



LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
ONLINE ACADEMY
COMMENCEMENT

Vines Center

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*“But seek first His Kingdom and His
righteousness, and all these things will be
given to you as well.”*

MATTHEW 6:33



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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

You and your classmates are here today to celebrate an exciting milestone in your lives. You finished one chapter — a chapter that required hard work and diligence — and are now anticipating the next. The steadfastness and integrity you demonstrated as you completed your school years will serve you well as you take the next step in life.

Today you are surrounded by people who love you: your parents, siblings, grandparents, and guardians who gave you the guidance and support you needed to achieve your best. None of us achieve great things alone, so make sure to express gratitude to those who have helped you along the way.

As you take the next steps and look forward to your future, carry with you the memories made, lessons learned, and growth experienced while here at Liberty University Online Academy (LUOA). Use your gifts to pursue your dreams, accomplish your goals, and love and serve others.

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MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Above all, seek the Lord in all you do, and remember that you are ultimately serving Him. No matter where life takes you and what circumstances you face, you can trust Him.

Thank you for allowing LUOA to partner with you and your family during this exciting time in your life. We are proud of you, Class of 2026!

Congratulations!

Dr. Chris Rusk

Dean & Superintendent



LIST *of* AWARDS

Valedictorian Award

Carlos Rodriguez

Salutatorian Award

Oliver Edwards

Excellence in Community

Service Award

Claire Duarte

Pierson Hale

Bristol Keith

Ivonne Tweddell



TEACHERS *of the* YEAR

Brandon Burgett

Naomi Marks

Jan Hirtz



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Welcome and Invocation Dr. Chris Rusk
Dean & Superintendent

National Anthem Liberty University School of Music

LUOA Teacher Awards Dr. Chris Rusk
Dean & Superintendent

Kelley Niblett
Principal

Excellence in Community

Service Award. Dr. Nicholas Mustakas
Associate Director of Student Relations

Praise and Worship. Liberty University School of Music

Message from Valedictorian. Carlos Rodriguez
LUOA Valedictorian

Message from Salutatorian Oliver Edwards
LUOA Salutatorian

Charge to the Graduates Jonathan Falwell
Chancellor, Liberty University

Presentation of Diplomas Dr. Nicholas Mustakas
Associate Director of Student Relations

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Conferral of High School Diploma Dr. Chris Rusk
Dean & Superintendent

Closing Prayer Carlos Rodriguez
LUOA Valedictorian



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Congratulations,
GRADUATES!