

# Top Ten Graduates

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Graduation day for Humble ISD high school students is fast approaching - a day many students have not only looked forward to, but a day that they have worked hard to reach. Graduation day is a monumental milestone for students as they celebrate their accomplishments, the friends and memories they have made, the skills they have acquired and the start to a new phase in their lives.



Graduating is a huge accomplishment for any student, but graduating in the Top 10 is truly amazing. Those graduating in the Top 10 of their class have undoubtedly worked hard and deserve recognition.

Kristie Garza of Atascocita High School, ranked fourth in her class, stressed just how important making the Top 10 was to her.

"I began my educational career not even understanding the English language, and I am so proud to have reached and exceeded my goal of being able to have the ability to be an average student," said Garza. As Rachel Redondo, ranked seventh at Kingwood High School, sets out on her journey, she explained her excitement to be an Aggie, stating, "I am very excited about attending Texas A&M in the fall. I will be a third-generation Aggie, as my grandfather and father both attended Texas A&M."



While looking back on her high school experience, Victoria Brooks, valedictorian at Kingwood Park High School, said she will miss all the excellent people.

"The facilities at Kingwood Park High School are great, but nothing makes you want to stay more than the phenomenal teachers and your friends," said Brooks.



This year, Atascocita High School, Humble High School, Kingwood High School and Kingwood Park High School will be seeing their Top 10 graduates off to prestigious schools throughout the United States - Baylor, California Institution of Technology, Dartmouth, Duke, East Texas Baptist, Houston Baptist, Oklahoma State, Oregon State, Princeton, Rice, St. John's College, Santa Fe, Stephen F. Austin State, Texas A&M University, The University of California, Berkley, The University of Houston, The University of Nebraska, The University of North Texas, The University of Texas, Texas Lutheran, Texas State and Trinity.

**The Top 10 Graduates for Atascocita High School, Class of 2011 are as follows:**

1. Adam Bowling - Biomedical Engineering, Texas A&M University
2. Anai Navarro - Rice University
3. Shyam Bhakta - Bioengineering (Synthetic Biology), University of California, Berkley
4. Kristie Garza - Neurobiology, University of Texas.
5. Jonathan Hastings - Economics and Public Policy, Princeton University
6. Alexander Ventura - Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Texas
7. Kevin Gregory - Mechanical Engineering Honors, University of Texas
8. Mahvish Danka - Biology, University of Houston
9. Matthew Thompson - Mechanical Engineering, University of Texas
10. Ryan Zisman - Mechanical Engineering, Oklahoma State University

**The Top 10 Graduates for Humble High School, Class of 2011 are as follows:**

1. Ayesha Mahmood - Biology, University of Texas
2. Reagan McCaffrey - Business, Houston Baptist University
3. Christina Ramsey - University of Houston
4. Albrenea Johnson - Nursing, Stephen F. Austin State University
5. Rachael Evans - Pharmacy, University of Houston
6. Michael Baillio - Chemistry, Texas State
7. Andrea Paez - Business, University of Houston
7. Natalie Madrigal-Perez - Biology, Texas Lutheran University
8. Kevin Peter Ringeisen - Philosophy and Histories of Math and Science, St. John's College, Santa Fe
9. Jennifer Montgomery - History, University of Nebraska
10. Mario Bernal Jr. - Biology, East Texas Baptist University

**The Top 10 Graduates for Kingwood High School, Class of 2011 are as follows:**

1. Xinran "Lilly" Liu - Economics, Duke University
2. Weijie Lin - Neuroscience, Dartmouth
3. Trace Russell - Electrical Engineering, University of Texas
4. Valeria Sorge - Chemical Engineering, University of Texas
5. Caroline Werlang - Chemical Engineering, California Institute of Technology
6. Lisa Swank - Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Rice University
7. Rachel Redondo - Business, Texas A&M University
8. Divya Unni - Business Management, University of California, Berkley
9. Ngoc-Anh Huynh - Biology, Baylor University
10. Sara Walton - Business Honors, University of Texas

**The Top 10 Graduates for Kingwood Park High School, Class of 2011 are as follows:**

1. Victoria Brooks - Chemical Engineering, Rice University
2. David Zinsitz - Sociology, University of Houston
3. Angela Morisette - Business Honors, University of Texas
4. Thomas Warnack - Chemical Engineering, University of Texas
5. John Emmett Easton III - Mechanical Engineering, University of Texas
6. Nicola Looney - Biology, University of Texas
7. Jacob Ray Pekarek - History, Trinity University
8. Christina Watson - Psychology, University of Texas of the Permean Basin
9. Caitlin Orman - Engineering, Oregon State University
10. Adam Vogt - Psychology, University of North Texas

Atascocita High School holds its graduation ceremony for 830 seniors at Reliant Stadium May 28 at 1 p.m.

Humble High School holds its graduation ceremony for 530 seniors at Reliant Stadium May 28 at 10 a.m.

Kingwood High School holds its graduation ceremony for 640 seniors at Reliant Stadium May 28 at 7 p.m.

Kingwood Park High School holds its graduation ceremony for 400 seniors at Reliant Stadium May 28 at 4 p.m.

Look for Hargrave High School's Top 10 graduates in the June 8 Tribune.

**Photos (from top to bottom):**

Humble High School's Top 10 Graduates of 2011 are (front row, from left) number nine Jennifer Montgomery, number seven Andrea Paez, number five Rachel Evans, number three Christina Ramsey and valedictorian Ayesha Mahmood, (back row, from left) number 10 Mario Bernal, number eight Kevin Ringeisen, number seven Natalie Madrigal-Perez, number four Albrenea Johnson and salutatorian Reagan McCaffrey. Not pictured is number six Michael Baillio.

Kingwood High School's Top 10 Graduates of 2011 are (front row, from left, ranked 1-5) Xinran "Lilly" Liu, Weijie Lin, Trace David Russell, Valerie Ann Sorge, Caroline Andrea Werlang, (back row, from left, ranked 6-10) Lisa Joyce Swank, Rachel Anne Redondo, Divya Unni, Ngoc-Anh Huynh and Sara Joy Walton.

Atascocita High School's Top 10 Graduates of 2011 are (pictured in rank order, bottom row, from left) Adam Bowling, Anai Navarro, Shyam Bhakta, Kristie Garza, Jonathan Hastings (top row, from left) Alexander Ventura, Kevin Gregory, Mahvish Danka, Matthew Thompson and Ryan Zisman.

Kingwood Park High School's Top 10 Graduates of 2011 are (front row, from left, ranked 1-5) Victoria Brooks, David Zinsitz, Angela Morissette, Thomas Warnack, John Easton III, (back row, from left, ranked 6-10) Nicola Looney, Jacob Pekarek, Christina Watson, Caitlin Orman and Adam Vogt.