



# Class of 2025

## Commencement Exercises

Shanghai International Dance Center  
1650 Hong Qiao Road, Chang Ning District, Shanghai, China  
10am, Sunday, May 25, 2025

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# COMMENCEMENT

Greetings .....	Mr. Ivan Velasco, High School Principal
Faculty Processional	
Student Processional .....	<i>Pomp and Circumstance, March No.1</i>
Welcoming Remarks .....	Mr. James Nelligan, Head of School
Master of Ceremonies .....	Mr. Ivan Velasco, High School Principal
Senior Class Speaker .....	Milo O'Brien
Valedictory Address .....	Ethan Jin
Introduction of Faculty Speaker .....	Cindy Chen
Faculty Speaker .....	Mr. Paul Harris

## Presentation of Awards

Alumni Award for Service and Integrity ..	Ms. Dani Tang, Class of 2007
Leadership Award .....	Mr. Ben O'Brien, College Counselor
Spirit Award .....	Ms. Yuko Spachuk, College Counselor
Academic Excellence .....	Mr. Warren Lavender, College Counselor
Eagle Award .....	Ms. Sheri Neal, Director of College Counseling

## Awarding of Diplomas and Video Presentation: *Then & Now*

Mr. James Nelligan, Head of School  
Ms. Emily Chan, Board Chair  
Dr. Krista Zavits, Head of Campus  
Mr. Ivan Velasco, High School Principal  
Dr. Celeste MacMillan, Head of Grade 12

Presentation of the Graduates .....	Dr. Krista Zavits, Head of Campus
Acceptance of the Graduates .....	Ms. Emily Chan, Board Chair

## Recessional: *Triumphal March*



*Ushers, SAS Pudong National Honor Society*  
*Faculty Marshal: Ms. Mae Punzalan*  
*Student Marshals: Mr. Warren Lavender, Ms. Sheri Neal and Ms. Yuko Spachuk*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Emily Chan .....	Chair
Mr. David Wang .....	Vice-Chair
Mr. Mark Ma .....	Treasurer
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Mr. Alex Wang .....	Board Member
Ms. Gillian Yeo .....	Board Member
Mr. Yi Zhang .....	Board Member

## ADMINISTRATION

Mr. James Nelligan .....	Head of School
Ms. Renee Couturier .....	Head of Educational Programs
Dr. Krista Zavits .....	Head of Campus
Mr. Ivan Velasco .....	High School Principal
Ms. Jen Loría .....	High School Vice Principal
Mr. Scott Hossack .....	Director of Athletics and Activities
Ms. Lauren Borodenko .....	Director of Performing Arts

## SECRETARIAL STAFF

Ms. Sylvia Shen .....	Administrative Assistant to the High School
Ms. Vicky Huang .....	Administrative Assistant to the High School
Ms. Inkyung Lee .....	Administrative Assistant to Counseling

# FACULTY, STAFF & ADMINISTRATION

Listed in order of years of service to the SAS Community

## 22 YEARS

Eva Chen

## 19 YEARS

Josep Capilla  
Scott Hossack

## 18 YEARS

Mae Punzalan

## 17 YEARS

Amox Frayco  
Linda Hu  
Sylvia Shen

## 16 YEARS

Isabella Sun

## 15 YEARS

Betzabeth Caballero  
Paul Harris  
Ricardo Machado

## 14 YEARS

Vicky Huang

## 13 YEARS

Alexis Frayco

## 12 YEARS

Michael Belenardo  
Jeremy Gertzfield

Eric Grochowski  
Inkyung Lee  
Tara Neff  
Stephanie Shao  
Ryan Yan

## 11 YEARS

Nigel Baker  
Hélène Mobian  
Jim Xie

## 10 YEARS

Celeste MacMillan  
Jacqueline Sheng

## 9 YEARS

Hodia Zacharia

## 8 YEARS

Anna Shi  
Anna Tian-Raynolds

## 7 YEARS

Daryl Bates  
Michael Crachiolo  
Angela Fu  
Alex Miladinovski

## 6 YEARS

Alex Braden  
Richard Grennan  
Ashar Haque

Troy Harkin  
Farah Sami  
Jeremy Willette

## 5 YEARS

Ben Elmakias  
Prisana Heaton  
Ian Miller  
Matthew Pardy  
Chris Raynolds

## 4 YEARS

Nita Dewse  
Kyle Gallagher  
Aiza Kashif  
Michael Kwan  
Mara Litushko  
Zou Xiangfang

## 3 YEARS

Dragana Babic  
Al Mahasneh  
Lauren Borodenko  
Nirupama Choudhary  
Alex Ford-York  
David Jacobson  
Peggy Kwek  
Warren Lavender  
Dan North  
Kevin Spachuk  
Yuko Spachuk  
Jessica Su

Erika Trnka

## 2 YEARS

Ataa Addo  
Kevin Bradley  
Yun Cheng  
Derek Cour  
Lisa Cuthbertson  
Sheilah Grace  
Martin Gross  
Kate Harvey  
Maggie Li  
Jen Loría  
Maria Maldonado  
Matt Mazzola  
Brandon Miller  
Sheri Neal  
Ben O'Brien  
Ivan Velasco  
Annie Wright  
Ben Wright

## 1 YEAR

Eszter Baumann  
Merissa Corrigan  
Andrew Ranson  
Tommy Ruiz  
Felipe Sanchez

# CLASS OF 2025

Karen Ang

Ranpiaoyang Capilla Chen ★★<sup>IB</sup>

Fatih Eren Celik

Matthew Chang

Seoyun Chang

Cindy Chen ★★♦

Jon Chen ★

Seo Hyun Cho <sup>IB</sup>

Cas Clysner ★★<sup>IB</sup>

Rafael Delalibera de Toledo <sup>IB</sup>

Ava Michelle Fahy

Cory Fan ★★

Samantha Gao ★

Aiden Ji-Lian Gu

Emily Guan ★<sup>IB</sup>

Lin Gui ★★

Trinity Holbery <sup>IB</sup>

Danika Hritzuk ★

Yi Ran Hsueh

Jason Hu

William Hua ★

Minjun Jang ★

Yoomin Jeong ★

Yibing Jiang ★

Eric Sheng-Yan Jin ★★

Ethan Jin ★★

Tianqing Jing ★

Zakariah Kazem <sup>IB</sup>

Aaron Ku

Angie Leung

Daniel Li ★

Grace Li ★<sup>IB</sup>

Yiwei Li ★★

Yunhao Liang ★★

Xintong Lin

Madison Liu ★

Shumin Liu ★

Tzu Yi Lo ★

Caleb Lu

Ruiheng Lu

Sydney Lu ★★

Kexin Ma ★

Ronald Man <sup>IB</sup>

Ryan Man

Zoe Li McCarthy

Milo O'Brien

Leo Pan

Heewon Park

Miriam Wenwen Power ★♦<sup>IB</sup>

Ryan Qu

Tom Rein

Logan Sanchez ★

Vincent Sha

Chuning Shang ★★

Faye Shao

Audrey Sun ★

Tan Joo Chang Gareth <sup>IB</sup>

Olivier Tang

Dylan Tao

Aaron Teng ★★

Ricky Tian

Egbert Tse ★

# CLASS OF 2025

Amber Wan	Shuzhe Yu
Alexander Boxuan Wang	Yukuan Zhai *
Kathy Wenjia Wang	Chloe Zhang **
Vincent Wang ** ♦	Janelle Zhang
Ming Kin Wong	Patrick Zhiren Zhang *
Yawen Xiao	Ellen Zheng <sup>IB</sup>
Ryder Xue *	Tyler Zheng
Sum Yee Yang	Jianing Zhou ** ♦
Isabelle Yi	Mingcheng Zhu
Gladys Yong	

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- \* Magna Cum Laude Distinction
  - \*\* Summa Cum Laude Distinction
  - ♦ Member of National Honor Society
  - <sup>IB</sup> International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate

# HONORS DESIGNATIONS

National Honor Society .....	Gold Stole
International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate ....	Medallion
International Thespians Society .....	Blue/Gold Cord
Tri-M Music Honor Society .....	Pink Cord
Science National Honor Society .....	Green/Purple/Gold Cord
Mu Alpha Theta .....	Light Blue/Gold Cord
National Art Honor Society .....	Multi-color Cord
National Honor Society of Dance Arts .....	Blue/White Cord
International Robotics Honor Society.....	Royal Blue/Silver Cord

# COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

American University	Indiana University-Bloomington*
Architectural Association School of Architecture*	King's College London*
Arizona State University	Lehigh University*
Art Center College of Design	Loyola Marymount University*
Bentley University	McGill University
Bocconi University*	McMaster University
Boston University*	Michigan State University*
Brown University*	New York University*
California State Polytechnic University - Humboldt	North Carolina State University
California State Polytechnic University - Pomona	Northeastern University
Carnegie Mellon University*	Northwestern University*
Case Western Reserve University	Nottingham Trent University
Central Michigan University	Oakland University
Claremont McKenna College	Occidental College*
College of Charleston	Ohio State University
College of the Holy Cross	Oxford Brookes University
College Universitaire de Sciences Po	Pennsylvania State University*
Connecticut College*	Pepperdine University
Cornell University*	Purdue University*
Durham University	Queen's University
Emerson College*	Rice University
Emory University*	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Fordham University	Rutgers University*
George Washington University	San Diego State University
Georgia Institute of Technology	San Francisco State University
IE University - Madrid Campus	San Jose State University
Imperial College London*	Santa Clara University*
	Simon Fraser University
	Skidmore College
	SOAS University of London



Southern Methodist University	University of Florida*
Stony Brook University	University of Glasgow
State University of New York	University of Hawaii At Manoa
Syracuse University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*
Texas A & M University	University of Leeds
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	University of Manchester
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*	University of Maryland
The New School	University of Massachusetts*
The Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami*
The University of British Columbia*	University of Michigan
The University of Edinburgh	University of Minnesota
The University of Hong Kong	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
The University of Texas At Austin*	University of North Carolina At Chapel Hill
Trinity University	University of Oregon
Tufts University*	University of Ottawa
University College London*	University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
University At Buffalo	University of Rochester
University College Dublin	University of San Francisco
University of Alberta	University of Southern California*
University of Bath	University of the Arts London*
University of California-Berkeley*	University of Toronto*
University of California-Davis*	University of Victoria
University of California-Irvine*	University of Virginia
University of California-Los Angeles*	University of Warwick
University of California-Merced	University of Washington
University of California-Riverside	University of Waterloo
University of California-San Diego*	University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of California-Santa Barbara*	Vanderbilt University*
University of California-Santa Cruz	Wellesley College*
University of Cambridge	Wesleyan University*
University of Chicago*	Western University*
University of Connecticut	York University

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\* intends to matriculate, as of May 8

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPRECIATIONS

Please turn off your phones, remain seated, and keep the aisles clear throughout the ceremony.

Thank you to the SAS Pudong PTSA and the Boosters for their support to SAS and the Class of 2025.

Thank you to Lucy Chen of the Puxi campus for organizing logistics and for helping as needed.

Thank you to Amox Frayco, Zou Xiangfang and Hodia Zacharia of the Pudong campus theater team for their expertise and commitment.

Thank you to Linda Hu and the string ensemble (Charlotte Lai, Allison Wang, Justin Yuan, Benjamin Qiu).



This year's Bund Light Show display is brought to you by a 50/50 cross campus sponsorship! Thanks to the below senior parents:

### **Pudong Campus**

Linda Cheung  
Grace Dong  
Heng Fan  
Joseph Gui  
Jenny Hu  
Ge Jin  
Jing's Family  
Sha Ye & Xiaolin Jiang  
Anna Situ  
Yi Yanning  
Shubing Yuan  
Li Zhuang

### **Puxi Campus**

Christine Li & Brian Chen  
Liz Li & Jay Chen





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