship

Jordan Ramirez

Helton Family Scholarship

Lillian Sharp

Holland/Zeeland Promise Scholarship

Steve Nguyen | Destinee Phasoukvong

Angel Ruiz | Selena Vazquez

Kaminski Family Scholarship

Antonio Robinson

Franklin D. Kraai Scholarship

Carly Caudill

Lakeshore Dental Scholarship

Confiance Mbuyu

LAUP Dream Scholarship

Marvic Cardenas Gallegos

Jackelyn Palmas

Jack & Thelma Leenhouts Scholarship

Isabella Salazar

Bernard & Jerene Lemmen Scholarship

Carlos Cruz Jr

Karen & Larry Mulder Scholarship

Carlos Cruz Jr

Neydon Children of Widows Scholarship

Confiance Mbuyu

Alice O. Rydell Interior Design Scholarship

Antonio Robinson

Shelley Speet Mills Creative Arts Scholarship

Teagan Wade

University of Michigan Club of Holland Scholarship

Lillian Sharp

Donald and Lileeth Brouwer VanArk Scholarship

Isabella Salazar

Wagner Catholic Scholarship

Marvic Cardenas Gallegos

David Wiersma Memorial Scholarship

Marvic Cardenas Gallegos



Brian Davis - Age 5

Dr. Brian Davis is the superintendent of Holland Public Schools. He has nearly 30 years of service in public education, 21 of those years in Holland Public Schools. Prior to becoming Superintendent, he was an elementary/middle school teacher, middle school counselor, elementary principal, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. He is recognized for his contributions to many local boards and non-profit organizations that serve as collaborative partners with the district's mission and vision. He is also respected for his continued advocacy on state/national policies that impact public schools. In addition to many new program redesigns, he will be known for Build 21 and Build 2021 which will complete nearly \$150M in facility upgrades. In 2011 he was recognized by his peers and was named the Michigan Association of School Administrators State Superintendent of the Year.

In 2008, Dr. Davis became Superintendent of Schools, the same year that the Class of 2021 entered kindergarten. Over this time, he has been able to watch them grow into the fine individuals that they are today. Together, his tenure in the district and their legacy as a class are being honored today.

Holland Public Schools Board of Education

Philip Meyer
President
Elizabeth Colburn
Vice-President
Diane Ybarra
Treasurer
Linda Falstad
Secretary
Tim Marroquin
Trustee
Michael McKay
Trustee
Mark Woltman
Trustee

Holland High School Administration

Katharine Pennington
Principal
Joshua Rumpsa
Assistant Principal
Andrea Mehall
Assistant Principal, HEC
Director
Zachary Kapla
HVRT Director
Benjamin Farkas
Athletic Director

HHS Retirees 2020-2021

Kurt Brinks

District Administration

Dr. Brian Davis
Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Karen Sherwood
Deputy Superintendent
Matthew Stolz
Associate Superintendent of School
Improvement
Jennifer Headley-Nordman
Associate Superintendent of Student
Services
Dr. Anna Clawson
Assistant Director of Student Services
Scott Powers
Director of Finance
Taran McZee
Director of Equity & Inclusion
Jason Craner
Director of Marketing & Communication
Patricia Wall
Director of Nutrition Services

Nicholas Cassidy
Principal, Holland Middle School
Rene Bair
Assistant Principal, Holland Middle School
Kevin Derr
Principal, Holland Heights Elementary
Iliana Vasquez
Principal, Holland Language Academy
LeeAnn Stephan
Principal, Jefferson Elementary
Dr. Kathleen Ramirez
Principal, West Elementary

2021 Student Senate

Diamante Balcazar
President
Emanuel Sanchez
Vice President
Olivia Ceithaml
Communications Director
Delfina Duron
Joey Esparza
Steve Nguyen
Savannah Vigil

Dan Telgenhof
Advisor
Nick Vartanian
Advisor
Sarah LeFebre
Advisor

Student Graduation Committee

Diamante Balcazar
Olivia Ceithaml
Cameron Koberna
Isabella Salazar
Savannah Vigil

Katie Jordan
Staff Sponsor
Veronica Salazar
Staff Sponsor

Tonight's ceremony has been approved and is being reviewed by the Ottawa County Health Department. You are asked to maintain a social distance between household groups.

Los auriculares de traducción están disponibles a pedido.

An audio feed of today's ceremony will be broadcast LIVE on 99.7 FM & 1450 AM WHTC.

A live video feed of tonight's ceremony can be viewed on the Holland Public Schools' Facebook page.