

OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES

Dallas, Texas

A NIGHT IN YOUR HONOR

MARCH 12, 2026



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DALLAS, TX

Parker University

2540 Walnut Hill Lane • Dallas, TX 75229

Light Dinner from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

The ceremony begins at 7:00 pm and should finish around 8:30 pm.



Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. It was created in 2009 in New Jersey to recognize and honor high school seniors (and their parents/guardians) who plan to enlist into the military after high school graduation. OCS also provides future service members and their families with access to educational resources and connects them with military support groups.

What started as one OCS ceremony in southern New Jersey has now spread across the nation. These events are planned and conducted independently in each community by volunteers, including military veterans, high school and college educators, local businesses, community leaders, and active duty military personnel. Our Community Salutes DFW has been honoring future service members in the DFW area since 2021.

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Program



Welcome

Invocation

National Anthem

2026 STEM Award Recipient

2026 Gen. Colin Powell Award Recipient

U.S. Army Honorees

U.S. Navy Honorees

U.S. Marine Corps Honorees

U.S. Coast Guard Honorees

U.S. Air Force Honorees

U.S. Space Force Honorees

Service Songs

Farewell

2026 STEM Award Recipient

Alec Wallace



Alec Wallace is proud graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a degree in Agricultural Economics. Alec is currently pursuing his Master's in Education in Curriculum and Instruction at Liberty University.

Alec is a high school mathematics teacher currently teaching Algebra 2 and Precalculus at Life High School Waxahachie in Texas. He has been recognized as STEM Teacher of the Year for his dedication to inspiring students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

With four years of teaching experience, Alec brings passion and expertise to the classroom, helping students build strong foundations in advanced math concepts.

Beyond education, Specialist Wallace serves in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Bridge Crewmember, demonstrating his commitment to service, country, and discipline.

2026 General Colin Powell Award Recipient

Tamara Whitfield



Tamara Whitfield is an experienced and dedicated educational professional who currently serves as the Lead Counselor at Nimitz High School. With 29 years in education, including 22 years as a high school counselor, she has devoted her career to supporting students' academic, personal, and career development.

Throughout her tenure in education, Tamara has played an integral role in fostering student success and promoting college and career readiness. As a member of her campus leadership team, she collaborates with administrators and faculty to develop programs and initiatives that enhance the educational experience for all students. She also contributes her expertise to three Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Boards, helping to strengthen connections between education and workforce opportunities.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, Tamara sponsors a girls' club on campus, where she mentors and empowers young women to build confidence, leadership skills, and a vision for their future.

Honorees

U.S. Army



Emmanue Assante

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Germal Bolden

Parker Budde

Leonardo Centeno

Joshua Davila

Senan Dega

Maxwell Dycus

Abigaigarcia Arredondo

Haskel Garza

Mia Limon

Gavin Maccartney

Shaun Mysers

Abundance Osarten

Cesar Roman

Isaac Rueda

Angel Salazar

Quincey Sampson

Xavier Turner

Honorees

U.S. Navy



John Cardinal

Destiny Mannah

Tucker Pope

Jaycie Sikes

Honorees

U.S. Marine Corps



Sandro Acevedo
Ernesto Ataxca Flores
Alan Aleman
Braedon Bates
Brayden Beverly
Faris Brewer
Austin Burkel
Urban Casper
Mario Carrasco
Cameron Childress
Mackenzie Deal
Adam Deleon
Tony Diaz
Adrian Escalante
Steven Ezparza
Brandon Fitzpatrick
Artemio Gallegos
Jesse Gandy
George Goodeaux
Ivan Gonzalez
Oscar Guido
Alejandro Hernandez
Daniela Izaguirreipina
Bryson Kahindo
Joshua Kristof
Christian Lee

Emmanuel Marquez
William Moe
Angel Morgado
David Noriega
William Nischan
Victor Paz
Ryker Pearson
Cortnee Perkins
Deaveon Polk
Anthony Rios
Brody Robertson
Camila Rosas
Emmanuel Santos
Ethan Salvador
Saniero Say
Joshua Sinclair
Gabriel Tafoya
Phey Thang
Jacori Thompson
Roslyn Tyler
Edwin Uribe
John Vasquez
Joshua Vasquez
Sythe Woodsonjolly
Miqueas ZamoraDubon

Honorees

U.S. Coast Guard



Ryner Boenisch

Luke Duffy

Sarah Lowrance

Tori Lucas

Mila Mangum

Josue Ortiz

Anthony Deshon Randle

Eusebio Catarino Vazquez

Robert William Tennyson

Honorees

U.S. Air Force



Dream Austin

Trenisia Evans

Wyatt Higginson

Gilmore Jones

Praise Kumfar

Centaurus Landon

Eli Meija

Dylan Mendoza

Kevin Nava

Kelvin Ngugi

Israel Ortiz

Cillian Smith

Alexandra Valenca

Honorees

U.S. Space Force



Amber Achille

Raquasha Wilson



U.S.ARMY

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U.S. AIR FORCE



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Hillwood salutes this year's seniors for their
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Multiple Donors tonight include the RPC, Jewish War Veterans, Dallas Navy League, Frito Lay, PepsiCo, Military Order of the World Wars, plus numerous individuals that we want to thank tonight.

They are listed in our program.

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WHY MILITARY AND VETERANS CHOOSE PARKER UNIVERSITY

We recognize the unique experiences that come with serving in the armed forces and are grateful for the service and sacrifice provided in the defense of our nation. Parker University is dedicated to supporting our military, veteran students, and family members.

VETERAN DISCOUNTS

- Active military receive a \$250 per credit hour tuition discount for undergraduate, online, and master's programs
- Parker grant and merit scholarships are also available to qualified veterans pursuing undergraduate degrees
- Presidential and merit scholarships are available to DC seeking veterans

TUITION ASSISTANCE

- Tuition deposit and application fees are waived for all veterans
- All veterans, their spouse, and dependent children (*under the age of 26*) are eligible for a 10% tuition discount.*

** This benefit does not apply to active military using the tuition assistance benefits and receiving the discount of \$250 per credit hour, or in combination with any other Parker discount.*

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Service Songs

United States Army & Guard

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free. Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory. We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:
First to fight for the right,

And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,

And the Army Goes Rolling Along. Then it's hi!
hi! hey!

The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong; For
where'er we go,

You will always know

That The Army Goes Rolling Along.



United States Navy

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.

Farewell to foreign shores,
we sail at break of day, of day.

Through our last night ashore, drink to the
foam, Until we meet once more

Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!



United States Marine Corps

From the halls of Montezuma

To the shores of Tripoli

We will fight our country's battles

In the air, on land and sea.

First to fight for right and freedom, And to keep
our honor clean.

We are proud to claim the title of, United States
Marines.



Space Force

We're the mighty watchful eye,

Guardians beyond the blue,

The invisible front line,

Warfighters brave and true.

Boldly reaching into space,

There's no limit to our sky.

Standing guard both night and day,

We're the Space Force from on high.

United States Coast Guard

From Aztec shore to Arctic zone,
to Europe and Far East.

The Flag is carried by our ships
in times of war and peace;

And never have we struck it yet in
spite of foe-men's might,

Who cheered our crews and
cheered again for showing how to fight.

Chorus:

So here's the Coast Guard marching song,
We sing on land or sea.

Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.

"Semper Paratus" is our guide, Our fame,
our glory too,

To fight to save or fight and die!

Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!



United States Air Force & Guard

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun.

Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun.

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one hell-uv-a roar!

We live in fame or go down in flame,
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force.



God Bless America

God bless America,

Land that I love,

Stand beside her and guide her

Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America,

My home, sweet home.

God bless America,

My home, sweet home



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