

Caitlyn Grace Schmidt - Clinton, MO	AGS	Marissa Uhrich - Manhattan, KS	AAS
William James Schrader - Perry, KS	AA	Miguel Angelo Villegas - Topeka, KS	AA
Emily Ann Schultz - Salina, KS	AA	Delainee Sue Waggoner - Highland, KS	AGS
Shaniya Jaelyn Scott - Gonzales, LA	AS	Akelia Walden - Destin, FL	AA
Mallory Ann Seager - Atchison, KS	AS	Nolan Wall - Omaha, NE	AS
Jamie Seehusen - Aurora, CO	AA, AS	Antonio Wallace - Memphis, TN	AGS
Rylee Claire Seelhoff - Syracuse, NE	AGS	Trisha Wattersen - Farragut, IA	AA
Cassie Jo Servaes - Atchison, KS	AGS	Jocelyn Lanell Waymire - Leavenworth, KS	AA
Riane Lynne Shaffer Byers - Saint Joseph, MO	AS	Noah Weible - Topeka, KS	AS
Jacob Thomas Shields - Olathe, KS	AA	Katey Faye Westfall - Delia, KS	AGS
Dane Bradford Sidel - Holdrege, NE	AS	Kirstan Williams - New Albany, IN	AS
Makenna Flora Sloop - Seneca, KS	AA	Preston Lee Williams - Wathena, KS	AS
Adriel Smith - Wichita, KS	AA	Kelby James Windmeyer - Highland, KS	AA
Diandrea Smith - Jersey City, NJ	AA	Ella Marie Wisler - Wathena, KS	AS
Sara M. Smith - Frankfort, KS	AA	Jayden Mark Worden - Leavenworth, KS	AA
Trinleigh Marie Smith - Wathena, KS	AA	Christopher L. Wright - Kansas City, MO	AGS
Amanda Snyder - Blue Rapids, KS	AAS, Cert	*Madelyn Ruth Wuellner - Meriden, KS	AA
Jaala Ann Stewart - Daykin, NE	AS		
Xavier D Strickland - Leavenworth, KS	AGS		
Sunney Swanson - Atchison, KS	AA		
Tavian Tate - Kansas City, MO	AA		
Laney Tenbrink - Topeka, KS	AA		
Rachel Dawn Thomas - Horton, KS	AGS		
Ashley Nicole Times - Lawrence, KS	AGS		
Lanna Rae Trembath - Troy, KS	AGS		
Mariah Nevaeh Tucker - Durham, NC	AGS		
Ryeki Dimitri Tuley - Lawrence, KS	AS		
Claire Katelyn Twombly - Hiawatha, KS	AS		



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Congratulations Class of 2026!

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- Vanetta Blevins Geiger '78
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- Glendon Hartman '73
- Megan Blevins Jeschke '03
- Don Juhl '74
- Carrie Miller '13
- Barbara Tuggle Morrow '84
- Jaime Kohlmeyer Terry '03
- Mike Todd '84
- Julianne Blevins Wilson '02
- Kelly Blevins Twombly '83 - *Director of Alumni Relations*



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CLASS OF 2026

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Processional	Kansas City Celtic Pipes & Drums
Alma Mater	HCC Lads & Lassies - <i>Directed by Shayna Leahy</i>
Introductions	President Dr. Vincent Bowhay
“Land of Confusion” by Genesis, arranged by Anita Cracauer	HCC Lads & Lassies - <i>Directed by Shayna Leahy</i>
Introduction of Speaker	President Dr. Vincent Bowhay
Commencement Speaker	Shayne Wahlmeier '05
Special Awards	President Dr. Vincent Bowhay
	The Herbert and Emily Lucas Bruning '38 Award <i>Dr. Amy C. Foley</i>
	The Virgil '41 & Lou '41 Bauer Memorial Fund <i>Shane Clapper & Carol White</i>
Honorees	President Dr. Vincent Bowhay
	Honorary Degree <i>Tyler Miller</i>
Presentation of Class of 2026	President Dr. Vincent Bowhay
Conferring Of Degrees	Eric Ketchum - <i>Vice President of Academic Affairs</i>
Announcement Of 2026 Candidates	Ms. Theresa Grossman - <i>Faculty</i>
Alumni Association	Kelly Twombly '83 - <i>Director of Alumni Relations</i>
Recessional	Kansas City Celtic Pipes & Drums
Reception to Follow	



ALMA MATER

BY GEORGIA BAIRD HAYES, CLASS OF 1900
(FAR ABOVE CAYUGA'S WATERS)

1 Where the hills of Doniphan
Do greet the eastern sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
On her hilltop high.

2 When the evening twilight deepens
And the shadows fall,
Lingers long the golden sunbeam
On thy western wall.

3 When the shades of life draw nigh
And dark our hearts may be
May the rays of youth and sunshine
Linger long o'er thee.

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Gold and blue will float for aye old Highland, over thee!
May thy sons be leal and loyal to thy memory.



HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ROSTER OF CANDIDATES FOR 2026 DEGREES

Degree Key:

AA - Associate in Arts
AGS - Associate in General Studies
AS - Associate in Science

AAS - Associate in Applied Science
* Those Graduating with Phi Theta Kappa Distinction
BOLD - Those Graduating on President's List

Cord Code:

Gold cords - Presidential Cords are presented to graduates who have maintained a cumulative 4.00 grade point average throughout their academic career.

Black & Red cords - Signifies students who are in the TRIO Student Support Services program. Many of these students are first-generation college students or have met other requirements to qualify for the program.

Stole Code:

PTK Stole - A ceremonial graduation stole worn by inducted members of Phi Theta Kappa, signifying high academic achievement, official membership in the society, and a commitment to leadership and service within a two-year college.

Madison Nicole Adams - Murrieta, CA	AA	Jonathan Francis Faletra - Woodstock, GA	AA	Sarah Latendresse - Topeka, KS	AS
Demitrius Joshua Alexandre - North Miami, FL	AS	Anthony Farr - Warrensburg, MO	AA	Amiyah Lenoir - Kansas City, MO	AGS
Della Arnold - Saint Joseph, MO	AA	Giulia Ferrarez Dorini - Sao Paulo	AS	Amya Lundy - Wathena, KS	AA
Damarcus Ash - McKinney, TX	AGS	Aubrey Jo Ferris - Hiawatha, KS	AA	Kaydence Dawn Marlatt - Atchison, KS	AS
JoeLee Ann Ashworth - Troy, KS	AA	Cortez Fisher - La Place, LA	AA	Payton Quinn McCarter - Topeka, KS	AA
Tyler Baer - Lincoln, NE	AGS	Levi Fleagle - Robinson, KS	AA	Judith Kay McCourt - Topeka, KS	AGS
Bryson Lee Ballman - Troy, KS	AGS	Kelton Ford - Eudora, KS	AS	Owen Michael McCurren - Blue Springs, MO	AA
Alisha Lynn Barnhart - Hiawatha, KS	Cert	Clover Rachel Frakes - Wathena, KS	AS	Kimberly Briann Meitl - Atchison, KS	AGS
Blaze Baugh - Tahleah, OK	AS	Laina Elisabeth Frost - Topeka, KS	AA	Eden Scott Merrill - Howard, CO	AA, AS
Noah Bishop - Melissa, TX	AS	*Ivy Mari-Laurine Fujibayashi - Nortonville, KS	AS	Holden Maurice Miller - Spring Hill, KS	AA
*Taylor Nichole Bosley - Netawaka, KS	AA	Jolie Ruth Galloway - Saint Joseph, MO	AA	*Sapphyre C. Miller - Hiawatha, KS	AGS
Navi Bruzon - Peoria, AZ	AS	Meshalya Magdalena Renee Garcia - Lawrence, KS	AS	Colin Monihen - Cedar Point, KS	AA
Aidon Cobe Bupp - Wamego, KS	AS	Braiden Joseph Geisen - Mayetta, KS	AS	Takeo A. Moore - Las Vegas, NV	AGS
Kyana Lenore Burks - Wathena, KS	AA	Hayden George - Effingham, KS	AA	Madysen Moreno - Hiawatha, KS	AGS
Damon Fitzgerald Byrd - Charlotte, NC	AA	Pamela Jo Gibeson - Effingham, KS	AA	Aleshia Jo Morris - Fremont, NE	AA
Michael Vonkee Carson Jr - Crestview, FL	AA	Kameron Shaw Graham - Orlando, FL	AA	Maria Julia Neves Plens - Bela Vista SP, Brasil	AGS
Anjanique Molika Cheltenham - Miami, FL	AS	Hannah Griffin - Wathena, KS	AS	Eva Alessandra Nicholas - Arima, Trinidad & Tobago	AS
Clayton Clark - Jacksonville, FL	AA	Gavin Travel Grubbs - Cadiz, KY	AS	Connor Bruce Nowak - Lawrence, KS	AA
Karsin James Elsworth Clark - Mayetta, KS	AGS	Kadence Danielle Guinn - Alma, KS	AS	Andereya Kiwala-King Nsubuga - Gilbert, AZ	AGS
Ryker Wayne Clary - Highland, KS	AA	Katharine Dolores Hardin - Smithville, MO	AA, AS	Dawna O'Dell - Netawaka, KS	AA
Alexis Clemons - Morrilton, AR	AA	Jermaine T. Harvey - Fort Meade, FL	AA, AS	*Michael Hunter Oldham - Gretna, NE	AAS
Krystina Clemons - Morrilton, AR	AA	*Abraham Thomas Hilbert - Seneca, KS	AA	Amanda Renae Olson - Effingham, KS	AAS
Alana Justine Conrad - Manhattan, KS	AA, AS	Morgan Lynnea Hill - Cookeville, TX	AS	Kyrsten Nellie Pauley - Lee's Summit, MO	AA, AS
Zachary Allen Cook - Home, KS	AS	H'Leigha Raye Ann Idol - Highland, KS	AS	Ella Marie Pinick - Wakefield, KS	AA
Justin Dahlstrom - Overland Park, KS	AS	Terrell Jackson - Gainesville, FL	AA	Cierra Marie Poldberg - Platte City, MO	AS
Cierra Lynn Davis - Topeka, KS	AGS	Autumn Lee Johansen - Hiawatha, KS	AA	Kevin Zhamari Pollock - Vero Beach, FL	AA
Manoella de Carvalho Santos - Villa Mazzei SP, Brasil	AGS	Shamiah Denise Johnson - Ferris, TX	AGS	Bailey Porter - Valley Falls, KS	AS
Hannah Lerona de los Reyes - St Marys, KS	AGS	Taylor Renee Johnson - Olathe, KS	AS	Tyjuan Aaron Porter - Olathe, KS	AS
J'Nya Demming - Memphis, TN	AGS	Jason Andrew Jurmann Jr - Kansas City, MO	AGS	*Reece Alan Pottorf - Highland, KS	AA
Jahmir Diabira - Philadelphia, PA	AGS	Karsyn Kempinger - Mound City, KS	AGS	Kryndon X. Proffitt - Whiting, KS	AA
Emma Ryann Doleshal - Shawnee, KS	AS	Ashtynn Raylynn Keo - Horton, KS	AS	Brione Ramsey-Brooks - Dallas, TX	AGS
Chasey Lynn Drago - Wamego, KS	AA	Isaac Wayne Keo - Minneapolis, MN	AA	*Abigail Rash - Excelsior Springs, MO	AA
Tramond Marquise Dukes - Florissant, MO	AA	Aubrey Lynn Kesler - Stockton, KS	AGS	Temple Pryor Richardson - Topeka, KS	AS
*Brennah Ashley Edie - Highland, KS	AA, AS	Chloe Elizabeth Ariane Kimble - Meriden, KS	AGS	Kaprice Valtino Rowan - Columbia, SC	AS
Samantha Lauren Edwards - Sabetha, KS	AGS	Gracelyn R. Klecan - Olathe, KS	AGS	*Valerie V. Salazar Orozco - Palmira	AA
Luthien Elbereth Eustice - Manhattan, KS	AAS	Kortni Lane - Topeka, KS	AA	*Jaime Anya Sandy - Elmont, NY	AA
Jayla M'Shay Evans - Birmingham, AL	AGS	*Karis Rose Larson - Goff, KS	AA	Anna Elise Schierling - Circleville, KS	AS