

*West Springfield High
School*

Fifty-Seventh

Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2024

June 6, 2024

*George Mason University Eagle Bank Arena
4400 University Drive Fairfax, Virginia*

Graduation Program

West Springfield Graduating Class of 2024

*Processional “Pomp and Circumstance”
-Edward Elgar, arr. Ployhar*

Welcome

*Presentation of Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
“The Star-Spangled Banner”
-Francis Scott Key*

*“You’ll Never Walk Alone with Climb Ev’ry
Mountain”
-lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, Arranged by Richard
Rogers*

Opening Remarks

Honored Guests

Introduction of Principal Michael Mukai

Recognition of Honor Graduates

Honor Graduate Address

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Keynote Speaker

Introduction of Readers

Recognition of Candidates

Presentation of Diplomas

*Recessional
“ Fanfare and Recessional”-Edward Elgar, arr. Ployhar*

Senior Class Officer

WSHS Choir

Senior Class President

Senior Class Officer

*Senior Class Officer
Betsy Fawsett
Assistant Principal*

Senior Class Officer

Matthew Denny

*Senior Class Officer
Emily Halstead
Spanish Language Teacher
John Alukonis
STEM Teacher*

*Michael Mukai
Principal*

WSHS Band

Fairfax County School Board

The Honorable Karl Frisch, Chair and Providence District Representative
The Honorable Melanie K. Meren, Vice Chair and Hunter Mill District Representative
The Honorable Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Braddock District Representative
The Honorable Robyn Lady, Dranesville District Representative
The Honorable Marcia St. John-Cunning, Franconia District Representative
The Honorable Ricardy Anderson, Mason District Representative
The Honorable Mateo Dunne, Mount Vernon District Representative
The Honorable Sandy Anderson, Springfield District Representative
The Honorable Seema Dixit, Sully District Representative
The Honorable Kyle McDaniel Member-at-Large
The Honorable Ryan McElveen, Member-at-Large
The Honorable Ilryong Moon, Member-at-Large
Rida Karim, Student Representative

Fairfax County Public Schools Senior Leadership

Dr. Michelle C. Reid, Division Superintendent
Dr. Sloan Presidio, Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Nardos King, Chief Equity Officer
Ms. Lisa Youngblood Hall, Chief Experience and Engagement Officer
Ms. Leigh Burden, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. William Solomon, Chief Human Resources Officer
Mr. Gautam Sethi, Chief Information Technology Officer
Ms. Janice Szymanski, Chief of Facilities Services and Capital Programs
Mr. Tom Vaccarello, Chief of Safety and Security
Dr. Geovanny Ponce, Chief of Schools
Mr. Marty Smith, Chief of Staff
Mr. Andy Mueck, Chief Operating Officer

Distinguished Guests

The Honorable Rachna Sizemore Heizer

Fairfax County School Board, Braddock District

The Honorable Sandy Anderson

Fairfax County School Board, Springfield District

The Honorable Marcia St. John-Cunning

Fairfax County School Board, Franconia District

The Honorable Ilryong Moon

Fairfax County School Board, Member-at-Large

The Honorable Kyle McDaniel

Fairfax County School Board, Member-at-Large

The Honorable Ryan McElveen

Fairfax County School Board, Member-at-Large

The Honorable Kathy Tran

Virginia House of Delegates

The Honorable Pat Herrity

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Springfield District

The Honorable James Walkinshaw

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Braddock District

The Honorable Rodney Lusk

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Franconia District

Dr. Michelle C. Reid

Division Superintendent

Dr. Nardos King

Chief Equity Officer

Dr. Geovanny Ponce

Chief of Schools

Ms. Penny Gros

Assistant Superintendent, Region 4

Mr. Dave Jagels

Executive Principal, Region 4

Ms. Lisa Reddel

Executive Principal, Region 4

Ms. Felicia Drake

Principal, Cardinal Forest Elementary

Ms. Keieownna Johnson-Hightower

Principal, Hunt Valley Elementary

Ms. Linda Peace

Principal, Keene Mill Elementary

Ms. Karen Tuttle

*Principal, Orange Hunt
Elementary*

Ms. Veronica Del Bagno

Principal, Rolling Valley Elementary

Dr. Kelly Sheers

Principal, West Springfield Elementary

Ms. Cindy Conley

Principal, Irving Middle School

Mr. Michael Mukai

Principal, West Springfield High School

Honor Cards and Stoles

—Class of 2024—



Eagle Scouts..... Red, White & Blue

Girl Scouts..... Green & White (Charms denote higher awards)

Equity SEALS..... Black, Red, Green & Kelly Gold

Military.....Red, White, & Blue

Service Learning..... Black

Class Officers

—Class of 2024—

Senior Year Officers:

Junior Year Officers:

Sophomore Year Officers:

Freshman Year Officers:

Class of 2024

Ms. Brianna Salvato and Ms. Madi McKenna

Class Sponsors

It has been an honor being your class sponsors during your time at West Springfield High School. We have been able to witness your success and it has been an absolute joy to see you flourish and thrive. Your accomplishments in the classroom and in extracurricular activities are something that you should be very proud of. As you graduate from WSHS today, never forget where you came from and who helped you along the way. The world is waiting with open arms and is ready for you to take it on. Dream Big, Work Hard, Be Proud. West Springfield will miss you, Class of '24!

Michael Mukai

Principal

To the Class of 2024, we have been through so much together. You came in at the end of a building renovation, started your journey with two years of pandemic schooling and were the pioneers in reinventing school and setting new traditions for the future. While other schools have continued to find ways to recover, you have discovered ways to excel. The West Springfield High School Class of 2024 has received national academic accolades, won championships in athletics, received high honors in the performing arts, and even performed at the White House. Marcus Aurelius said our actions may be impeded by obstacles, but they can be no impeding our intentions or dispositions. Because we can accommodate and adapt. The mind adapts and converts to its own purposes the obstacle to our acting. The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way. No matter the obstacle, the Class of 2024 has found a way to succeed. I am so proud to have been a part of your journey as you have overcome every challenge you have faced. Congratulations to the West Springfield High School Class of 2024. You make all of us proud to be Spartans!

Congratulations Class of 2024, Families and Friends!

We are excited to see where your Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) education leads you. We are proud to introduce FCPS Alumni & Friends, our online network of alumni, teachers, parents, and community members that have ties to FCPS. Whether you are a recent FCPS graduate just beginning the next steps of your journey or maybe you've returned to Fairfax to work or raise your own family, this network will celebrate our alumni through stories, news and events, reunions, homecoming and more.

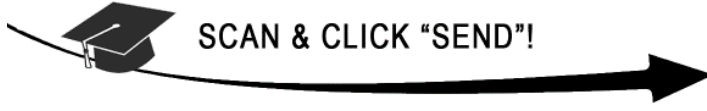
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