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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| Welcome                                    | Chase Hale  
*Principal, American Fork Campus*                      |
| Presentation of Colors                     | Utah National Guard                                      |
| Pledge of Allegiance                       | Parker Peterson                                          |
| National Anthem                            | Audience                                                 |
| Invocation                                 | Joshua Randall                                           |
| “Go Forth From This House”                 | Combined High School Choirs and Orchestra               |
| Chairman of the Board Remarks              | Janine Miner  
*Chairman, Board of Trustees*                            |
| “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   
*Head of School*                                     |
| Commencement Address                       | Elder Lawrence E. Corbridge                              |
| Presentation of Diplomas                   | Chase Hale,  
*Principal*  
Elizabeth Acuña,  
*Assistant Principal*  
Dave Buer,  
*Assistant Principal*  
Blaine Hunsaker,  
*Assistant Principal*  
Charné Adams,  
*Assistant Principal*                                |
| AHS Graduation Medley                      | Combined High School Choirs and Orchestra               |
| Benedictation                              | Julianne Sessions                                        |
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 counselor, 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.
**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.

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**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.
Senior Award Recipients

**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.

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**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.
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.
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.”
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.
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.
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.
Senior Class

JEREMIAH ALONE
BENJAMIN ANDERSON ▲
ELIANA ANGILAU
SERENITY BAILEY ▲
DIXIELMARIE BANKS
SAMUEL BARLOW
ARIANA BELL ▲
MACKAY BIESINGER ▲
RYAN BORIS ▲
Peyton Boyer ▲
ISABELLA BRADFORD ▲
Hyrum Brimhall ▲
HOLLY BROCKBANK ▲
LOGAN BROWN ▲
ANNALEE BUCK ▲
OLIVER BUEER
EILEEN CHESWORTH ▲
CHEN-CHUN (JONATHAN) CHOU
BENSON CHRISTIANSEN
BETHANY CROSSLEY
EMILY CURZON
ELIZABETH FISHER ▲
Ellie Goold ▲
SHIRLEY GRAHAM ▲
KENZIE GRAY ▲
EMILY GROW ▲
Harvest Hale ▲

LINCOLN HIATT
EMMA HOLMES △
Mya Holyoak
LOGAN HUNSAKER △
EMMALYN HYMAS ▲
ALYSSA LAMPH
SPENCER LARSEN △
AUBREY MASON ▲
KELSEY MCCLAIN ▲
KATELYN MERTEN ▲
RYAN MITCHELL △
SABRINA MONSON △
ADRIANNA MORALES △
STEVEN OELRICH
ZION ONG ▲
NOELLE PACE △
RICHARD PATTERTON
PARKER PETERSON △
SAMUEL PEW ▲
AARON PINSON
JORDAN PROULX
JACE PULLEY ▲
JOSHUA RANDALL ▲
JACK REED ▲
JULIE RIBOLDI △
MAXWELL RIMINGTON △
MATTHEW ROBERTS
Senior Class

Sarah Joy Rowley
Julianne Sessions △
Ava Smith
Kelli Smith △
Daniel Soeung △
Tanner Sosa
Annika Southern ▲
Jiayu (Rain) Sun ▲
Sarah Todd
Hannah van der Beeck
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
We express heartfelt gratitude to the following:

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Choir Director......................................... Rob Swenson

Orchestra Conductor................................. Kayson Brown

Printed Programs...................................... Tammy Morse

Senior Awards......................................... McGee’s Trophy
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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**Brigham Young Acadamey**
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.

**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.

**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.

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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
Developing Hearts

SCHOLARSHIP
Inspiring Minds

LIBERTY
Choosing Moral Self-government