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# The BRIGHT SIDE



# Thank you and...

Diane Allen  
Pamela Anthony  
Orlando Balcarcel  
Joyce Barker  
Jeanette Barron  
Mary Belz  
Deidre Bennett  
Tracey Best  
Alesia Betz  
Lucinda Block  
Lori Brace  
Robert Clegg  
Nancy Cotter  
James Davis  
Mary Dershem  
Tammy Dionise

Karen Eisele  
Steven Ellenwood  
Linda Eschbach  
Willetta Ewing  
Linda Garza  
Scott Goodman  
Anne Goudie  
Juana Guerrero Rial  
Terri Hamoud  
Phyllis Herrguth  
Jill Johnson  
Jordan Johnson  
Lillie Johnson  
Ann M. Jones  
Sondra Kearney  
Brenda Kopf

Chiharu Lance  
Carolyn Lehr  
Marsu Mcadoo  
Kevin Morrison  
Elizabeth Mullins  
Brian Murley  
Terri Perron  
Kimberly Petroff  
Michael Rambo  
Michael Richter  
Chad Sanders  
Annette Sipes  
Mary Snay  
Kimberly Tabor  
Deborah Vorce  
John Zielinski

# Congratulations!

A heartfelt thank you is in order for the forty-eight Lansing School District staff who retired this year. Dedicated staff, like you, are what makes all of this possible. We hope that your retirement is as good to you as you have been to our district over the years. Congratulations - you've earned it!

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A collage of graduation caps falling through a blue sky with white clouds. The caps are black with blue tassels. The text 'Congratulations' is written in a large, dark blue, cursive font.

*Congratulations*

**LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2022**  
*Class of*



# EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Kowsar Mahamud Abdi Mohamed  
Yasser Aguirre-Haddad  
Hamadi Abdullahi Ali  
Makala Julia Lynn Alston  
Andrew Arhim  
Uriah James Armendarez  
Nehemiah Aclilu Asghedom  
Pamela Ashimwe  
Trevon Ayotte  
Raeona Marie Bean  
Rolando DeEusebio Bell  
Jada Marie Benson  
D'Moya Berger  
Jaedyn Amerie Danae Bishop  
Lyshawna Roqavion Blackman  
Alejandro Miguel Botello Jr  
Calvina Betia Boyenneh  
Mayanna Cynthia Pricilla Bramlett  
Mariah Shanice Brown  
Stephen Eddie Burseson  
Alyjah Burton  
Tyrique Marquel Carter  
Angelica Maria Claudio  
Tatiana Claudio-Deleon  
Armonie Latorria Crusoe  
Tenayr Devone Crusoe  
Thawng Hlei Cung  
Willie Beasley Curtis Jr.  
Mary Ellen Defrees  
Evelyn Marie Delaney  
Diana Sarahi Delgado  
Haley Gale Fedric  
Cheyenne Angel Fidler  
Gracie-Lou Belle Fisher  
Alejandro Rey Flores Jr.  
Darianna Fulkerson  
Jovanna Crystal Gallegos  
Meleen Garcia  
Phillisianna Kimberly Garcia  
Raymundo Manuel Garcia  
Samantha Irene Gillespie  
Alaina Michelle Goggin  
Anastasia Gonzalez

Estevan Gonzalez  
Victoria Magarita Gonzalez  
Audrey Michelle Gordon  
Domingo Greer  
Angel Griffin  
Cruz Guajardo  
Aniyah Hailey  
Hassani Salat Haji  
Tra'vontay Hall  
Alexander Tahjai Harrell  
Tyron Deron-Patrick Harris Jr.  
Gabriel Hernandez  
Kialee Kay Hill  
Za'Kahryon Maurice Danell Hobby  
Trayshawna Ildriese Holbrook  
Damarieona Horne  
Tre'Vyona Lamar Hudson  
Macabeo Timoteo Hudy-Velasco  
Rajuan Sincere Tyre Hursey  
Nicholas James Hutchinson  
Kalib Nigel Jackson  
Rokaia Mohammed Jasem  
Zahrud Jilani  
Kailey Ann Johnson  
Elisha Jones  
Kirabo Chi Kanyama  
Jalen Bruce King  
Rykardo Komolmis  
"Diana Danial Salih G  
Kowta"  
Alishah Kurban  
Gavin Scott LaViolette  
Areyona Lemm  
Shaine Lilly  
Rhionnon Mackenzie Lucas  
Storay Ludin  
Wagma Ludin  
Damani William Mack  
Raul Mares  
Silvie Mariam  
Marianna Alexea Martinez  
Jisela Macias Mata  
Eliana Grace McDonald

Omariana McKnight  
Kay Meh  
Eloisa Mendoza  
Lydia Celine Michael  
Ahjanae' Mills  
Mkumbukwa Sidi Mkumbukwa  
Dorrian Moore  
Liliana Cecelia Morales  
Tamara Jay Morrell  
Mlondani Msambya  
Fatuma Mukambilwa  
Mohammed Abukar Muridi  
Zahquareaon Murray  
Justin Ndizihiwe  
Marilyn Kim Nguyen  
Randy Nguyen  
Frank Niyonzima  
Loren Oliver  
Ronnie Lawrence Oliver  
Sabrien Abdi Omar  
Solmon Mohamed Osman  
Anna Lynn Oudsema  
Wilton Manson Parsons IV  
Be'Unka Da'Nae Pearce  
Richard Devon Perry  
Deric Francisco Pesino  
Eric Truman Pesino  
Joshua David Pettit  
Anthony Da'Shawn Phifer  
Dylan James Phillips  
Gabriella Mercedes D. Pizana  
Mecanyne Nicole Porter  
Na'kira Adrianna Pope  
Maria Fernanda Quintero  
Changwa Abdalla Ramazan  
Mariah Christine Ray Moore  
Anthony Charles Reed  
Pray Reh  
Emmanuel Richardson  
Savannah Richardson-Lopez  
Savaeh Rivas  
Andrea Irene Rivera  
Arius Rodriguez

Maribella Lisal Magdalena Romero  
Senaja Trenae Ross  
Anthony Thomas Ruddick  
Jose Enrique Ruiz-Garcia  
Halime Sadia  
Isabel Marie Sanders  
Selena Irene Scott  
Carlitos Valentin Serna  
Janan Shamszai  
Delmar Sharp  
De'Andre Leo Shepard  
Kam'ron Aaron Smith  
Elysia Shantae Sobleskey  
Collin Ralph Sparks  
Ashley Steele  
Ty St. John  
Ioannis Tassopoulos  
QuanTerra Shalise Tatum  
Josephine Ella-Rose Taylor  
Kira Ann Tessman  
Birungi Tibasaga  
Yasmine Trevino  
Zenaida Tristan-Perez  
Theophille Twizere  
Anthony Martin Tyler  
Lilliana Lopez Villaseñor  
Brett Ger Vue  
Jacari Tyree Walker  
Kalim Jaylen Cobain Walter  
DeMario Antwan Washington II  
Tivonna Lorraine Wesson  
Alexis Faith West  
Deyvion Marquice White  
Derrick James Wicks  
Darius Eneal Williams Jr  
Mariah Williams  
De'jah Winston  
Aveon Wisniewski  
Jaydyn Woodson  
Elyahan Joseph Yahsha-Cornelius  
Jailia Juli Yang  
Zilong Zhuang

# EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Jimmy Metias Abdelrahman  
Shangawa Abdikadir  
Charfadin Oumar Al-Hadje  
Aida Bibi Binti Ali Abu Tahir  
Faris Rafi Aljazi  
Huda Basim Aljazi  
Destiny Jahnya Lennae Allen  
Jamison Robert Allen  
Richard Lee Allen III  
Elijah Michael Alvarez  
O'Asianay Nicole Amos  
Ta'Shawn Malachi Andrews-Burtley  
Ja'Nya LaShay Anthony  
Monaysia Elise Arnold  
Malik DaVonn Arthur  
Ariana Sharay Ashe  
Zhane LaNaya Ashford-Ellis  
Kezia Irish Marie Bailey  
Anthony Jason Banda-Gonzalez  
Ya Balu Blessing Bangura  
Riziki Banvunyaki  
Van Khamh Bawi  
Kassandra Tatum Beck  
Jo'Nyala Akuel Biliu  
Fedarain O'Shay Bills

Breannyn Grace Black  
Tlalith Gabriela Blancas Romero  
T'mija Trinae Blocker-George  
Bridget Ann Bolte  
Assamaou Bouba  
Samara Dyshawn Brown  
Lamar Andre Brown Jr.  
David Scott Brunette  
Israel Armand Brunette  
Vincent James Brunette  
Ajaneay Destiny-Nicole Burgess  
Alyssa Marie Bush  
Kimora Akayla Cain  
Reyna Surena Cantu  
Jasmine Marie Capoccia  
Mark Andrew Carpenter Jr.  
Jayce Cory-Alexander Carr  
Devin Danye' Carter  
Jaquai Malik Lowell Carter  
Aiden Juan Miguel Caspers  
Michael Jesus Castellanos  
Aliah Rose Castillo  
Karicia America Ceballos-Vasquez  
Daniel DeAndre Chandler-Robins  
Wendolin Cifran Barreira

Mya Renee Clark  
Jamariah Jonta'e Samir Collins  
Adolph Bushiri Costa  
Kyra Lee Cox  
Donald Victor Crenshaw  
Dishwar Dado  
Mason Wesley Davies  
Sthefany de la Caridad Delgado Garcia  
Zoe Jane Denton  
Austin Robert DePeal  
Anne Jean Dewey  
Ja'vier Dazaun Diaz  
Samantha Rae Diehl  
Amarion Jalil Dilworth  
Natalia Mihaela Dima  
Omar Nureini Dinki  
Kylan Joseph Douglass  
Damorian Ra-Shawn Draper  
Bivakumana Edmund  
Gabriella Raquel Elizalde  
Teriaunah Ja'Twana Ellis  
Mohammed Khaled Eshkuntana  
Erica Esquivel  
Jessica Esquivel  
Vanessa Esquivel

Nathalie Genesis-Marthe Fernandez  
Aubrey Emilia May Ferris  
Isaac Jacob Fickies  
Sentell Kailon Fields  
Ekillion Lamont Fire  
Max Mitchell Sabastian Foster  
Darius Wayne Frazer  
Elijah Edward Fundunburks  
Tasha Noelle Gaines  
Elijah Josiah Gallardo  
Terrior Lamar Devon Galmore  
Rayna Victoria Garza  
Onelicia Arionna Gelista  
Datease Nicorelle DaLinda Glenn  
Alyson Mae Godel  
Abrid Gomez-Mendoza  
Randy Ryan Gonzales Jr.  
Malia Renae Gonzalez  
Ricky Gonzalez  
Keyli Gonzalez Anido  
Tyrell Jeremiah LaTray Green  
Madelyn Jo Greenburg  
Morgan Catherine Gross  
Victor Casper Gumbonzvanda  
Angelina Crystal Gutierrez

Yousif Sameer Habeeb  
DeAsia Janae Hall  
Oliver Bertrand Hamilton  
Abraham Jasen Hands Jr.  
Stephen Emrys Hartley  
Fadoul Mahamat Hassan  
Mohammed Falah Hassan  
Ayderus Abdulkadir Hassen  
Kylie Alexis Hauser  
Zae'da Monet Hayes  
Tamara Victoria Henson  
Ingrid Evelyn Hernandez-Perez  
Tara Beth Highley  
Tyler Allen Mikel Hoffman  
Jeremiah Isaiah Hogan  
Erick Horta  
Isaiah Howard  
Hasan Abdullahi Husein  
Yeredi Irakoze  
Abdul Rahman Asaad Ismaeel  
Narriel Nicole Sharmane Jackson  
Zamariah Marie Jackson  
Kataze James Jenkins  
Lela Ann Jinnah  
Hayden Cameron Lee Johnson  
Amya Michelle Jones  
My'onna Monay Jones  
McKenna Caroline Karn  
Tresor Kashindi  
Melissa Fern Kelley  
Lazza Khapangi  
Jada Janae Lackey  
Qulasha Nevaeh Leek  
Aurora Sofia Lemieux-McKissic  
Sophia Robinson Lettau  
Siylais Ramman Lewis

Mickaia Nicole Lightfoot  
Amrit Limbu  
Deseree Nicole-Springs Lindner  
Constance Marie Lopez  
Cameron Michael Lower  
Alexandra Leylanise Loza  
Diya Magar  
Tara Magar  
Jessica Kaylee Marie Magyar  
Mickala Latrese Alberta Martin  
Olivia Myra Martin  
Madison Louise McClain  
Kadence Lee McEvers  
Sahnya Jaydin McKinley-Stigler  
Shayla Rena' McKinney  
Jamie Cheyenne-Symone McPike  
Luis Manuel Mendiola  
Xander Gerald Menezes  
Aleah Theresia Metters  
Alexis Nicole Metters  
Tara Ann Mingus  
Alexandre Lee Mireles  
Nasib Abdi Mohamed  
Mohamed Murtada Mohamed Ali  
Juan Carlos Montalvo II  
Lexington Micheal Moore  
Anastasie Mugorewindekwe  
Basheer Abdulhameed Muhi  
Ehsan Yasser Naqwan  
Manessah Belle'Ange Naval  
Wendy Ha Ngo  
Sang Nguyen  
Walter Nunez-Vieito  
Matthew Wayne Olmstead  
Mitchell Phillip Olmstead  
Amino Mohamed Omar

Win Latt Ohmar Oo  
Jada Imani Otis  
Ella Claire Otten  
Yassir Moussa Oumar  
Zion Savion Owens  
Micaella Lynn Patlan  
Mariana Perez-Tello  
Aaleya Shontell Perez-Wardlaw  
Ta'Anna Annique Phifer  
Aridsa Charlenshana Pierre  
Poet' Unique Portee  
Landon Warren Scott Pothoff  
Aleena Qurban Ali  
Arek Kenneth Redmond  
No Reh  
Say Reh  
Ethan Russell David Ridenour  
Messiah Rios  
Solea Amari Roberts  
Shanna Kathleen Robertson  
Isabelle Cleo Robinson  
Christopher James Robinson Jr.  
Maria Magdalena Rodriguez Leon  
Juleyn Christian Rogers  
Makaylah Raquell Ruiz  
Shateeda Carmela Russell  
Crystal Rose Rutherford  
Rosette Rwiya  
Khalid Salarzai  
Ryan David Schor  
Joanna Seife Varela  
Marte Alfonso Simmons  
Khen Pian Sing  
Mia Bella Sinicropi  
Amani Dezirae Sipe-Williams  
Desirae Nicole Skaggs

Maxwell Porter Smedley  
Barrington Albert Anthony Smith  
Miguel Lopez Solis  
Jasmine Monique Standish  
Priscilla Sudiyanoro  
Cameron Ian Sullivan  
Javeon Alonzo Sylvester  
Nae'Taja Sincere Sylvester  
Mariah Nicole Tagger  
Youssef Meso Eldaow Meso Teya  
Aya Othman Theeban  
Dasia Marie Thrush  
Anthony Torres  
Bayani Watson Torres  
Nancy Tran  
Tina Tran  
Mariah Yasmine-Schooler Treadwell  
Grace Erin Truss  
Divine Uwamahoro  
Marissa Marie Velasquez  
Jaiden Vimolsathit  
Juliana Renee Virola  
Paw Wa  
Damari James Ware  
Emonie Watson  
Zander Keegan Weiss  
Alleyn LeMarr White  
Noah Steven White  
Amaya Ann Shaque Williams  
DeAndre Latrell Marshall Williams  
Kongmeng King Yang  
Jada Lavonne Yarbrough  
Kyleigh Kaye Yerke  
Lawn Zual

## SEXTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Daniah Muhsen Ahmed  
Noor Majid Al-Rabiah  
Noah Alfonso Alvarez  
Jacob Ryan Anderson  
John Arinaitwe  
Kissa Amaya Bardell  
Jordan Thomas Barnhart  
Lamarana Barry  
Jonathan Leewan Beene  
Talecia Imonie Berry  
Sierra Mychel Bouyer  
India Elizabeth Brooks  
Kierra Janae Brown  
Alaj'a La'Tres Cain  
Marla Esther Camacho-Abreu  
Jaeveyn De'Ronn Carswell  
Anthonie James Castle  
Matthew Paul Chalupka II  
Brandon Alexander Collins Jr.  
Mi'Shawn Camarey Daffin  
Michael Ray Daniels  
Zerrick Damond Daniels II  
Hanad Abdulkadir Dhagane  
Amonte' Dacari Douglas  
Shar Du  
Mugisha Eric  
Grace Ann-Marie Fitzgerald  
Lindsey Louise Geiger  
Milad George  
Charissa Hope Gibson  
Kylah Marie Goins  
Devon Mekhi Goldman  
Aaliyah Madison Green  
Bernard Dauwayne Greer III  
Alberta Elizabeth Gregory  
Anakin Joaquin Hall

Je'Quavion Marwan DeWayne  
Handsome  
Van Biak Hmung  
Kii'sa Merie Holland  
Amya Denea Holt  
Olivia Celeste Hunter  
Dalal Nadir Hussein  
Amariona Marie James  
Iradukunda Jerome  
Natalia Nikei Johnson  
Darshay Daleen Johnson  
My'asia Johnson  
Alshoun Benson Jones  
Caleb Jami Jones  
Jaden Rondell Jones  
La'Darius Ny'Quan Jones  
Jakya Shanell Jones  
David Maurice Jones Jr.  
Commodore Joy  
Ndayikengurukiye Joyce  
DeAndre Izahah Kelly  
Jonathan William Kempf  
Aggie Ruth Koutz  
Jason Lamont Lee  
Day'jian Anthony Lenoir  
Nicola Delecia Lewis  
Qwa'nina Renae Lewis  
Aleah Dalarie Lewis  
Darlene Priscilla Lyles  
Kameron Rashad Pierre Lyles  
Jennifer Mandabrandja  
Hamida Mansour  
Jesse Daniel Martin  
Karen Leniah Massey  
Ciin S Mawi  
Xa'Vier Akil Maxwell

Dynasha Aaliyah McCan  
Jose Luis Eliceo Medina  
Kynicka Elizabeth Miller  
Nautalia Johnese Mitchell  
Jazmine Daylitae Chasity Morgan  
Jemaria Regina Ida Morgan  
Jackline Muhawe  
Kahlil Asaad Muhammad-Andrews  
Fredie Yadi Murillo Jr.  
Jobeen Saed Mustafa  
Sahand Saed Mustafa  
Aaliyah Mo'Ney Naval  
Layla Elizabeth Nevins  
A'mya Verie Newcombe  
BreAnna I'mari Nixon  
Noel Nzabimana  
Kimoni Marquis Paige  
Biak Nun Par  
Aryanna Mona Petway  
Darrian Christine Pointer  
Anthony Edward Powell  
Elijah Nehemiah Pringle  
Justyn Jay Prowdley  
Lawrence Darnell Pryor III  
River Marc Rahall  
Steven Ray Reed  
Nga Reh  
Willie Albert Rembert III  
Kobe Michael Rochester  
Charleston Marquaveous Rogers  
Kenny David Rogers  
Za'Mani Mone' Roper  
Jaylen Mylik Sallee  
Hunter Schmid  
Arieanna Monae-Nooni Simmons  
Harry Jerome Smith

Darrell Lavinne Smith II  
Eternal Lee Stevenson  
Timiya Janice Strong  
Lauren Rose Taylor  
Dayveon Lee Thomas  
Gracie Mae Thompson  
Freedom Reigns Tompkins  
Jubilee Sky Tompkins  
Jesus Torres  
Adin Scott Trotter  
Luz Elena Vera  
Thu H Vo  
Aniyah Monee Walker  
Asaria Estelle Walls  
Marah Karinne Waterbury  
Synia Anetta-Joyce Wheeler  
Angela Louise Elizabeth White  
Marcus Whitmore  
Marcel Williams  
Sadaya Geneane Withers  
Dontal Donaven Wright  
Jason Jenue Yang  
Melanie Yang  
Fueche Yang  
Scott YengKong Yang  
Daribel Esther Zamora Rodriguez



# 2022 LATINO GRADUATES ALL SCHOOLS

Noah Alfonso Alvarez  
Ta'Shawn Malachi Andrews-Burtley  
Uriah Armendarez  
Rolando DeEusebio Bell  
Jaedyn Amerie Danae Bishop  
Tlalith Gabriela Blancas Romero  
Miguel Alejandro Botello  
David Scott Brunette  
Israel Armand Brunette  
Alaj'a Cain  
Marla Esther Camacho-Abreu  
Mark Andrew Carpenter  
Tyrique Marquel Carter  
Aiden Juan Miguel Caspers  
Michael Jesus Castellanos  
Aliah Rose Castillo  
Ayanessa Emilia Castro  
Karicia America Ceballos-Vasquez  
Wendolin Cifran Barreira  
Angelica Maria Claudio  
Tatiana Ac Claudio Deleon  
Michael Ray Daniels  
Evelyn Marie Delaney  
Diana Sarahi Delgado  
Sthefany de la Caridad Delgado-Garcia  
Ja'Vier Dazaun Diaz  
Erica Esquivel  
Jessica Esquivel  
Vanessa Esquivel

Nathalie Genesis-Marthe Fernandez  
Cheyenne Angel Fidler  
Alejandro Rey Flores  
Cynthia Liann French  
Jovanna Crystal Gallegos  
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Randy Ryan Gonzales Jr.  
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Keyli Gonzales Anido  
Bernard Duawayne Greer  
Cruz Guajardo  
Angelina Crystal Gutierrez  
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Tyron Deron-Patrick Harris  
Gabriel Omari Lee Hernandez  
Jesus Hernandez  
Ingrid Evelyn Hernandez-Perez  
Erick Horta

Macabeo Timoteo Hudy-Velasco  
Rykardo Siripong Cha Komolmis  
Alishah Kurban  
Jada Janae Lackey  
Constance Marie Lopez  
Alexandra Leylanise Loza  
Adolfo Benito Luis  
Raul Valentin Mares  
Jisela Macias Mata  
Jose Luis Eliceo Medina  
Luis Manuel Mendiola  
Eloisa Marie Mendoza  
Aleah Theresia Metters  
Alexis Nicole Metters  
Alexandre Lee Mireles  
Juan Carlos Montalvo  
Juan Carlos Montalvo II  
Liliana Morales  
Mason Morales  
Fredie Yadi Murillo  
Walter Nunez-Vieito  
Jada Imani Otis  
Wilton Manson Parsons  
Micaella Lynn Patlan  
Jenifer Leigh Perez  
Isiah Alberto Perez  
Mariana Perez-Tello  
Aaleya Shontell Perez-Wardlaw  
Gabiella Mercedes D. Pizana

Maria Fernanda Quintero  
Anthony Charles Reed  
Savannah Nicole Isabella  
Richardson-Lopez  
Ethan Russel David Ridenour  
Nevaeh Nicole Rivas  
Andrea Irene Rivera  
Christopher James Robinson  
Arianna Arius Rodriguez  
Maria Magdalena Rodriguez Leon  
Kenny David Rogers  
Maribella Lisal Magdalena Romero  
Makaylah Raquell Ruiz  
Jose Enrique Ruiz-Garcia  
Jacquelyn Ruiz-Posadas  
Joanna Seife Varela  
Carlitos Valentin Serna  
Miguel Lopez Solis  
Jesus Torres  
Anthony Torres  
Mariah Yasmine-Schooler Treadwell  
Yasmine Trevino  
Marisa Marie Velasquez  
Luz Elena Vera  
Lilliana Lopez Villaseñor  
Juliana Renee Virola  
Noah Steven White  
Daribel Esther Zamora Rodriguez

\*Graduation is contingent upon successful completion of all credits.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! FELICITACIONES GRADUADOS!

On behalf of the Lansing School District, we honor the many achievements of our graduates, and wish you continued success as you pursue your dreams. Whatever life holds for you in the years to come, we know you are well prepared. You've challenged yourselves with dynamic academic opportunities, been enriched with amazing extracurricular activities, and identified the career pathways that fit your unique ambitions.

As you think about what comes next, keep in mind that the Lansing School District is not done offering you the chance to dream big. As a graduate, **you are one step closer to receiving a FREE Lansing Promise Scholarship to pursue college and/or career training opportunities.** To apply and check your eligibility, go to [www.lansingpromise.org](http://www.lansingpromise.org). Remember to always and forever DREAM BIG. At the Lansing School District, we are happy to be part of your educational journey and look forward to seeing your future success.





## **Congratulations to Our College-Bound Student Athletes!**

### **Eastern High School**

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#### **Uriah Armendarez**

Lansing Community College  
Cross Country and Track, Full Scholarship

#### **Kaleb Jackson**

Alma College  
Football, Full Scholarship

### **Everett High School**

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#### **Jaquai Carter**

Luther College  
Football, Full Scholarship

**Daniel Chandler**  
Lansing Community College  
Basketball, Scholarship

#### **Damorian Draper**

Olivet College  
Wrestling, Scholarship

#### **Alyson Godel**

Olivet College  
Soccer, Scholarship

#### **Tyrell Green**

Tyler Community College  
Football, Scholarship

#### **Kataze Jenkins**

San Mateo College  
Football, Scholarship

#### **Alexandre Mireles**

Olivet Nazarene College  
Football, Scholarship

#### **Christopher Robinson**

Lansing Community College  
Basketball, Scholarship

#### **Martez Simmons**

Garden City Community College  
Football, Scholarship

#### **Deandre Williams**

Lansing Community College  
Basketball, Scholarship

### **Sexton High School**

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#### **Jaeveyn Carswell**

Calumet College of St. Joseph  
Football, Full Scholarship

#### **Jose Medina**

Davenport University  
Wrestling, Full Scholarship

#### **Kimoni Paige**

Calumet College of St. Joseph  
Football, Full Scholarship

#### **Dontal Wright**

Calumet College of St. Joseph  
Football and Track, Full Scholarship



## Junior Board Tackles Student Mental Health

The Junior Board of Education started in Lansing over 25 years ago with the mission to support the educational goals of the Lansing School District. Modeled by the Board of Education, the Junior Board allows student members to represent their peers and offer a student perspective to the Board of Education.

The Junior Board was able to join the Lansing Board of Education, in-person, at their end-of-May meeting. They discussed how the Junior Board operates and what they have worked to achieve throughout the year. Each year, the Junior Board participates in a district-wide initiative to raise awareness of a worthy cause. After discussing the issue of school safety, the Junior Board selected mental health as their two-year theme.

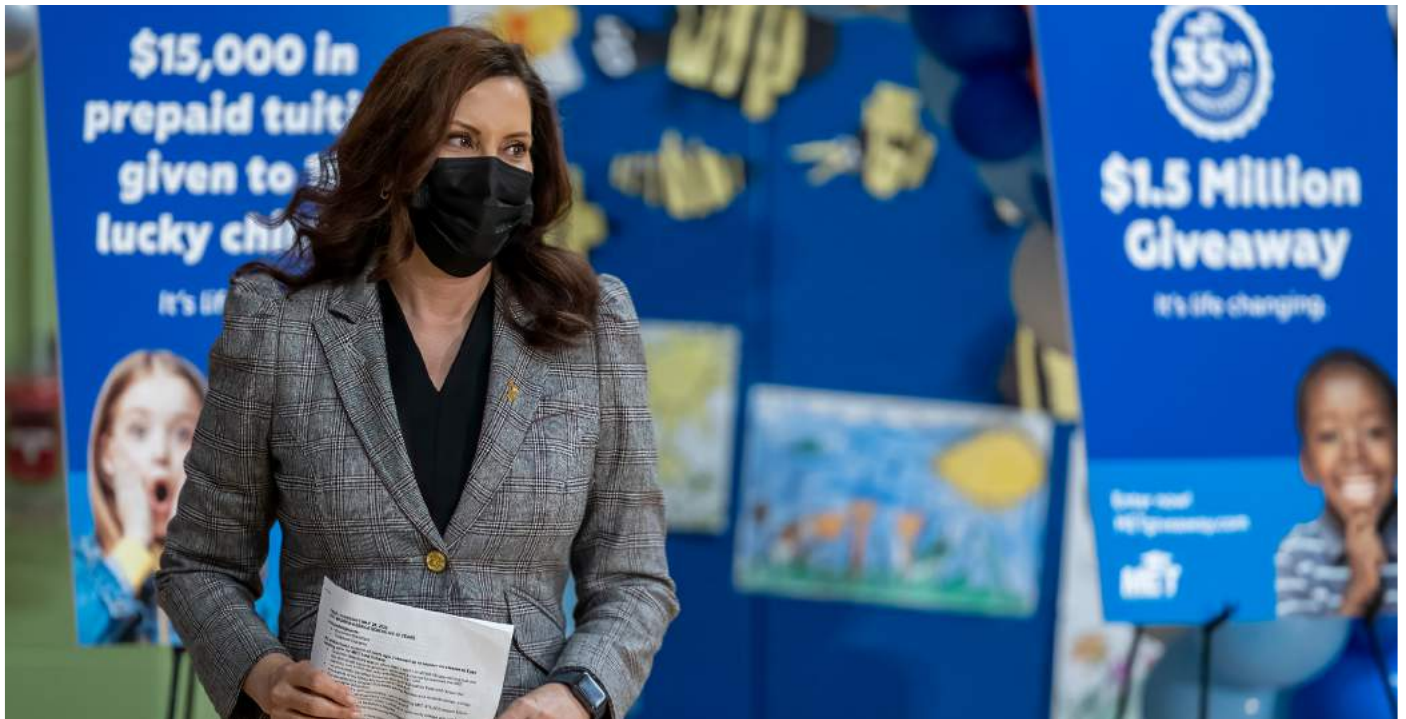
"We dove into what we believed was making schools unsafe, and decided mental health was a factor we could take on in schools," said Lila Tuell, Secretary and 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Post Oak Academy. "The Junior Board helped set up projects and discuss strategies on how we can end the stigma as a community."

In addition to meetings, Junior Board members participated in other events this spring. They toured the Capitol and met State Representative Sarah Anthony. They also hosted Lansing's 3.5 Honors Banquet. "I like that we actually have a voice at our schools," said Naomi Johnson, Vice-President, and Junior at Everett High School. "The Junior Board students have input that matters."

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**To watch the entire May 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting [click here](#).**





## District Hosts MET Celebration College Tuition Giveaway Announced

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) helps families save for higher education and helps to pay college tuition of Michigan students. MET is celebrating its 35th anniversary with a big financial giveaway that was announced at an event hosted by the Lansing School District and Superintendent Ben Shuldiner.

On May 26th, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and former Governor Jim Blanchard came to Riddle Elementary to announce the beginning of a \$1.5 million giveaway to support higher education tuition. Children ages 0-5 are eligible to be entered for the chance to win \$15,000 in prepaid college tuition.

"This life-changing giveaway is an awesome way to celebrate 35 years of helping Michigan families save for higher education," Gov. Whitmer said. "I would encourage any family thinking about saving for college and a higher education to look into MET."

Former Gov. Blanchard created the MET plan in 1986. Since then, MET has provided opportunities for higher education for tens of thousands of Michigan college and university students.

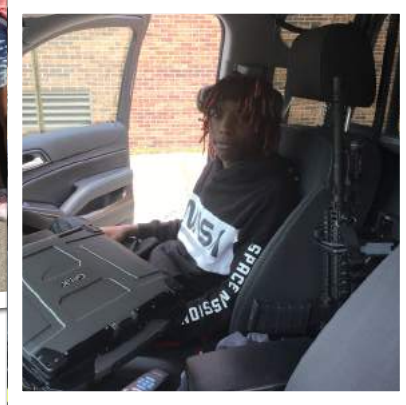
"A lot has changed over the past 35 years, but one thing still holds true today - a family's desire to help put their child on the path to a bright and successful future," said Gov. Blanchard.

MET is operated by the Michigan Department of Treasury and was the first prepaid college tuition program in the country. Since its creation in 1986, over 96% of high school MET participants have gone on to attend college.

"We are excited to shine a \$1.5 million spotlight on MET and show parents, grandparents and others how it's a safe, secure and flexible way to make sure their loved ones meet their future education and career goals," said State of Michigan Treasurer Rachael Banks.

"Pursuing higher education can be financially unattainable for many students," Shuldiner said. "MET is a great resource to help families save for future higher education."

Entries will be accepted through August. Winners will be announced beginning September 12th. To enter, visit [www.METgiveaway.com](http://www.METgiveaway.com).



## Woodcreek Project Days Focus on First Responders

A portion of Woodcreek students recently got to interact with area first responders through a series of Project Days held by the school. The events were coordinated in an effort to enlighten, enhance and promote good values in our growing youth. Special guests included the Lansing Fire Department, and the MSU Police and Public Safety Office.

The first day was an opportunity for our students to connect with not only Lansing's Firemen but one of the Chief Community Officers who oversee several different area projects. The firemen introduced basic safety items that should be in place in your home and provided tips on what to do if a fire occurs.

Students learned how much time firefighters have to respond when the department receives a call, including an overview and brief demonstration of the gear they utilize for the call. They also learned about the role and number of female firefighters in the Lansing Fire Department.

On a separate day, Lt. Dan Mumford of the MSU Police and Public Safety Office visited Woodcreek to educate and enlighten students about the world

of the thin blue line. Lt. Mumford talked to students about the choices they make and the opportunities awaiting them as they become adults. Of course, the brief tour of the patrol car was the highlight for students.

Students were able to ask any questions they had after each presentation. Questions like what to do in the event of a fire were a given, but many students were curious to learn more about programs offered through the Lansing School District's CTE program that allow them to receive EMT/Paramedic or Firefighting training while going to high school.

This was a great opportunity for Woodcreek students to connect with and build trust in those who serve on the front lines in our community. Students were also presented with gift bags with additional helpful information to share with their parents.

Thank you to the Lansing Fire Department and MSU Police and Public Safety Office for both the enlightening presentations as well as your continued service on the front lines.





## Everett Students Celebrate Hanami

Hanami is a Japanese custom in which friends and families gather to enjoy the blooming cherry blossoms in the spring. Everett High School students celebrated their own Hanami event where they made origami, played traditional Japanese games and tasted Japanese food.

"I wanted to share the Japanese culture with my students in an immersive way," said Dawn Stark, World Language Department Chair and Japanese Teacher. "This event has always been positive and educational."

Everett students also completed a survey and gave their own perspective on the event. "It's a way for us to feel connected to what we've been learning all year," one student said. Another student wrote, "It's good to have events like these to keep students' morale up. As a class, everyone came together and worked hard to make this event go as planned."

The Hanami event was an excellent opportunity for Everett students to get a hands-on learning experience of Japanese culture.







## Sexton Baseball Players Receive High Praise from Parent of Opposing Team

J.W. Sexton High School's varsity baseball team received rave reviews during their game against Portland High School. Read for an excerpt from a Portland parent who attended the game.

"I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the attitudes and demeanor of the Sexton varsity baseball team tonight in their game against Portland. Even when down by many runs, the kids played with a joy for the game that we rarely see... They never stopped trying and encouraging each

other...I'm sure it doesn't happen without great coaches that care about the kids and getting them to want to play together."

"It's always great to hear about positive stories, teams, coaches, and programs that reflect the true meaning of athletics and sportsmanship," said district athletic director Chris Henderson. The team worked hard throughout the season and recognition from an opposing team is truly a testament to the spirit of Sexton.

## All Kids Bike Grant Awarded to District Kindergarten Students

Gardner Elementary and Forest View Elementary are proud recipients of the All Kids Bike Grant which will provide kindergarten classes with bikes so they can learn to ride. The students will each receive a Strider bike, pedal conversion kit, and helmet to learn in class. Instructors will also receive a full-sized bike for demonstration.

"We're glad that we are able to meet the needs of our students and teach them something they might not be able to learn at home," said Jennifer Busch-Dixner, Community Focus Teacher at Gardner who identified and applied for the grant.

The bike donation is sponsored by Keen and Playmakers. To celebrate receiving the grant, Gardner students will attend Playmakers' KEENival event in June.

"Learning how to ride a bike now can help kids develop self-confidence, help them to be physically and mentally fit, boost academic performance and create memories," said Busch-Dixner.

Bikes will arrive this week - look for pictures on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.





## Forest View Community Rallies Around its Natural Habitats

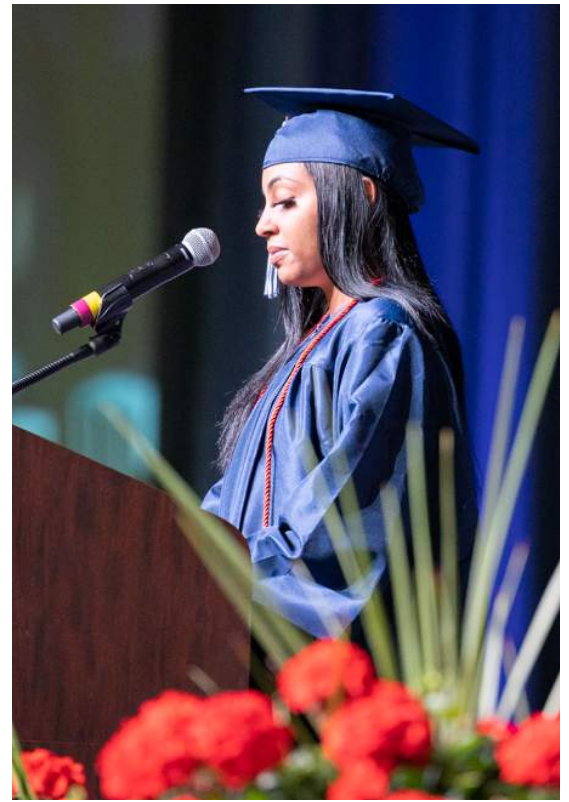
On May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, Forest View students, staff, and volunteers worked to improve the school's natural habitats. Projects included butterfly houses, sandboxes, and new raised planters. Not only did this improve the visual appeal of the school but it also offers learning opportunities regarding nature and grounds-keeping.

"We want to develop all kinds of natural habits to support biodiversity and to help our students learn to be good stewards of nature, and it's a great chance for our community to pitch in and be part of our school." Said Principal Emily Brown.

Thanks to everyone who supported this effort!







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