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Celebrating Camden’s Class of 2015

Supt. Rouhanifard and Advisory Board of Education Join Graduation Day Events for Camden City School District’s Class of 2015

June 25, 2015 – Camden, NJ – Superintendent Rouhanifard today celebrated over 500 Camden City School District scholars who are graduating from high school. Rouhanifard and the Advisory Board of Education attended five graduation ceremonies across the City, joining hundreds of parents, educators, and guest speakers to honor the Class of 2015’s accomplishments.

Of the students receiving their diplomas this month, over 200 have plans to attend college, university, military service, or a training program. Camden’s Class of 2015 has received acceptances to over 120 colleges and universities. These graduates will attend over 40 colleges or institutions of higher education this fall. The Class of 2015 is profiled on a new District webpage based on the theme of the month, [#collegeboundcamden](https://www.camden.k12.nj.us/collegeboundcamden).

“This year’s graduates embody the best of Camden; they represent the intelligence, potential, and determination that exists throughout our city,” Rouhanifard said. “We congratulate and thank these students, their families, and every single person in their school communities who has taught them, cared for them, and supported them. And we wish every member of the Camden Class of 2015 all the best as they move forward and look to make the most of their vast talents.”

Highlights from Camden schools’ graduation ceremonies include:

School	Valedictorian & Salutatorian
Brimm Medical Arts High School	Valedictorian: Thu Truong, attending Rutgers University Salutatorian: Ngan Trieu, attending Rutgers University
Camden High School	Valedictorian: Mytesha Powell, attending Camden County College Salutatorian: Diana Jaquez, attending Camden County College
Woodrow Wilson High School	Valedictorian: Felix Cartagena, attending Rowan University Salutatorians: Daejhonna Marshall, Drew University; and Siani Green, Camden County College
Creative Arts Morgan Village Academy	Valedictorian: Jonathan Aponte Salutatorian: Michael Spearman, Oberlin Conservatory
MetEast High School	Valedictorian: Roney Lu, Delaware Valley University Salutatorian: Latavia Holloway-Solor, Bloomfield College

“The Class of 2015 should be very proud of their accomplishments,” said Advisory Board President Kathryn Blackshear. “As we celebrate our graduates’ hard work, I am grateful for the ongoing support our Mayor and community show to our schools and students each day. I join my fellow Advisory Board members in thanking the teachers, school-based staff, parents, and families whose guidance and love has led these incredible students to their high school diplomas. Graduation Day in Camden is a celebration of our City’s future, and from where I’m sitting, today our future looks bright.”

As mentioned, the District is [celebrating the Class of 2015’s accomplishments](#) all month on its website and on social media, using [#CollegeBoundCamden](#). In addition, earlier this month the Superintendent hosted his second annual [Remarkable Graduates awards ceremony](#), which recognizes the obstacles some students persevere through in order to earn their high school diploma and develop postsecondary plans.

The District expects to release its official 2014-15 graduation rate and college destination data in the fall, taking into account students who completed their high school education over the summer and allowing time for the state to process the official numbers.

To request pictures or interviews with a member of the Class of 2015, please contact Maita Soukup from the Camden City School District Division of Communications at msoukup@camden.k12.nj.us or 856-375-4737.
