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**PLAINFIELD ACADEMY FOR
THE ARTS AND ADVANCED
STUDIES**

**4TH COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**

JUNE 19TH 2017

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**716 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060**



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SCHOOLS**

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Class of 2017 Commencement Program

PRELUDE.....	Jazz Band
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL.....	Pomp & Circumstance
WELCOMING MESSAGE.....	Mayor Mapp Mrs. Emily Morgan , <i>Board of Education President</i>
FLAG SALUTE.....	Jordan Harris
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....	Vocal Studio Seniors performing <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> by Francis Scott Key
VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS.....	Adanna Lara-Reyes
SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS.....	Stacy Ocampo
COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE.....	Cheron Thomas Elhadj Outlane Ray Wyatt
PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS.....	Dr. Angela Bento
SENIOR SONG.....	Vocal Studio Seniors performing <i>Seasons of Love</i> from <i>RENT</i> by Jonathan Larson
SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS.....	Dr. Sheard
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS & AWARDS	
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Ashley Robinson , <i>Class President</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	Jazz Band

PAAAS Faculty

PRINCIPAL

Dr. Angela Bento

VICE PRINCIPAL

Aurora Hill

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Bernetha Jackson
Marc Rosen
Jeraldine Salazar

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Desmarie Thomas

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Taryn Aguirre
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Corey Carter
Jennifer Collins
Amy Guzman
John Pearson
Adriana Ramirez

GUIDANCE

Samantha Gonnelli
Ann Nettingham

MATHEMATICS

Arlen Klinger
Keli Leunes
Changyun Liu
Mark Rist
Roger Cavallo
Leon Thomas

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Yvonne Brooks
Arlene Heller
Sheila Landesberg

PERFORMING ARTS

Leah Getz
Vicki Jenkins
Sang Lee
Othell Miller
Gregory Williams

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Deborah Ford
Felix Romero
Edward Yapczenski

SCHOOL NURSE

Glen Johnstone

SCIENCE

Michael Pisani
Arti Sahni
Nicola Myrie-Cureton
Oscar Feijoo
Daniel Gold

SECURITY

Tee'kim Ross
Ronnie Thomas

SOCIAL STUDIES

Vanessa Adams
David Ault
Steve Balzer
Jennifer Brubaker
Francis Nelson

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Vincent Barracato
Onekka Kimble

VISUAL ARTS

Paola Calderon
Joshua Green

TECHNOLOGY

Jerry Lester
Stephanie McIntyre
Joey Panchenko
Paul D'Amico

WORLD LANGUAGES

Carol Afriyie
Johanna Amaro
Gloria Villaquiran

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Faithlyn I. Acosta ✖
Reina Alfaro
Edward D. Alvarenga
Joseluis Bejarano ☒
Asia A. Brooks
J-Nazia Brown
Brianie Cejour †
Kyara M. Chambers
Jacquelin Dubon
Michael Fiallos
Ashley Finney Wortman
Rajohn S. Foushee ☒
Steven C. Galdamez
Sthefany Garcia Deras † ✖
Alimayu Glover
Elyse C. Hammond
Heaven A. Hare ✖
Jordan Harris
Shavina A. Harvey
Alexander Hawkins
Vanessa N. Hubbard †
Ilse P. Ibarra
Yasmine Jenkins
Denilsson Jimenez Merino
Danielle Johnson ✖
Donald Johnson ✖
Kyana Jones † ✖
Krisnasser Joseph-Dullon ✖
Mama Kosso
Adanna Lara-Reyes †
Madlynn Lartey
Jefferson S. Manotoa Pilco
Rolando Martinez
Yailine Mazariegos Trujillo †
Tyrese O. Mclemore ✖
Kelin Menjivar †
Stacy Ocampo †
Jason Palan
Leiny A. Perez †
Nicole A. Portal †
Nomi M. Poyser ✖
Gabriela Ramirez Arias
Luis M. Reyes †
Alejandra Rivera Martinez †
Katherine G. Rivera Lopez †
Kevin A. Rivera Sanchez
Jayvon Roberson ☒
Ariana Z. Robinson †
Ashley I. Robinson † ✖
Ely O. Sandoval Deras
Kyle C. Shelby
Shayla N. Shelly
Mykael S.A. Slaughter II
Veronica M. Smith † ✖
George Soto † ✖
Shyahna Thompson † ✖
Johnny Vasquez ☒
Ashley Vazquez Jimenez †
Katterine A. Velasquez Aguilar
Krystel T. Warden
Tenaya M. Washington † ✖
Fayven Whitaker
Brandan C. Williams †
Brendan E. Williams
Samantha A. Williams †
Savion Wilson Faithlyn Faithlyn

KEY: † National Honor Society ✖ Rutgers Upward Bound ☒ Military Service

Class of 2017 College Acceptances

Faithlyn I. Acosta.....	MONCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Reina Alfaro.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Edward D. Alvarenga.....	KEAN UNIVERSITY
Joseluis Bejarano.....	MARINE CORPS
Asia A. Brooks.....	MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
J-Nazia Brown.....	MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE
Brianie Cejour.....	BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
Jacquelin Dubon.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Michael Fiallos.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Ashley Finney Wortman.....	STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
Rajohn S. Foushee.....	ARMY
Steven C. Galdamez.....	MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE
Sthefany Garcia Deras.....	RUTGERS NEW BRUNSWICK
Alimayu Glover.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Elyse C. Hammond.....	MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Heaven A. Hare.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEWARK
Jordan Harris.....	EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY
Shavina A. Harvey.....	KEAN UNIVERSITY
Alexander Hawkins.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Vanessa N. Hubbard.....	KEAN UNIVERSITY
Ilse P. Ibarra.....	NJIT
Yasmine Jenkins.....	MORGAN UNIVERSITY
Danielle Johnson.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEW BRUNSWICK
Donald Johnson.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEW BRUNSWICK
Kyana Jones.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Krisnasser Joseph-Dullon.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Mama Kosso.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Adanna Lara-Reyes.....	SAINT PETERS UNIVERSITY
Madlynn Lartey.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Jefferson S. Manotoa Pilco.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEWARK
Rolando Martinez.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Yailine Mazariegos Trujillo.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEWARK
Tyrese O. Mclemore.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Kelin Menjivar.....	SAINT PETERS UNIVERSITY

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Jason Palan.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
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Nicole A. Portal.....	KEAN UNIVERSITY
Nomi M. Poyser.....	KEAN UNIVERSITY
Gabriela Ramirez Arias.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Luis M. Reyes.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Alejandra Rivera Martinez.....	NJIT
Katherine G. Rivera Lopez.....	NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY
Kevin A. Rivera Sanchez.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Jayvon Roberson.....	MARINE CORPS
Ariana Z. Robinson.....	STEVENSON UNIVERSITY
Ashley I. Robinson.....	BENNETT COLLEGE
Ely O. Sandoval Deras.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Kyle C. Shelby.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Shayla N. Shelly.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Mykael S.A. Slaughter II.....	ARTS INSTITUTE
Veronica M. Smith.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEW BRUNSWICK
George Soto.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Shyahna Thompson.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEW BRUNSWICK
Johnny Vasquez.....	MARINE CORPS
Ashley Vazquez Jimenez.....	SCHOOL OF ART INSTITUE CHICAGO
Katterine A. Velasquez Aguilar.....	RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Krystal T. Warden.....	MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Tenaya M. Washington.....	RUTGERS UNIVERSITY: NEW BRUNSWICK
Fayven Whitaker.....	MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Brandan C. Williams.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Brendan E. Williams.....	UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Samantha A. Williams.....	KEAN UNIVERSITY
Savion Wilson.....	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY