

## Certificates

Following graduation for the Class of 2026, CHS Administration is tasked with calculating final GPA's in order for Calallen ISD to issue and honor the Highest Ranking Graduate for Calallen High School. Along with the Highest-Ranking Graduate certificate, Texas Education Code Section 54.031 entitles the student to claim a tuition exemption to a public college or university upon admission. Tonight, we are pleased to welcome the Class of 2026 Valedictorian and the Highest-Ranking Graduate and issue, by Texas State Law, the tuition exemption to Mr. Colvin Del Gallo!

Tonight, we also have the distinguished honor to recognize our Golf team members who were District Champions, Regional Champions and placed 9<sup>th</sup> as a Team at the UIL State Golf Tournament. The team's 9<sup>th</sup> place was 2 places better than last year's showing at the tournament. Help me recognize the following golfers:

- Gage Hirschfiled – Shot a 74 & 76 and placed 18<sup>th</sup> individually
- Hayden Aguilar – Shot a 79 & 88 and placed 55<sup>th</sup> individually
- Ian Yzaguirre – Shot a 87 & 81 and placed 57<sup>th</sup> individually
- Austin Haigood – Shot a 88 & 84 and placed 66<sup>th</sup> individually
- Tyler O'Brien – Shot a 86 & 90 and placed 69<sup>th</sup> individually

We also have 2 golfers who we are recognizing for making the All-State Academic Golf Team. The Texas High School Coaches Association understands that students' performance in the classroom can sometimes be difficult to manage while participating in athletics, but their hard work has not gone unnoticed. The All-State Teams recognize high school athletes who excel in the following categories: GPA with an overall grade point average of 92 or above, class rank and ACT/SAT score. We applaud them for their commitment and dedication to perform with the highest of excellence academically and on the field or court. Our Calallen All- State Academic Team Golf athletes are:

- Emma Thress – 1<sup>st</sup> Team
- Jace Compton – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

We congratulate our recipients and recognize their parents as well, for supporting their academic and athletic endeavors. In addition, I would like to acknowledge Coach Michael Brotherton and Coach Natalie DeBellas for their guidance and leadership working with our golf athletes.

We are also honored to welcome our esteemed UIL State Choral and Band musicians. We have the distinguished honor to recognize students who have achieved choral and musical excellence in Choir and Band at the state level and brought esteemed recognition to Calallen High School with their artistic excellence.

**CHOIR:**

- Finnis Neugent - Solo and Ensemble - Gold Medal Superior Rating
- Danica Turner - Solo and Ensemble - Gold Medal Superior Rating
- Ava Clark - Solo and Ensemble - Gold Medal Superior Rating
- Chloe Baker - Ensemble - Gold Medal Superior Rating
- Peyton McWhorter - Solo - Gold Medal Superior Rating
- Gabriel Rodriguez - Solo - Silver Medal Excellent Rating
- Ana Ayala - Solo - Silver Medal Excellent Rating
- Athena Cortez - Solo - Silver Medal Excellent Rating
- Guadalupe Lopez - Solo - Silver Medal Excellent Rating
- Chloe Gracey - Solo - Silver Medal Excellent Rating

**BAND:**

- Nicholas Rossi - Gold Medal Solo; Gold Medal for Sax Quartet;
- Cash Brunkenhoefer - Gold Medal for Sax Quartet
- Peyton Fairchild - Gold Medal for Flute Choir
- Kathryn Vasquez - Gold Medal for Solo & Gold Medal for Flute Choir
- Madalyn Valperts - Gold Medal for Solo & Gold Medal for Percussion Ensemble
- Callie Graves - Gold Medal for Solo & Gold Medal for Percussion Ensemble

- Aubrey Green - Gold Medal for Percussion Ensemble
- Robert Vega - Gold Medal for Percussion Ensemble

We would like to call back 2 of our extraordinary Band Students, Madalyn Valperts and Nick Rossi. These talented musicians earned the prestigious UIL Outstanding Performer award at the Texas State UIL Solo-Ensemble Contest. This award represents the equivalent of a state championship in solo performance. Winning this title is an exceptionally rare achievement, as only 2-3% of the top-tier soloists who qualify for the state contest receive this distinction from the judges. Please help me congratulate both Madalyn and Nick on their astonishing achievement.

Lastly, we congratulate these extraordinary choral performers and our musicians and recognize their parents who have supported their artistic efforts and talent. Also, we truly appreciate the leadership of Ms. Nicole Weaver our Choral Director and Mr. Jeff Valperts our Head Band Director who have both built quality programs here at Calallen ISD.