

# MOUNT PISGAH ACADEMY

94TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



## CLASS OF 2025



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## CLASS AIM

Be the change you  
want to see.

## CLASS MOTTO

If you wanted to, you would.  
We wanted to, so we did.

## CLASS VERSE

"See, I am doing a new thing!"  
Isaiah 43:19a

# COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

May 16-18, 2025

## 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



**Abby Ackerman** graduated from Mount Pisgah Academy in 2016 and went on to attend Southern Adventist University, where she earned her undergraduate degree in marketing. She returned to MPA in 2019 as Director of Marketing & Recruiting and later completed her MBA while working at the school. During her time at MPA, Abby has enjoyed teaching Economics and Personal Finance, as well as sponsoring the Class of 2025. She is married to her husband of nearly four years, Kade Ackerman, and together they are excited to

welcome a baby girl in June. Passionate about giving back to the school that gave her so much, Abby finds it incredibly rewarding to share Jesus with her students and watch them grow in their relationship with God.



**Louie Parra** has worked for Mount Pisgah Academy for 27 years. Prior to moving to MPA he spent 4 years working at Mount Vernon Academy and 3 years teaching at Greater Boston Academy. He began his teaching career at East Boston High School.

Courses that Louie has taught include Algebra 1 & 2, Consumer Math, Intermediate Algebra, Statistics, Spanish 1 & 2, Art, Physical Science, STEM, Bible, and Creative Ministries. He was the boys' dean for 2 years at Mount Vernon

Academy and also for 2 years at Mount Pisgah Academy. Louie also worked for 9 years as a Spanish interpreter in the court system throughout Western North Carolina while teaching part time at MPA. He spent 8 ½ years as a master carpenter and lead foreman at an Adventist hospital in the Boston area.

Louie has been married to Nancy for almost 44 years. They have 2 children, Jeremy (MPA class of 2002) and Nicki (MPA class of 2003); a daughter-in-law, Helena (MPA class of 2002); 3 grandchildren, Kaden (age 9), Olivia (age 6), and Rowen (age 15 months); and a grand-dog, Maverick. Louie loves to spend time playing games with family and friends, camping, flying kites, building things, and enjoying time with his family.

# BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER



**Pastor 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 pursuing a master's degree in Spiritual Care at AdventHealth University. He and his wife Rachel have a three year old son, Joey, and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their daughter. In his free time, Pastor Frescino enjoys cooking, camping, playing music, watching sports, and spending time with his family.

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS



**Miguel & Tara Tello** serve as missionaries in Bolivia, ministering to vulnerable young adults and helping them overcome cycles of trauma and hardship. Their work focuses on facilitating access to higher education, providing mentorship, and equipping young people to step into the future God has for them. Grounded in their faith, Miguel and Tara are passionate about leading young adults to experience healing, restoration, and a deeper relationship with Christ as they pursue their personal and professional callings.

# CONSECRATION

FRIDAY - MAY 16, 2024 - 8:00 PM

JUNIOR PROCESSIONAL

SENIOR PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Junia Alce

PRAISE MUSIC

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE

Diego Prieto

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nyjia Bell

SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

India Deal

CONSECRATION ADDRESS

Abby Ackerman, *Marketing & Alumni*  
Louie Parra, *Math & Spanish*

BENEDICTION

Cami Lamar

CANDLE LIGHTING

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**Praise Team:** Madeline Ashlock, Nyjia Bell, Eli Coetzer, India Deal,  
Jisel Ochoa, Josselin Pineda-Ochoa, David Prieto, Diego Prieto, & Te Rem

Pianist: Kevin Worth

# SABBATH SCHOOL

SABBATH - MAY 17, 2024 - 9:30 AM

WELCOME

JerryAnne Jean

PRAYER

JerryAnne Jean

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Hailey Araguz, JerryAnne Jean  
Danielle Magnant, Adrian Suicon,  
Juliana Wolff, & Any Zambrano

LESSON STUDY

Marcos & Edlin Bernal

PRAYER

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The Sabbath School program is presented by the Class of 2026.  
Class Sponsors: Keith Magnant & Kevin Worth  
Class President: JerryAnne Jean



# BACCALAUREATE

SABBATH - MAY 17, 2024 - 11:00 AM

JUNIOR PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT PROCESSIONAL	W. Walton
SENIOR PROCESSIONAL	W. Walton
WELCOME & INVOCATION	Junia Alce
PRAISE MUSIC	Praise Team
CALL FOR OFFERING	Eddie Cortes
SPECIAL MUSIC	Nyjia Bell & Josselin Pineda-Ochoa
CHILDREN'S STORY	David Prieto
SCRIPTURE	Julieta De La Cruz
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION	Nyjia Bell & David Prieto
BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS	Pastor Joe Frescino
BENEDICTION	Josselin Pineda-Ochoa
RECESSIONAL	

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**Praise Team:** Madeline Ashlock, Nyjia Bell, Eli Coetzer,  
India Deal, Jisel Ochoa, & Josselin Pineda-Ochoa,

Pianist: Kevin Worth

# PARENT TRIBUTE

SABBATH - MAY 17, 2024 - 4:00 PM

WELCOME

Diego Prieto

TRIBUTES TO PARENTS

Senior Class

BENEDICTION

Carlos Vicente-Galvez

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Pianist: Kevin Worth

# COMMENCEMENT

SUNDAY - MAY 18, 2024 - 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	India Deal
MPA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	India Deal
SPECIAL MUSIC	Nyjia Bell, India Deal, & Josselin Pineda-Ochoa
SPEAKER INTRODUCTION	Jisel Moreno Ochoa & Jeremy Rosario
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Miguel Tello, <i>Former Staff Spouse</i> Tara Tello, <i>Former Staff</i>
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS & DIPLOMAS	Dewald Coetzer & Shane Bedwell
INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI & NEW SENIOR CLASS	Abby Ackerman
BENEDICTION	Jennifer Reyes
RECESSIONAL	R. Korsakov
	<i>Procession of the Nobles</i>

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Special thanks to *Biltmore Brass*

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

# CLASS OF 2025



India Deal  
*President*



Diego Prieto-Castillo  
*Vice President*



Te Rem  
*Treasurer*



Jennifer Reyes  
*Secretary*



Josselin Pineda  
*Pastor*



Madeline Ashlock  
*Historian*



Junia Alce  
*Rec Sec Girls*



Nyjia Bell  
*SLC Representative*



David Prieto-Castillo  
*SLC Representative*



Angel Bernal



Rafael Bisono



Justin Brunets



Eli Coetzer



Eddie Cortes



Julieta De La Cruz





Kiommy Diaz



Junior Dolores



Marcos Fortunato



Lauren Guenin



Gabby Hardinger



Kaden Huckaby



Camila Lamar



Jisel Moreno Ochoa



Manuel Osorio



Hayseas Reyes



Jeremy Rosario



Carlos Vicente



Inna Vlasiuk

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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

# CLASS SPONSORS



Abby Ackerman



Dewald Coetzer



Louie Parra

## CAROLINA CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES

Hector Gonzalez  
Youth Director

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President

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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

Junia Simone Alce  
Madeline Nicole Ashlock  
Nyjia Faith Bell  
Angel Yader Bernal  
Rafael Bisono Mendez  
Justin Brunets  
Eli Christofer Coetzer  
Eddie Fernando Cortes Gomez  
Julieta De La Cruz Lomitas  
India Sheyanne Deal  
Kiommy Jolie Diaz Martinez  
Junior Sebastian Dolores Lara  
Marcos Enrique Fortunato  
Lauren Elizabeth Guenin  
Gabrielle Marie Hardinger  
Kaden William Huckaby  
Camila Raquel Lamar  
Jisel Cively Moreno Ochoa  
Jose Manuel Osorio  
Josselin Jolett Pineda-Ochoa  
Juan David Prieto-Castillo  
Juan Diego Prieto-Castillo  
Te Rem  
Hayseas Reyes Mercedes  
Jennifer Sofhia Reyes Ventura  
Jeremy Mark Rosario Ramirez  
Carlos Vicente Galvez  
Inna Vlasiuk

# 2024-2025 FACULTY & STAFF

Abby (King) Ackerman ('16)  
Director of Marketing & Alumni,  
Economics, Personal Finance

Ryan Ashlock  
College Bible

Shane (Yale) Bedwell ('91)  
Registrar, Testing, Admissions, NHS

Bruce Bellchambers  
History, Health

Adam Boyd  
Dean of Boys, SA

Logan Consignado  
Assistant Dean of Boys

Chantell Coetzer  
Director of Recruitment & Development,  
Service Project Coordinator

Dewald Coetzer  
Principal, Math

Joe Frescino  
Chaplain, Bible

Bonnie Garland  
Librarian, Custodian

Steven Green  
Bible, Choir, Symphony

Brittany Howard  
English

Kristen James  
Assistant Food Services Director

Bethany (luiano) Johnson ('07)  
English, Academic Support Coordinator,  
Instructional Coach

Jacob Krein  
Science

Emily Lynes  
Drama

Keith Magnant  
IT Director, Computer Literacy

JyAire McEachin ('20)  
Acrosports, PE, Intramurals,  
Athletic Director

Jeffrey Meadows  
Math

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General Psychology

Nephthali Myrthil  
Assistant Dean of Boys

Louie Parra  
Math, Spanish, STEM

Nancy Parra  
Assistant Treasurer, Administrative  
Assistant, Yearbook

Tara (Bolch) Piercy ('98)  
Dean of Girls, Art

Marco Quarteroli  
Bible, MPA Church Pastor

Jenna Schleenbaker  
School Counselor

Paul Scroggins  
Director of Plant Services & Maintenance

Phillip Thomas  
Food Service Director

Sara Wolff  
Assistant Dean of Girls

Kevin Worth  
VP 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