

CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

HONORS THE

*Class of 2023*

VALEDICTORIANS  
&  
SALUTATORIANS

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023





Dear Valedictorians and Salutatorians,

On behalf of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the Cleveland Board of Education, we offer our warmest congratulations to you on this important event in your life. You can truly take pride in this accomplishment. We are delighted that you have reached this noteworthy achievement by hard work and perseverance.

Tonight's recognition shows our appreciation for your hard work and dedication to learning. As you now face a new chapter in your life, know that your CMSD family wishes you the best and continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne E. Bingham". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Anne E. Bingham  
Board Chair  
Cleveland Board Of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eric S. Gordon". The script is more compact and stylized than the one to its left, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Eric S. Gordon  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cleveland Metropolitan School District

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## VALEDICTORIANS & SALUTATORIANS



### BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE

**Valedictorian:** Kaylen Harmon

**GPA:** 4.00

*Post-Secondary Institution: College of Wooster*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$240,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Aleidy Calderon

**GPA:** 4.00

*Post-Secondary Institution: Case Western Reserve University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$280,000.00*



### CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Catherine Mullin-Vanneste

**GPA:** 4.36

*Post-Secondary Institution: Case Western Reserve University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$284,400.00*

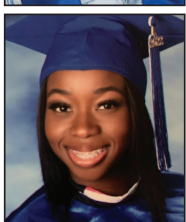


**Salutatorian:** Tyler B. Young

**GPA:** 4.28

*Post-Secondary Institution: Case Western Reserve University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$256,400.00*



### CLEVELAND EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Desirae Lanae Crosby

**GPA:** 4.51

*Post-Secondary Institution: Miami University, Oxford, OH*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$350,000.00*

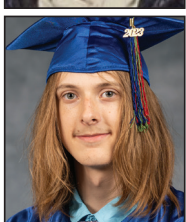


**Salutatorian:** Jeffrey Gregory

**GPA:** 4.34

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$30,000.00*



### CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL FOR DIGITAL ARTS

**Valedictorian:** Aaron Krzemien

**GPA:** 3.76

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$10,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Jaynell Ceasor

**GPA:** 3.48

*Post-Secondary Institution: Bowling Green State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$36,000.00*

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### CLEVELAND METRO REMOTE SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Abbigail Marie Mondry

**GPA:** 3.50

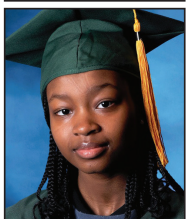
*Post-Secondary Institution:*  
*Bowling Green State University*



**Salutatorian:** Angelique Williams

**GPA:** 3.30

*Post-Secondary Institution:*  
*City of Cleveland*



### CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

**Valedictorian:** Fatima Coats

**GPA:** 4.40

*Post-Secondary Institution: American University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$62,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Ana Castillo

**GPA:** 4.30

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$144,000.00*

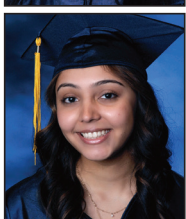


### CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MEDICINE

**Valedictorian:** Ogesi Okonkwo Kalu

**GPA:** 4.64

*Post-Secondary Institution: Columbia University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$85,967.00*



**Salutatorian:** Reni Patel

**GPA:** 4.62

*Post-Secondary Institution: Case Western Reserve University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$86,000.00*



### CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

**Valedictorian:** Sarai A Murdock

**GPA:** 4.07

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$32,000.00*



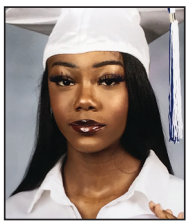
**Salutatorian:** Pieper Marlene Bell

**GPA:** 4.00

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$28,000.00*

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### COLLINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Damiya White

**GPA:** 3.98

*Post-Secondary Institution: Ohio Nation National Guard and attend Central State University.*



**Salutatorian:** Star Reed

**GPA:** 3.60

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

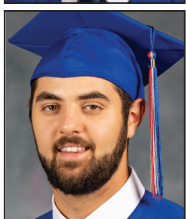


### DAVIS AEROSPACE & MARITIME HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Gabriel Leonard

**GPA:** 4.44

*Post-Secondary Institution: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$950,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Florin Gargarita

**GPA:** 4.11

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University  
Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$120,000.00*

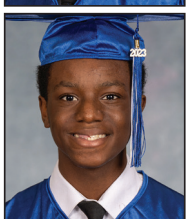


### DESIGN LAB EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Justin Kyle Eaddy

**GPA:** 3.74

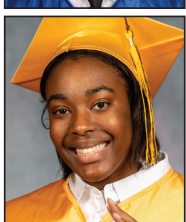
*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland Institute of Art  
Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$33,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Zeshawn Tyrell Woods

**GPA:** 3.43

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kent State University  
Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$5,000.00*



### EAST TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Reauna Walker

**GPA:** 4.08

*Post-Secondary Institution: Morgan State University  
Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$13,800.00*



**Salutatorian:** Tayjha Hupcej

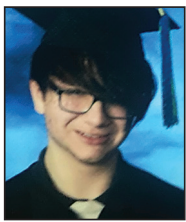
**GPA:** 4.04

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*



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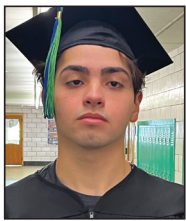
### FACING HISTORY NEW TECH HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Jayden Allen

**GPA:** 4.00

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kent State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$81,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Ruben Rivera Quinones

**GPA:** 3.90

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kent State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$66,400.00*



### GARRETT MORGAN

### SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & INNOVATION

**Valedictorian:** Walga Kasalo

**GPA:** 3.85

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$71,388.00*



**Salutatorian:** Natasha King

**GPA:** 3.75

*Post-Secondary Institution: Ohio University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$26,000.00*



### GINN ACADEMY

**Valedictorian:** Gerald Goodwin

**GPA:** 3.62

*Post-Secondary Institution: Youngstown State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$89,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Dae'Shawn Malone

**GPA:** 3.40

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kentucky State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$75,000.00*



### GLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Lavonna Carter

**GPA:** 4.36

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kentucky State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$15,500.00*



**Salutatorian:** Ny'Arie Taylor

**GPA:** 3.61

*Post-Secondary Institution: Todavía no ha decidido*

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### JOHN ADAMS COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

**Valedictorian:** Caleb Joe'l Stewart

**GPA:** 3.72

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$15,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Amari Shanice Larkin

**GPA:** 3.47

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cuyahoga Community College*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$3,000.00*



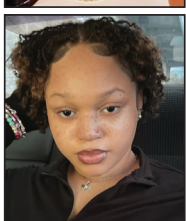
### JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Lauryn Stephens-Porter

**GPA:** 3.41

*Post-Secondary Institution: Arizona State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$24,694.00*

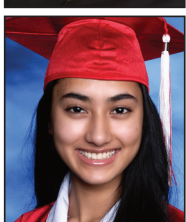


**Salutatorian:** Aariona Trader

**GPA:** 3.38

*Post-Secondary Institution: Tri-C o Central State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$8,895.00*



### JOHN MARSHALL

### SCHOOL OF CIVIC AND BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

**Valedictorian:** Oma Dahal

**GPA:** 4.30

*Post-Secondary Institution: Ursuline College*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$174,040.00*



**Salutatorian:** Binita Biswa

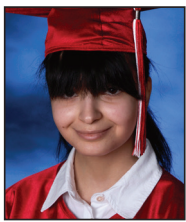
**GPA:** 4.27

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$105,804.00*

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### JOHN MARSHALL SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

**Co-Valedictorian:** Diana Sameeh Al-Banna

**GPA:** 3.90

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$50,000.00*



**Co-Valedictorian:** Leysharie Rodriguez

**GPA:** 3.90

*Post-Secondary Institution: The University of Akron*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: Over \$50,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Nouh Shaikh

**GPA:** 3.80

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: Over \$100,000.00*



### JOHN MARSHALL

### SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Valedictorian:** Nariel M. Rahmon

**GPA:** 4.66

*Post-Secondary Institution: The Ohio State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$17,734.00*



**Salutatorian:** Pranay Ryang

**GPA:** 4.53

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$12,500.00*



### LINCOLN-WEST

### SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

**Valedictorian:** Valerie Solano

**GPA:** 4.07

*Post-Secondary Institution: Miami University of Ohio*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$28,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Ester Serafine

**GPA:** 3.83

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$24,000.00*



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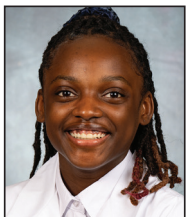


### LINCOLN-WEST SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

**Valedictorian:** Khandah Abdullah **GPA:** 3.80

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$1,000.00*



**Co-Salutarian:** Mariam Walubila **GPA:** 3.60

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kent State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$10,000.00*



**Co-Salutarian:** Mohamad Nour Moussa **GPA:** 3.60

*Post-Secondary Institution:*

*Kent State University*

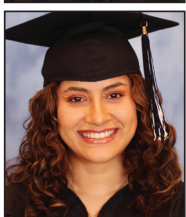


### MAX S. HAYES HIGH SCHOOL

**Valedictorian:** Benson Ta **GPA:** 3.90

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$61,700.00*



**Salutarian:** Keily Damaris Gramajo-Barrios **GPA:** 3.80

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$7,000.00*



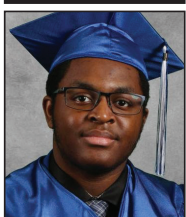
### METROPOLITAN CLEVELAND

### CONSORTIUM STEM HIGH SCHOOL (MC²STEM)

**Valedictorian:** William Wimbiscus **GPA:** 4.49

*Post-Secondary Institution: Case Western Reserve University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$256,000.00*



**Salutarian:** Simon Massengale **GPA:** 4.34

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kent State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$118,400.00*

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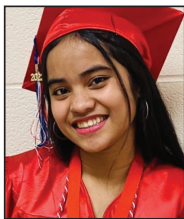
## VALEDICTORIANS & SALUTATORIANS



### **NATIVIDAD PAGAN** **INTERNATIONAL NEWCOMERS ACADEMY**

**Valedictorian:** Nsango Kalani **GPA:** 4.00

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cuyahoga Community College*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$15,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Jishanty Santos **GPA:** 3.80

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cuyahoga Community College*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$10,000.00*



### **NEW TECH WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

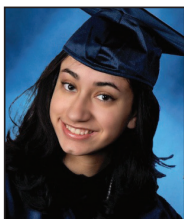
**Valedictorian:** Ron Nguyen **GPA:** 4.09

*Post-Secondary Institution: Kent State University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$4,500.00*



**Salutatorian:** Jamieliz Acosta **GPA:** 3.96

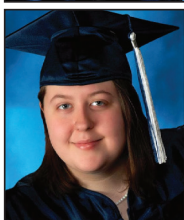
*Post-Secondary Institution: Tiffin University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$18,000.00*



### **RHODES COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY**

**Valedictorian:** Jenelis Rubi Morales **GPA:** 4.13

*Post-Secondary Institution: Baldwin Wallace University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$30,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Emilee Rodgers **GPA:** 4.11

*Post-Secondary Institution: University of California, Santa Cruz*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$30,000.00*



### **RHODES SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

**Valedictorian:** Shauntae Nicole McPherson **GPA:** 3.75

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$65,000.00*



**Salutatorian:** Katherine Alejandra Diaz Diaz **GPA:** 3.73

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cuyahoga Community College*  
*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$5,000.00*

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### THE SCHOOL OF ONE

**Valedictorian:** Meana Johnson

**GPA:** 3.70

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$54,668.00*



**Salutatorian:** Amina Anderson

**GPA:** 3.30

*Post-Secondary Institution: Cleveland State University*

*Awarded Scholarship Dollars: \$52,649.00*



## Special Thanks

Thank you to all the teachers, administrators, staff, friends and especially all of the family members that supported each and every one of our scholars. Your support and encouragement helped each of them to reach this incredible achievement of academic excellence.

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