

HIGHLINE COLLEGE

Commencement Program

Language Welcome Hausa: Samuel Jerome

Lithuanian: Ermina Prasauskaite

Arabic: Nuha Adam French: Raegan Ndjoli Swahili: Brigit Mokaya Khmer: Taokorng Lim Somali: Mahad Dahir Burmese: Nurma Khan Vietnamese: Annie Nguyen

Spanish: Kelly Betancourt Amharic: Dania Yosef English: Dustin Wilson

Thai: Phuwadej Temkijrungrueng

Welcome Mahad Dahir, ASHC President

Student Speaker Erika Grace Fusu-Bosako

Distinguished Alumnus Awardee Josias Jean-Pierre

Land & Labor

Acknowledgement Dr. John R. Mosby.

Highline College President

Commencement Remarks Dr. John R. Mosby,

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Presentation of Diplomas

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2022-2023 HIGHLINE COLLEGE

Outstanding Student Awards

Highest Scholastic Achievement

Andrew Nguyen

Anna Wight

Camille Mendoza

Chelsea Chaviers

Erika Rav

Jefferson Nastasi

Karen Hundertmark

Kelly Heagerty

Laresa Hester

Leeda Faizi

Lillie Haugen

Maria Hatch

Maria Simon

Meghan Koester

Mili Liang

Mohammed Alogaidi

Noa Onishi

Paul Roeller

Robert Camacho Enriquez

Suchanva Brown

Susan Howlett

Shirley B. Gordon Award for Academic Excellence

Siddhika Kshetri

Honors Program Graduates

Sahil Singh Bhatti

Salai Hung

Yahya Abdulmohsin

Bryden Goretski

Legacy Awards

Scholar Awards

Tony Tran Achieve

Ashley Nguyen Respiratory Care

Caleb Johnson Communication Studies

Dania Yosef Entry Advising

David Hyun Kim Computer Science

Ellie Chit Po Po HOST (Hospitality & Tourism Management)

Gabriel Sison Mathematics

Habon Ibrahim Achieve

Kellie Pavlov Legal Studies

Mary Bickford Business Technology Department

Sahara Safi Outreach & Recruitment Services

Semay Michael Alazar Legal Studies

Shabana Samim Business Technology Department

Tesfaye Biratu Physical Science

Yuna Takele Computer Science

Leader Awards

Ahmed Alkaissiy Arabic Club

Amy Lam Career and Student Employment

Dakne Roxanna Blanco Ramirez Outreach & Recruitment Services

Darneice King Disney+ Club

Emily Crabb Respiratory Care

Emily Van MESA/Academic Affairs

Erika Grace Fusu-Bosako Center for Cultural & Inclusive

Excellence

Evans Omoke Achieve Peer Navigators

Gabriel Sison Computer Science Club

Hang Ly HOST (Hospitality & Tourism

Management)

Kat Carolina Leon Ojeda KPop Club

Kelly Betancourt Enrollment Services/Admissions

Department

Laila Martin Writing Center

Laylia Parker Center for Leadership & Service

Lizeth Favela Writing Center

Ly Chau Career and Student Employment

Mahri Yalkapova Computer Science Club

Mehakpreet Kaur Chemistry

Merwa Kedir Arabic Club

Ruby Cofer English / Film Studies

Samantha Nicole Baker Geology Program

Seohyeon Yoon Achieve Peer Navigators

Seth Jones Entry Advising

Rory R. Clubs Program

Najib Yasin Clubs Program

ASHC President: Mahad Dahir

Mahad Dahir is the President of the Associated Students of Highline College, As a child of refugee parents from Mogadishu, Somalia who made the trek to this country almost 30 years ago, Mahad was diagnosed with autism when he was 2 years old. Mahad is a student in the Achieve program, and is graduating with his Achieve certificate. Mahad is a leader who serves his fellow students with compassion and kindness. His Muslim values guide him and he holds them very close. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, playing soccer and watching sports. His biggest role models are his mother, Safia Mohamed, and Kobe Bryant. Mahad's goal is to leave Highline College more accessible than he found it. He is doing this by working to create a more inclusive and equitable environment shaped with students like himself in mind. He does this through his work on the Policy Development Council, ensuring that policy at Highline uplifts students with disabilities instead of creating barriers to success. Mahad is the first ever student from the Achieve program to serve on ASHC.

Student Speaker: Erika Grace Fusu-Bosako

Grace Fusu-Bosako is an international student from Belgium. She came to the United States in December 2021. She graduated from high school in June 2021. She is a Business major and plans to transfer to a university to pursue Entrepreneurship. At Highline College, she is a peer facilitator for the Inter-Cultural Center. Her favorite part about her job is that she gets the chance to meet many students from different backgrounds, and that is something that she loves to do; learn about other people's cultures and share her own. She loves to spend quality time with her family and friends.

Distinguished Alumnus Awardee: Josias Jean-Pierre

Josias Jean-Pierre was born in Haiti, grew up in SeaTac and currently lives in Federal Way. He attended Highline College 2011-13, graduating with an associate degree in communications. Despite growing up with challenges in school, this five-time author's third book ranked as an Amazon best seller in multiple categories. Through his writing and advocacy, Jean-Pierre has been featured in several major publications, including "30 under 30" with Ariana Grandè and Lil Nas X, Yahoo Finance with Ice Cube, LA Wire, New York Weekly, and other major publications. He is also the owner of JP Credit Solutions, a company that is focused on helping people obtain the tools they need to fully blossom into who they were created to be. As a motivational speaker, Jean-Pierre has spoken on over 100 platforms across the country and is especially known for his workshop, "What Is Your Why?"

2023 Graduates

(James) Alex Griffin

Aaliya Ugas

Abby Carmel

Abigael Ndungu

Aissatou

Alexus Taylor

Alicia Love

Alivia Joyce

Amanda Threlkeld

Amani Gardner

Amanullah Habib

An "Aurie" Huynh

An Nguyen

Andrea Hernandez

Andrew Thai

Andy Nguyen

Angel Smith

Angela Bernice N. Yadao

Angela Quinto

Angela Walker

Angelika Piankova

Angelina Ji

Angeline Schluns

Anisa Siboliban

Annie Nguyen

Anthony Wiesner

Aradhna J. Prasad

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Aryan Kundra

Ashley Rogne

Ashley Manzano

Ashley McCord

Ashna Ram

Asma Abdi

Aster Alemu

Audrey Varriano

Ayaan Osman

Ayanna Ivey

Azhar Saleem

Bernadette M D Sheran

Bhavneesh Bapla

Brigit Birundu Mokaya

Caitlyn Greer

Calvin Tagavilla

Cameron Rawlings

Camtu Lieu

Carol Rodriguez

Caroline E Johnson

Catelynn Soyon Jang

Cesar Madrigal

Chalachew Tamir

Charlee Sebring

Cherie Smith

Christopher A Silva Silva

Cinthia Cantarero-Machado

Cole Martinez

Come Zee

Cortney Conde

Cristian Rangel Cantu

Crystal Tran

Cyndi Gongora

Dakne Blanco

Damion Smith

Darniece King

David Bruce Lindsey

David Chernichenko

David Kim

David Najera-Estrada

Davin Pace

Dayana Rodriguez

Dazia Ram

Dehystinee Hargrave Davis

Diana Bedolla-Mendoza

Diana Rybachok

Dinh Chung

Diriye Sheikh

Donovan Ward

Donya Alkhamis

Dustin Cole

Edson Licona

Eduardo Valencia tomas

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Jessica Japra

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Jessie Leone

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Kamille S. Foronda

Karen Vegors

Karina Rodriguez

Kathryn Zupan

Katie Box

Katie Fjerstad

Katrina Longley

Kayla Dickson

Kayla Ong

Keanna Beaver

Keila Grace Garcia

Kelly Betancourt

Kewser Jemal

Kira Nutter

Kiswendsida Helene Guigma

Klotilda Ndarso Ndiken

Koki Yamada

Laila Martin

Lam Nguyen

Lamyaa Khorsheed

Layla Estill Leeda Faizi

lesley G Flores

Lheo Laroza

Lisa Smith Liudmyla Tokar Lizeth Favela Lopez Lucas Lone Luis Urias Avila Luz Galeana Chavez Ly Chau Mahad Dahir Mahelat Abera Mahri Yalkapova Maisy Kong Manmeet Kaur Maresa Harden Margaryta Boyko Maria G Velazquez Maria Lishev Mariama Tengbeh Mariame Zongo Sawadogo Marian Abdulrahman Mariana Babshinskiv Mario Hurtado Guillen Mary Bickford Mary Jarrett Mary Rogers Mason Christian Jones Mason Faultersack Matred Tekowa Ashers Matthew Lakew Max Weir Maxim Zhuk Megan Currie Megan Smith Mekavla Liam Melba Raquel Sanchez Martinez Merveil Kombo Michelle Ekratnat Midori Yamagata Mina Al Ani Mina Moriguchi

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Sahil S Bhatti

Salai Hung

salda Akbari

salem Kidane

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Sandra Mercado

Sara Ahmed

Sara Babaier

Sarah Silla

Sean Ryan Castaneda

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Sofia Elizabeth Medina Hernandez

Sofia Melgar

Sokkhem Heng

Sondury Rodriguez

Sophia Nguyen

Sosuna Tedros

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Steven Campbell

Stuart Belvin

Suchanva Brown

Summer Huck

Talalelei Upuese

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Toni Yancey

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Tori Wade

Tracy Mwagoti

Tresvan O'Neal

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Uyen Thu Nguyen Hoang

Van Mawi

Vanna Decastro

Veronica Carcamo

Victoria King

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