



# Commencement Exercises



**American Heritage School**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**



*"Yea, I know that I am nothing, as to my strength I am weak;  
therefore, I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God,  
for in His strength I can do all things..."*

Alma 26:12

*"The house of the righteous shall stand."*

Proverbs 12:7





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# Commencement Program

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Welcome	Chase Hale <i>Principal, American Fork Campus</i>
Presentation of Colors	Utah National Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	Parker Peterson
National Anthem	Audience
Invocation	Joshua Randall
“Go Forth From This House” <i>Rob Swenson</i>	Combined High School Choirs and Orchestra
Chairman of the Board Remarks	Janine Miner <i>Chairman, Board of Trustees</i>
“Our History” Video Presentation	
Student Body President Address	Ava Smith
Valedictorian Address	Annika Southern
Salutatorian Address	Benjamin Anderson
Legacy Student Address	Jack Reed
Video Presentation of Graduates	Video Production Class
Commencement Speaker Introduction	Grant Beckwith <i>Head of School</i>
Commencement Address	Elder Lawrence E. Corbridge
Presentation of Diplomas	Chase Hale, <i>Principal</i> Elizabeth Acuña, <i>Assistant Principal</i> Dave Buer, <i>Assistant Principal</i> Blaine Hunsaker, <i>Assistant Principal</i> Charné Adams, <i>Assistant Principal</i>
AHS Graduation Medley <i>David Skousen and Jen Handy</i> <i>arr. Greg Hansen</i>	Combined High School Choirs and Orchestra DixieMarie Banks, <i>Soloist</i> Shirley Graham, <i>Soloist</i>
Benediction	Julianne Sessions

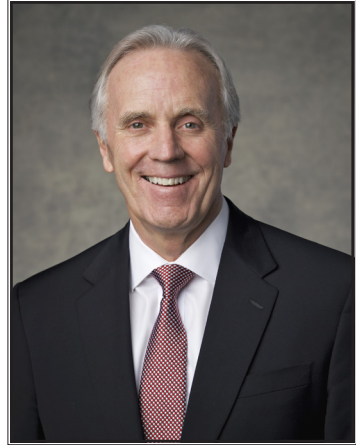
## ELDER LAWRENCE E. CORBRIDGE

Elder Lawrence E. Corbridge served as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from April 5, 2008, to October 5, 2019, at which time he was given emeritus status.

At the time of his call, he was serving as a Sunday School teacher. He served as President of the Chile Area Presidency, having previously served as counselor.

During his childhood and adolescent years Elder Corbridge worked on his family's cattle ranch in Idaho, where he learned the "cowboy way" – integrity, humility, hard work, and tenacity. He ultimately chose a career in law to help people solve problems they could not solve on their own.

He received a bachelor's degree in finance from Brigham Young University in 1973. In 1976, he received a juris doctor degree from the J. Reuben Clark School of Law at Brigham Young University as a member of its charter class. He was a founding member of Corbridge, Baird & Christensen, a Salt Lake City law firm specializing in commercial and business law.



Elder Corbridge has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in Argentina, president of the Chile Santiago North Mission, Gospel Doctrine teacher, stake president, high councilor, bishop, ward mission leader, and elders' quorum president.

Lawrence Edward Corbridge was born in Moscow, Idaho, on April 6, 1949. He married Jacquelyn Gayle Shamo in December 1974. They are the parents of five sons.



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## *Senior Award Recipients*

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### **GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON PATRIOT AWARD** **CHARACTER: FAITH AND SELF-GOVERNMENT**

**Harvest Hale** has developed outstanding character and an abiding devotion to God, family, and country. As George and Martha Washington were key figures in the establishment of our nation's character, this scholar has distinguished herself in her commitment to moral self-government as the basis of thriving individuals, families, and communities.



### **JOHN AND ABIGAIL ADAMS COURAGE AWARD** **CHARACTER: COURAGE AND HUMILITY**

**Kelli Smith** has been an outstanding example to her fellow scholars of overcoming personal challenges with courage, humility, and perseverance.





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### **ABRAHAM LINCOLN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**CHARACTER: WISDOM, SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND COURAGE**

**Ava Smith** has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, distinguishing herself among her fellow scholars as someone to whom others can turn for principled direction and example.



### **GAYLORD AND LAURIE SWIM AND H. VERLAN AND SHIRLEY ANDERSEN SERVICE AWARD**

**CHARACTER: CHARITY AND HUMILITY**

**Aubrey Mason** has been a consistent and selfless example of loving her neighbor as herself, demonstrating personal commitment to principles of service, sacrifice, charity, and humility.





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### **MICHAEL BALLAM MUSIC AND THEATER AWARD**

**CHARACTER: FAITH AND COURAGE**

**Emma Holmes** has excelled in music and theater arts, glorifying God and inspiring others through hard work, artistic beauty, and the courage to step into the spotlight.



### **ARNOLD FRIBERG VISUAL ARTS AWARD**

**CHARACTER: VIRTUE, INDUSTRY AND SELF-GOVERNMENT**

**EmmaLyn Hymas** has achieved excellence in the visual arts, glorifying God and inspiring others to see each other and the world in a new light through art.





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## *Senior Award Recipients*

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### **NEAL A. MAXWELL LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AWARD**

**CHARACTER: WISDOM AND VIRTUE**

**Spencer Larsen** has achieved excellence in oral and written language arts, demonstrating mastery of communication skills through writing and speech, and appreciation of the light that fills our lives beginning with “the Word.”



### **GENEVE CORNELL HISTORY AWARD**

**CHARACTER: FAITH, WISDOM, AND INDUSTRY**

**Ryan Mitchell** has demonstrated extraordinary respect for the power of the human story, and for excelling in the study of principles of liberty that flow from a clear understanding of Christ and “His story.”







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## *Senior Award Recipients*

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### **ISAAC NEWTON MATH AWARD**

**CHARACTER: WISDOM AND FAITH**

**Jaiyu (Rain) Sun** has achieved excellence in the discipline of mathematics, glorifying God and advancing the understanding of our universe through mastery of the principles of order and precision.



### **HENRY EYRING AND PHILO T. FARNSWORTH SCIENCE AWARD**

**CHARACTER: FAITH AND INDUSTRY**

**Jack Reed** has achieved excellence in the sciences and has demonstrated curiosity for the physical universe, respect for the scientific method of inquiry, and shows appreciation for the hand of God in all things.





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## *Senior Award Recipients*

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### **ALMA RICHARDS ATHLETIC, DANCE AND SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

**CHARACTER: COURAGE AND SELF-GOVERNMENT**

**Holly Brockbank** has achieved excellence in athletics, dance, and the human form, exhibiting Christ-like sportsmanship and discipline while inspiring others to push themselves beyond physical and mental limitations.



### **HARVEY FLETCHER AND CARL F. EYRING TECHNICAL CREATIVITY AWARD**

**CHARACTER: WISDOM, VIRTUE, AND FAITH**

**Maxwell Rimington** has achieved excellence in performance technology, glorifying God through technical and artistic expertise, enhancing and transforming the experience of audiences through on-stage and behind-the-scenes work that is profoundly felt and appreciated by all.





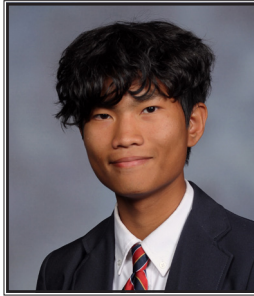
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## *Senior Award Recipients*

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**DIETER F. UCHTDORF**  
**EXCELLENCE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
AND CULTURE AWARD**  
**CHARACTER: WISDOM, VIRTUE**

**Daniel Soeung** has achieved excellence in foreign language and cultural arts, demonstrating mastery of linguistics, appreciation for the diversity of the human family, and respect for the divine identity and purpose of each of God's creations.



**HEBER J. GRANT**  
**HEART, MIND, AND BODY AWARD**  
**CHARACTER: SCHOLARSHIP, CHRISTIAN CHARACTER**

**Oliver Buer** has devoted significant effort to improving and excelling in the arts (heart), academics (mind), and athletics (body), and serving as an example of the aim of an American Heritage education: to develop the hearts, minds, and bodies of students to realize their divine potential.







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*Senior Class*

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JEREMIAH ALONE	LINCOLN HIATT
BENJAMIN ANDERSON ▲	EMMA HOLMES △
ELIANA ANGILAU	MYA HOLYOAK
SERENITY BAILEY ▲	LOGAN HUNSAKER △
DIXIE MARIE BANKS	EMMA LYN HYMAS ▲
SAMUEL BARLOW	ALYSSA LAMPH
ARIANA BELL △	SPENCER LARSEN △
MACKAY BIESINGER △	AUBREY MASON ▲
RYAN BORIS ▲	KELSEY MCCLAIN △
PEYTON BOYER △	KATELYN MERTEN ▲
ISABELLA BRADFORD ▲	RYAN MITCHELL △
HYRUM BRIMHALL △	SABRINA MONSON △
HOLLY BROCKBANK ▲	ADRIANNA MORALES △
LOGAN BROWN △	STEVEN OELRICH
ANNALEE BUCK △	ZION ONG ▲
OLIVER BUER	NOELLE PACE △
EILEEN CHESWORTH △	RICHARD PATTERSON
CHEN-CHUN (JONATHAN) CHOU	PARKER PETERSON △
BENSON CHRISTIANSEN	SAMUEL PEW △
BETHANY CROSSLEY	AARON PINSON
EMILY CURZON	JORDAN PROULX
ELIZABETH FISHER △	JACE PULLEY △
ELLIE GOOLD □	JOSHUA RANDALL ▲
SHIRLEY GRAHAM △	JACK REED ▲
KENZIE GRAY ▲	JULIE RIBOLDI △
EMILY GROW △□	MAXWELL RIMINGTON △
HARVEST HALE ▲	MATTHEW ROBERTS

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## *Senior Class*

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SARAH JOY ROWLEY  
JULIANNE SESSIONS △  
AVA SMITH  
KELLI SMITH △  
DANIEL SOEUNG △  
TANNER SOSA  
ANNIKA SOUTHERN ▲  
JIAYU (RAIN) SUN ▲  
SARAH TODD  
HANNAH VAN DER BEEK  
LAVENIA VANCE  
AZRA WAIHI  
EDEN WAITE △  
JOSEPH WEYLAND □  
KYLE ZUFELT △



- ▲ Gold Cord = 3.95 - 4.00 Cumulative GPA
- △ Silver Cord = 3.70 - 3.94 Cumulative GPA
- ❖ Early Graduate
- Expected to Graduate by August 2023
- ▢ Not Expected to Graduate



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# Thank You

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*We* express heartfelt gratitude to the following:

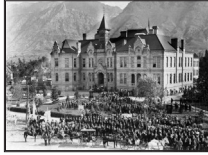
- Commencement Event Directors . . . . . Kimberly Heath  
Melisa Hendrickson
- Photography . . . . .Tresa Haymond
- Senior Student Representatives . . . . . Ava Smith  
Kelli Smith
- Senior Dinner . . . . . Annie Cowley  
Laura Callister
- Senior Videos. . . . . Laurel Hill
- Decorations/Facility/Technology. . . . . Laura Yamada  
Jeremy Wright  
Jay Clark  
Dan Morgan
- Choir Director . . . . . Rob Swenson
- Orchestra Conductor . . . . . Kayson Brown
- Printed Programs . . . . . Tammy Morse
- Senior Awards . . . . . McGee's Trophy
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# American Heritage School History Timeline

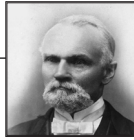
## CAMPUS DIVISION

The church divided Brigham Young Academy into two entities: Brigham Young High and Brigham Young Elementary. H. Verlan Andersen, Laurie (Bankhead) Swim, and other future founders of American Heritage School personally attended or enrolled their children for many years.



1903

1876



## BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMEY

Brigham Young directed Karl G. Maeser to found Brigham Young Academy, a secondary school independent of the church and the state, which grew to include grades K through 12.

1968



## DR. H. VERLAN ANDERSEN

At the closing of BY High and BY Elementary, Dr. H. Verlan Andersen met with a group of other BYU professors and parents with the intent of re-establishing a private school to have their children's academic learning enhanced and enlightened by principles of morality. They named it American Heritage School.

## OLD LDS CHAPEL

American Heritage school founders acquired an old chapel in Pleasant Grove, Utah, and opened with 85 students enrolled. Enrollment doubled from 85 to 163 students.



1970

1992



## GAYLORD K. SWIM

School founder Dr. H. Verlan Andersen passed away. The next year, Gaylord Swim and his family joined the school, and Gaylord was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. The school added the 7th and 8th grade four years later.

## NEW CAMPUS

With capacity for 400 students, the new American Fork campus welcomed teachers and students to its location across from the Mount Timpanogos Temple. Fred Roberts served as principal of the school assisted by Trudy Pace and Paula Christensen.



2002

2008



## DISTANCE EDUCATION

Distance education and other internet-based products were introduced to reach families around the world. Extracurricular athletics were launched, along with the annual Family Forum and Foundations Training events for the community.

## LYCEUM PHILHARMONIC

The American Heritage Lyceum Philharmonic was named "Best Youth Instrumental Group" by Best of State Utah. School enrollment surpassed 500 and a community youth chorus was acquired.



2009

2011



## INAUGURAL GRADUATING CLASS

Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the LDS Quorum of the Twelve Apostles delivered the Commencement Address to the inaugural graduating class.

## WORLDWIDE LEARNING

In 2012, the first version of The Family School was introduced. Later, under the direction of Peter Knecht, Family School My Way was introduced with new tools to further simplify and enrich teaching for over 7,000 children in over 50 countries worldwide.



2012

2017



## CAMPUS EXPANSION

The school received donor funding from AHS families to ultimately acquire an additional 29 acres of adjoining land. Additional funding was received to construct Phase I of the campus master plan including an athletic center, and outdoor athletic fields.

## COVID & AHS ONLINE

AHS not only survived but thrived during the 2020 coronavirus outbreak. Additional AHS Online courses were launched, and nearly 4,000 new families around the world signed up for a free subscription of American Heritage Worldwide Family School Online.



2020

2022



## SALT LAKE CITY CAMPUS

New SLC campus next to Temple Square with land and building donated by the Church is dedicated by Elder Ronald A. Rasband of the LDS Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Leland Anderson serves as principal.





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## *Mission Statement*

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***American Heritage School assists parents worldwide in developing the hearts, minds, and bodies of students to realize their divine potential by:***

1. BEING USEFUL IN THE HANDS OF THE LORD IN BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH;
2. INCREASING FAITH IN AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION;
3. DEVELOPING A LOVE, UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR AMERICA AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS;
4. DEVELOPING THE BASIC ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SELF-EDUCATION A LIFE- LONG PURSUIT;
5. LEARNING TO REASON AND DISCERN BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG, TRUTH AND ERROR;
6. DEVELOPING CHARACTER AND SELF-GOVERNMENT OF MIND AND BODY; AND
7. CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE AS CHRISTIANS.

***All activities, teaching, governance, and administration are to be accomplished in light of the above objectives and in so far as possible in harmony with revealed principles of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ and laws of the land. All teachers, staff, administrators, and trustees shall strive to be living examples of the values, principles, and skills taught at the school.***

# CHARACTER

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Developing Hearts



# SCHOLARSHIP

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Inspiring Minds



# LIBERTY

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Choosing Moral Self-government





