

Fourteenth Annual  
**Commencement**  
of  
**Ann Richards School for  
Young Women Leaders**

AUSTIN, TEXAS  
2025-2026



*"I have very strong feelings about how you lead your life.  
You always look ahead and never look back."  
Ann Richards*

Burger Activity Center.  
Austin, Texas.  
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

# ANN RICHARDS SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS COMMENCEMENT

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.*

Processional: Pomp and Circumstance No. 1-Sir Edward Elgar .....	Pre-recorded
Welcome .....	Christina Almaraz Ortiz -Interim Principal
The Pledge of Allegiance and The Pledge to the Texas Flag .....	Anamaia Gosmami
The Star Spangled Banner.....	Sam Mounce
Introduction of Platform Guests .....	Christina Almaraz Ortiz -Interim Principal
AISD Trustee’s Address .....	LaRessa Quintana, District 2
Superintendent’s Address.....	Matias Segura, Superintendent of Schools
Musical Selection .....	<i>Nimrod -The Enigma by Edward Elgar/arr. Paul Barker</i> <i>ARS Full Orchestra</i>
Farewell Address Class of 2026.....	Christina Almaraz Ortiz -Interim Principal
Salutatorian address .....	Salutatorian, Class of 2026
Valedictorian address .....	Valedictorian, Class of 2026
Certification of Graduates and Awarding of Diplomas .....	<i>Matias Segura, Superintendent of Schools</i> <i>AISD Board of Trustees &amp; Christina Almaraz Ortiz -Interim Principal</i>
Recessional: Pomp and Circumstance No. 1-Sir Edward Elgar.....	Pre-recorded

*The audience will please remain seated until the conclusion of the recessional.*

## **Ann Richards Administration**

Principal: *Christina Almaraz Ortiz -Interim Principal*

Academy Director: *Mary Alvarez*

Assistant Principals: *Ychacka Sells & Shelly Hopson*

Counselors: *Christena Rutz, Jane Howk & Akshata Stephen*

College Advisor: *Eric Heineman*

Director of Programs: *Jill DiCuffa*

Registrar: *Maria M. Martinez Rivera*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Lynn Boswell..... President, Trustee District 5  
Andrew Gonzales..... Vice President, Trustee District 6  
Dr. Kevin Foster..... Secretary, Trustee District 3  
Candace Hunter..... Trustee District 1  
LaRessa Quintana..... Trustee District 2  
Kathryn Whitley Chu..... Trustee District 4  
Dr. David Kauffman..... Trustee District 7  
Fernando Lucas de Urioste..... Trustee At-Large Position 8  
Arati Singh..... Trustee At-Large Position 9

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Matias Segura

## CORD / STOLE LEGEND

Service Hours..... Silver Cord  
National Honor Society..... Gold & Light Blue  
LOTE Honor Society..... Red, White & Gold  
Student Council..... Navy  
Gifted & Talented Program..... Red, White & Silver  
Dual Credit at ACC..... Purple

*The students speaking at this event were selected to speak based on neutral criteria. Unless otherwise indicated, the content of each student speaker's message is the private expression of the individual student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the District.*

# ANN RICHARDS SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders mission is to prepare young women to attend and graduate from college, commit to a healthy and well-balanced lifestyle, lead with courage and compassion, and solve problems creatively and ethically in support of our global community.



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*#AISDProud of our #AISDGrads*