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SPECIAL THANKS
SMART FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION
Sharpstown High School JROTC
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For photo coverage of the 2022 Scholars Recognition Ceremony,
please visit www.HoustonISD.org.

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

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
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HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOLARS RECOGNITION CEREMONY

APRIL 12, 2022

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DELMAR STADIUM ARENA

4400 W. 18TH STREET | HOUSTON, TEXAS 77092

CHECK IN 5:30 P.M. | PROGRAM 6:30 P.M.

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PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Candice Castillo, Ed.D.
Executive Officer, Student Support

PRESENTATION OF COLORS/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sharpstown High School JROTC
*Under the direction of CSM (Retired) Hai H. Dang
Dan De Leon, Principal*

WELCOME

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
HISD Chief Academic Officer

CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Millard House II
HISD Superintendent of Schools

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Judith Cruz
President, HISD Board of Education

TRIBUTE FROM OUR SPONSOR

Shana Scott
*Vice President, Community Relations and Executive Director
of the Smart Financial Foundation*

SPECIAL REMARKS

Shani Dowell
Founder and CEO of Possip

PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS

Parents

CLOSING REMARKS

Denise Watts. Ed.D.
Title, Department

2022 HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

NORTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Ruben Maya	Valedictorian
Kimberly Yudith Herrera	Salutarian

SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Jackelyn Iveth Hernandez	Valedictorian
Yuliana Roa Bernabe	Salutarian

SHARPSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Jose Parada Portillo	Valedictorian
Nihorimbele Belize	Salutarian

SHARPSTOWN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Estella Gomez	Valedictorian
Emily Chen	Salutarian

SOUTH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Betsabe Covarrubias	Valedictorian
Kaleb Manalo	Salutarian

STERLING HIGH SCHOOL

Jonell Bonilla	Valedictorian
Mahlah Freeman	Salutarian

TEXAS CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

Ashley Whorton	Valedictorian
Rute Tesfay	Salutarian
Emma Slonaker	Salutarian

WALTRIP HIGH SCHOOL

Jorge Garcia	Valedictorian
Christopher Luce	Salutarian

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Bouffard	Valedictorian
Diego Delgado	Salutarian

WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Kylie McCombs	Valedictorian
Miriam Medina Vazquez	Salutarian

WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Melany Perez	Valedictorian
Annaliza Licona	Salutarian

WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Esther Sanchez	Valedictorian
Kassy Vaughn	Salutarian

WISDOM HIGH SCHOOL

Nashra Hassan	Valedictorian
Alexa Lawrence	Salutarian

WORTHING HIGH SCHOOL

Jefry AguirreEscalante	Valedictorian
Evelyn Barron	Salutarian

YATES HIGH SCHOOL

Kiyanna Mensah	Valedictorian
Kalei Williams	Salutarian

YOUNG WOMEN'S COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Carmen Carter	Valedictorian
Opeyemi Ogundele	Salutarian

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2022 HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

HOUSTON ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Kassandra Terrones	Valedictorian
Bryce Neloms	Salutatorian

HOUSTON MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Susana Gamez	Valedictorian
Ashley Cabrera Gutierrez	Salutatorian

JONES FUTURES ACADEMY

Melanie Martinez	Valedictorian
Juan Arriaga	Salutatorian

KASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL

Abigail Pineda	Valedictorian
Zhane Milton	Salutatorian

KINDER HIGH SCHOOL FOR PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

Bhodi Langford	Valedictorian
Sloane Ritterbush	Salutatorian

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

Alexander Michael Fan-Je Koong	Valedictorian
Lauren Nicole Fan-Lin Koong	Salutatorian

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Gabriel Ramirez Flores	Valedictorian
Nathalia Estrada Sequeira	Salutatorian

LONG ACADEMY

Sana Khan	Valedictorian
Anab Khatri	Salutatorian

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

Alejandra Villalobos	Valedictorian
Eilyn Caceres	Salutatorian

MICKEY LELAND COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY FOR YOUNG MEN

Armando Aguirre	Valedictorian
Abraham Martinez	Salutatorian

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AT GULFTON

Nagely Medina	Valedictorian
Karla Machuca Mendoza	Salutatorian

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AT HCC FRAGA

Andrew Guerrero	Valedictorian
Bryan Miranda	Salutatorian
Madelyn Elizabeth Arita Dubon	Salutatorian

MILBY HIGH SCHOOL

Lidvin Calderon	Valedictorian
Christian Torres	Salutatorian

MOUNT CARMEL ACADEMY

Odalys Caballero	Valedictorian
Isaias Juarez	Salutatorian
Ruby Carranza	Salutatorian

NORTH FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

Areli Torres	Valedictorian
Skyler Hawkins	Salutatorian

NORTH HOUSTON EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Stephanie Tobias	Valedictorian
Brianna Resendiz	Salutatorian



CONGRATULATIONS!

A Message from Millard House II

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 salutatorians. 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.



HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022 HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Stephanie Argueta	Valedictorian
Yesenia Trevino	Salutatorian

BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL

Margaret Schwierking	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 Avalos	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 Benedict Eloja	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

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