

Attendance. Progress. Graduation.



COVENANT HOUSE
ACADEMY
GRAND RAPIDS

Commencement Ceremony



**Covenant House Academy Grand Rapids
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PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM -----

OPENING REMARKS -----

REMARKS/BOARD PRESIDENT INTRODUCTION -----

BOARD INTRODUCTION -----

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD INTRODUCTION -----

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENT -----

DOVE AWARD INTRODUCTION -----

DOVE AWARD RECIPIENT -----

STAFF DOVE AWARD -----

VIDEO PRESENTATION

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS -----

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES -----

CLOSING REMARKS -----

RECESSIONAL

**6:00pm Tuesday June 20th, 2023
New Hope Baptist Church**

----- RIMIYAH AND PROMISE BOONE

----- MARKEITH LARGE, PRINCIPAL

----- TERRENCE GEORGE, SUPERINTENDENT

----- JEN COPPENS, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

----- MARKEITH LARGE, ADMINISTRATION

----- YHALENA PANTOJAS

----- ANDRE ADAMS, ADMINISTRATION

----- LEONARDO MALECIC

----- R. WAYNE BICKEL

----- CHRIS GRAY AND SARAH BICKEL

----- TERRENCE GEORGE, SUPERINTENDENT

----- MARKEITH LARGE

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Class of June 2023

Jonathan Arroyo-Rico	Domenick Jordan
Domerica Calderon-Ramirez ‡	Santiago De Jesus Lopez
Lourdes Camey Monterroso ‡	Leonardo Malecic **
Jasmine Cammenga	Dazire Mayhue
Javier Cervera Jr.	Jhya McKinney
Breanna Cervera	Ayla Medina
Nathan Drechen	Asina Mmunga
Faith Ellis	Furaha Mwema
Brianna Flanders	Yhalena Pantojas *
Davis Gonzalez Cortez ‡	Albino Perez Lopez
Cheyenne Grayam	Erik Rodriguez
Carlos Eduardo Gutierrez Larios ‡	Kimberlin Ruiz-Navarro
Ahmed Hasan	Manuel Tzoc Guzman
William Jamison	Wilfredo Vazquez
Walter Jenkins	Destiny Williams
Rodaicia Jobe-Young	Erica Williams

* Outstanding Senior Award Recipient

** Dove Award Recipient

‡ Seal of Bilingual

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Special Thanks

AYA Youth Collective	Hispanic Center of West Michigan
Arbor Circle	HOAP
Bethany Christian Services	Home Repair Services of Kent County
Better, Wiser, Stronger	JuJu Bird
Brian Burnett, GRFJCC	Kent ISD
Chocolate & Vanilla Productions, Dr. Cathy Large	LifeQuest Ministries, Pastor Jerry Bishop
Covenant House Michigan	Michigan Rehabilitation Services
Cure Violence Global	NAACP
Disability Advocates of Kent County	New Hope Baptist Church
Family Outreach Center	PROACTIVE Project
Friends of Grand Rapids Parks	Realism is Loyalty
Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center	Refugee Education Center
Grace's Table	Silverback Mentoring Group
Grand Rapids Center for Community Transformation	Thomas Security
Grand Rapids Downtown Market	TRAILS to Wellness
Grand Rapids Promise Zone	Trinity Health Michigan
The Grand Rapids Times	Trinity United Methodist Church
Grand Rapids Urban League	Wellspring Lutheran
GRCC	YMCA
GVSU	YouthBuild
Helping Families Heal	

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Staff

André Adams	Dean of Students
David Baas	Special Education
Chelsea Beckman	Math
R. Wayne Bickel	Science
Sarah Bickel	Enrollment and Attendance
Dawn Brown	Food Services
Rob Carey	Math
Elizabeth Flores	Social Work
Chris Gray	Director of State & Federal Programs
Georgina Guzman	Enrollment Secretary
Linda Hetherington	ELL/Spanish
Markeith Large	Principal
Rick Laven	Special Education
Lashawn McCoy	Thomas Security
Ashelei McDaniel	Data Specialist
Jeff Rundhaug	Social Studies
Laura Schadoux	ELL
Tiara Sturdivant	Thomas Security
Christopher Thomas	Thomas Security
Cloé Van Oss	English
Daniel VanTassell	School Counselor
Rebecca Walsh	English
Kevin Weiss	Science
Lynn Westhoff	Special Education

Youth Vision Solutions, Inc.

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Nicole Wotllinski, Chair
Edward Wolking Jr., Vice Chair
Michael Novak, Treasurer
Thomas Smith, Secretary
Daniel Weigartz, Director
Thomas Murar, Director

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Gary Vanrooyen, Director
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Lisa Benberry, Board Secretary to the Superintendent

Covenant House Academy Administration

Terrence George, Superintendent/YVS President
Tanya Duffy, Assistant Superintendent
Markeith Large, Principal, CHA Grand Rapids

Our Mission

Covenant House Academy provides at-risk youth in our communities new opportunities to earn a high school diploma, improve their life skills, and build an academic foundation to continue on to higher education or post-secondary skills training. Aided with a compassionate and caring staff, the schools prevent poverty, underachievement, and homelessness while offering hope, encouragement, and a better chance for future success.

Our Schools

Covenant House Academy is an alternative charter school enrolling more than 1,000 students age 16-22, allowing them to complete their high school diploma. There are three campuses in Detroit and one in Grand Rapids. Covenant House Academy Grand Rapids is tuition free, offers two sessions, open-enrollment, and a student-centered environment that allows students to recover credits while developing the knowledge and life skills needed to succeed in life. By providing a safe, structured, self-paced learning environment with qualified, dedicated teachers, Covenant House Academy is helping students graduate from high school and pursue higher learning.

Our Management Company

Youth Vision Solutions (YVS), Inc., is a Michigan nonprofit corporation that provides education management services to charter schools for children and youth who have previously dropped out, are homeless, or otherwise at risk. YVS's purpose is based on the belief that all children and youth have a right to decent living conditions, proper education, and supplemental services delivered with respect and genuine concern.

Congratulations!

On behalf of the board, staff, faculty, and volunteers of Covenant House Academy and Youth Vision Solutions.