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HISD seniors celebrate success and perseverance at graduation ceremonies

June 01, 2022 – The Houston Independent School District will hold graduation ceremonies June 1 through June 12 for the Class of 2022.

Thousands of HISD seniors will walk across the stage at Barnett, Butler, Delmar Fieldhouses, and other venues.

"This is a proud moment for HISD parents, partners, educators and staff who have continuously adapted and overcome every challenge thrown their way," said Superintendent Millard House II. "We join our graduates in celebrating this milestone knowing that they are now more equipped than ever to succeed in the next phase of their lives."

This year's graduating class at Lamar High School also marks the end of a unique journey. Some of the seniors are completing their educational circle with Principal Rita Graves who they started kindergarten with at Roberts Elementary School then followed to Pin Oak Middle School.

"Our graduating class of seniors come from a variety of backgrounds, and each have had their own unique journey to the finish line," said Principal Rita Graves. "Seeing them reach this milestone, whether they started with me as preschoolers or met me for the first time this year, drives my passion as an educator and excites me for all the things I know they will accomplish."

Lamar High School's valedictorian Alex Koong and salutatorian Lauren Koong are twins whose grade point averages are only narrowly separated.

Times and locations vary for each school, so be sure and check the full schedule at <u>HoustonISD.org/GraduationCalendar</u>.

Parking

Parking will be limited based on capacity of HISD venues and the NRG Arena.

Venue rules

Some important considerations for all venues include:

• Seating will be limited and require ticketed access. A limited number of tickets will be issued to each graduate prior to the event.

- No flowers, balloons, banners, signs, noise makers, food or drinks will be allowed into the venue. If water is needed for medical reasons, the HISD medical team should be notified.
- Students should only enter with cap and gown.
- No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed on the venue floor by students.
- The doors will open one hour prior to the graduation ceremony time.

Families who cannot attend graduation in person can stream ceremonies online at this link.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 197,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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