

King William Public Schools celebrate 2018 graduates

The Class of 2018 gets high fives from Acquinton Elementary School students. (Kassie Simmons)

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King William High School Principal Corey McConville welcomed 143 seniors to Saturday's graduation ceremony and told them the way they treat others will determine how they measure up in the world.

Superintendent Dr. David O. White followed McConville's speech with a similar message for the graduating class: "Be someone who makes a difference."

The messages followed the school's theme throughout the year of being kind to others.

Diplomas were awarded after the school recognized students' accomplishments throughout their time at King William High School, including those who earned top GPAs and associate's degrees from Rappahannock Community College.

Valedictorian Ahnika Boring and salutatorian Jeffrey Huffman spoke to the student body. Boring left her classmates with a metaphor comparing life to a math problem: “Stick with the (solving) process, even when the problem seems difficult or unsolvable.”

Jacob Duresky, class vice president, announced the Class of 2018’s gift to King William High School: new mirrors in every bathroom, “perfect for checking your hair and taking a selfie.”

The ceremony included performances from the school’s music departments. The chorus sang “It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday,” featuring multiple soloists. The band also performed a remix to “My Shot,” from Broadway’s “Hamilton.”

In total, the KWHS Class of 2018 earned \$1,639,058 in awards, grants and scholarships.

Friday, graduates had the opportunity to walk through the schools many of them grew up attending.

“I don’t know who cried more: the students or the teachers,” McConville said. “It is great seeing the sea of black and gold, the signs, students cheering and staff members all decked out. It truly is a lifetime memory.”

The walk through gave students and teachers at all levels the opportunity to celebrate the students’ accomplishments.

KWHS Class of 2018

Elise Nicole Adkins

Caleigh Elizabeth Agee

Chloe Marguerite Anderson

Demonty Lindelle Anderson

Angel Michelle Ayers

Layne Cameron Balderson

Hailey Alexxus Baldwin

Shannon Margaret Barnett

Lia Reneé Boggs

Ahnika Hope Boring

Kaleb Isak Bowers

Keara Monea Branch

Kayla Monea Brown

Morgan Elizabeth Cates

Tiffany Dale Ciejek

Avianna Cheyanne Claiborne

Cameron Blake Cooksey

Jessica Rebecca Crawford

Raleigh Tecumseh Custalow

Dominic Louis Dalton

Alexander West Dandridge

Harrison Tyler Dean

Jacob Christopher Duresky

Julia Christel Duszynski

Keyanna Nicole Edwards

Melinda Elizabeth Edwards

Shawn Lee Edwards

William Tristan Elkins

Jennifer Lynn Estok

Jenna Brooke Evans

Chase Thomas Fletcher

Bailey Elizabeth Forbes

Aliyah Marie Gaines

Rebecca Lynn Garthright

Mason James Getz

Trinity Faith Ann Gibbs

Jacob Michael Gibson

Ethan Angel Gonzalez

Hunter Wayne Goodman

Kelly Nicole Gouldin

Damon DeAndre Antone Green

Sophia Gutierrez Garcia

Michael John Haile Jr.

Kayla Elizabeth Haley

Alicia Marie Harlow

Lamont Stephane Harris

Trevor Vincent Herendeen

Amber Lynn Hixson

Gilbert Wendell Holmes Jr.

Jaycie Anna Horner

Jeffrey Ryan Huffman

Courtney Moesha **Jackson**

Iris Eureka Jackson

Calvin Tyrone Jeffries Jr.

Devin Marie Jenkins

Nathan Lewis Jobb

Diamond Lee Johnson

Duane Montero Johnson

Hannah Joice Johnson

Jayvon Omar Johnson

Lily Brooke Johnson

Zoé Mae Johnson

David Allen Jones

Emily Claire Karnes

Gus Schuyler Kasper

Hunter Ray Kidd

Tyler Winston Kirby

Haley Nicole Langford

Juwan Phillip Lipscomb

Kaitlyn Cyeanna Lipski

McKenzie Renee Lockett

Logan Tyler Lumpkin

Chyna Rose Lyons

Joshua Ryan Marter

Samantha Grace Martin

Kaylan Nicole McCutcheon

Jacob Eugene McFarlane

Trenton Kurtis McGee

Allison Leigh McGehee

Jenica Rae McLean

Heather Lee Means

Shane Ryan Myer

Lydia Inessa Nebuchadnezzar

William Scott Newell

Olivia Lofland Nuttall

Raymond William Parker

Katherine Taylor Polly

Travis Edward Aaron Price

Kristine Rose Rainey

Margaret Lorena-Grace Ratcliffe

Benjamin David Ratliff

Hannah Morgan Reece

Hailey Elizabeth Reid

Andrew Chase Rice

Mikayla Brooke Richardson

Morgan Mae Rimmer

Selena DeAnna Roane

Hailey Michelle Sams

Cole Patrick Scott

Christopher James Selby

Tyler Elliott Seward

Savannah Sydney Shannon

Shane Austin Shannon

Keith Edward Shope

Amber Nicole Sims

Hunter Wesley Skelton

David Parker Slack

Connor David Smith

Scott William Smith

Alexis Ann Souther Williams

Chris Daniel Southern Jr.

Hunter Lewis Sowder

Ambrianna C'airra Spurell

Chakayla Rockale Spurlock

Shalia Sierra Spurlock

Margaret Elizabeth Styers

Jacob Edwin Taylor

James Trayvon Thornton

Grace Caroline Topham

Nicole Grace Townsend

KyShaunda Léketia Trueheart

Preston Frank Upshaw III

Camryn Blair Vincent

E'Maya Monique Walker

Clayton Tanner Walsh

Shanya Brielle Washington

Breonna Lekeyah Watkins

Logan Thomas Watson

Jamesha Torica Weeden

Brent Tyler Whiteside

John Lamar Williams

Nathan Alan Wolfe

Koby Mason Woody

Noah Markel Worley

Andrew Raymond Wring

Savannah Nicole York

Camisha Josette Young

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