

# Superintendent Opening Remarks

June 18, 2026

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Superintendent



# Agenda

- **Class of 2026  
Accomplishments**
- **Questions & Answers**



Thank You!





# Class of 2026 Graduation Accomplishments

# CLASS OF 2026!

## BY THE NUMBERS

**MORE THAN \$434 MILLION  
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

\*as of June 18, 2026

**More than 6,000**  
college acceptances



**More than 800**  
earned CTE certifications



**More than 500**  
earned college credits



**More than 200**  
enlisted in the military



**Nearly 300**  
accepted to Historically  
Black Colleges/Universities



**More than 100**  
accepted into Ivy  
League universities



# The Next Chapter: Where Will the Class of 2026 Attend College?

**9,878 Seniors**

**5,176**

**Postsecondary  
Completers**

**420 Institutions**

Rank	School Name, 2024-25	Number of Students Planning to Attend, 2024-25	School Name, 2025-26	Number of Students Planning to Attend, 2025-26
1	Community College of Philadelphia	1,503	Community College of Philadelphia	1,562
2	Temple University	680	Temple University	805
3	Drexel University	233	Drexel University	255
4	Pennsylvania State University system (University Park, Abington, Harrisburg, Brandywine, & Schuylkill)	184	Pennsylvania State University system (University Park, Abington, Harrisburg, Brandywine, & Schuylkill)	183
5	La Salle University	156	La Salle University	154
6	Thomas Jefferson University (Center City campus and East Falls campus)	143	Thomas Jefferson University (Center City campus and East Falls campus)	135
7	University of Pennsylvania	100	University of Pennsylvania (tied)	86
8	Holy Family University	97	Widener University (tied)	86
9	Widener University	93	Holy Family University	81
10	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	91	Lincoln Technical Institute	70

To see the full list of schools 2025-26 seniors plan to attend, see [here](#).

# Class of 2026 in the News

26 °C Philadelphia Quiénes Somos Opinión Editorial Ediciones Anteriores

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Philadelphia's Latino Newspaper of Record

**The Philadelphia Tribune**

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## Philadelphia's Class of 2026 surpasses \$450 million in scholarships and sets new milestones

### Carver E&S senior earns full ride, pursues political science

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### Philly's Class of '26 sees growth in college acceptances, scholarships

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## Dobbins High School celebrates class of 2026 with summer send-off block party

Nearly \$450 million in scholarship offers by the city's School District have benefited students of all the city communities. (Foto: RR.SS.)



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Thank you & Questions

