



**CLASS OF 2026
GRADUATION**

**PARENT INFORMATION
POWERPOINT**

VENUE

**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
OCEAN BANK CONVOCATION CENTER**

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY, MAY 28 @ 7:00 PM



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JUNE 2

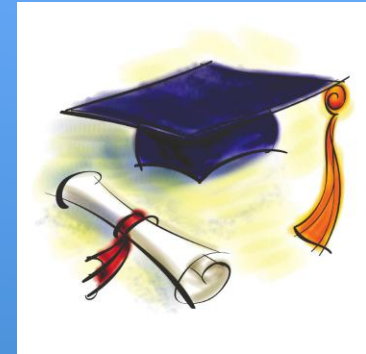
- DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION @ JCBD @ 9 AM (ONLY FOR CLEARED SENIORS)

LATE JUNE TBA


- DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION @ JCBD (FOR UNCLEARED SENIORS)

CAP AND GOWN

- ▶ Cap and Gowns Distribution = **THURSDAY, MAY 21**
 - ▶ WHITE Cap and Gown
 - ▶ JCBD 2026 Tassel
 - ▶ JCBD Class of 2026 Medallion
 - ▶ JCBD Class of 2026 Stole
 - ▶ 8 Graduation Tickets
 - ▶ 2 Graduation Programs
- ▶ TAKE ALL OF YOUR PICTURES **BEFORE** ARRIVING to FIU
- ▶ Try on your cap and gown
 - ▶ Make sure it fits and that the zipper works
 - ▶ Do NOT alter your cap in any way – NO WRITING OR DECORATIONS.
 - ▶ The Activities Office will write the name of the student inside their cap.



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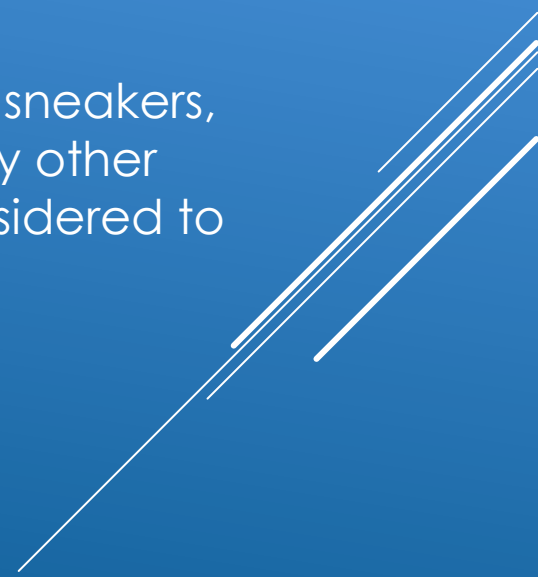
- ▶ Students who did not order a cap and gown and are cleared to graduate will receive approval from the Activities Office for their clearance form on May 21 in the Activities Office.
 - ▶ If you are not cleared, you will have to meet with administration.
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WHAT TO WEAR

LADIES

- ▶ Dress (knee length)
- ▶ Skirt (knee length)
- ▶ Blouse (light colored)
- ▶ Absolutely NO:
 - ▶ Midriffs, jeans, shorts, sneakers, sandals, or any other garment considered to be casual
 - ▶ NO PURSES

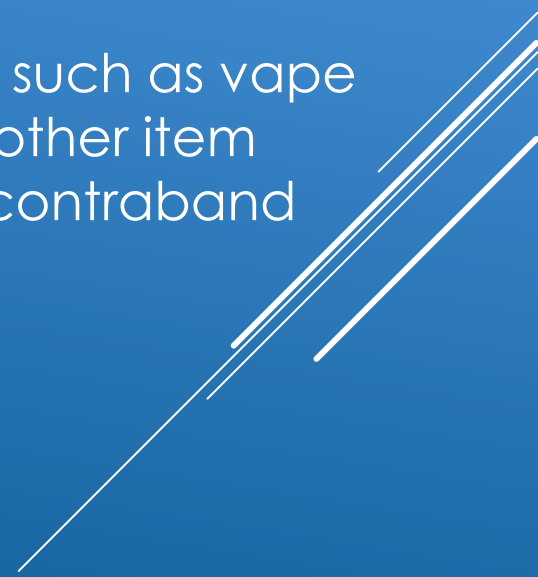
GENTLEMEN

- ▶ Dark Dress Pants
 - ▶ White or light-colored dress shirt (must have a collar)
 - ▶ Mandatory tie
 - ▶ Dress shoes
 - ▶ Absolutely NO:
 - ▶ Jeans, shorts, sneakers, sandals or any other garment considered to be casual
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WHAT TO BRING:

- ▶ Marching card – *distributed at FIU*
- ▶ Gown
- ▶ Cap and Tassel (*hanging in front of right ear*)
- ▶ JCBD 2026 Medallion
- ▶ JCBD 2026 Stole
- ▶ JCBD Honor Hoods & Cords (*only if applicable*)

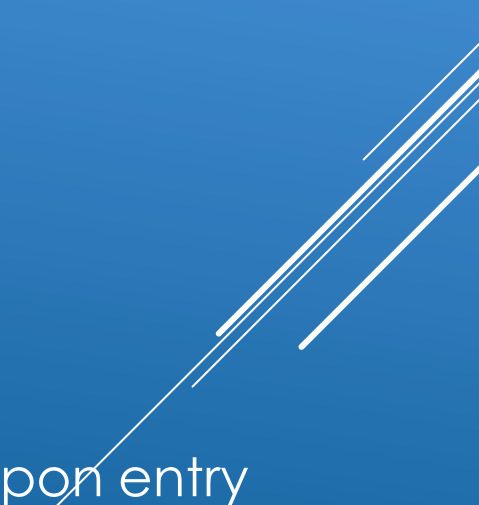
WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- ▶ CELL PHONES
 - ▶ PURSES / BAGS
 - ▶ Any electronic devices
 - ▶ Any other object that is not considered commencement regalia
 - ▶ Contraband such as vape pens or any other item considered contraband
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TICKETS

- ▶ 8 tickets per graduate
 - ▶ EVERYONE (including children) MUST have a ticket
 - ▶ Graduate does not need a ticket
 - ▶ Extra tickets will not be given. 😞
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ARRIVAL

- ▶ Faculty members will arrive NO LATER THAN 5:30 P.M.
 - ▶ Graduates must arrive NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M.
 - ▶ All Graduates Report to the NW4 Entrance
 - ▶ Parents – Please help us make sure graduates are on time!
 - ▶ Check in at registration table
 - ▶ **LINE UP IN ORDER BY ASSIGNED AREA AND NUMBER**
 - ▶ Graduates arriving after 6:45 pm will not be able to enter during the processional with the rest of their class.
 - ▶ Plan for TRAFFIC and enough time to park
 - ▶ Metal Detector
 - ▶ Gown Checks
 - ▶ Bag Checks for Guests
 - ▶ Parking Garage - \$1.00 per Hour – QR Code upon entry
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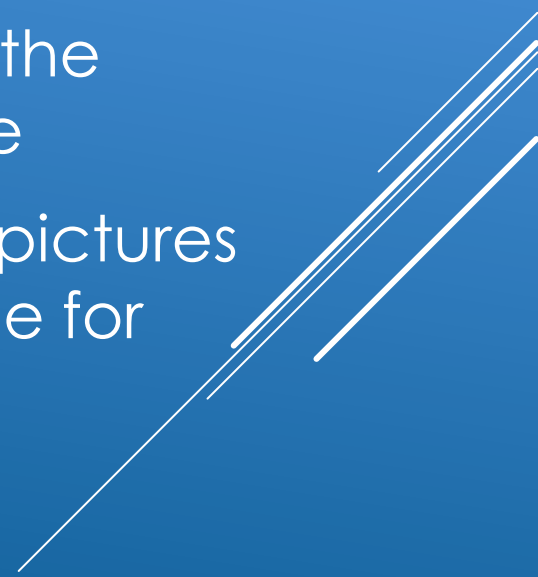
GRADUATION CEREMONY

ORDER OF PROGRAM

- ▶ Adult Processional
- ▶ Summa / Magna / Cum Laude Processional
- ▶ Remaining Graduates (Faculty and grads walk to seats and remain standing)
- ▶ Pledge of Allegiance (males QUIETLY remove caps)
- ▶ National Anthem (males place caps back on **AFTER** the National Anthem)
- ▶ Speakers
- ▶ Roll Call (Do not call attention to yourself as you walk across the stage)
- ▶ Alma Mater
- ▶ Confirmation of Diplomas (moving of the tassel - right to left)
- ▶ Closing Remarks
- ▶ Recessional March

Everyone is expected to listen attentively and politely to all speakers and always behave in an appropriate manner during the entire ceremony!

REMINDERS...

- ▶ Graduates WILL NOT have any cell phones or electronic devices in their pockets/gowns. They will be taken away if brought in.
 - ▶ EAT!!!
 - ▶ Shake with RIGHT; Diploma with LEFT
 - ▶ Shake everyone's hand and thank all the dignitaries and administrators on stage
 - ▶ SMILE!!! Photographer will be taking 3 pictures as you walk across the stage (available for purchase after the ceremony)
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- ▶ Graduation is a **DIGNIFIED** event marking a rite of passage. JCBD students, their families and guests are to treat it as such and conduct themselves in a manner befitting the ceremony.
 - ▶ Any graduate and/or guest not in compliance will be removed from the venue.
 - ▶ Graduates risk not receiving their diploma if they do not comply with the rules of safety and decorum set by M-DCPS, J.C. Bermudez Doral SHS and Florida International University Campus Police.
 - ▶ Please exit the arena and campus as soon as the ceremony is over.
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GRADUATION CLEARANCE FORM

(PINK)



J.C. Bermudez Doral SHS GRADUATION CLEARANCE FORM

Student Name: _____

ID #: _____

The student listed above has received clearance to pick up his cap & gown, accessories and tickets in the Activities Office:

Financial Obligations Clearance (IRIBAR): _____

Tech Device Clearance (MEDEROS - Media Center): _____

OJT Timecard and Athletic Uniforms (GARCIA, R.): _____

CAP Office Clearance (TRELLES - Rm 235): _____

Student Services Clearance (SALAZAR): _____



CAPS AND GOWNS

1. Caps and Gowns will be distributed from the ACTIVITIES OFFICE on THURSDAY, MAY 21 ONLY TO SENIORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ALL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND THOSE WHO ORDERED ON TIME FROM HERFF JONES. You will receive the following: White Cap and Gown, JCBD Class of 2026 Tassel, JCBD Class of 2026 Stole, and JCBD Class of 2026 Medallion. Honor graduates will receive specific hoods and cords from the Activities Office and/or their honor society sponsor.
2. Damage to caps and gowns will be the graduates' responsibility. No replacements will be available.
3. The cap should be worn with the tassel hanging in front of the **RIGHT EAR**.
4. The cap **CANNOT** be worn at an angle. If it is loose, it can be tacked with thread. Appropriate haircuts are recommended.
5. **THE TOP OF THE CAP MAY NOT BE DECORATED OR WRITTEN ON.**
6. The proper length of the gown should be **about eight inches above the floor while wearing shoes.**
7. Any graduate who did not purchase a gown will have the opportunity to do so at Herff Jones AFTER May 11, but you will need a clearance form from the Activities Office which will be approved on May 21.

DRESS CODE

1. **GENTLEMEN** must wear white shirts, dark trousers, dark ties, and dark dress shoes.
2. **LADIES** must wear a white or light-colored dress. (Dark colors or prints will show through the gown.) The dress should be shorter than the gown and the heels should be at a comfortable height.
3. **NO FLIP FLOPS OR CROCS!**
4. **NO** phones or purses allowed. FIU Campus Police will ask you to walk through a metal detector and wand you and check your gown and pockets. If you are found in possession of a vape or any other form of contraband, you will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.
5. Graduates should **NOT** carry anything in their hands except their **MARCHING CARDS** which will be given to them after they have entered the registration area on Graduation Day.

GENERAL GRADUATION INFORMATION

1. Each graduate will be provided with **(8)** complimentary guest tickets and **(2)** graduation keepsake programs. **ALL GUESTS** require a ticket for entry. **EXTRA TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.**
2. Graduation will be held at Florida International University – Ocean Bank Convocation Center - on Thursday, May 28, 2026. Guest seating will begin at 6:00 P.M.
3. Graduates must report to the entrance labeled **N.W. 4**. Graduates must be checked in and in line inside the arena **NO LATER THAN 6:30 P.M. BE ON TIME!!! Students arriving after 7:00 p.m. will not be allowed entry until 7:30 p.m.**
4. Only graduates participating will be allowed entry to **NW4**. **Family members must enter through the front doors of the arena. Once guests have entered the arena, they may not exit. There will be NO REENTRY!**
5. Lower-level seating is reserved for the elderly and/or disabled. Wheelchairs will not be provided.
6. **Graduates will enter the arena promptly at 7:00 P.M.**
7. Guests are **NOT** allowed to bring flowers or gifts into the arena.
8. **FIU CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS AND SECURITY ARE POSTED THROUGHOUT THE ARENA – YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER WILL BE REMOVED IF YOU MAKE THE CHOICE TO DO ANYTHING THAT TAKES AWAY FROM THE DIGNITY OF THE EVENT. THIS INCLUDES THROWING A GRADUATION CAP IN THE AIR OR ANY OTHER DISRUPTION ON OR OFF STAGE. ALL EYES ARE ON YOU AND OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE AND SAFE EVENT FOR ALL OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!**

HOW TO RETURN YOUR GOWN AND RECEIVE YOUR DIPLOMA

1. Immediately after the ceremony, you must return **ONLY** your gown to Herff Jones representatives at FIU.
2. Fully cleared graduates can pick up their diploma on Tuesday, June 2 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the **BUS LANE** on 50th street. If you are not fully cleared, you will have to wait until a later date in June TBA.

IMPORTANT: This signed contract is due to the Activities Office **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 21!** It must be submitted to pick up your cap and gown, graduation tassel/medallion/stole, tickets, and programs. Be reminded that you must meet all graduation requirements.

STUDENT INFORMATION: LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

ID#: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

By signing this agreement, I, the parent/guardian of _____, am stating that both my child, a student at J.C. Bermudez Doral Senior High School, and I, have completely read and fully understood the guidelines and regulations for the Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony. We are fully aware of the responsibilities which are expected of us and will abide by them. We are aware that if the student should engage in any inappropriate and/or disrespectful behavior, i.e. throwing of caps, possession of contraband, or other disruptive behavior prior to or during the ceremony, JCBD Administration reserves the right to deny the student the privilege of participating or have the student removed from the ceremony.

PARENT NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

GRADUATION
STUDENT/
PARENT
CONTRACT
(GREEN)



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Dear Graduating Senior and Parent/Guardian,

Although it may seem difficult to believe, the high school journey for our seniors is rapidly drawing to a close. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to you on the graduation of your child from Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). For parents and guardians, this is always a special moment. Without your guidance and support, your child could not have reached this important milestone.

Graduation from high school is an event that comes once in a student's lifetime. Your school's principal and staff have made every effort to provide a ceremony steeped in tradition, one that brings meaning to all graduates, their families, and loved ones. This is not an athletic event, but rather an academic proceeding designed to honor a journey fulfilled, one students and parents/guardians have envisioned for a long time. Our goal, as professional staff in all of our schools, is to provide a ceremony defined by dignity and decorum. Students and parents/guardians deserve nothing less, and we make every effort in our planning to execute a memorable event from start to finish. To ensure that your school's graduation is conducted in a distinguished fashion, we expect students, parents/guardians, and guests to adhere to the following principles of etiquette:

Parents/Guardians and Guests:

- Appropriate dress is recommended (e.g., business attire for men and semi-formal attire for ladies).
- Guests should wear appropriate shoes, as there are stairs and ramps in all venues.
- Noisemakers, including air horns or whistles, are not permitted in the graduation venue and are strictly prohibited.
- Beach balls, balloons, and similar items are prohibited during the graduation ceremony.
- The throwing of confetti is not permitted during the graduation ceremony.
- Please ensure that all electronic devices are turned off or muted during the ceremony.
- Personal use of cameras without flash and hand-held video cameras is permitted, provided individuals remain seated and respect the viewing rights of other attendees.
- Flash photography and stand-up videotaping are not permitted during the graduation ceremony.
- All graduation sites will have professional photographers.
- Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

We request that all students, parents, and guests conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Students and attendees may be removed from the graduation ceremony if their behavior or conduct is inappropriate or disruptive.

To acknowledge the importance of proper behavior during the graduation ceremony, please sign and return the attached letter to your school. This letter must be signed and returned before graduation tickets are issued to students.

Sincerely,

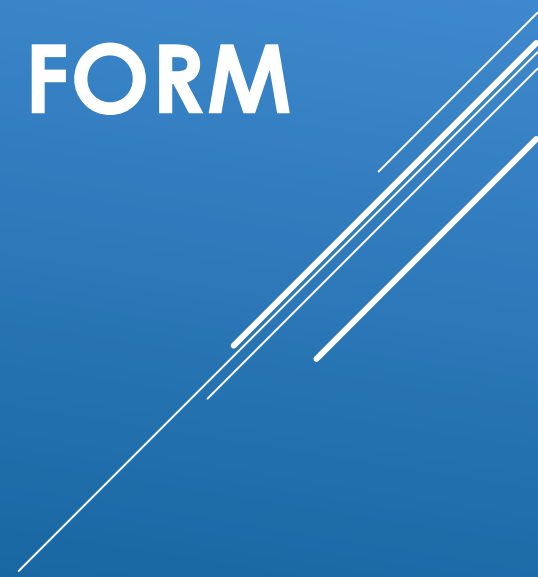
Name of Student

I acknowledge receipt of this letter
Parent or Legal Guardian

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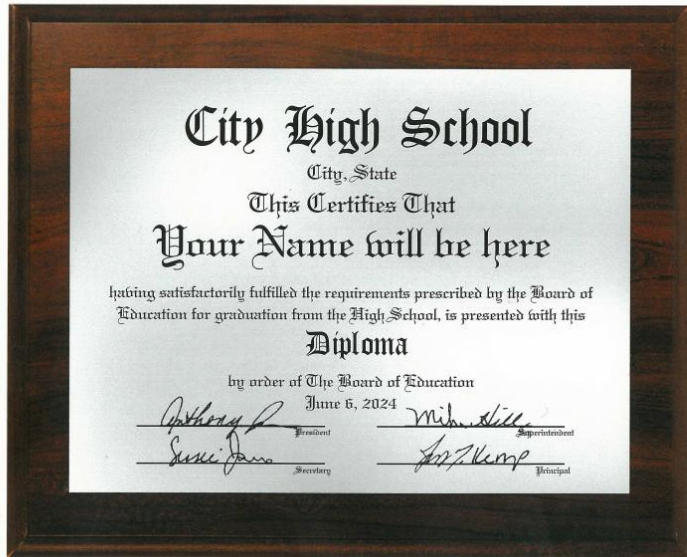
MDCPS DECORUM LETTER

SENIOR REQUIREMENTS!!!

- ▶ GRADUATION CONTRACT (GREEN)
 - ▶ M-DCPS Decorum Letter (BACK)
 - ▶ GRADUATION CLEARANCE FORM (PINK)
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DIPLOMA PLAQUE

Your personalized diploma plaque is available for purchase here!

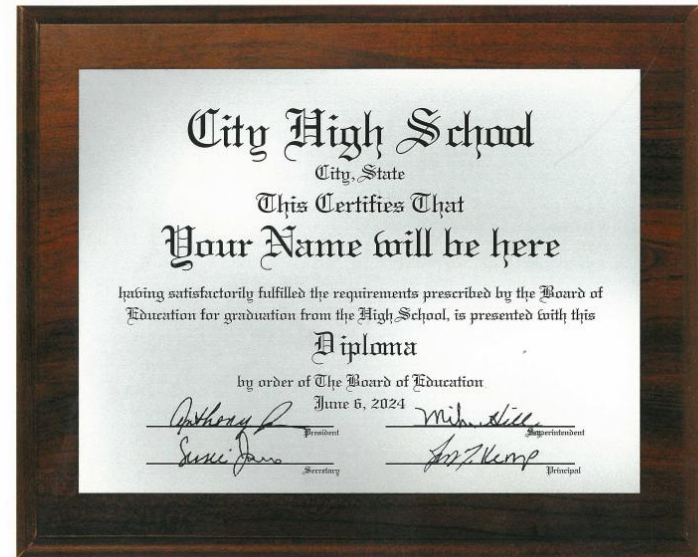


The plaque is a replica of your diploma.

GET YOURS TODAY!

DIPLOMA EN PLACA

La placa personalizada de su diploma está disponible para comprar aquí!



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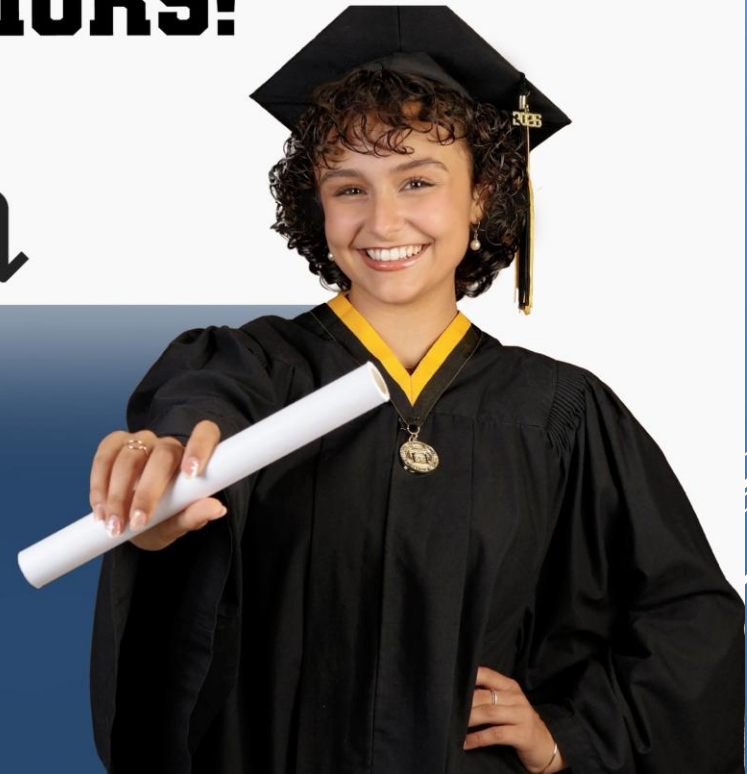
OBTENER ¡EL SUYO HOY!

REGISTER FOR GRADUATION PHOTOS

ATTENTION SENIORS!

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Register for your graduation
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QUESTIONS>?

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CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2026

from

Your JCBD Thunder Family!

