

FRIENDSHIP TECHNOLOGY PREPARATORY ACADEMY



ELEVENTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 | 10 AM
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Congratulations Class of 2025

Year after year, I watch our impressive graduates walk across the stage with proud, beaming smiles to receive the diplomas that you have justly earned. The opportunity to present these diplomas is a highlight of the year for me, your teachers, your families, and the Board of Trustees of Friendship Public Charter School.

This is a moment brimming over with opportunity. Your next steps will require more of you – more effort, more creativity, and more leadership. But you will persevere because you have persevered and you will succeed because, as this special day acknowledges, you have succeeded!

The day will come some years in the future when you say that you were part of the historic class of 2025. It will happen as part of the recognition as to how the world had to adjust to a pandemic, to tragedy, and to unrest. And you will be among those celebrated as the ones who launched a new era of peace and prosperity.

We celebrate you with congratulations for today and with confidence for the future. The road forward will not be easy, but we are in a time of renewal. We want you to know how very much your lives matter to all of us.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Hense

Founder and Chairman



FROM THE CEO



Be the Change We Seek

Friendship Tech Prep Graduates:

True greatness calls for courage and good judgment. Sometimes it seeks patience, sometimes speed. It always requires respect and deep determination.

The graduates you see before you today know something about greatness. They have earned their way to the podium, through no easy path but by learning, understanding, and practicing the principles of greatness.

At Friendship, our graduates have had the opportunity to see the world through many lenses. They have been exposed to the extraordinary and the uncomfortable. They have learned to communicate, both by speaking up and by listening. They have built bridges they had never imagined and built bonds for life.

Always, they have had to work hard. And along the way, each of them has laid the foundations for a lifetime of learning and leadership.

Knowledge is power, never more so than in the hands of the bright, fearless, educated leaders who stand before you today.

Friendship has prepared these graduates not just for college but for all that lies beyond – careers of their choosing. Confidence to face challenges head-on. Contributions to their communities. Most of all, the passion, courage, and capacity to chase their dreams.

And that is truly great. Congratulations 2025 graduates.

We applaud YOU!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Brantley'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Patricia Brantley
CEO

FROM MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER

Congratulations

Friendship Tech Prep Academy Class of 2025

May 22, 2025

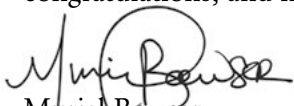
As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am honored to join your family, friends, neighbors, teachers, and school administrators in extending congratulations to the Friendship Technology Preparatory Academy Class of 2025!

High school is a time of growth, discovery, and transformation, and I am extremely proud of the countless hours of study, projects, exams, and extracurricular activities that have led you to this achievement.

Your internships, educational field trips, and other unique learning experiences have helped position you for success in our nation's most competitive institutions.

Your future is yours to define. I encourage you to dream big, work hard, and never stop believing in your ability to make a difference.

On behalf of the more than 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, congratulations, and may success follow you always.



Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington, DC



PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL



Dear Class of 2025 Graduates, Parents, FPCS Board Members, Esteemed Faculty and Staff, and Honored Guests:

It is with immense pride and joy that I welcome you to Friendship Technology Preparatory Academy's 11th Annual Commencement Exercise. On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, I extend heartfelt congratulations to the resilient and remarkable Class of 2025. I also express deep gratitude to the families, friends, and community partners whose encouragement, love, and unwavering support have helped guide our graduates to this incredible milestone.

Class of 2025, as I reflect on your journey, I am filled with admiration for your determination and optimism. Your high school experience has been a story of ambition, resilience, and transformation. This year's theme, "*Mission Possible*," could not be more fitting—you have tackled challenges head-on, shattered expectations, and shown what is achievable with focus, heart, and hard work. You are truly *Built by Grit and Driven by Innovation*.

You've embraced leadership, pursued excellence, and remained steadfast even when the path wasn't clear. Your commitment to shaping your future and your community is proof that you are ready to rise. This is not just the end of one chapter, but the bold beginning of another—one that you will author with confidence, courage, and character.

As you step into the world beyond these walls, remember the values that have shaped you here: Responsibility, Care, Integrity, Persistence, Confidence, Respect, Commitment, and Patience. Stay grounded in these principles, and you will continue to thrive.

Wherever your journey leads, know that you will always be a part of the Titan Family. Our spirit is strong, our roots are deep, and our mission never ends. And as you chart your course, let this quote guide your way:

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
— Henry David Thoreau

Congratulations, Class of 2025. The mission was always possible—because you made it so.

With pride and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kun Ye Booth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Kun Ye Booth

Principal, Friendship Technology Preparatory Academy



Call to Order | Brittney Lott, *Commencement Marshal*

Processional

Lift Every Voice and Sing | Friendship Southeast Choir, *directed by Mr. Ti'Rhon Parks*

Introduction of Senior Class Sponsors | Brittney Lott, *Commencement Marshal*

Welcome & Introduction of Guests | Melanie Lund & Tyler Johnson, *Senior Class Sponsors*

Founder Remarks | Donald L. Hense, *Chairman & Founder*

Salutatorian Welcome | A'zarea Cunningham, *Salutatorian, Class of 2025*

Valedictorian Address | Seth Martin, *Valedictorian, Class of 2025*

Musical Performance | Kenneth Pierre, *Instructor*

Presentation of Awards

Built by Grit Awards | Lynne Jones, *Academy Director*

Student of the Year | Kun Ye Booth, *Principal*

Parent Award | Kun Ye Booth, *Principal*

Introduction of Speaker | Aidan Haskins, *Class of 2025*

Commencement Address

Jamal Holtz, *Alumni of Friendship Collegiate Academy, Class of 2016, Chief of Staff, LINK Strategic Partners*

Thank you Presentations | Elijah Coleman, *SGA President*

Video Presentation | *Class of 2025*

Conferring of Diplomas | Dwight Davis, *D.C. Public Charter School Board*

Presentation of the Class of 2025

Kun Ye Booth, *Principal* with Patricia A. Brantley, *CEO*

Awarding of Diplomas

Tuwanda Jackson, *College & Career Counselor* and Tamaira Shaw, *Guidance Counselor*

CEO Charge | Patricia A. Brantley, *CEO*

Turning of the Tassels | Patricia A. Brantley, *CEO and Class of 2025*

Conclusion of the Ceremony | Brittney Lott, *Commencement Marshal*

Recessional

CLASS OF 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Dillon Anderson

Academy of Engineering

Enlisted in Military – Army

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Dalea Baldwin

Academy of Urban Ecology

Central State University, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Norfolk State University, Prince George's Community College

Shantel Bonner

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$2,500

Friendship Scholars Recipient

Alabama A & M University, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Clark Atlanta University, University of Iowa, Lincoln University, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Kenyetta Branison

Academy of Engineering

Alabama A & M University, Clark Atlanta University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Virginia State University

Davion Buchanan

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$2,000

Prince George's Community College, Shaw University, South Carolina State University

Daniel Bumpass

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$52,104

DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Alabama A & M University, Clark Atlanta University, Louisiana State University

David Bumpass

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$50,000

Basketball Scholarship to Morgan State University, DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Morgan State University, North Carolina Central University, Old Dominion University

Amiah Burno

Academy of Urban Ecology

Alabama A & M University, Coppin State University, Salisbury University, Virginia State University

Darjanai Byrd-Olden

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$154,700

DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Alabama A & M University, Alabama State University, Central State University, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Coppin State University, Grambling State University, University of Hartford, Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Norfolk State University, Shaw University, South Carolina State University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, West Virginia State University, Wilberforce University

Elijah Coleman

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$144,000

Top Ten

Benedict College, Hofstra University, Marshall University, South Carolina State University, Tiffin University, Wingate University

Lanai Corbin

Academy of Urban Ecology

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Aaliyah Coston

Academy of Engineering

University of Advancing Technology, Prince George's Community College

Antwaan Credit

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$180,000

DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Coppin State University, Eastern University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Merrimack College, Morgan State University, Potomac State College of West Virginia University, Shaw University, Talladega College, Virginia State University

A' Reyon Cunningham

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$306,000

Top Ten, Friendship Scholars Recipient, Economic Club Scholarship Recipient, DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Alabama A & M University, Clark Atlanta University, Fayetteville State University, Frostburg State University, Lane College, Le Moyne-Owen College, Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, North Carolina Central University, Salisbury University, Shaw University, St. John's University-New York, Syracuse University, Temple University, Tennessee State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia State University, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

A'zarea Cunningham

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$357,724

Salutatorian, Friendship Scholars Recipient, ACES Scholarship Recipient Questbridge Scholar

Cornell University, Pennsylvania State University – Penn State Main Campus, Virginia Tech

Immanuel Dukes

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$8,328

Alabama State University, Clark Atlanta University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Winston-Salem State University

Justin Dyson

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$2,500

Friendship Scholars Recipient

Allegheny College, Hampton University, Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, North Carolina Central University, Old Dominion University, Shaw University, Stillman College

Latrice Eddy

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$79,000

Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Fayetteville State University, Kent State University at Kent, Livingstone College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Marymount University, Maryville University of Saint Louis, North Carolina Central University, Saint Mary's College of California, Selma University, Shaw University, Temple University, Virginia State University, Voorhees College

Burnice Fenner IV

Academy of Engineering

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

McKenzie Fenton

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$291,000

American University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Frostburg State University, Louisiana State University, New York Institute of Technology, North Carolina Central University, Temple University, Towson University, Trinity Washington University, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Aneesa Fullington

Academy of Urban Ecology

Jackson State University, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Maegan Godoy

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$308,500

Friendship Scholars Recipient

Alabama A & M University, Benedict College, Clark Atlanta University, Delaware State University, Dillard University, Edwards Waters University, Hampton University, Jackson State University, Le Moyne-Owen College, Louisiana State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Miles College, Morgan State University, North Carolina Central University, Old Dominion University, Rust College, Savannah State University, Shaw University, South Carolina State University, Temple University, Tennessee State University, Temple University, Tennessee State University, Towson University, Trinity Washington University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Virginia State University

Jamari Greenfield

Academy of Urban Ecology

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Jayla Gresholm

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$12,000

Leader at Friendship

Alabama State University, AMDA College of the Performing Arts – Los Angeles, Benedict College, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Georgia State University, Morgan State University

Tiniya Hall

Academy of Urban Ecology

University of the District of Columbia, Hampton University, Howard University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Marymount University, Montgomery College

Anthony Harden

Academy of Urban Ecology

University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

CLASS OF 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Aidan Haskins

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$12,000

Top Ten, Basketball Scholarship – Hampton University, Leader at Friendship

Christopher Newport University, Clark Atlanta University, Frostburg State University, Hampton University, Miles College, Montgomery College, Tennessee State University

Tyree Headspeth

Academy of Engineering

Alabama A & M University, Edward Waters University, Montgomery College, South Carolina State University, Voorhees College

Kamari Hewitt

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$60,000

Alabama A & M University, Clark Atlanta University, Coppin State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Temple University, Trinity Washington University

Nazaire Hinton

Academy of Engineering

Basketball Scholarship – Bowie State University

Bowie State University, Montgomery College

Chauncey Jackson

Academy of Engineering

Kansas State University, Prince George's Community College

Demarcus Jackson

Academy of Engineering

Phillips School, Trade School

Dishaun Jackson

Academy of Engineering

Phillips School, Trade School

Nehemiah Jackson

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$98,000

Leader at Friendship

Delaware State University, Edward Waters University, Frostburg State University, Hampton University, New York Institute of Technology, North Carolina Central University, Tuskegee University,

Lamaria Jeffries

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$56,000

Top Ten

Lincoln University, Prince George's Community College, Shaw University

Artezz Johnson

Academy of Engineering

Prince George's Community College

Jabari Johnson

Academy of Urban Ecology

Livingstone College, Montgomery College

Lamya Johnson

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$64,000

Top Ten

Benedict College, Coppin State University, Fayetteville State University, Frostburg State University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, Jackson State University, Kennesaw State University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A & T State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Tennessee State University, Towson University, Voorhees College, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, Winston-Salem State University

Lawrence Johnson

Academy of Urban Ecology

University of the District of Columbia, Prince George's Community College, Virginia State University

Lillian Jones

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$446,000

Carlow University, Chatham University, Clark Atlanta University, Duquesne University, Ithaca College, Kean University, Lane College, Lincoln University, Nazareth University, University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, Shaw University, SUNY Buffalo State, SUNY Cortland, Temple University, Tennessee State University

Xavier Jones

Academy of Urban Ecology

University of the District of Columbia, Marymount University, Montgomery College

Veshaila Lassiter

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$30,000

University of the District of Columbia, Montgomery College, Morgan State University, North Carolina Central University, Temple University, Virginia State University

Akeyra Lathern

Academy of Urban Ecology

Alabama A&M University, Benedict College, Edward Waters University, Livingstone College, Montgomery College

Teddy Lawrence

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$51,000

DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Chesapeake College, Frostburg State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Montgomery College, Shaw University

Tre'vaughn Lee

Academy of Engineering

Bowie State University, Coppin State University, University of District of Columbia, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, South Carolina State University

Ra'Nyiah Lighty

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$12,000

Prince George's Community College, Shaw University

Kemyra Liverpool

Academy of Urban Ecology

Edward Waters University, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Londyn Lynch

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$84,000

Top Ten

Alabama A & M University, Clark Atlanta University, Clark Atlanta University, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Fayetteville State University, Jackson State University, Lane College, Le Moyne-Owen College, Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Towson University, Virginia State University, Voorhees College, Winston-Salem State University

Seth Martin

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$80,295

Valedictorian, Gates Scholarship

Carnegie Mellon University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Temple University

Le'Asija Matthews

Academy of Urban Ecology

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Javon Montes

Academy of Engineering

Montgomery College, North Carolina Central University, Prince George's Community College

Allen Montgomery

Academy of Engineering

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$48,000

DC CAP Ward 7 & 8 Scholarship

Clark Atlanta University, Fayetteville State University, Jackson State University, Montgomery College, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Wingate University

Kyree Montgomery

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$64,000

Chestnut Hill College, NewU University

Samaya Newman

Academy of Urban Ecology

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Janiya Owens

Academy of Urban Ecology

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, Trinity Washington University, West Virginia State University

Reshaad Owens

Academy of Urban Ecology

University of the District of Columbia, Mary Baldwin University, Montgomery College, Virginia Union University

Sayveon Pone

Academy of Urban Ecology

Edward Waters University, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

CLASS OF 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Braylen Price

Academy of Engineering

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Kristina Richards

Academy of Urban Ecology

Livingstone College, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Kamari Richardson

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$173,500

Top Ten, Friendship Scholars Scholarship Recipient, Leader at Friendship

Alabama A & M University, Benedict College, Bethune-Cookman University, Clark Atlanta, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Fayetteville State University, Florida Memorial University, Frostburg State University, Georgia State University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, Jackson State University, Kennesaw State University, Louisiana State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, Temple University, Trinity Washington University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Xavier University of Louisiana

Santana Scroggins

Academy of Urban Ecology

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, Texas College

Sean Smith

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$100,000

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Micah Spriggs

Academy of Urban Ecology

University of the District of Columbia, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

Hamilton White

Academy of Urban Ecology

Coppin State University, Lane College, Lincoln University, Marshall University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Miles College, Norfolk State University, Prince George's Community College, Shaw University, Voorhees College

Heaven Wilson

Academy of Urban Ecology

Prince George's Community College

Jaquan Wiseman

Academy of Urban Ecology

Edward Waters University, Montgomery College

Kayla Young

Academy of Urban Ecology

Total Accrued Scholarships: \$1,084,432

Top Ten

Alabama A & M University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Beloit College, Benedict College, Bethune-Cookman University, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Edward Waters University, Fayetteville State University, Florida Memorial University, Frostburg State University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, Harris-Stowe State University, Howard University, Jackson State University, Lincoln University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A & T State University, North Carolina Central University, Salem College, Savannah State University, South Carolina State University, Temple State University, Tennessee State University, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce University

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