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Welcome to
YEP Educates Graduation



CLASS OF
2025

Thursday, June 26, 11:00 AM
McDonogh 35 High School
New Orleans, LA

PROGRAM

GRADUATE PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Emcee, Theo Mitchell

OPENING REMARKS

Melissa Sawyer, YEP CEO & Co-Founder

SPECIAL VIDEO MESSAGE

U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Troy Carter

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction: Gretchen Chase, YEP Board Member

Speaker: Chef Edgar "Dook" Chase, IV

STUDENT VIDEO MESSAGE

YEP CORE VALUE AWARDS

Sarah Hunko, YEP Educates Director

Wanda Rogers, YEP Educates Instructor

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Alonzo Garcia, Sarah Hunko, Lynn Schneider, Kimmie Tubré

GRADUATE RECESSIONAL

Please stay seated until graduates exit the auditorium

CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2025

Kendra Allen	Anchor Gron	Jessica Mosley
Keyton Allen Williams	Susana Quintanilla	Danene Mosley
Andrea Alvarado	Elber Gutierrez	Dashaun Newton
Salvador Arguello	Hasaniik Hagan	Marjorie Ortiz
Samary Avila	Ke'laja Harris	Troy Pichon Jr.
Angelica Barreto	De'Janae Harrison	Mi'Chaela Pool
Josh Barthelemy	Calvin Hart	Susana Quintanilla
Heaven Benjamin	Nussa Hasbun	Abraham Quiroz
Dezmond Bentley	Karina Hernandez	Emerson Ramirez
Jocabeth Bernardez	Jeremiah Hicks	Kathia Ramos
Quinnika Berryhill	Tamia Hookfin	Ronald Reed
Ziyeh Bissant	Fershaad Hunt	Diana Reyes
Kevon Brady	Angie Iscoa	Nijhal Robinson
Knea'kayla Brumfield	Nakia Jackson	London Robinson
Sicquia Bryant	Layyal Jarushi	Kimberly Rodriguez
Nadia Butcher	Irey Johnson	Yoselin Rodriguez
Kattia Ferrera Calix	Dawanjanay Johnson	Antoinette Roussell
Mauricio Calix	Willisha Johnson	William Ruiz
Melony Campbell	A'maje Johnson	Danielle Santiago
Payton Carter	Keisha Johnson	Erick Saravia Aguilar
Nicolle Castillo	Trae'shawn Jones	Shawn Shelton
Valentina Castillo	Princess Joseph	Shanna Sims-Barthelemy
Paris Claiborne	Keana Khandowdy	Gus Singleton
Catherine Clark	Ty'Janay Kirkland	Akia Smith
Tori Combast	Sydney Knauls	Myrielle Soublet
Allan Contreras	Artem Kuriashkin	Denise Starks
Karla Corral	Devriell Lafrance	Nyopia Tatum
Amyni Davillier	Andy Lemus Amaya	Donna Thomas
Cyril Davis	Emyri Lewis	Courtney Tobias
Vallen Doerfler	Skye Light	Julian Torres
Patricia Dorsey	Ashanta Lomax	Leiona Turner
Randy Douglas	Bryan Alexander Lopez	Dayvion Turner
Wayne Edwards	Membreno	Nora Valentin
Milysen Espinal	Alex Mackey	Jeremiah Valentine
Bea Farr	Pierce Marshall	Doriana Vargas
Grace Favor	Breysis Martinez	Roy Vinet
Monique Fisher	Laura Mejia	Donica Virgil
Lilliette Fonseca	Maria Mejia	James Walker
Erionne Franklin	Moises Melghem Perez	Olivia Walker
Demetres Freeman	Emilie Mendoza	Kailee Wallace
Maria Victoria Galo	Kendra Merrick	Christian Washington
Waldina Garcia	Ameer Mesamih	Jayden White
Bessy Gomez	Nisi Miralda Medina	Roneisha White
Tyler Grant	Jada Mullens	Marie Wilson
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