

CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS  
CHARTER SCHOOL

*Class of*  
**2024**

GRADUATION CEREMONY

**Thursday, June 6, 2024 | 6:30 PM**

Sunoco Performance Theatre  
Whitaker Center for Science & the Arts



### **CASA Administration**

Dr. Rhonda Brunner, *Interim CEO*  
Erica Leonard, *Principal*  
Destinie Hills, *Administrative Assistant*

### **CASA Faculty**

Stefanie Adlon, *World Language*  
T.J. Boyer, *Music*  
Dasha Brown, *Creative Writing*  
Lauren Callen, *Theatre*  
Dan Cook, *Visual Arts*  
Mick Corman, *Film & Media*  
Kaleigh Killian, *Mathematics*  
Katie Kowalik, *English*  
Amy Lane, *Cafeteria Aide*  
Brian Massey, *English*  
Molly Misgalla, *Dance*  
Eileen Morano, *Science*  
Tonya Resto, *School Counselor*  
Adam Shickley, *Special Education*  
Ann Stillwater, *Nurse*  
Krista Werner, *Special Education*

### **CASA Board**

Brian Griffith, *President*  
Dr. Richard Fry, *Vice-President*  
Dawn Mull, *Treasurer*  
Emily Klauer Sullivan, *Secretary*  
Dr. Karen Degenhart  
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Jennifer Mariacher  
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### *Music Provided by*

Gilad Goldman  
Amelia Williams  
Romeo Wills

## *Processional March | Pomp and Circumstance*

Welcome	Carmelo Alvarez <i>Class of 2024</i>
National Anthem	Adrianna Chavez, Shannon-Sophia Halkias, & Donovan Van Gerpen <i>Class of 2024</i>
Student Remarks	Gwenever Griest Amori Melendez Faridah Moussa Willow Polosky Jenna Rhoads Daniya Royster Amani Weary <i>Class of 2024</i>
Recommendation of the Class of 2024	Dr. Rhonda Brunner <i>CASA Interim CEO</i>
Acknowledgement Ceremony	Dr. Rhonda Brunner <i>CASA Interim CEO</i>
Ceremonial Moving of the Tassels	Dr. Rhonda Brunner <i>CASA Interim CEO</i>

## *Recessional*

Our audience should remain in their seats for the entirety of the event.  
Please show respect for the dignity of this ceremony and the graduates.

### **THANK YOU**

for attending today's ceremony celebrating Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School's  
Graduating Class of 2024!

# Class of 2024



*Carmelo David Alvarez*

**Theatre**

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Red Sweater Kindness Award



*John Ames*

**Film & Media**

**Future Plans:** Penn State University for Aerospace Engineering

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Dr. Glenn Zehner Leadership Award, Highest Honors, Student Council, National Honor Society, Founder of CASA's Dungeons & Dragons Club, CASA Film Award, CASA Social Studies Award, CASA Math Award, CASA Science Award



*Je'Shawn Kent Bobbitt*

**Creative Writing**

**Future Plans:** Pennsylvania College of Art & Design for Illustration

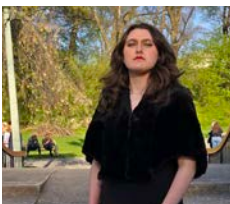


*Melody Carsey*

**Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Waynesburg University for Forensic Science, Minor in Music & Theatre

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** 2023 Apollo Award for Outstanding Supporting Lead Actress, National Honor Society, D&D Club, Spring Musicals, Theatre Harrisburg, CASA Theatre Award



*Adrianna Riley Chavez*

**Music**

**Future Plans:** College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Music Award, NSHSS



## *Kai Johann Civello*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Ursinus College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Founding Member of CASA E-Sports Club, Vocal Student of Roger Lentz, Member of Susquehanna Youth Chorale



## *Delaney Grace Clifford*

### **Dance**

**Future Plans:** Northeastern University for Molecular Biology

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Founder & President of Environmental Club, National Honor Society Treasurer, Student Council Treasurer, Senior Class Treasurer, Student Leader & Dancer at The Studio Dance School, Dr. Glenn Zehner Leadership Award, CASA Math Award, CASA Dance Award



## *Abigail C. Crozier*

### **Dance**

**Future Plans:** Hofstra University for Nursing

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society for the Dance Arts, Environmental Club, Senior Class Officer, Student Dance Teacher, CASA Science Award, CASA Language Award, CASA Dance Award



## *Emily Enid Cruz*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** The New School - School of Drama

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Theatre Award



## *Alexa Sky DePalma*

### **Music**

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Music Award



## *Noam Di Giulio*

### **Visual Arts**

**Future Plans:** Carnegie Mellon University for Fine Arts

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** 2 Scholastics Art and Writing Silver Key Medals, National Honor Society, Above and Beyond Award, CASA Visual Arts Award



## *Avery Drayer*

### **Visual Arts**

**Future Plans:** Kutztown University

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Multicultural Club



## *Deladem Dzimega*

### **Creative Writing**

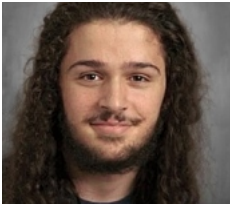


## *Gwenever Hailey Griest*

### **Film & Media**

**Future Plans:** Penn State University for Bachelor's of Science in Nursing

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** NHS, Debate Club, Bodybuilding, Highest Honors, The Grove Family Fund Scholarship



## *Samuel Scott Hale*

### **Music**

**Future Plans:** Oberlin College for Jazz Performance and African Studies

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Public Relations Officer, National Honor Society, Debate Club, Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program, CASA English Award, CASA Math Award



## *Shannon-Sophia Halkias*

### **Music**

**Future Plans:** Bryn Mawr College & the University of Pennsylvania for Bachelor's and Masters of Growth and Structure of Cities

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** National Honor Society, Hispanic Recognition Award, African American Recognition Award, Kennedy Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Scholarship Recipient, National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship Recipient, Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship Recipient, Keystone Girls State, All Star Cheerleading, Gymnastics



## *Moses Handy*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Point Park University for History, Minor in Musical Theatre

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Musicals ( *Next To Normal* with Theater Harrisburg and CASA's *Addams Family*, *Rent*, and *Bring It On* ), Life Drawing Club



## *Braeden David-Chajón Hilly*

### **Music**

**Future Plans:** Gap Year

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Big Brothers Big Sisters, Honor Roll, Debate Club



## *Madeline Rose Holland*

### **Visual Arts**



## *Athena Afrid Mendoza Irani*

### **Dance**



## *Anelle Jolice Jones*

### **Creative Writing**

**Future Plans:** Harrisburg Area Community College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Chronicle (school newspaper), National Honors Society, Student Council, Grove Family Fund Scholarship



## *Silvi Kaplan*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Old Dominion University for Theatre

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Experimental Theatre Club, Making It Happen Award, The Big 33 Academic Scholarship, CASA English Award



## *Molly Kitchen*

### **Film & Media**

**Future Plans:** Gap Year & College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Debate Club



## *Gabrielle Sia Kpakwa*

### **Creative Writing**

**Future Plans:** Harrisburg Area Community College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Creative Writing Award, Future Educator Award, CASA English Award



## *Carrine Lee Lawson*

### **Creative Writing**

**Future Plans:** Temple University for Political Science, Law School for Immigration Law

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** President and Founder of the Multicultural Club, Former President of Harrisburg City Youth Commission, Intern at Salt N' Light Youth Ministries, Gold & Silver Scholastic Key in Writing, Silver Key in Art, Creative Writing Award, Create Yourself Award



## *Amori Lee Melendez*

### **Dance**

**Future Plans:** Eastern Oregon University

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Bass Drum Line Leader for the Harrisburg Cougar Marching Band, Assistant Hip Hop Teacher for The Studio Dance School, Lois Lehrman Grass Student Activism Award, CASA Dance Award



## *Lilia Molina-Bomberger*

### **Creative Writing**

**Future Plans:** Working for Wildheart, a Non-Profit in Allison Hill

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Chronicles

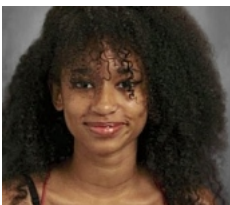


## *Camille Dianne Montgomery*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Point Park University for Bachelor's in Fine Art in Acting

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA English Award



## *Faridah Sani Moussa*

### **Creative Writing**





## *Olivia Louise Delp Nicotera*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Otterbein University for Zoo Science & Conservation

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** DnD Club, Environmental Club, Actor at Open Stage of Harrisburg, Assistant Stage Manager at Open Stage of Harrisburg, CASA Theatre Award



## *Isabel Miriam Peña*

### **Music**



## *Caleb Peter Pettingell*

### **Film & Media**

**Future Plans:** Millersville University for Environmental Biology



## *Charlotte R Phillips*

### **Visual Arts**

**Future Plans:** Moore College of Art & Design for Fine Arts and Business

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Craft Club President, Highest Honors, Scholastic Gold & Silver Keys in Art, Create Yourself Transformation Award, CASA English Award



## *Willow Liberty Polosky*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** New York Conservatory for the Dramatic Arts

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** English Achievement Award, Experimental Theatre Club Founder, Little Kids in an Aquarium Theatre Company Co-Founder, Underclassmen Theatre Intern, Student Council, D&D Club, Disability Advocate and Disabled Actor,



## *Ayden Jalil Randolph*

### **Music**

**Future Plans:** Harrisburg University for Entertainment Technology Certificate Program

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** National African American Recognition Program, Certificate of Recognition for RYLA Conference Participation, Social Studies & Music Achievement Awards, Debate Club, BHM Music Performances, Winter Formal Band, National Honor Society, CASA Music Award, CASA Social Studies Award



## *Jenna E. Rhoads*

### **Dance**

**Future Plans:** Gettysburg College for History and Political Science

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Student Council Secretary, National Honor Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor, Assistant Teacher and Dancer at The Studio Dance School, National Honor Society for the Dance Arts (NHSDA), CASA Senior of the Month, Social Studies' Intern, CASA Chameleon Ambassador Award



## *Daniya Michelle Royster*

### **Creative Writing**

**Future Plans:** Furthering Education in Biochemistry

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** 1st Place in the MLK Poetry & Short Story Competition, Multicultural Club Vice President, Volunteer of Audio, Music & Visual Personal



## *Wren G. Salcedo*

### **Visual Arts**

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** CASA Visual Arts Award



## *Alyssa N Slatky*

### **Dance**

**Future Plans:** University of Colorado Boulder for Dance

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Competitive Dance



## *Sydney Taylor Smith*

### **Theatre**

**Future Plans:** Millersville University for English

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Basketball for Junior and Senior Year, CASA English Award



## *Damon Tang*

### **Film & Media**



## *Pen Trefz*

### **Visual Arts**

**Future Plans:** College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Craft Club, Volunteer at SAM



## *Natalie Abigail Twigg*

### **Visual Arts**

**Future Plans:** Bachelor's in Fine Arts

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Student Council President, National Honor Society, Red Sweater Kindness Award, CASA Visual Arts Award, CASA Science Award



## *Donovan R Van Gerpen*

### **Music**

**Future Plans:** Harrisburg Area Community College



## *Amani Rose Weary*

### **Dance**

**Future Plans:** Loyola University New Orleans for Musical Theatre

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** National Honor Society Vice President, Senior Class Officers Vice President, CPMA's- Cover Song of the Year, School Musicals, Citizenship Impact Award, Lois Lehrman Grass Student Activism Award, CASA Dance Award



## *D'Saayah Sumae Wright*

### **Visual Arts**

**Future Plans:** College

**Awards, Clubs, Extracurriculars:** Multicultural Club

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