

Welcome to the 67th Annual Graduation Ceremony



**Van Horn High School proudly presents the
'Class of 2023'**

6pm

May 19, 2023

**Van Horn High School Stadium
Independence, MO**

67th Annual
COMMENCEMENT
Van Horn High School

Processional “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar

Presentation of Colors VHHS JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance / Welcome
III Mr. Miguel Madrigal

Congratulations Mr. Korey
Messick

Introduction of Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Dale Herl

Presentation of Board of Education Scholastic Awards Superintendent Dr. Dale Herl

Gratitude from the Class of 2023 Mr. Elliot Perrin

The Board of Education seeks to honor those students whose efforts have been most outstanding during their high school years. The outstanding scholars being presented with this award today rank in the top one percent of their graduating class. The students are listed alphabetically below:

Miguel Madrigal III, Korey Messick, Elliot Perrin

Senior Request Dr. Justin Woods

Presentation of Diplomas
BOE President Mr. Eric Knipp
BOE Vice President Mr. Blake Roberson
Name Reader Ms. Angela Weatherford
Name Reader Mr. Roshaad Byrd
Name Reader Mr. Patric Koon
Name Reader Mr. Jonah Bates

Assisted by Associate Principal Dr. Randy Oliver, Assistant Principal Ms. Melissa Romero;
Assistant Principal Mr. Bryan Hoover and Activities Director Mr. Chris Corrie

Closing Remarks Principal Dr. Justin Woods

Crown Imperial (March) by William Walton

Candidates for Graduation

<i>Omar Aguilar Garcia</i>	<i>Aaron Brennan</i>	<i>Trevon Critton</i>
<i>Stefany Aguilar Henriquez</i>	<i>Jessica Brumley</i>	<i>Dazly Cruz</i>
<i>Jasmin Alarcon-Morales</i>	<i>Madison Buell</i>	<i>Osmar Cruz</i>
<i>Brianna Alberti</i>	<i>Cheznee Burse</i>	<i>Charles Davolt</i>
<i>Valentina Amparan-Diaz</i>	<i>Donavin Burton</i>	<i>Ty Day</i>
<i>Lawrence Anderson</i>	<i>Benjamin Cadena-Cutshall</i>	<i>Serenity DeLong</i>
<i>Patti Arnote</i>	<i>Sonia Calderon</i>	<i>Aiden Dennison</i>
<i>Enil Arteaga Lopez Jr</i>	<i>Makena Campbell</i>	<i>Jaden DeVasher</i>
<i>Anthony Atkinson</i>	<i>Carlos Campos-Cobb</i>	<i>Elida Diego</i>
<i>Maxwell Ayala</i>	<i>Olivia Cerda</i>	<i>Alyssa Dodd</i>
<i>Steven Bailey Jr</i>	<i>Esperanza Chavez</i>	<i>Jamey Dominguez</i>
<i>Kristen Baker</i>	<i>Makaila Chipley</i>	<i>Lambert Downer</i>
<i>Karl Balladares Jr</i>	<i>Alexandria Christman</i>	<i>Matthew Dudley</i>
<i>Melony Barron</i>	<i>Michael Cockrell</i>	<i>Monica Dudley</i>
<i>Angel Batchelor</i>	<i>Sanda Coin</i>	<i>Christain Dugger</i>
<i>Ocie Bates</i>	<i>Carlos Collantes</i>	<i>Da'Shawn Elbert</i>
<i>Colbie Bellos</i>	<i>Jasmine Collins</i>	<i>Samuel Escalante</i>
<i>Jeslyn Bellos</i>	<i>Jeremiah Collins</i>	<i>Karlos Escutia</i>
<i>Jarrod Bisbee</i>	<i>Jeremy Collins</i>	<i>Jhonny Esparza-DeLaRosa</i>
<i>James Blankenship</i>	<i>Kaylin Collins</i>	<i>Laila Espinoza</i>
<i>Joseph Blatt</i>	<i>Arissa Compestine</i>	<i>Bryan Espinoza</i>
<i>Ryan Bonilla</i>	<i>Trevor Cooley</i>	<i>Erick Espinoza Hernandez</i>
<i>Marcela Bonilla Euceda</i>	<i>Quintin Cooper</i>	<i>Andy Estrada</i>
<i>Cameron Boomer</i>	<i>Bryce Counts</i>	<i>Alexis Evans</i>
<i>Cyler Boydston</i>	<i>Shawn Cowans Jr</i>	<i>Austin Evans</i>

<i>Nancy Fernandez</i>	<i>Eldon Hills</i>	<i>Elias Manzanares-Giron</i>
<i>Alexis Figueroa</i>	<i>Zoey Holman</i>	<i>Jael Mariano</i>
<i>Alexander Finley</i>	<i>Gracie Humbird</i>	<i>Brody Mariner</i>
<i>Mathias Flores</i>	<i>Sanoma Hunter</i>	<i>Colbi Marks</i>
<i>Matthew Foronda</i>	<i>Mason Igou</i>	<i>Angelo Marmolejo</i>
<i>Dalton Foster</i>	<i>Hanna Ingram</i>	<i>Christina Marquez</i>
<i>Ivan Fuller</i>	<i>Jade Irvin</i>	<i>Aurelio Martinez</i>
<i>Ollie Gaines</i>	<i>Kayleb Jefferson</i>	<i>Jose Mata</i>
<i>Israel Garcia</i>	<i>Jayton Jeffrey</i>	<i>Shae McFaddin</i>
<i>Ivan Garcia</i>	<i>Ah'Janayee Jones</i>	<i>Dulce Mejia Martinez</i>
<i>Jennifer Garcia</i>	<i>Conner Jones</i>	<i>Carla Mendoza</i>
<i>Gabriel Garcia De Los Santos</i>	<i>D'Anthony Jones</i>	<i>Brandon Mendoza Arredondo</i>
<i>Anacleto Garza</i>	<i>Nakayla Jones</i>	<i>Ashley Menjivar-Reyes</i>
<i>Cornelius Gates</i>	<i>River Jordan</i>	<i>Korey Messick</i>
<i>Liliana Godinez</i>	<i>Michael Juarez-Lopez</i>	<i>Kaden Millar</i>
<i>Elizabeth Gonzales</i>	<i>Keiko Kaisyah</i>	<i>Angelina Miller</i>
<i>Lizbeth Gonzalez-Casas</i>	<i>Jasmine Kamuru</i>	<i>Malia Mitchell</i>
<i>Carlee Gordon</i>	<i>Everett Kerns</i>	<i>Jasmin Montes</i>
<i>Angeliqua Grayson</i>	<i>Amaureion Kerr</i>	<i>Octavio Mora</i>
<i>Harrison Greathouse</i>	<i>Cheyenne Krantz</i>	<i>Mariela Moreno Cruz</i>
<i>Xavier Greenwell</i>	<i>Stormy Lamport</i>	<i>Kiristen Morgan</i>
<i>Nicholas Grosso</i>	<i>Yasemine Leroy</i>	<i>Jeffrey Morris</i>
<i>Kelly Gutierrez</i>	<i>Angelo Lopez</i>	<i>Quintin Morris</i>
<i>Austin Hancock</i>	<i>Adriana Lopez-Jurado</i>	<i>Ciella Mupenda</i>
<i>Bryan Harbin</i>	<i>Halie Lowe</i>	<i>Nicholas Naugle</i>
<i>Devan Harris</i>	<i>Serenity Lucker</i>	<i>Juan Nava Sanchez</i>
<i>Katelina Harris</i>	<i>Addison Ludeman</i>	<i>Samuel Ocon</i>
<i>Joseph Harris</i>	<i>Marstena Lukas</i>	<i>Selena Ocon</i>
<i>Treyvion Hill</i>	<i>Miguel Madrigal III</i>	<i>Stephanie Ontiveros</i>

<i>Cithlaly Orona</i>	<i>Hector Rivera-Gonzalez</i>	<i>Angel Thompson</i>
<i>Amy Orozco Garcia</i>	<i>Caden Roberts</i>	<i>Alijah Travis</i>
<i>Juan Ortega</i>	<i>Bryan Rodriguez</i>	<i>Elijah Trevino</i>
<i>Jocelyn Ortiz</i>	<i>Efrain Rodriguez</i>	<i>Alexia Trudeau-Gonzalez</i>
<i>Michael Ortiz</i>	<i>Kevin Rodriguez</i>	<i>Gabriel Uhukye</i>
<i>Jose Padilla Garzona</i>	<i>Jordy Romero</i>	<i>Jeter Vargas</i>
<i>Emily Paris</i>	<i>Saul Romero</i>	<i>Matthew Venegas</i>
<i>Marlon Parker Jr</i>	<i>Charlette Rothgeb</i>	<i>Jazmin Vera Lopez</i>
<i>Christain Patton</i>	<i>Rosie Sanabria Murillo</i>	<i>Yeferson Vijil Franco</i>
<i>Don-Asia Peal</i>	<i>Miranda Sanchez</i>	<i>Aleisa Washington</i>
<i>Troy Peek</i>	<i>Zakry Sayles</i>	<i>Emily Watkins</i>
<i>Da'Marcus Penson</i>	<i>Hailey Schreier</i>	<i>Timothy Wedlow II</i>
<i>Eber Perdomo Paz</i>	<i>Aidan Seek</i>	<i>Solomon Wells-Odems</i>
<i>Elliot Perrin</i>	<i>Alexis Sheffield</i>	<i>Alessandra Welsh</i>
<i>Dayanara Pizarro Flores</i>	<i>Mark Shumake</i>	<i>Vincent Wheeler</i>
<i>Timothy Plummer</i>	<i>Irvin Silva</i>	<i>Blake White</i>
<i>Candice Polley</i>	<i>Lauren Slayton</i>	<i>Cameron White</i>
<i>Norym Powell</i>	<i>John Smith</i>	<i>Daniel Williams</i>
<i>Benjamin Quintana</i>	<i>Tanner Smith</i>	<i>Destiny Williams</i>
<i>Oriana Ragsdale</i>	<i>Jordan Snider</i>	<i>Contray Williams Jr</i>
<i>Meralys Ramirez Erazo</i>	<i>Jade Soto</i>	<i>Adrian Willis Jr</i>
<i>Patricia Ramirez-Roldan</i>	<i>Rylan Spencer</i>	<i>Albertina Wilondja</i>
<i>Yoselin Ramos</i>	<i>Larissa Stanley</i>	<i>Aniya Wilson</i>
<i>Car'Delle Randolph</i>	<i>Tiffany Stewart</i>	<i>Davon Wilson</i>
<i>Alizia Richmond</i>	<i>Jesse Stillwell</i>	<i>Demetrius Wilson</i>
<i>Kurtis Rick</i>	<i>Adriano Strickland</i>	<i>Alyssa Wurtz</i>
<i>Itexy Rios Santamaria</i>	<i>Carson Sumpter</i>	<i>Alan Zendejas</i>

Graduating with Honors

Students receiving these honors can be identified by the honor cords worn over their gowns.

Top 10

Recipients wear a red and silver honor cord to signify this achievement

**Korey Messick, Miguel Madrigal III, Elliot Perrin, Bryce Counts,
Adriano Strickland, Adriana Lopez-Jurado,
Jade Soto, Matthew Dudley, Norym Powell, Ty Day**

A+ Recipients

*Recipients have met the requirements established by the state of Missouri and are entitled to two years of community college tuition free of charge.
Recipients wear a pewter medal to signify this achievement.*

**Valentina Amparan-Diaz, Anthony Atkinson, Carlee Gordon, Marlon Parker Jr,
Sanda Coin, Jasmine Kamuru, Ashley Menjivar-Reyes, Angelina Miller,
Elliot Perrin, Korey Messick, Emily Watkins, Aniya Wilson**

Academy Ambassadors

Recipients wear different colors to represent and signify this achievement

Alexis Evans, Ciella Mupenda (Business-Blue); **Valentina Amparan-Diaz** (Industrial Technology-Yellow); **Angel Batchelor** (Public Service-Green); **Elliot Perrin, Sanda Coin** (STEM-Purple)

National Honor Society

Recipients wear a gold medallion or a red and gray cord to signify this achievement

Miguel Madrigal III, Jade Soto

Missouri Glory Awards

Recipients were selected by the Van Horn Staff. Each Glory Award Winner was issued a certificate from the State of Missouri's General Assembly.

Ciella Mupenda (Liberty), **Norym Powell** (Equality), **Sanda Coin** (Law), **Monica Dudley** (Justice), **Sanoma' Hunter** (Fraternity), **Korey Messick** (Education), **Trevon Critton** (Progress), **Alen Zendejas** (Honor), **Maon Igou** (Truth), **Stefany Aguilar-Henriquez** (Virtue), **Miguel Madrigal** (Temperance), **Valentina Amparan-Diaz** (Enterprise), **Marcella Bonilla** (Charity)

Scholarships

*It should be noted that the class of 2023 earned over **5.2 million dollars** in scholarships which resulted in the highest amount of scholarship money earned in the history of Van Horn High School.*

KC Scholars

Ciella Mupenda, Adrian Strickland, Ty Day, Aniya Wilson, Aidan Seek, Bryce Counts, *Norym Powell

**College Savings Match and KC Scholars Traditional Scholarship Recipients*

ISD Foundation & Distinguished Scholarships

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Alexis Evans

AVILA ONE SCHOLARS

Saul Romero, Angel Batchelor, Stefany Aguilar Henriquez, Elliot Perrin, Adriana Lopez-Jurado

PHIL ROBERTS SCHOLARSHIP

Liliana Godinez, Korey Messick, Jade Soto, Alexis Sheffield, Sanda Coin

HISPANIC DEVELOPMENT FUND SCHOLARS

Norym Powell, Adrian Strickland, Marcella Bonilla Euceda, Adriana Lopez-Jurado, Karlos Escutia, Eber Perdomo Paz, Valentina Amparan-Diaz

DR. GREG NETZER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Monica Dudley

Kansas City Art Institute

Marcela Bonilla Euceda

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Alessandra Welsh

Adriana Lopez-Jurado

Alexia Trudeau-Gonzalez

Jade Soto

Nancy Fernandez

Rockhurst University

Aniya Wilson

University of Missouri-Columbia

Norym Powell

University of Central Missouri

Bryce Counts

Elliot Perrin

Sanda Coin

Aidan Seek

Ciella Mupenda

Anthony Atkinson

Adrian Strickland

Missouri Western State University

Korey Messick

Lincoln University

Mason Igou

Avila University

*Stefany Aguilar Henriquez
Angel Batchelor*

University of California San Francisco

CJ Burse

1999 SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Korey Messick

OPTIMIST CLUB OF INTER CITY SUGAR CREEK

Korey Messick

VAN HORN CLASS OF 1969 SCHOLARSHIP

Korey Messick

Cosmetology License

Lizbeth Gonzalez-Casas

Veterinary Assistant

Norym Powell

Nail Technician License

Nancy Fernandez

Certified Lab Assistant

Mason Igou

Norym Powell

ServSafe Certification

Valentina Amparan-Diaz

Adrian Strickland

Sugar Creek Davidson Scholarship

Norym Powell

Norman and Mary Anne Davidson Scholarship

Norym Powell

Gene and Joanne Gable Scholarship

Ciella Mupenda

Boys and Girls Club Scholarship

Anthony Atkinson

Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association Scholarship

Valentina Amparan-Diaz

DAVID O SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Adriana Lopez-Jurado

FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY

Miguel Madrigal III

IRENE RENNER PRIZE

Miguel Madrigal III

RANDOLPH SMITH JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

Ciella Mupenda

ROTARY CLUB OF EASTERN INDEPENDENCE

Ciella Mupenda

VAN HORN STEMS SCHOLARSHIP

Jade Soto

THADAPALOOZA GSA SCHOLARSHIP

Jade Soto

FRED AND DOROTHY ROSS

Jade Soto

GEORGE AND FRANCES BERKEMEIER SCHOLARSHIP

Alexia Trudeau-Gonzalez

LINK SCHOLARSHIP

Sanda Coin

WILLIAM FESSLER HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP

Sanda Coin

CLARENCE A CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Adriana Lopez-Jurado

DAVID EVINGER SCHOLARSHIP

Alessandra Welsh

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Norym Powell

CLARENCE A CLARK MEMORIAL

Norym Powell

ROBERT M DAVIS MEMORIAL

Norym Powell

MULTICULTURAL CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

CJ Burse

Metropolitan Community College

Alexis Evans

Liliana Godinez

Carlee Gordon

Rosie Sanabria Murillo

Northwest Missouri State University

Alexis Sheffield

Olivet Nazarene University

Ashley Menjivar-Reyes

St. Louis Community College

Valentina Amparan-Diaz

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Miguel Madrigal III

Johnson County Community College

Karlos Escutia

Colleges & Universities

Metropolitan Community College

Omar Aguilar Garcia, Olivia Cerda, Alexandria Christman, Carlos Collantes, Arissa Compestine, Jamey Dominguez, Mathias Flores, Jennifer Garcia, Liliana Godinez, Elizabeth Gonzales, Carlee Gordon, Eldon Hills, Angelo Lopez, Elias Manzanares-Giron, Angelina Miller, Octavio Mora, Selena Ocon, Jocelyn Ortiz, Emily Paris, Troy Peek, Kevin Rodriguez, Gabriel Uhukye, Cameron White, Albertina Wilondja, Jasmine

Kamuru, Christina Marquez, Marlon Parker Jr, Alexis Evans, Keiko Kaisyah, Laila Espinoza, Lambert Downer, Jessica Brumley

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Emily Watkins, Adriana Lopez-Jurado, Alexia Trudea-Gonzalez, Aleisa Washington, Alessandra Welsh, Jade Soto, Austin Evans, Mark Shumake

Texas Southern University

Yasmine Leroy

University of California San Francisco

Cheznee Burse

Park University

Cyler Boydston

University of Kansas

Ty Day

Johnson County Community College

Marstena Lukas, Melony Barron, Karlos Escutia, Donavin Burton, Matthew Foronda, Makena Campbell, Rosie Murillo Sanabria

Old Town Barber College

Jeter Vargas

University of Central Missouri

Elliot Perrin, Bryce Counts, Aidan Seek, Adriano Strickland, Sanda Coin, Anthony Atkinson, John Smith, Osmar Cruz, Ciella Mupenda

University of Virginia

Serenity DeLong

Summit Salon Academy

Kelly Gutierrez

Kansas City Art Institute

Cornelius Gates, Marcela Bonilla Euceda

St. Louis Community College

Valentina Amparan-Diaz

Missouri Western State University

Korey Messick, Da'Marcus Penson

Drury University

Sanoma Hunter

Lincoln University

Mason Igou

Missouri University of Science and Technology

Miguel Madrigal III, Eber Perdomo Paz

Olivet Nazarene University

Ashley Menjivar-Reyes

University of Missouri-Columbia

Norym Powell, Matthew Dudley

Aviation Institute of Maintenance

Saul Romero, Austin Hancock

Avila University

Angel Batchelor, Stefany Aguilar Henriquez

Northwest Missouri State University

Alexis Sheffield, Alijah Travis

Rockhurst University

Aniya Wilson

Fly to the Sky Falcons!

Remembrance

The Class of 2023 has left one seat open with a gown in it. This gown represents all students who were part of the 2023 graduating class, but are no longer with us.

Special Thanks

The Four Name Readers

Ms. Angela Weatherford

Mr. Patric Koon

Mr. Roshaad Byrd

Dr. Jonah Bates

Van Horn Retirees

The Senior Class would like to thank the following staff for their years of service to the children they taught. We hope you enjoy your retirement and know that you will always be special to us.

Mr. William Diman

Van Horn Counseling Department

The Senior Class would like to thank their counselors and college advisor for helping them to achieve one of the highest graduation rates in Van Horn history.

Ms. Yvonne Rito

Ms. Brooke Keown

Mr. Chris Wiley

Ms. Haley Crawford

Additional Thanks

**Van Horn Choral, Orchestra, and Band Departments for providing Pre-Graduation Music
Monica Dudley , Shane Parsley, and Jaykwan Stevenson for leading our graduates to the stadium.**

The Independence School District

Established 1866

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Established 1955

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