

Presents the

47th Annual Baccalaureate Ceremony

Oh, The Places You'll Go: Have Your Seat at the Table

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Thomas & Mack Center

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Song of Unity

Words by James Weldon Johnson Music by John Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmonies of Liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song, full of the faith that the Dark past has taught us, Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till victory is won.

Baccalaureate Ceremony

Statement of Occasion	
Master of Ceremony	Dr. Andre Denson

Processional

Invocation	. Ms. Je'la Preston, Canyon Springs High School
Song of Unity	Las Vegas Academy of the Arts
History	Mrs. April Brown-Preston

Special Remarks by Honored Guests

Clark County Commissioner – District D	Mr. William McCurdy II
BCON Scholarship Presentation	Dr. Tya Mathis-Coleman
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr. Kanesha Matlock
Keynote Address	Mr. Alex Dixon
Acknowledgements	Dr. David Webb
Kwanzaa Seven Principles	2025 Graduates

Presentation of Schools

Ceremony of Consecration	Ms. Lisa Aikens
Benediction	. Mr. Lawrence Chaney, Cheyenne High School

Recessional Seven Guiding Principles

The candles represent the seven guiding principles of the African American community.

KWANZAA(Leader)	Divine Sanders
UMOJA (Unity)	
KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Determination)	
UJIMA (Responsibility)	Aaron Duke
UJAMAA (Entrepreneurship)	
NIA (Purpose)	Andre Marentic
KUUMBA (Creativity)	Tia Lanai Burns
IMANI (Faith)	Sa'Ny Thorns

Ceremony of Consecration

Leader: Seniors, please stand.

The Ceremony of Consecration serves as a means for confirming your commitment to a life of PURPOSE, DEVOTION, and DEDICATION in service to our community and mankind.

Oath of Consecration

I, ______, on my honor, will do my best to fulfill my Commitment to God, myself, my family, my community, and to the world. I will do so with love in my heart and honor in my spirit. I will be ever mindful of the less fortunate in the world and will do my part, in my own way, to help rid our society of poverty, racism, and social injustices. I can and will make a difference as I go forth into the world feeling the presence of God's arms around me.

Leader: Seniors, the medallion that you will receive today should represent a tangible reminder of the oath of consecration you just vowed to uphold.

You may now be seated.

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