



Graduation Ceremony  
Honoring Recipients of the

# State of Illinois High School Diploma

Elgin Community College  
Building J, Events Center

**May 15, 2026**



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# To Our Graduates

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

– Harriet Tubman

## ORDER OF CEREMONY

MUSICAL PRELUDE . . . . .	Sterling Brass Quintet
PROCESSIONAL . . . . .	The State of Illinois High School Diploma Class of 2026 “Pomp and Circumstance” — Edward Elgar
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS . . . . .	Peggy Heinrich, EdD President, Elgin Community College
PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS. . . . .	Kristina Garcia, PhD Associate Vice President of Teaching, Learning, and Student Development Agnieszka Balinska Skyunae Williams Dua Zaidi
INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKERS . . . . .	Annamarie Schopen, EdD Vice President of Teaching, Learning, and Student Development
STUDENT SPEAKERS . . . . .	Ayden Carpenter and Rodrigo Zavala State of Illinois High School Diploma recipients, Class of 2026
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES. . . . .	Peggy Heinrich Reader: Vincent Cascio, Dean of Students
CONGRATULATORY REMARKS . . . . .	Vincent Cascio
RECESSIONAL . . . . .	Graduates “Pomp and Circumstance” — Edward Elgar

*ECC strives to include the names of all graduates up until the time of printing.  
We apologize for any errors or omissions.*

## Recipients of the State of Illinois High School Diploma

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María Aguilera	Mirna Garcia	Maria Salas
Patricia Aguilera	Marlen Gasca	Ma Rosina Hernandez Salazar
Ana Alicia Ostos Arámbulo	Joanna Arias Gonzalez	Gerardo Lopez Santiago
Agnieszka Balinska	Kevin Holmes	Paola Serna
Ayden Carpenter	Merry Jimenez	Aidan Spencer
Ariadna Guizar Celedonio	Isay Lerma	Gabriela Serrano Toruno
Griselda Cerna	Yessenia Lopez	Kenesha Ulber
Estefania Contreras	Lidia Martinez	Annie Vazquez
Gabriela Aguilera Corona	Mercedes Martinez	Jesus Villagomez
Mariama Edmonds	David Ayala Muñoz	Skyunae Williams
Carmen Enriquez	Michael Nicholas	Nancy Cristina Silva Yunda
Jamary Lizbeth Rivera Florez	Sonia Osorio	Dua Zaidi
Ricardo Galván	Ana Rosales	Rodrigo Zavala

## Instructors Adult Basic Education (ABE) / Adult Secondary Education (ASE)

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Nannette Abate	Kathleen DeMars	Eduardo Montoya
Michael Anderson	Sharon Doss	Emily Niemi
Marco Caceres	Lisa Galanes	Laura Padilla-Lopez
Aravena Laura Azcoitia	Karen Garrard	John Quan
Graciela Bucio-Diaz	Claudia Gates, EdD	Rene Quesada
Julie Cesaroni	Carlos Gonzalez	Jose Resto, EdD
Cristina Crane	Shelley Johnson	Eric Russell
Gustavo Dalal	Mallery Keenan, DEd	Norma Savoji
Amy Danison	Michelle Kelty	Meghan Staskal-Bradt
Lisa Del Giudice	Amy Keslinke	

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