

Relay Class of 2025 Commencement

Saturday, June 28, 2025

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Welcome



Class of 2025, Congratulations!

As you embark on a new chapter in your journey, today marks a huge step towards a promising future of positive impact in your communities. We celebrate the accomplishments and academic achievements of our phenomenal graduating class and program completers.

As you pass the baton to the educators that are coming behind you, we hope you remember that the entire Relay community is cheering for you as you set forth to do wondrous things in this world. Today, you have joined a powerful and growing national network of alumni who

are committed to championing educational equity and providing limitless opportunities for all children to succeed.

Tomorrow, you will wake up and go back to the urgent and important work of educating the next generation of leaders. When you do, it's our hope that you'll consider Relay your first stop for support.

Be proud of all that you have accomplished to get to this moment. You deserve to be celebrated for all the effort and dedication you invested. **Congratulations!**



Ceremony Program



Ceremony Emcee

Dr. Maya Weatherton

Provost, Relay

“Guiding the Future”

Deltrice Turner

Georgia

President’s Address

Dr. Mayme Hostetter

President, Relay

Keynote Address

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*Chancellor, State University
of New York*

*Former U.S. Secretary
of Education*

Bryan Butcher, Jr.

Relay Class of 2014

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Jermar Rountree

Relay Class of 2018

*2023 Washington, D.C.,
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Presentation of the Class of 2025

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New York

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Mindset Awards



The following students have been selected as embodying the Relay mindsets of High Expectations, Intentionality, Personal Responsibility, Continuously Increasing Effectiveness, Respect and Humility, and Diversity & Equity.

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Nicole Fischer

Connecticut

Michael Murphy

Delaware

Ericka DiCastanado

Georgia

Rahsaan Doctor

Illinois

Corey Lee

New Jersey

Shanique Graves

New York

Nicole McCray

Pennsylvania

Sydney Cox

Rhode Island

Laura Lokitis

Tennessee

Ashley Goehrig

Texas

Xochiel Castelan

Washington, DC

Rhondel Moe

Alumni Welcome



Congratulations, Class of 2025, on an amazing accomplishment! You have successfully navigated the rigors of academia and have persisted to the finish line! We want to officially welcome you to the ranks of alumni. You are joining a network of over 12,000 alumni who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for students through the power of education. Although your time as a Relay student has come to an end, you are forever a part of the Relay Nation. As alumni, we want you to stay connected to the institution and we want to hear about the great impact you are making in the classroom. Here are some of the ways you can stay involved with the Relay community as an alumni.

Stay connected with Relay through our **Relay GSE Alumni Group on LinkedIn**. This LinkedIn group serves as a support community for Relay alumni to engage in meaningful conversations relevant to education and expand their professional network. Some key features of this group include job postings from many of Relay's partner schools and organizations, information related to both Relay's Teacher Preparation and Professional Education programs, and the opportunity to provide input as we grow our alumni offerings.

Another way to stay connected with Relay is through our **Alumni and Student Advisory Council (ASAC)**. The ASAC is dedicated to the continuous improvement of the institution by actively seeking

opinions from students and alumni on programs and practices. They work to enhance the quality of life for students by organizing a variety of social, cultural, civic, and academic events; fostering interaction across different identities, disciplines, and campuses; and facilitating vital communication between graduate students and the administration.

Additionally, you can serve as a tutor in the **Learning & Resource Center**. The Learning & Resource Center is Relay's academic and career support center geared toward providing educational resources that promote student success through assistance in all writing submissions, lesson planning and practice, mock interviews, and resume building.

Lastly, stay connected with all things Relay alumni. Follow us on Instagram at @Relaygsealumni or reach out via email at alumni@relay.edu. We want to congratulate you once more on achieving this significant milestone in your life. And remember, the Relay Nation is always here to support you!

Sincerely,

Relay GSE Alumni Affairs Team

Scan here for all things Alumni Affairs! →



Acknowledgments



To the families and friends who helped support our graduates throughout their time at Relay Graduate School of Education;

To the rest of the Relay team for their guidance and fortitude;

To the presenters and speakers for inspiring the Class of 2025;

To the institutional partners, school districts, charter schools, and principals that have supported our degree candidates;

To the Relay GSE Commencement Planning committee members, for your leadership and support;

To the graduates themselves, for being the committed, passionate, and hard-working individuals who sharpen our iron;

And to the PK-12 students represented here, who inspire all of us to bring our best selves every day.

Thank You!

We want to encourage you to please share any photos to the following social media handles and tag

   **@RelayGSE | #RelayClassof2025**





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