





# Class of 2023

Gavilan College Theater May 25, 2023 6:00 P.M.





"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **ORDER OF EVENTS**

Processional	Graduates
Pledge of Allegiance	Arpinder Kaur
Welcome on Behalf of GUSD Board of l	EducationAlexandra Beyret
Opening Remarks	Sonia Flores
Historian Address	Sarah Alvarado
Salutatory Address	Ria Deshpande
Valedictory Address	Alexandra Beyret
Introduction of GECA Associated Stude	ent Body
And Student of the Year	Kamala Wood
School Based Subject Awards	Amber Bruce
	Rogelio Loredo
	Mark Cerny
Recognition for Community Service & S	Seal of BiliteracyLiliana Montero
Scholarships	Alex Chin
Special Commendation Award	Sonia Flores
Keynote AddressGU	SD Superintendent Dr. Deborah Flores
Awarding of Diplomas	GUSD Board of Education Trustees
Presentation of The Class of 2023	Dr. Deborah Flores

#### **GILROY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Dr. Deborah Flores, Superintendent
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Paul Winslow, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Deborah Padilla, Director Secondary, Curriculum & Instruction
Anna Pulido, Director, Student Services & Health Services
Melanie Corona, Public Information Officer

## GILROY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Linda Piceno, President
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Melissa Aguirre
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Mark Good
Gabriela Kim
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#### **GAVILAN COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pedro Avila, Superintendent/President
Dr. Renee Craig-Marius, Executive Vice President of Student Services
Marilyn Morikang, Vice President of Administrative Services
Lucy Alvarez, Director of Human Resources
Michelle Anaya, Director of Business Services
Kyle Billups, Director of Information Technology
Rosie Zepeda, Director of Public Information

#### **GAVILAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jeanie Wallace, President
Rachel Perez, Vice President
Patricia Mondragón, Clerk
Dr. Gabriel Gutierrez
Alicia Cortez
Irma González
Kathy Napoli



#### DR. TJ OWENS GILROY EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Sonia Flores, Principal
Liliana Montero, Matriculation Coordinator
Melissa Avila-Carroll, Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Plaza, School Secretary

#### **TEACHING STAFF**

Javier Alejo
Alyssa Barcellos
Ana Benich
Amber Bruce
Mark Cerny
Alex Chin
Alexandra Cuzner
Ishrat Khan Khatoon
Meg Omainsky
Rogelio Loredo
Sarah Todd
Kamala Wood

#### **AUXILIARY STAFF**

Andrew Plaza, Health Clerk
Brian Bruce, College Study Room Supervision
Carina Kampf-Brandon, Food Services Provider
Janell Wolfe, Campus Supervisor
Jodie Wisniewski, College Study Room Supervision
Maria Loza, School Custodian





#### **MEMBERS OF GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023**

^+Joanna Abellera

^\*+Zayd Aceves

^+Patience Afifi

~^\*+Sarah Alvarado

^\*+Estrella Avila Rosales

^+Joaquin Jose Azcona

^+Valeria Evelyn Berg

~^\*+=Alexandra Beyret

~^+Eshaan Billing

^\*+Aidan Michal Brown

^\*+Joshua A. Cabrera Regalado

^+Alejandro Carapia

~^\*+Amanda Graciela Carroll

^+Elian Castillo

^+Sanya Chhibber

^\*+James Roan Coughlan

~^+=Ria Deshpande

^+Ashton Singh Dhaliwal

~^+#James Vu Dinh

^\*+Gisell Izabella Gutierrez Esparza

^+=Alejandro L. Hernandez-Amezquita

~^+#Isaac Hwang

^+Maria Areli Jaramillo

^+Jaxon Tadao Kaplan

~^+#Arpinder Kaur

^+#Vijay Kiran Kethanaboyina

^Joseph Sterling Neal Knapp

^+#Francisco A. Lara

^\*+Bianca Bernice Lazaro

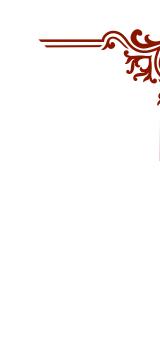
^+Leo Ba Lam Le

^+Edwin U. Lopez Perez

^\*+Paloma Raquel Macias







~^+#Aadhavan Magesh ^+Bryce Mankovsky ^+Yasmine Yareni Mares ~^\*+Guadalupe V Martinez ~^+Alexandra Sierra Meriales ^+Zoee E. Motley Chomicz ~^+=Vaishnavi Muralidharan ^+Nicolas Rio Navarro ^+Bryant Ni Yarelit Orozco-Cervantes ^\*Marissa Marie Ortiz ^\*Citlaly Perez ^\*+Lesley Minerva Prudencio ^+Ryan Vincent A. Ramil ~^\*+Viviana Rangel Amezcua ^\*Yisbledy Rodriguez Garcia ^+Ashton E. Rosso ~^+Dylan W. Russell ^\*+Lucia Sanchez ^+Yvonne Servin ^+John Paul Silvas ^Joseph Peter Silvas ^+Vinh-Quan Francis Thoi ^+Giselle Dang Tran

^\*+#Wendy Sarahi Venegas Bustamante ^\*+#Brianna Villarreal ^\*+Samuel Ulises Villarreal-Yepez

+ Associate Degree (AA/AS) ^ Golden State Merit Seal Diploma

\* Seal of Biliteracy ~ Community Service of 160+ Hours

= Honors Tribunal Member, 2020-2023

# Associated Student Body Student Leader, 2022-2023

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt





#### SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

#### Gilroy Rotary Scholarship Recipients.....Presented by Jill Fortino

Edwin Lopez, Seledon First Generation Scholarship, \$20,000 Joaquin Azcona, Gilroy Rotary General Scholarship, \$1,000 Alexandra Beyret, Rotary General Scholarship, \$1,000 Joshua Cabrera Regalado, Rotary General Scholarship, \$1,000 Marissa Ortiz, Rotary General Scholarship, \$1,000

#### Gilroy Foundation.....Presented by Rigo Vargas and Vito Mercado

Edwin Lopez, Uvas Creek Scholarship, \$20,000 Marissa Ortiz, Uvas Creek Scholarship, \$20,000 Arpinder Kaur, "We Are All Connected" Scholarship, \$1,000 Sarah Alvarado, SakaBozzo Scholarship, \$1,000

#### Gilroy Garlic Festival.....Presented by Rigo Vargas and Vito Mercado

Aidan Brown, Rudy Melone Scholarship, \$500 Joaquin Azcona, Rudy Melone Scholarship, \$750 Arpinder Kaur, Rudy Melone Scholarship, \$1,500

#### **Gilroy Unified School District**

#### Rucker Elementary Cougar Scholarship......Presented by Danielle Berry

Alexandra Beyret, \$1,000 Elian Castillo, \$1,000 James Dinh, \$1,000 Bryce Mankovsky, \$1,000

#### Ascension Solorsano Middle School Scholarship.... Presented by Hilda Aguirre

Sarah Alvarado, \$100 Ryan Vincent Ramil, \$500

Eliot Neighborhood Scholarship......Presented by Kanani Pratt

Citlaly Perez, \$500

American Association of University Women.....Presented by Vicki Baksa

Zoee Motley Chomicz, \$1,000

#### National Merit Recognition......Presented by Alex Chin

Isaac Hwang, Finalist and Scholarship Recipient \$2500 Ryan Vincent Ramil, Finalist Ria Deshpande, Commended Scholar James Dinh, Commended Scholar Vijay Kethanaboyina, Commended Scholar Aadhavan Magesh, Commended Scholar Zoee Motley Chomicz, Commended Scholar



#### **AWARDS**

#### **Overall Character Counts! Award**

Ria Deshpande



Wendy Venegas Bustamante

### Outstanding Achievement in Senior Project

Alexandra Beyret Amanda Carroll

### Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Placement U.S. Government

Zayd Aceves Zoee Motley Chomicz

### Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Placement Macroeconomics

Ryan Vincent Ramil Sanya Chhibber

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Distinction In

#### **Mathematics**

Amanda Carroll Isaac Hwang Vijay Kethanaboyina Aadhavan Magesh

#### **English Language Arts**

Elian Castillo Ria Deshpande

#### **English Language Arts and Mathematics**

James Dinh

#### Special Commendation Award

Dr. Deborah Flores, Superintendent of Gilroy Unified School District





#### Special THANK YOU to the following:

Family of Dr. TJ Owens Gavilan College Instructors Gavilan College Facilities/Maintenance/Custodial Department Gavilan College Media Services Department Gavilan College MIS Department Gavilan College Counseling Department Gavilan College Registration Department Gavilan College Bookstore Gavilan College Security Gilroy Unified School District Maintenance Department Marcela Zamora Inflated Dreams Make It Mine Embroidery & Engraving Manning Achievement Products The Printing Spot Gilroy Foundation Gilroy Rotary Gilroy Sunrise Rotary Aurelio Rodriguez AJ Young Heather Hickerson

#### Thank You to Class of 2024 Honor Guards

GECA PTSA

Paola Aguilar Izabel Cabrera Regalado Lomax Canfield Jonathan Chung
Claire Garcia Kassandra Hak Laurence Huang Jailyn Jaimes
Joelle Kim Deepinder Mann Maria Russo Elisabet Trinidad
Ryan Verrette Alice Vu

Diploma Acceptance Handshake was photographed by: Angela Sue Photography

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## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS DOES NOT STOP AT DR. TJ OWENS GILROY EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY:

California State University, East Bay California State University, Fresno California State University, Fullerton California State University, Long Beach California State University, Monterey Bay De Anza College Fordham University Gavilan College Georgia Institute of Technology Rochester Institute of Technology San Francisco State University San José State University Stanford University State University of New York at Stony Brook United States Air Force United States Marine Corps Reserve University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis University of California, Irvine University of California, Los Angeles University of California, Merced University of California, Riverside University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Cruz University of Maryland, College Park University of Pennsylvania University of San Francisco University of Tennessee, Knoxville Virginia Tech



