



## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Cary Academy  
Cary, North Carolina

Friday, May 21, 2021  
Stadium Field

*Cary Academy is  
a learning community  
committed to discovery,  
innovation, collaboration,  
and excellence.*

Welcome to our 22nd Commencement Exercises. We're happy to have you share this memorable occasion with us!

For over twenty years, Cary Academy has remained committed to providing a challenging and engaging curriculum that reflects the school's mission of discovery, innovation, collaboration, and excellence.

A vibrant and independent college-preparatory school for students in grades 6-12, Cary Academy maintains a technology-rich curriculum grounded in the sciences and humanities. Small classes, a 1:1 laptop environment, and dedicated and motivated faculty and coaches create a secure and nurturing environment for students to discover and develop individual talents and interests and to grow academically, physically, and emotionally.

From the first day of sixth grade to graduation day, Cary Academy plays an integral part in every student's life. With each personal and academic achievement, students gain knowledge, master new skills, build confidence, and develop independence, determination, and the will to succeed. This confident quest for knowledge continues into college and the workplace.

Cary Academy is proud of its graduates and their many accomplishments. As the Class of 2021 embarks on the next phase of their education journey, we wish them the very best. We are confident that great achievements are yet to come.

#### Past Commencement Keynotes

2000	Dr. Marye Anne Fox	Chancellor, North Carolina State University
2001	The Honorable James B. Hunt	Governor of North Carolina
2002	Dr. Nannerl O. Keohane	President, Duke University
2003	Dr. Lee Stiff	Professor of Mathematics, North Carolina State University
2004	Bill Irwin	Motivational Speaker
2005	Doug Marlette	Pulitzer Prize Winning Cartoonist
2006	Anson Dorrance	Head Coach, Women's Soccer University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2007	Bill Nye	"The Science Guy"
2008	Dr. James H. Johnson	William Rand Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Management University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2009	Dr. Benjamin Dunlap	President, Wofford College
2010	Dr. Holden Thorp	Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2011	Henry H. Shelton	General (Ret.) U.S. Army
2012	Cynthia G. Marshall	President, AT&T North Carolina
2013	Nina Jacobson	Film Producer, Color Force
2014	Dr. Carol Folt	Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2015	Christopher J. Cassidy	Captain, U.S. Navy; NASA Astronaut
2016	Anita R. Brown-Graham	Director, Institute for Emerging Issues North Carolina State University
2017	Dr. James H. Goodnight	Founder, Board of Directors, CEO of SAS
2018	Lianne M. Gonsalves ('06)	Technical Officer, World Health Organization (WHO)
2019	Holly May ('05)	Head of People and Operations, Datavant
2020	Robert Ingram	General Partner, Hatteras Venture Partners

## COMMENCEMENT

*Processional <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i> Sir Edward Elgar/Merle Isaac	Led by Alex Lim Student Council President-Elect
*Pledge of Allegiance	Samantha Hoffman Student Council President
Welcome	Dr. Michael Ehrhardt Head of School
Special Thank You	Emily Zhen
Class Speakers	Armita Jamshidi Vibhav Nandagiri
Founders' Award	Robin Follet Head of Upper School
Introduction of Speaker	Manju Karkare Chair, Cary Academy Board of Directors
Keynote Address	Sandra Gutierrez Author and Food Historian
Conferring of Diplomas	Manju Karkare, Dr. Michael Ehrhardt, Robin Follet
Closing Remarks	Manju Karkare
*Recessional <i>Stars and Stripes Forever</i> John Philip Sousa	

\*Audience will stand

## CARY ACADEMY

CLASS OF 2021

<i>Hannah Caroline Ackman</i>	<i>Lauren Reese Ferguson</i>
<i>Arnav Ahuja</i>	<i>Claire Elise Ferris</i>
<i>Eran Ilker Akyil</i>	<i>Colin James Fleming</i>
<i>Safiya Aneesa Alvi</i>	<i>Evan Corcoran Flynn</i>
<i>Ryan Carter Azrak</i>	<i>Thomas Vincent Boucek Frank</i>
<i>Griffin Isaac Baird</i>	<i>Sarah Susan George</i>
<i>Jaelynn Ruth Berry</i>	<i>Talia Hope Ginsberg</i>
<i>Evelyn Rose Brundige</i>	<i>Hannah Rebecca Gordon</i>
<i>Russell Alan Burns</i>	<i>Paige Haley Gozon</i>
<i>Hayden Elizabeth Cagle</i>	<i>Chloe Holman Griffin</i>
<i>Reagan Claire Canady</i>	<i>Sarah Margaret Hallman</i>
<i>Casey Allen Cervenka</i>	<i>Eva Sarah Hammer</i>
<i>Kathryn E. Chao</i>	<i>William Roger Harris</i>
<i>Naya Olivia Chawla</i>	<i>Allen Wang He</i>
<i>Angelina Yinghua Chen</i>	<i>Samantha Claire Hoffman</i>
<i>Ryan Jay Chen</i>	<i>Ethan Elliott Hortelano</i>
<i>Sanjana Ram Chillarege</i>	<i>Paul Joseph Ibrahim</i>
<i>Grace Mok Seong Chow</i>	<i>Tucker Leonard Irwin</i>
<i>Samuel Grayson Corkey</i>	<i>Myla Arym James</i>
<i>Wyatt Samuel Courts</i>	<i>Armita Anna Jamshidi</i>
<i>Matthew Edward Crow</i>	<i>Shannon Kellie Jenkins</i>
<i>Jordan Gabrielle Cuffee</i>	<i>Victoria Jasmine Jin</i>
<i>Arielle Elizabeth Curtis</i>	<i>Koa Gustav Kaliebe</i>
<i>Sadie Kathryn Daley</i>	<i>Lauren Elizabeth Kelly</i>
<i>Xavier Simon William deSouza</i>	<i>Marvin Burke Koonce IV</i>
<i>Thuc Dai-Uyen Dzu</i>	<i>Veronica Kostenko</i>
<i>Kenneth Edward Ehemann III</i>	<i>Christian Michael Larsen</i>
<i>Phoebe Anne-Lovejoy Ellison</i>	<i>Samantha Lake Lattanze</i>
<i>Mary Eva Esposito</i>	<i>Henry Terrence Lee</i>
<i>Landon Tucker Evans</i>	<i>Dena Hope Levin</i>
<i>Max Feliu Merce</i>	<i>Amy Zhang Liu</i>

# COLLEGE DECISIONS

CLASS OF 2021

*Jordan McKay Lucas*  
*Madison Teresa Macchi*  
*Sara Louise Martin*  
*Lachlan Ellsworth McCallum*  
*Connor Douglas McClanahan*  
*Ellie Clare McMahan*  
*Aaron Michael Messer*  
*Georgia Anne Moorhead*  
*Estella Marie Multari*  
*Kyle Vincent Murphy*  
*Ritvik Nalamothu*  
*Vibhav Nandagiri*  
*Anna Christina Newman*  
*Jackson Scott Newnam*  
*Jacob Isaac Noland*  
*Alton Gwynn Nowell IV*  
*Brynn Elizabeth Oliver*  
*Mila Amit Patel*  
*Luca Franco Pignataro*  
*Abigail Grace Pompeo*  
*Eden Maj-Lis Rosenbaum*  
*Anisha Rustogi*  
*Jay Sagrolikar*  
*Nisma Said*  
*Priyanshu Saxena*  
*Ryan Alexandra Schaffroth*  
*Kathryn Slate Shaughnessy*  
*Bayla Alamela Sheshadri*  
*Jordan Elizabeth Smith*

*Meirav Batsheva Solomon*  
*Sophia Claire Taylor*  
*Nikki Taei Tebrani*  
*James Claiborne Thornton*  
*Harrison Hood Truscott*  
*Emma Grace Turner*  
*Quinn Evans Vaughan*  
*Maxwell Thomas Von Weihe*  
*Elijah Weinstein*  
*Lily Rose Weinstein*  
*Kelsey Elaine Welch*  
*Zachary Benton Wiebe*  
*Lincoln James Willard*  
*Olivia Grace Willard*  
*Philip Franciscus John Wissink*  
*Brandon Tianze Yi*  
*Elena Marie Zayas*  
*Han Zhang*  
*Emily Wei Zhen*  
*Olivia Brock Zimmerman*

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 as you embark on your college careers at 49 different colleges and universities in 18 states, plus Canada, China and Scotland.

We wish you luck as you attend:

*Barnard College*  
*Brandeis University*  
*Brown University*  
*Bryn Mawr College*  
*Carnegie Mellon University*  
*Clark University*  
*Clemson University*  
*Colorado College*  
*Cornell University*  
*Davidson College*  
*Dickinson College*  
*Drew University*  
*Duke Kunshan University*  
*Duke University*  
*Elon University*  
*Franklin & Marshall College*  
*Furman University*  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*  
*High Point University*  
*Indiana University (Bloomington)*  
*Johns Hopkins University*  
*Liberty University*  
*Loyola University Maryland*

White cords designate 7-year students at Cary Academy.

Yellow cords denote members of the National Honor Society.

*McGill University*  
*Meredith College*  
*North Carolina State University*  
*Northeastern University*  
*Northwestern University*  
*Purdue University (Main Campus)*  
*Siena College*  
*Stanford University*  
*Tufts University*  
*University of California (Los Angeles)*  
*University of Chicago*  
*University of Miami*  
*University of Michigan*  
*University of North Carolina at Asheville*  
*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*  
*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*  
*University of North Carolina at Greensboro*  
*University of Notre Dame*  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
*University of St Andrews*  
*Vanderbilt University*  
*Wake Forest University*  
*Washington University in St Louis*  
*William and Mary*  
*William Peace University*  
*Wofford College*

## **Junior Marshals**

*JR Cobb*  
*Jazlyn Dunn*  
*Janay Edwards*  
*Katherine He*  
*Andrew Lake*  
*Alex Lim*  
*Aryan Nair*  
*Sarah Zhao*

## Cary Academy Alma Mater

Music composed by Ross Andrus (Class of 2000)  
Lyrics by the Class of 2000

You've given us the knowledge  
Of the thinkers of the past  
And empowered us to form  
Our dreams in a future vast.

You've opened our hearts and minds  
And enabled us to see  
That there's a place for each of us  
In the world's immensity.

Through the lessons that we've shared,  
The friendships, joys, and sorrow,  
You have given us the strength we need  
To boldly face tomorrow.

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