## James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School Graduation Ceremony

Class of 2024 June 3, 2024 2:00 PM

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*Processional	Robinson Symphonic Band, Dr. Andrew Loft, Director "Pomp and Circumstance," No. 1, Op. 39, Edward Elgar	
*Introduction.		
*Presentation of the Colors	Air Force Junior ROTC Honor Guard, Chantilly Academy	
*National Anthem		
*The Pledge of Allegiance	"Star Spangled Banner, "Francis Scott Key	
Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Guests		
Principal's Address.		
Introduction of Student Speaker.		
Class Address	Member, Senior Student Speaker	
Robinson Singers		
Commencement Address		
Recognition of Robinson Faculty and Counselors		
Presentation of Faculty Award	Dan Walker, Middle School English	
Special Thanks		
Presentation of CandidatesDr. Scot B. Turner, Assistant Principal and Travis S. Hess, Director of Student Services		
Confirmation of Diplomas	Tracey L. Phillips, <i>Principal</i>	
*Recessional		

\*Audience will stand

#### **National Anthem**

Oh, say can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?



The Pledge of Allegiance
I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation
under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

#### **Principal's Letter**

Dear Class of 2024,

On behalf of the entire Robinson community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you on your graduation. This significant accomplishment marks the culmination of your dedication, hard work, and perseverance throughout your academic journey.

As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your life, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the memorable experiences and invaluable lessons you have gained during your time at Robinson. Whether it was conquering challenges, fostering friendships, or embracing opportunities for personal and academic growth, each moment has contributed to shaping you into the remarkable individual you are today.

As you look forward to the future, I am reminded of a quote by Stephen Colbert, who once said, "You are about to start the greatest improvisation of all. With no script. No idea what's going to happen, often with people and places you have never seen before. And you are not in control. So, say 'yes'. And if you're lucky, you'll find people who will say 'yes' back." May these words resonate with you as you embark on your next adventure, inspiring you to embrace new opportunities, overcome obstacles, and pursue your dreams with unwavering determination and passion.

On behalf of the Robinson community, I extend our warmest wishes for your continued success and fulfillment in all your future endeavors. May your journey be filled with boundless opportunities, meaningful experiences, and endless possibilities.

Congratulations once again on this momentous achievement. We are immensely proud of you and cannot wait to see the incredible impact you will undoubtedly make in the world. Once a Robinson Ram, always a Robinson Ram!

Wishing you all the best in the future.

Warm regards,

Daniel Clements, Robinson '03

Associate Principal, Class of 2024

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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
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#### Fairfax County Public Schools Senior Leadership

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Dr. Sloan Presidio, Chief Academic Officer
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Ms. Leigh Burden, Chief Financial Officer
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Mr. Tom Vaccarello, Chief of Safety and Security
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Mr. Marty Smith, Chief of Staff
Mr. Andy Mueck, Chief Operating Officer

#### Distinguished Guests

The Honorable David L. Bulova, House of Delegates The Honorable Laura Jane H. Cohen, House of Delegates The Honorable Stella G. Pekarsky, Senate of Virginia The Honorable Saddam Azlan Salim, Senate of Virginia The Honorable Pat Herrity, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors The Honorable James Walkinshaw, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Penny Gros, Assistant Superintendent Region 4 Marcy Kneale, Assistant Superintendent, (INT) Department of Strategy, Planning and Learning Dave Jagels, Executive Principal Region 4 Lisa Reddel, Executive Principal, Region 4 Morgan Birge III, Principal, Bonnie Brae Elementary Sarah Brooker, Principal, Oak View Elementary Megan Counts, Principal, Laurel Ridge Elementary Rebecca Gidoni, Principal, Terra Centre Elementary Samantha Goldstein, Principal, Fairview Elementary Kathy Bruce, Ret. Formerly Bonnie Brae Elementary

### Robinson Secondary School Administration

Tracey L. Phillips, Principal
Megan P. Sherrill, Associate Principal
William J. Evers, Assistant Principal for Administrative Services
Andrew P. Jimmo, Director of Student Activities
Matthew J. Cross, Assistant Director of Student Activities

#### High School

Daniel S. Clements, Assistant Principal, Grade 12
Jason M. Kagarise, Assistant Principal, Grade 11
Dr. Scot B. Turner, Assistant Principal, Grade 10
Jennifer M. Krempasky, Assistant Principal, Grade 9
Susan M. Britton, Assistant Principal for Special Education
Travis S. Hess, Director of Student Services, High School
Andrew P. Jimmo, Director of Student Activities
Matthew J. Cross, Assistant Director of Student Activities
Dr. Vanessa Rutherford, MTSS Coordinator
Francesca W. Knight, High School Systems of Support Advisor

#### Middle School

Carly J. Zook, Assistant Principal, Grade 8 Malicia Y. Braxton, Assistant Principal, Grade 7 Katy M. Frank, Director of Student Services, Middle School Bryan T. Hazard, Middle School Systems of Support Advisor

#### International Baccalaureate

 $\label{eq:conditional} Holly\ T.\ Cho\ and\ Wendy\ M.\ Vu\ , IB\ Coordinators \\ Kristin\ Webster,\ IB\ Middle\ Years\ Program\ Coordinator$ 

#### **Counselors**

Timothy Denny, Brianne Fernandez, Diana Glakas, Mark Gomperts, Taylor Nelson, Taylor Oakley, Daniel Ramirez-Gaston, Chehnaz Rehayem, Jason Woehrmyer, Nathan Herendeen, Jamie Lyons, Valerie Peters, and Sarah Hall

#### Class of 2024 Council, Sponsors, and Support

Senior Class Council of the SGA	Student names omitted
Sponsors, Class of 2024	Mary Bricker, Megan Wiggington
Student Government Association Sponsors	Alison Anderson, Ryan Chapman
Senior Sub School Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Carol J. Buschman
Senior Sub School Principal	Daniel S. Clements

#### **LIST OF STUDENTS (Omitted)**

#### Annotation Key: Cords, Honorary Medals, Stoles

Eagle Scouts	Red, White & Blue
Girl Scouts Green & White (Charms	s denote higher awards)
Military	Red, White, & Blue
Service Learning	Black
National Honor Society	Gold Stole
IB Diploma Candidates, Department Awards, 4.0.	Medal
* indicates IB Diploma Candidate	

#### 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.

Join FCPS Alumni & Friends today to rekindle old friendships and build new ones.



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## **Memories Graduation Video Order**

FCPS has contracted with Memories Videography to videotape the Class of 2024 Graduation and will make that video available for purchase.



<u>LiveStream Video: https://tinyurl.com/RobinsonSS2024</u>

Ordering: https://tinyurl.com/robinson-ordering

# **Robinson Fight Song**

Stand up for Robinson
For the BLUE & GOLD
Sing your praises everyone,
R-O-B-I-N-S-O-N, Robinson!

Strive, Fight for Robinson Un-til the fight is WON!

Let's Move, Let's Show, Let's Go RAMS Go! For Rob-in-son!

# **About James W. Robinson**



Army Sgt. James W. Robinson Jr., Medal of Honor recipient.