



POLK STATE

Lakeland Collegiate High School

Commencement

Monday, May 18, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Health Center

Polk State College

Winter Haven, Florida

A message from the principal



Dear Graduates,

It is a true pleasure to celebrate this special day with you and your families. The Class of 2026 achieved so much during your time at Lakeland Collegiate and today marks an important milestone in your journey.

As you join the proud tradition of Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School alumni, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on those who supported you along the way—your families, friends, classmates, and the faculty and staff who have guided and encouraged you throughout your time here.

I am incredibly proud of all that you have accomplished. Your hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence have defined your experience at CHS and contributed to the strong legacy of our school.

As you look ahead, I challenge you to continue striving for excellence, to embrace new opportunities, and to make a positive impact wherever your path may lead. We are confident that each of you is well prepared for what comes next.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. We wish you continued success in all that you do.

Rick Jeffries
Principal

Polk State College
Lakeland Collegiate High School

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Order of Ceremony

***Processional**

Pomp and Circumstance

***Welcome**

Rick Jeffries, Principal

***Invocation**

Sarai Roque, 2026 Honor Walk Recipient

***Pledge of Allegiance**

Noah Stull, 2026 Honor Walk Recipient

Recognition of Guests, Faculty & Staff

Rick Jeffries, Principal

Recognition of Honor Graduates

Patricia Edgecomb, School Counselor

Recognition of AA Degree Recipients

Bradley Hofstetter, Student Success Coach

Salutatorian Address

Conner Davidson

Valedictorian Address

Troy Xiong

Certification of Graduates

Dawn Allen, Assistant Principal

Presentation of Diplomas

Rick Jeffries, Principal & Dawn Allen, Assistant Principal

Closing Remarks

Rick Jeffries, Principal

Class of 2026 Reflections

Sarai Roque, Senior Class President

***Recessional**

**Audience should remain standing during designated portions of the ceremony.*

Class of 2026

Al-Aloosi, Lana	Fife, Abigail Joy
Alvarez, Haylie Elizabeth	Flynn, Eva Noelle
Alvarez, Stephanie Marie	Foskey, Reagan September
Battilla, McKenna Paige	Fox, Mason Parker
Baudin, Leila-Sheydra	Gall, Landon
Betancourt, Josiah Christian	Gaytan-Gaytan, Lizbeth
Boulding, Amelia Grace	Gelissen, Baker Lynn
Breting, Luke Joseph	Gillingham, Nikole Lyn
Briceland, Lauchlin Carter	Godshall, Brycen Alexander
Brown, Ashleigh	Grafton, Brendon Scott
Brown, Jenson Will	Griffin, Kayela Marie
Browning, Eliana Skye Hancock	Guevara, David
Bullock, Zoe Leigh	Gummow, Audrey Elizabeth
Butfiloski, Joseph Zander	Gutierrez-Hoyos, Sebastian Alberto
Castano, Kendall Belle	Haley-Russell, Kayla Rose
Conboy, Hunter T	Hernandez, Michelle Marlen
Crawford, Addyson Elissa	Hodgdon, Katie Lynn
Crump, Harper Eslie	Holmes, Lazarus Rayen
Culverhouse, Taylor Alexis	Holzer, Liam Keenan
Davidson, Conner Michael	Honcharik, Kailey Rae
Dawes, Phoebe Lynne	Huddleston, Ella Michel
Deemer, Jack Ellis	Jones, Jayden Anthony
Denner, Rachel Anne	Jones, Katelyn Rayne
Dennis, Kohen Justin	Kemp, Lexi Marie
De Sena, Julia Ristine	Kleine, Katie Leigh
Dolan, Madison Ann	Kneeland, Kaiden Scott
Donahue, Grant Parker	Kossen, Zachary Douglas
Dougherty, Joseph Landon	Liske, Carter James
Dues, Kendra Ashleigh	Long, Keegan Will
Duke, Isabella	Longo, Bailey Nicole
Espinosa, Kevin Ruben	Maginnis, Kaitlen Shayla
Fahlgren, Michael Joshua	Malone, Liam Aidan
Favours, Raven Akira	Marcum, Logan Riley

Mathews, Tanasia Leeanna
McSwain, Daniel James
McSwain, Kendra Nicole
Messenger, Gabriel Michael
Miller, Isabella Faith
Miller, Jayden Deshard
Mooneyham, Ryan Maddox
Moores, Elizabeth Alee
Mulling, Ava Joelle
Munguia, Natalie Grace
Myers, Chloe Ann
Nelson, Micah Ray
Nufa, Lutfur Nahar
Nunez, Diana Mariela
Pandya, Stuti Kunal
Patel, Jay Kiran
Patton, Logan Mei-Ling
Picard, Xavier J
Przychodniec, Bailey Joy
Purcell, Kailey Nicole
Rahman, Sean Ivan
Raysin, Logan Tanner
Richarz, Amanda Sophia
Roberts, Riley Christopher
Roque, Sarai
Rosado Delgado, Alonndra Isabelle
Saini, Jahnvi
Schick, Ella G
Schiller, Miles Owen
Shoultz, Carly Rose
Sievert, Mason Allen

Sinha, Maya Ruksana
Slagel, Jonathan Luke
Stewart-Thornton, Jaadiay A
Strickland, Kendra Shawn
Stull, Noah Elijah
Sullivan, Brent Michael
Sykes, Madison Kaylee
Taylor, Ashlyn Fawn
Thomas, Kadence
Van Bibber, Ethan Alexander
Welch, Rachel Marie
Welkier, Maya
Williams, Allana Gabrielle
Williams, Bayden Archer-Grant
Williams, Chad Gaston
Williams, Kennedy Elizabeth
Williams, Samantha Reagan
Wilson, Rhiannon Kathleen
Xiong, Troy Muajmoo
Youngblood, Juliette Olivia

Explanation of Honors Regalia

Stole with Red Letters

Honors with Distinction — GPA of 4.0 and above

Stole with Silver Letters

High Honors — GPA of 3.5–3.99

Stole with Black Letters

Honors — GPA of 3.2–3.49

Silver Cord and White Medallion

At least 250 hours of community service

Silver Cord and Black Medallion

500 hours or more of community service

Polk State Lakeland Collegiate Honor Walk Recognition

Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School Honor Walk Seniors exemplify a commitment to continuous improvement, both academically and personally. They demonstrate a love of learning, high ethical standards, and a positive attitude. They are respectful, mature, hardworking, and willing to share their talents and time for the benefit of both the school and the community.

While academics remain their top priority, they are also actively involved in student activities. They recognize the privilege of attending Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School and make the most of that opportunity each day.

Selected by faculty and staff, the Honor Walk Seniors lead their fellow graduates in the Commencement Ceremony.

Congratulations to **Sarai Roque** and **Noah Stull**.

2026 Senior Class Officers and Sponsors

President: Sarai Roque

Vice President: Micah Nelson

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University of South Florida, MEd

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Administrative Support Staff

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Instructional Support Staff

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High school graduation is one of life's most meaningful milestones. To help honor this special occasion for our seniors, we ask that all guests observe the following guidelines:

To honor the Class of 2026, please extend courtesy throughout the ceremony so that each graduate's name can be heard. Air horns are not permitted, and we ask that you hold your applause until all names have been read.

Family members and guests are asked to remain seated throughout the program, except when using the designated photography area to capture your graduate's moment. Professional photographers will also be present to document this memorable event.

The Class of 2026 would like to express their sincere appreciation to the parents, teachers, Lakeland Collegiate High School administration and staff, Polk State College instructors, and friends who have supported them throughout their journey.

While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, we apologize for any inadvertent errors.