

Milwaukee Public Schools

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2009 Valedictorians, Salutatorians announced

Forty-five MPS schools have named valedictorians and salutatorians for their 2009 graduation ceremonies. The honors go to graduating seniors with the highest and second-highest grade point averages. Valedictorians and salutatorians address the audiences at commencements.



Valedictorians and salutatorians from 45 MPS high schools pose after recognition ceremonies at the May meeting of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors.

Eight MPS high schools named multiple students to the roles of valedictorian and salutatorian, because students were tied in grade points. Such is the case with Rufus King, where a five-way tie has resulted in five valedictorians for the June 2 commencement. Most of the valedictorians and salutatorians have plans for college. This talented group includes Jessica Jackson of Milwaukee High School of the Arts, who will study at the University of Wisconsin – Stout. “These are our future leaders,” said MPS Superintendent William Andrekopoulos. “We are proud of our high achievers because they will be the change-agents who will move our world forward.”

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The list below includes the names of the 2009 MPS valedictorians and salutatorians:

School	Valedictorian(s)	Salutatorian(s)
ALAS High School	Elvia Rivas	Joel Acosta
Alliance School of Milwaukee	Julia Williams	Sophia Jones
Assata High School	Lynda Metcalf	Ebony Maxwell
Bay View High School	Allison Bernier	Alejandro Andrade
Lynde & Harry Bradley Technical & Trade High School	Diamond Hanson Veronica Holmes	
CITIES Project High School	Courtney Hartzog	Tatiana Justiniano
Community High School	Andrew Kou Xiong Nkaujzouapa Lor	Dominique Strapp
Cornerstone Achievement Academy	Jazmynn Fleming	Alana Bentley
Custer High School	Timothy Thao Anita Buck	Sherita Clendenen Yanira Santos
D.I.A.L (Downtown Institute of Arts and Letters) High School	Justin Roby	
El Puente High School	Miguel Lopez	
Foster and Williams High School of the Visual Arts and Communications	Yeng Thao	Myra Davis
Genesis School of Business, Technology/Trade, Health and Human Services	Ja Kimbra White	Brittney Taylor
Grandview High School	Maria S. Rodriguez	Jennifer Gerena
Alexander Hamilton High School	Jennifer Jacobsen Mukul Chawla	Benjamin Ferenz
HR Academy	Chenequa Byers	DéVonte Griffin
Kilmer High School	Victoria Marrero	
Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School	Elizabeth Mosier Talormarie Rudolph Elizabeth Jazwecki David Chou Nicolaus Caniza	
Lady Pitts School Age Parent Program	Va Xiong	Marquica Woods
James Madison Academy	Nancy Lee	Fabiola Huerta
Metropolitan High School	Jeremy Jones	Jasmine Holland
Milwaukee Academy of Aviation, Science and Technology	Ebony Neylon	Nicholas Hoffmann
Milwaukee African American Immersion High School	Tracy Nelson	Casandra Johnson
Milwaukee County Youth Education Center	Arthur Conner	Justin Anderson
Milwaukee High School of the Arts	Clare Gawronski	Jessica Jackson
MLLI (Milwaukee Learning Laboratory and Institute)	Brittany Givens	Chelsie Lynch
Milwaukee School of Entrepreneurship	Jessica Benson	Phytiema Onojaife Ogbeifun
Milwaukee School of Languages	Tiffany Sanchez Ker Xiong	Brittany Harker
New School for Community Service	Nancy Robinson	Tierra Brinkley-Pickens
Northwest Secondary School	Gloria Miller	Yolonda Claybrooks
NOVA Middle and High School	Julian Glass	John Purdle
Casimir Pulaski High School	Alma Rodriguez	Maritza Estevez

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Ronald Wilson Reagan College Preparatory High School	Jeffrey Stubler	Joseph Chase
Riverside University High School	Raghda Ahmad Jennifer Donahoe Ia Moua Giselle Remolina	Samuel Loveland
SUPAR (School for Urban Planning & Architecture)	Cheyenne Ensor	Carmen Valentine
South Division High School	Dawn Henn	Cheng Vang
Spotted Eagle High School	Crystal Keeler	Cheyenne Martinez
Transition High School	Ashlee Bishop	Jeremy Scott
Truth Institute for Leadership and Service	Shalonda Dickerson	Chakiris Crain
Veritas High School	Cynthia Pajic	Alex Kanastab
Harold S. Vincent High School	PaDer Lor	Dano Munoz
Washington High School of Expeditionary Learning	Ashley Williams	Eric Hair
Washington High School of Information Technology	Kevin Duer	Jhavontae Jones
Washington High School of Law, Education & Public Service	Chartia Flowers	Kua Yang
W.E.B. Du Bois High School	Javon Harmon	Mark Kelly
Wings Academy	Ronald Joseph Melanz, Jr.	Sarah Thiesenhusen
Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning	Adnan Ahmad	Carey Barnes

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