

MOUNT PISGAH ACADEMY

95TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



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CLASS AIM

Aim for the moon,
land among the stars

CLASS MOTTO

Shoot higher,
shine brighter

CLASS VERSE

“Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky,
and those who lead many to righteousness
will shine like the stars forever.”

Daniel 12:3 NLT

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

May 15-17, 2026

CONSECRATION

Friday, 8:00 PM, Church

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Sabbath, 8:00 AM, Cafeteria

SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath, 9:30 AM, Church

BACCALAUREATE

Sabbath, 11:00 AM, Church

PARENT TRIBUTE

Sabbath, 4:00 PM, Church

SENIOR RECEPTION

Sabbath, Following Parent Tribute, Cafeteria

COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, 9:00 AM, Ballfield

CONSECRATION SPEAKERS



Keith Magnant has worked for Mount Pisgah Academy for 7 years as the IT Director. While here at MPA he has taught Computer Literacy, STEM, and Tech Applications.

Mr. Magnant began working with computers in 1990 when he was assigned the task of Computer Security Manager for the USS Sand Lance – a fast attack submarine in the US Navy. Since then, he has worked with computers in many different roles – as a network consultant to GTE Data Services and Maxwell House Coffee.

He has owned a duo of Network Consulting Companies – one where he and his team of consultants built a five state network for Hampton Golf, whose owner was the 32nd president of the PGA (Pro Golf Association of America).

Keith has been married to his wife Desiree for almost 18 years. They have three children Chase Warner ('23), Danielle ('26) and Daine. Keith enjoys golfing, surfing the Internet, building and fixing computers, traveling with family, and Bible study.



Kevin Worth has worked for Mount Pisgah Academy since 2001, and prior to that worked at Mile High Academy and Greater Boston Academy. He attended Portland Adventist Academy, Atlantic Union College and Walla Walla University, graduating with BA degrees in Business and Music in 1992. His daughters, Rachel and Hannah, graduated from MPA in 2018 and 2021, respectively. Kevin's hobbies are hiking, playing the piano, and reading. Given the extraordinary financial challenges of a boarding academy, all the changes to campus

over the years, and the creation of significant endowments for MPA, Kevin continues to be awed by God's abundance and providence.

BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER



Mark Galvez currently serves as Associate Pastor at Palm Desert Oasis Church in the Coachella Valley, California, where he leads children, family, youth, and collegiate ministries. With a global upbringing that spans California, Lima (Peru), Manila (Philippines), and Nairobi (Kenya), his life and ministry reflect a deep appreciation for diverse cultures and a grounded, real-world approach to faith.

He holds a Bachelor's in Theology from Southern Adventist University and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University. During his time in college,

he met his wife, Aimee, and they have now been married for three and a half years. Before coming to Palm Desert, he served as Chaplain and Bible Teacher at Mount Pisgah Academy in North Carolina, and as Chaplain at Redlands Adventist Academy.

This fall, he will begin a second master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Azusa Pacific University as he works toward becoming a licensed therapist, integrating clinical training with pastoral care to more fully support the emotional, relational, and spiritual well-being of those he serves.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Joe Frescino currently serves as Chaplain and Bible Teacher at Mount Pisgah Academy. Over the past decade, he has served in a variety of ministry and educational roles, including missionary work in Palau, where he spent three years at Palau Mission Academy and pastored at the Koror and Airai SDA churches. He has also served and taught at Walker Memorial Academy and North Tampa Christian Academy, where he was part of the school's inaugural team in 2018. Pastor Frescino has a deep passion for spiritual programming, practical theology, and mentoring youth worship teams.

An alum of Southern Adventist University with a bachelor's degree in Music, he also completed the Applied Ministries program at Mission College of Evangelism in 2017 and is currently finishing a master's degree in Spiritual Care at AdventHealth University. He and his wife Rachel have a four year old son, Joey, and a one year old daughter, Eliana. In his free time, Pastor Frescino enjoys cooking, camping, playing music, watching sports, and spending time with his family.

CONSECRATION

FRIDAY - MAY 15, 2026 - 8:00 PM

JUNIOR PROCESSIONAL

SENIOR PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Juliana Wolff

PRAISE MUSIC

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE

Hailey Araguz & Melinda Palafox

SPECIAL MUSIC

Juliana Wolff & Brian Rochman

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Arlin Bernal & Danielle Magnant

CONSECRATION ADDRESS

Keith Magnant, *IT Director*
Kevin Worth, *Vice Principal of Finance*

BENEDICTION

Arlin Bernal

CANDLE LIGHTING

Juniors & Seniors

Praise Team: Hailey Araguz, JerryAnne Jean, Emily Lazo,
Danielle Magnant, Juliana Wolff, Any Zambrano

Pianist: Gabrielle Newman

SABBATH SCHOOL

SABBATH - MAY 16, 2026 - 9:30 AM

WELCOME

Ciara Good & Isaiah Mount

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Jade Burrell, Ella Hodgins,
Arlene Irungu, & Brian Rochman

LESSON STUDY

Sergio Quevedo, *Current Parent*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jade Burrell & Brian Rochman

PRAYER

Jade Burrell

The Sabbath School program is presented by the Class of 2027.
Class Sponsors: Bruce Bellchambers & Jenna Schleenbaker
Class President: Alexa Moreta

BACCALAUREATE

SABBATH - MAY 16, 2026 - 11:00 AM

JUNIOR PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT PROCESSIONAL	W. Walton
<i>Crown Imperial March (Excerpt)</i>	
SENIOR PROCESSIONAL	W. Walton
<i>Crown Imperial March (Excerpt)</i>	
WELCOME & INVOCATION	Emily Lazo
PRAISE MUSIC	Praise Team
CALL FOR OFFERING	Catalina Newlove
OFFERTORY	Randal Dominguez
SPECIAL MUSIC	Ema Reyes
CHILDREN'S STORY	Alejandro Guerrero, Melinda Palafox, Ema Reyes
SCRIPTURE	Lexi Downs & Alejandro Guerrero
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION	Trey McCalla & Any Zambrano
BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS	Mark Galvez, <i>Former Staff</i>
BENEDICTION	JerryAnne Jean
RECESSIONAL	

Praise Team: Hailey Araguz, JerryAnne Jean, Emily Lazo,
Danielle Magnant, Juliana Wolff, Any Zambrano

Pianist: Gabrielle Newman

PARENT TRIBUTE

SABBATH - MAY 16, 2026 - 4:00 PM

WELCOME

Rosse Soto

SPECIAL MUSIC

Danielle Magnant

TRIBUTES TO PARENTS

Senior Class

BENEDICTION

Jonathan Warren

Pianist: Gabrielle Newman

COMMENCEMENT

SUNDAY - MAY 17, 2026 - 9:00 AM

PRELUDE	Biltmore Brass
FACULTY & JUNIOR PROCESSIONAL	J. Brahms <i>Academic Procession</i>
SENIOR PROCESSIONAL	E. Elgar <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>
WELCOME & REMARKS	Dewald Coetzer, Leslie Louis, & Rick Anderson
WORLDWIDE WELCOME	Senior Class
INVOCATION	Juliana Wolff
MPA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	Juliana Wolff
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION	Immanuel Hampton & Cristian Mejia
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Joe Frescino, <i>Chaplain</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & DIPLOMAS	Dewald Coetzer & Shane Bedwell
INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI & NEW SENIOR CLASS	Abby Ackerman
BENEDICTION	Hailey Araguz
RECESSIONAL	R. Korsakov <i>Procession of the Nobles</i>

Special thanks to *Biltmore Brass*

Bill Ross, John Gorecki, Hobart Whitman, Rienette Davis, & Kermit Solesby

CLASS OF 2026



Juliana Wolff
President



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Secretary



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Historian



Cristian Mejia
Sergeant at Arms



Arlin Bernal
Female Rec Sec



Trey McCalla
Male Rec Sec



Lexi Downs
SLC Representative



Sean Downs



Alejandro Guerrero Pilier



Immanuel Hampton



Monroe Horn



JerryAnne Jean



Emily Lazo



Danielle Magnant



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Rosse Soto Morillo



Jonathan Warren

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Mount Pisgah Academy wants to extend a special thank you to the Conference Office Staff who donate directly toward providing the personalized Bibles for each senior. These gifts are treasured by our alumni and make a lasting impact as our graduates continue to foster a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

CLASS ROSTER

Hailey Ivianny Araguz
Arlin Yareli Bernal
Jonathan Chaparro
Randal Dominguez
Christopher Sean Downs
Jamie Alexis Downs
Alejandro Emil Guerrero Pilier
Immanuel Vernon Hampton
Monroe David Horn
JerryAnne Jean
Emily Jazmin Lazo Hernandez
Danielle Josephine Magnant
Stanley Augustus McCalla III
Cristian Geovani Mejia
Joshua Isaac Michael
Catalina Jomari Newlove
Melinda Palafox-Gonzalez
Ema Alicia Reyes Bottier
Rosse Mariel Soto Morillo
Jonathan Reuven Warren
Juliana DeFatima Wolff
Any Yeline Zambrano Hernandez

Gold Cord	High Honors (3.75-4.0)
Silver Cord	Honors (3.50-3.74)
Black Cord	Recognition (3.00-3.49)
White Cord	Four-Year Senior
Red Cord	Senior Class Officer
Sash	National Honor Society

2025-2026 FACULTY & STAFF

Abby Ackerman

Director of Marketing & Alumni,
Economics, SA

Shane Bedwell

Registrar, Testing, Admissions,
NHS, Personal Finance

Bruce Bellchambers

Government, History, Health

Chantell Coetzer

Director of Recruitment & Development,
Service Project Coordinator

Dewald Coetzer

Principal, Algebra I

Joe Frescino

Chaplain, Bible, Praise Team

Bonnie Garland

Librarian, Custodian

Steven Green

Bible, Choir, Concert Symphony

Shadrach Grentz

Athletic Director, PE, SA, Yearbook

Brittany Howard

English

Kristen James

Assistant Food Services Director

Bethany Johnson

Vice Principal of Academics, English

Christina Keresoma

Bible

Keith Magnant

IT Director, Tech Applications

Tahkai Martin

Assistant Dean of Boys

Jeffrey Meadows

Dean of Boys, Acrosports

Erin Miller

General Psychology

Bob Myers

Assistant Director of Plant Services, SA,
Life Skills

Gabrielle Newman

Science

Louie Parra

Math, Science, Spanish, FTC,
Creative Ministries

Nancy Parra

Assistant Treasurer, Administrative
Assistant, Creative Ministries, Life Skills

Tara Piercy

Dean of Girls

Marco Quarteroli

Bible, MPA Church Pastor

Jenna Schleenbaker

School Counselor, Life Skills

Paul Scroggins

Director of Plant Services, SA, Life Skills

Maison Smith

Nurse

Tre Smith

Math

Phillip Thomas

Food Service Director

Sara Wolff

Assistant Dean of Girls

Kevin Worth

Vice Principal of Finance, Business
Manager, Work Program Coordinator

“For I know the plans
I have for you,”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future.”

JEREMIAH 29:11