

# MOUNT PISGAH ACADEMY

93RD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



# CLASS OF 2024



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## CLASS AIM

To put our dreams in our hearts  
and our hearts in God's hands.

## CLASS MOTTO

We know not what the future holds, but  
we know who holds the future.

## CLASS VERSE

For many are called, but few are chosen.  
Matthews 22:14 NLT

# COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

May 17-19, 2024

## 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, Gymnasium

# CONSECRATION SPEAKERS



**Bruce Bellchambers** has been teaching for over 40 years and loves what he does. He has a B.S. in Physical Education and History from Andrews University and taught both for many years. He also has a Master's degree in Sports Medicine. He met his wife, Shari, while on the Andrews University Gymnic team. Together, they have made a life teaching at SDA boarding schools. He has two daughters; one who is a teacher, and the other a physician assistant, as well as a son-in-law, and three adorable grandchildren. He enjoys travel and camping.



**Nancy Parra** just finished her 26th year working at Mount Pisgah Academy as the Assistant Treasurer and Administrative Assistant. She is also the yearbook sponsor and has been the proud sponsor of the class of 2024 since the beginning of their freshmen year. Over the years at the academy, she has also taught a cooking class, served as the student association sponsor for 15 years, taught computer literacy, and was the co-creator/teacher with her husband for Creative Ministries.

Nancy has been married to Louie Parra, a teacher at MPA, for 43 years this July. Their son Jeremy and daughter-in-law Helena Chu Parra (both class of 2002) and daughter Nicki (class of 2003) all graduated from MPA. They are blessed with 3 perfect grandchildren Kaden (age 8), Olivia (age 5), and Rowen (age 3 months).

When not busy at school, Nancy enjoys camping, reading, cooking, baking, hanging out with her husband, and most of all playing games.

Louie and Nancy feel lucky to live in such a beautiful location and have loved their years working with the students and staff at the academy.

# BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER



**Mark Galvez** is the Chaplain and Bible teacher at Mount Pisgah Academy. He teaches Bible I, III, & IV, College Bible, and runs the spiritual life programs on campus. His mission is to transform today's youth into essential members of tomorrow's local church anywhere and everywhere. Mark is married to his beautiful wife, Aimee.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



**Chantell Coetzer** embarked on her professional journey early, stepping into the role of National Project Manager for a top event company in South Africa at the age of 22. Upon relocating to the US nearly two decades ago, she ventured into entrepreneurship, establishing her own Personal Training venture alongside instructing computer science and serving as the Marketing Director for the Charter School where her husband served as principal. Six years ago, her family made the pivotal decision to join the Adventist school system. Since then, she has wholeheartedly embraced multiple roles within the school community: from teaching Computer Science and serving as the Social Media Coordinator, to taking on the responsibilities of a PE teacher. Beyond the school, she has also taken up the mantle of Executive Director at a non-profit organization, all the while managing her virtual personal training business. Currently, she holds the position of Community Service Coordinator at Mount Pisgah Academy and eagerly anticipates spearheading the recruitment and development efforts for the school in the upcoming academic year.

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# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS CONT.

With a lifelong involvement in sports, Chantell is an Ironman Triathlete, certified personal trainer, group fitness instructor, and marathon runner, amassing over two decades of experience in the fitness realm. Her athletic journey began with professional-level participation in Netball in South Africa. Passionate about the outdoors and embracing a vibrant, healthy lifestyle, she aspires to lead through example, empowering others to approach wellness with positivity while radiating the compassion of Jesus to all she encounters. For 22 years, Chantell has been happily married to Dewald, and together they cherish their roles as parents to Eli, a rising Senior, and Quinn, a rising Freshman.



**Dewald Coetzer** began his educational career as a high school teacher in Durban, South Africa. He served in this position for six years before moving to the United States in 2005 as an elementary school teacher in Hoke County. Two years later, he transitioned to a 1,300-student charter school in Wilson, NC, where he taught middle school Math and Algebra I. During his 11-year tenure at the charter school, he also served as the elementary school principal and dean of

testing and federal programs. In addition, the charter school received the National Blue Ribbon award while Dewald was on the leadership team. During the next three years, he served as the principal of ACA Raleigh before being called to serve as the principal of Tri-City Christian Academy.

He believes in creating an educational environment and experience for students allowing them to walk ever closer to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to provide a program of academic excellence preparing students for college or career and a school life experience that students will fondly remember.

Outside of school, he enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, playing tennis, and traveling. He is married to Chantell for 22 years and together they have two children, Eli, a rising Senior, and Quinn, a rising Freshmen.

# CONSECRATION

FRIDAY - MAY 17, 2024 - 8:00 PM

JUNIOR PROCESSIONAL

SENIOR PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Nate LeBrun

PRAISE MUSIC

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE

Madi Tryon & Allyssa Jetter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allyssa Jetter

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Alex Boughman

CONSECRATION ADDRESS

Bruce Bellchambers, *History*  
Nancy Parra, *Asst. Treasurer & Admin. Asst.*

BENEDICTION

Allyssa Jetter

CANDLE LIGHTING

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**Praise Team:** Allyssa Jetter, Santia Smith, Abdueli Eliamani,  
Alex Boughman, and Olivia Hunter

Pianist: Kevin Worth



# SABBATH SCHOOL

SABBATH - MAY 18, 2024 - 9:30 AM

WELCOME

Cami Reyes Lamar

PRAYER

Jeremy Rosario

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Madeline Ashlock, Nyjia Bell, Eli Coetzer,  
India Deal, & Josselin Pineda

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Mang Piang

LESSON STUDY

Louie Parra

PRAYER

Madeline Ashlock

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The Sabbath School program is presented by the Class of 2025.  
Class Sponsors: Abby Ackerman & Louie Parra  
Class President: Cami Reyes Lamar

# BACCALAUREATE

SABBATH - MAY 18, 2024 - 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	Jonathan Wolff
PRAISE MUSIC	Praise Team
CALL FOR OFFERING	Kevin Escobar
OFFERTORY	Jake Steiner
SPECIAL MUSIC	Yoav Jean
CHILDREN'S STORY	Jake Steiner & Seth Wait
SCRIPTURE	Alex Boughman
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION	Thai Witherspoon
BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS	Mark Galvez
BENEDICTION	Isak Sanga
RECESSIONAL	

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**Praise Team:** Allyssa Jetter, Santia Smith, Abdueli Eliamani,  
Alex Boughman, and Olivia Hunter

Pianist: Kevin Worth

# PARENT TRIBUTE

SABBATH - MAY 18, 2024 - 4:00 PM

WELCOME

Santia Smith

TRIBUTES TO STAFF

Senior Class

TRIBUTES TO PARENTS

Senior Class

BENEDICTION

Yoav Jean

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Pianist: Kevin Worth

# COMMENCEMENT

SUNDAY - MAY 19, 2024 - 9:00 AM

PRELUDE	Biltmore Brass
FACULTY & JUNIOR PROCESSIONAL	J. Brahms <i>Academic Procession</i>
SENIOR PROCESSIONAL	E. Elgar/Gale <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>
WELCOME & REMARKS	Dewald Coetzer, Leslie Louis, & Rick Anderson
WORLDWIDE WELCOME	Senior Class
INVOCATION	Nate LeBrun & Olivia Hunter
SPECIAL MUSIC	Katie James
MPA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	Alex Boughman
SPECIAL MUSIC	Jayla Gerosa
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION	John Chawnglut & Olivia Hunter
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Chantell Coetzer, <i>Service Coordinator</i> Dewald Coetzer, <i>Principal</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & DIPLOMAS	Dewald Coetzer & Shane Bedwell
INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI & NEW SENIOR CLASS	Dewald Coetzer
BENEDICTION	Xandel Uribe Lara
RECESSIONAL	R. Korsakov <i>Procession of the Nobles</i>

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Special thanks to *Biltmore Brass*

Bill Ross, Kevin Paul, Hobart Whitman, Rienette Davis, & Kermit Solesby

# CLASS OF 2024



Alex Boughman  
*President*



Santia Smith  
*Vice President*



Jake Steiner  
*Treasurer*



Madi Tryon  
*Secretary*



Katie James  
*Pastor*



Jayla Gerosa  
*Historian*



Yoav Jean  
*Sergeant at Arms*



Olivia Hunter  
*Rec Sec Girls*



Thai Witherspoon  
*Rec Sec Boys*



Allyssa Jetter  
*SLC Representative*



John Chawnglut  
*SLC Representative*



Abdueli Eliamani



Kevin Escobar



Nate LeBrun



Isak Sanga



Kiki Sema



Xandel Uribe Lara



Seth Wait



Penelope Whitten



Jonathan Wolff



# CLASS SPONSORS



Bruce Bellchambers



Dewald Coetzer



Nancy Parra

## CAROLINA CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

Hector Gonzalez  
Youth Director

Gary Moyer  
Executive Secretary

Leslie Louis  
President

Rick Anderson  
Education Superintendent

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

Alexander Ernest Boughman  $\wedge = \square$  \*  
John Hminga Chawnglut  $+ \square$  \*  
Abdueli Langeni Eliamani =  
Kevin Alejandro Escobar Bautista  
Jayla Joelle Gerosa  $\square$   
Katherine Olivia Hunter  $\wedge \square$  \*  
Kaitlyn Nicole James  $+ = \square$  \*  
Yoav Ailis Jean  $\square$   
Allyssa Grace Jetter  $+ \square$  \*  
Nathaniel Dylan LeBrun  $\sim = *$   
Isak Lalhming Sanga  $\sim$   
Allotsulika Sema  $\sim$   
Santia Marie Smith  $\wedge \square$  \*  
Jake Larson Steiner  $+ = \square$  \*  
Madilyn Skyli Tryon  $\square$   
Xandel David Uribe Lara  $+ *$   
Seth Benjamin Wait  $+ *$   
Penelope Rose Whitten  $+ =$   
Thailin Maurice Daniel Witherspoon  $\sim = \square$   
Jonathan Michael Wolff  $\sim =$

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Gold Cord	$+$ High Honors (3.75-4.0)
Silver Cord	$\wedge$ Honors (3.50-3.74)
Black Cord	$\sim$ Recognition (3.00-3.49)
White Cord	$=$ Four-Year Senior
Red Cord	$\square$ Senior Class Officer
Sash	* National Honor Society

# 2023-2024 FACULTY & STAFF

Abby Ackerman ('16)

Director of Marketing & Recruitment,  
Economics, Personal Finance

Shane Bedwell ('91)

Registrar, Testing, Admissions, NHS

Bruce Bellchambers

History, Health

Adam Boyd

Dean of Boys, SA

Chantell Coetzer

Service Project Coordinator, FTC Coach,  
Recruiter

Dewald Coetzer

Principal

Mark Galvez

Chaplain, Bible

Bonnie Garland

Librarian, Custodian

Michael Garland ('13)

Co-Director of Plant Services &  
Maintenance

Steven Green

Bible, Choir, Symphony Orchestra

Lucy Hall

Director of Alumni Relations & Business  
Development

Tyler Hedges

Acrosports, PE, Intramurals,  
Athletic Director, SA

Brittany Howard

English

Kristen James

Assistant Food Services Director

Bethany Johnson ('07)

English, Student Support Services,  
Instructional Coach

John Knowles

Co-Director of Plant Services &  
Maintenance

Jacob Krein

Science

Keith Magnant

IT Director, Computer Literacy

Nephthali Myrthil

Assistant Dean of Boys, Basketball

Louie Parra

Math, Spanish, STEM

Nancy Parra

Assistant Treasurer, Administrative  
Assistant, Yearbook

Tara Piercy

Assistant Dean of Girls, Art

Donna Robertson

Dean of Girls

Jenna Schleenbaker

School Counselor

Phillip Thomas

Director of Food Services

Steven Williams

Math

Kevin Worth

VP Finance, Business Manager, Work  
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