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Scholars may take photos at the Scholars Recognition Selfie Station to share #HISD2College.

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2022 High School Valedictorians and Salutatorians

NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Ruben Maya Valedictorian
Kimberly Yudith Herrera Salutatorian

SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
Jackelyn Iveth Hernandez Valedictorian
Yuliana Roa Bernabe Salutatorian

SHARPTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
Jose Parada Portillo Valedictorian
Nihorimbele Belize Salutatorian

SHARPTOWN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Estella Gomez Valedictorian
Emily Chen Salutatorian

SOUTH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Betsabe Covarrubias Valedictorian
Kaleb Manalo Salutatorian

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL
Josell Bonilla Valedictorian
Mahlah Freeman Salutatorian

TEXAS CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
Ashley Whorton Valedictorian
Rute Tesfay Salutatorian
Emma Skonaker Salutatorian

WALTRIP HIGH SCHOOL
Jorge Garcia Valedictorian
Christopher Luce Salutatorian

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Daniel Bouffard Valedictorian
Diego Delgado Salutatorian

WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL
Kyle McCombs Valedictorian
Miriam Medina Vazquez Salutatorian

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
Melany Perez Valedictorian
Annaliza Licona Salutatorian

WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Esther Sanchez Valedictorian
Kassy Vaughan Salutatorian

WISDOM HIGH SCHOOL
Nashra Hassan Valedictorian
Alexa Lawrence Salutatorian

WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL
Jefry Aguirre-Escalante Valedictorian
Evelyn Barron Salutatorian

YATES HIGH SCHOOL
Kiyauna Meniah Valedictorian
Kalei Williams Salutatorian

YOUNG WOMEN’S COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY
Carmen Carter Valedictorian
Opeyemi Ogundele Salutatorian
Dear Class of 2022 Scholars,

During your four years in high school, you have experienced unprecedented challenges, including a global pandemic - navigating virtual learning during your most formative years – and a statewide freeze that shutdown our power grid. But these obstacles did not deter you from achieving your goal of graduating at the top of your class.

I would like to wholeheartedly congratulate you on becoming a valedictorian or salutatorian of the Class of 2022. Your determination, however, will serve you well in the years ahead, through college and beyond.

No one achieves success alone, and I know that your principal, teachers, parents, grandparents, and other family members and friends are proud of you. Over the past 12 years, you all have made many sacrifices to get you here tonight, but your hard work is paying off--both now and in the future.

We are extremely proud of the HISD Class of 2022 valedictorians and salutators. We take pleasure in gathering tonight in person to recognize you for your outstanding academic achievements. You are an inspiration to us and wish you every success in your future journey.

Sincerely,

Millard House II
Superintendent of Schools

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VALEDICTORIAN

In each graduation class, the student with the highest Grade Point Average (G.P.A) has the honor of being valedictorian. The honor is bestowed upon the student who, through dedication and commitment to academic excellence, has earned the highest grade-point average in his or her class.

A student’s G.P.A is determined at the end of the first semester of the senior year by totaling and averaging the semester average of all high school courses that have been taken for credit through seven semesters. Graduating seniors are then ranked by grade-point average to determined class standing.

SALUTATORIAN

The salutatorian is the student who has excelled by earning the second-highest G.P.A in his or her graduating class. The same procedure as that used for class valedictorian determines the salutatorian honor.

EVENT SPONSOR

Smart Financial Cred Union, a full-service financial cooperative, had been serving HISD since 1934 when small group of HISD employees formed the credit union. Their investments and Charter application formed the Houston Public School Teachers Credit Union, now known as Smart Financial Credit. The first credit union office was housed at Sam Houston High School in Room #117.

Since its inception 87 years ago, Smart Financial has been a partner of the district. As a financial cooperative, it has been served the employees of HISD with loans and savings products. As a valued community partner, teachers and students have received resources from the credit union because of the mutually beneficial relationship it literacy for students, a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors, a student-run branch inside Lamar High School, has been a sponsor for the HISD State of the Schools Address.

Find out more about this unique institution by visiting their website at www.smartcu.org.

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2022 HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL
Stephanie Argueta Valedictorian
Yesenia Trevino Salutatorian

BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL
Margaret Schierking Valedictorian
Jason Yao Valedictorian
Owen Zhang Valedictorian
Katherine Chen Valedictorian
Sophia Hernandez Valedictorian
Collin Crockett Valedictorian
Justice Cordova Valedictorian
Annie Lin Valedictorian
Crystal Tang Valedictorian
Albert Zhu Valedictorian
Donne Su Valedictorian
Nina Zhang Valedictorian
Richard Lin Valedictorian

CARNEGIE VANGUARD
Jessica Kelly Lin Valedictorian
Jahrel Kirby Lewis Noble Salutatorian

CHALLENGE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Soraya Sato Valedictorian
Adanna Onyeka Salutatorian

CHÁVEZ HIGH SCHOOL
Servando Arakos Valedictorian
Bryan Medina Salutatorian

DEBAKEY HIGH SCHOOL
Kevin Song Valedictorian
Pranav Chemudupaty Valedictorian

EAST EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
Elena Hernandez Valedictorian
Jacob Rosales Salutatorian

EASTWOOD ACADEMY
Gio Benedetti Eliaja Valedictorian
Anahi Perez Salutatorian

ENERGIZED FOR STEM ACADEMY - CENTRAL
Henry Argueta Valedictorian
Abel Zarate Salutatorian

ENERGY INSTITUTE HIGH SCHOOL
Cecilia Anabella Johnston Valedictorian
Alexandra Kirchen Salutatorian

FURR HIGH SCHOOL
Marily Lopez Valedictorian
Elizabeth Nunez Corona Salutatorian

HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
Julian Seghers Valedictorian
Joseph Maddux Salutatorian

HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND JUSTICE
Rosy Perez Caceres Valedictorian
Brandon Sanchez Salutatorian