

# PITTSBURGH OBAMA 6-12

ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



## COMMENCEMENT 2013

FRIDAY, JUNE SEVENTH, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN  
6:30PM AT SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL



Pittsburgh  
Public Schools

EXCELLENCE<sup>★</sup>  
FOR ALL

*The Pathway to the Promise.™*

## **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.



## **School Motto**

**Nothing in life is so complicated  
that it cannot be achieved by  
discipline and hard work.**

**Senior Class Sponsor  
Mr. Joseph Ehman**



## **Pittsburgh Obama 6-12 Candidates For Graduation**

At this Commencement, diplomas are awarded to those who have completed requirements in June 2013. The Commencement Program lists the names of probable graduates of the Class of 2013. Also participating in Commencement Exercises are those who will receive diplomas upon completion of summer school.

The diploma of the Pittsburgh Public Schools, signed and sealed by its proper officers, remains the official testimony to the achievement of graduation.

## Program

Processional.....	Pomp and Circumstance
Welcome.....	Sadik Roberts, Class President
The National Anthem.....	Keyanna Taylor-Thomas
Pledge of Allegiance .....	Jonah Raether, Class Vice-President
Acknowledgements and Comments .....	Dr. Wayne N. Walters Principal
Valedictorians.....	Scott Moore Anna Vitti
Salutatorians.....	Samuel Lapp Rina Matsuda Tyrell Swan
Superintendent's <i>Excellence for All</i> Achievement Award Presentation by .....	Linda Lane, Ed.D. Superintendent
Authorization of Diplomas.....	Linda Lane, Ed.D. Superintendent
Presentation of Diplomas.....	Dr. Wayne N. Walters
Closing Remarks.....	Dr. Wayne N. Walters
Recessional .....	Pomp and Circumstance

***The audience is requested to stand during the recessional  
until the Class of 2013  
has completed the recessional.***

Grey Stole – National Honor Society  
Gold Cord – High Honor Graduate  
Blue Cord – Honor Graduate  
Red Cord – International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate  
Candidate

# Graduates

Eunice N. Ababio  
Jasmine Breanna Adams  
Jesse Anderson\*\*  
Mosqon Paul Anderson +\*  
Montel Carlise Anthony +\*  
Katriana Beck  
Sharin Berman +\*\*  
Weslee Nicole Bivins  
SaVanah Elizabeth Branch  
Brandi Jeshia Brooks  
Jermaine W. Brown, Jr.  
Maya Denaire Brown  
Tahrence W. Brown  
Micah Byrum +\*\*  
Shelby A. Campbell +\*  
Kelah L. S. Cash +\*\*  
Myles Calvin Catlin  
D'Andre Tyrique Caviness  
Kevin Chrysostome  
Aron D. Clanton  
Selma Cocalic +\*\*  
Karlissia J. Council +\*  
Quavaris Kendre Crawford  
Gabrielle Alexandra Davis-Jones  
Taylor D. Dawkins  
Daniel S. Denlinger +\*  
Caley Emma Donovan +\*\*  
Danielle Dorsey \*\*  
Connor Alan Doubt  
Parys Javonna Durham +\*  
Renée Catherine Eddy Harvey +\*\*  
Juanay Marie Ellis  
Shamir Pamela Sandra Ellis  
Tenisha Marcia Gibson  
Daniel Herbert Goldstein +\*\*  
Hannah S. Green +\*\*  
Lincoln H. Griffin

Alexis Renee Grisom  
Rondell Harris  
Maeve Helena Hendricks +\*\*  
Deja Troi Hopkins +\*\*  
Korren LaShon Hughes  
Tierra Donaye Ingram  
Tara Lynn Jackson  
Fletcher E. Jones, IV  
Flannery Joyce  
Benjamin A. Junker +\*\*  
Keiva Denise London Kelley  
Marta Elizabeth Kolb +\*  
Matthew Samuels Lampl +\*\*  
Ryann Courtney Lane  
Samuel Mokhiber Lapp +\*\*  
Demetri Nicholas Lardas +\*\*  
David J. Lawhorn  
Abeni M. Lawson  
Wendy Jo Levenson +\*\*  
Nicole Mae Martellotti  
Rina Matsuda +\*\*  
Virgil William McClendon  
Maya L. McCray  
Luke F. Miller +\*\*  
Berisha N. Milligan  
JoVaun Moore  
Scott C. Moore +\*\*  
Samuel D. Murrell +\*  
Sakae Nakahara +\*\*  
Max Okabayashi +\*\*  
Rashaad Patton  
Danielle Pelletier +\*  
Jordan Xavier Pollard  
Curtis A. Pope  
Jonah Blackman Räter +\*  
Tobias Blackman Räter +\*\*  
Erik Palmer Rauterkus +\*\*

# Graduates

London A. Reed  
Sadik Roberts +\*  
Kaleah Marietta Rose  
Dynaë Andrea Shaw +\*  
Chelsey Sirmons V +\*  
Adrienne Sydney Smith  
Kaylia Jewel Smith  
Ashley Renee Southers  
Bri'Onna Elaine Stringer  
Mikea Strothers  
Tyrell Swan +\*\*  
Keyanna Cameron Taylor-Thomas  
Tajaya Jayvonna Thompson +\*  
Anthony Tolliver +\*  
Lorenzo D. Townsend  
Keishonna Lynae Vickers  
Anna Maria Vitti +\*\*  
Shaqueena L. Watkins  
Aliyah Taylor Weathers  
Leyland J. Weston  
Anne Reed Widom +\*\*  
Alaura Lee Williams  
Daniel Stephen Wimer +\*  
Shae Alexander Wofford  
Daeja Renae Woodson  
Taylor MeChele Woodruff  
Aaqila Ameera Youngblood

**+ NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

**\*\* HIGH HONORS**

**\* HONORS**

## **School Administration**

### **Principal**

Dr. Wayne N. Walters

### **Director**

Mrs. Jacqueline Hale

### **Assistant Principal**

Dr. Tammy Miles-Brown

## **Student Services**

Mrs. Darlene Epps, Counselor

Mrs. Nneka Martin, Counselor

Mrs. Rachel Whealdon, Transition Counselor

Mr. André McGee, Student Services Assistant

Ms. Ruth Walker, Student Services Assistant

## **Activities Directors**

Mrs. Romika Hoffman-Hodge

Mr. Joseph Ehman

## **Senior Class Officers**

Sadik Roberts, President

Jonah Raether, Vice-President

Kelah Cash, Secretary

Daniel Wimer, Treasurer

**Central Administration**

**Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools**

Dr. Linda S. Lane

**Board of Public Education**

Ms. Sharene Shealey, Board President  
Mr. Thomas Sumpter, Board First Vice President  
Mr. William Isler, Board Second Vice President  
Mr. Mark Brentley, Sr.  
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Mrs. Jean Fink  
Ms. Sherry Hazuda  
Dr. Regina Holley  
Mr. Floyd McCrea



**“On behalf of the members of the Pittsburgh Board of Education and staff of the School District, I want to congratulate our graduates as they celebrate the successful conclusion of their high school experience. But ‘Commencement’ means ‘beginning’ rather than ‘the end,’ and so we encourage each student to continue to *Dream Big* and *Work Hard* so that they have the opportunity to succeed in all aspects of life.”**

**Linda S. Lane  
Superintendent of Schools**



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and Plantscape, Inc.**

# DREAM BIG. WORK HARD.

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We thank parents, families, teachers, staff, board members and friends for the sacrifice, encouragement, guidance and support that have brought the Class of 2013 to this milestone moment.

It is a moment filled with great promise, when dreams and hard work begin to pay off and the doors to the future open wide. For graduates of the Pittsburgh Public Schools, that promise has been made even brighter, thanks to The Pittsburgh Promise®, our community's commitment to help students and families plan, prepare and pay for continuing education after high school graduation.

Hundreds of Class of 2013 graduates will join more than 4,000 members of the graduating classes of 2008–2012 who are already benefitting from the Promise. Scholarship funds from the Promise may be used to attend technical/trade schools, colleges, and universities in Pennsylvania.

Through commitments of time and financial support, the community is showing that they believe in our students and their ability to contribute to Pittsburgh's renewal. By responding to the challenge to "Dream Big" and "Work Hard," our students will continue to arrive at graduation "Promise-Ready" and prepared to succeed in all aspects of life.

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We are an equal rights and opportunity school district.