



Presents the

48th Annual Baccalaureate Ceremony

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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. Danielle Cox, Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

Song of Unity..... Las Vegas Academy of the Arts

History..... Ms. April Brown

Clark County School District Board of Trustees, District C Ms. Tameka Henry

Clark County School District Superintendent Ms. Jhone Ebert

BCON Scholarship Presentation..... Dr. Tya Mathis-Coleman and Dr. Keith Rogers

Introduction of Keynote Speaker..... Dr. Kanisha Matlock

Keynote Address.....Ms. Carmelita Jeter

Acknowledgements..... Dr. David Webb

Kwanzaa Seven Principles..... 2026 Graduates

Presentation of Schools

Ceremony of Consecration..... Ms. Lisa Aikens

Benediction..... Mr. Ja'Cory Gory, Cheyenne High School

Recessional

Seven Guiding Principles

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

KWANZAA(Leader).....	Takhi'Rean Smith
UMOJA (Unity).....	Ochayen McKnight
KUJICHAGULIA (Self-Determination)	Serenity Mack
UJIMA (Responsibility).....	Christion Rogers
UJAMAA (Entrepreneurship).....	Jahi Hasani Hodge
NIA (Purpose).....	Kobe Kelley
KUUMBA (Creativity).....	Nassir Hunt
IMANI (Faith).....	Zerryn Sistrunck

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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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated – Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter

Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School

Legacy High School

Shadow Ridge High School

Dr. David Webb

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – Theta Omicron Zeta Chapter

GOLD

Eldorado High School

Northwest Career and Technical Academy

West Career and Technical Academy

SILVER

Advanced Technologies Academy
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated - The LEAD Foundation
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Southwest Career and Technical Academy
Valley High School
Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy
West Preparatory High School
Western High School

BRONZE

Central Technical Training Academy
Darla's Southern Cajun Bistro
Durango High School

Special Recognition and Acknowledgments

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Vice President's Office – Division of Student Affairs, UNLV

Scholarship Judges: Ms. Kimberly Goynes, Ms. Billie Knight Rayford, Ms. Ada

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