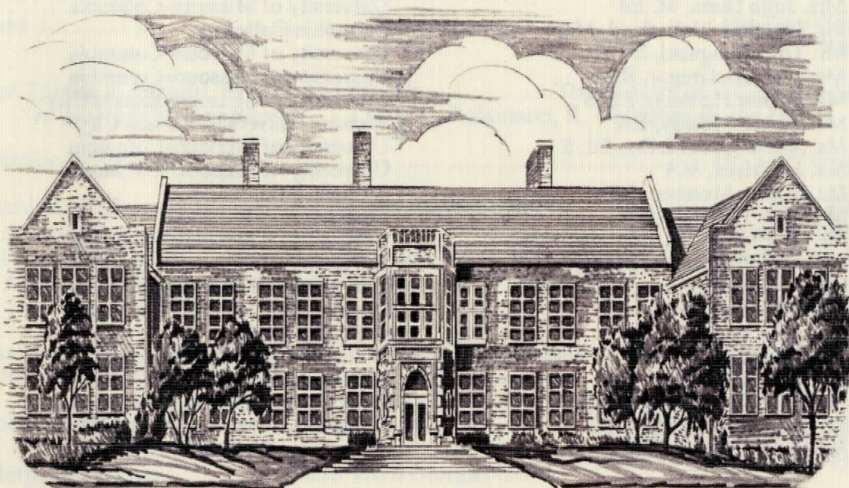


***The One Hundred Twenty-Second  
Commencement Exercise***

***David H. Hickman  
High School  
Columbia, Missouri***



***Saturday, May Nineteenth  
Two Thousand Eighteen  
11:00 a.m.  
Mizzou Arena***



## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The traditional caps and gowns worn by students and faculty in the academic procession have been the historic costume of scholars since medieval times. Because many scholars of that period were members of monastic orders, the academic costume resembles ecclesiastical dress.

A uniform code for academic costumes was drafted by an intercollegiate commission in 1893 and has since been adopted by the majority of colleges and universities in the United States. Each of the four academic degrees - bachelor, master, specialist, and doctorate - has its own distinctive gown and hood. The gown representing the bachelor's degree is distinguished by its long, pointed sleeve. The master's gown has a longer, narrow, closed, pointed sleeve extending below the knee; the arm is passed through a slit at the elbow. In contrast, the doctor's gown has a full, bell-shaped sleeve with three bars of velvet. The opening of this gown is faced with wide velvet bands which may be black or of a color indicating the general field of learning of the wearer, for example, dark blue for philosophy, light blue for education, orange for English.

The most colorful and distinctive item of the academic costume is the hood, which passes around the neck and extends down the back. The colors of the silk lining exposed in the center of the hood are those of the college or university which conferred the degree.

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| Mr. J. D. Coffman, Ed. S     | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Ms. Patricia Beeson, MA      | Southern Illinois University       |
| Dr. Kevin Brown, Ph.D        | Cardinal Stritch University        |
| Mr. Jeffrey Devero, MA       | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Ms. Terese Dishaw, MA        | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Mrs. Julia Dunn, M. Ed       | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Mr. Jonathan McFarland, MA   | Columbia College                   |
| Mr. Tony Gragnani, Ed. S     | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Ms. Jalen McGregor, BA       | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Ms. Denise Herndon, Ed. S    | University of Missouri-Kansas City |
| Ms. Teresa Maledy, BA        | Webster University-Kansas City     |
| Mr. Andrew McCarthy, Ed. S   | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Ms. Jan Mees, MA             | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Mr. Mason Mershon, MA        | William Woods-Fulton               |
| Mr. Nate Meyer, MA           | William Woods-Fulton               |
| Mr. Dan Miller, M. Ed        | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Ms. Kim Pettlon-Acopolis, MA | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Mrs. Deanna Phillips, MA     | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Dr. Christian Reed, Ph.D     | University of Missouri-Columbia    |
| Mr. Zach Rodeman, BS         | Columbia College                   |
| Mr. Matt Ross, Ed. S         | William Woods-Fulton               |
| Mr. Jerome Sally, M. Ed      | William Woods-Fulton               |
| Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Ed. D  | Mills College-Oakland, California  |
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| Mrs. Susan Whitesides, M. Ed | University of Missouri-Columbia    |

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## ORDER OF EXERCISES

|   |  |                              |                 |
|---|--|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Processional .....  | Hickman High Band  |                              |                 |
|   | “Pomp and Circumstance” Edward Elgar                                       |                              |                 |
|   | Mr. Denis Swope, Mr. Tom Sweeney, Directors                                |                              |                 |
| Macebearer .....  | Mr. Jeffrey Devero   |                              |                 |
|   | Social Studies Teacher, Student Government Sponsor                         |                              |                 |
| Gonfaloniers .....  | 2017-2018 Student Government Officers                                      |                              |                 |
|   | Claire Nieder, President   |                              |                 |
|   | Rebecca Shyu, Vice-President   |                              |                 |
| Processional Marshals.....  | 2018-2019 Student Body Officers  |                              |                 |
|   | Benjamin Lewandowski, President  |                              |                 |
|   | Leila Gassman, Vice President  |                              |                 |
| “Star Spangled Banner”.....   | arr. Darmon Meador   |                              |                 |
|   | The Seniors of A Cappella Singers  |                              |                 |
|   | Mrs. Robin Steinhaus, Director   |                              |                 |
|   | Raya Aberbach, Chelsea Deters, Megan Fudge, Sydney Gilbreth, Jesse Gillis, |                              |                 |
|   | Alexandra Jaberg, Brandon Johnson, Samantha Keeler, Katie Kim, Nya Mack,   |                              |                 |
|   | Claire Nieder, Madison Rowe, Cathy Saidi, Lauren Wagner, Brett Wilson      |                              |                 |
| Welcome .....   | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
|   | Principal  |                              |                 |
| Musical Tribute to Faculty, Family, and Friends .....   | The Seniors of A Cappella Singers  |                              |                 |
|   | “In Meeting We are Blessed”.....Troy D. Robertson, R. Gasnahos & Jon Donne |                              |                 |
| Introduction of Platform Guests.....  | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
| Introduction of Hickman High School Faculty Representatives .....   | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
| Kim Pettlon-Acopolis  | Julia Dunn   | Mason Mershon                | Deanna Phillips |
| Patricia Beeson   | Jonathan McFarland   | Nate Meyer                   | Christian Reed  |
| Jeffrey Devero  | Jalen McGregor   | Dan Miller                   | Zach Rodeman    |
| Terese Dishaw   |  |                              | Deanna Wasman   |
| Introduction of Hickman High School Alumni and Friends who will award the 122nd year Medallions to the 2018 Graduates ..... | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
|   | ‘50  | ‘90                          |                 |
| Friend of Hickman   | Harold Sontag ‘58  | Susanne (Sawyer) Ragland ‘93 |                 |
| Eric Johnson  |  | Courtney (Diehl) Haskell ‘96 |                 |
| Retiring Teacher  | ‘60  | Heather (Thiemann) Croy ‘96  |                 |
| Pam Close   | Kathleen Wells-Morgan ‘66  |                              |                 |
|   | ‘80  | ‘00                          |                 |
|   | Trina (Ballin) Warder ‘85  | Anna Rorvig ‘02              |                 |
| Introduction of Valedictorians and Presentation of Honor Medallions & Trophy Cups.....                                      | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
|   | Mrs. Susan Whitesides, Director of Counseling                              |                              |                 |
| Recognition of Honor Graduates .....  | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
| Introduction of Commencement Speakers .....   | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |
| Commencement Addresses .....  |  |                              |                 |
|   | Maxwell Bradley, Nancy Diallo, Joseph Holtsford,                           |                              |                 |
|   | Jessica Kanne, Secunda Kariuki, Lillian Kraxberger                         |                              |                 |
|   | Claire Nieder, Rebecca Shyu  |                              |                 |
|   | Seniors of 2018  |                              |                 |
| Principal’s Address .....   | Mr. Tony Gragnani  |                              |                 |



Presentation of Class of 2018 ..... *Mr. Tony Gragnani*

Acceptance of Class of 2018 .....  
*Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Superintendent, Columbia Public Schools*  
*Ms. Jan Mees, President, Board of Education*

Awarding of 122<sup>nd</sup> Year Medallions..... Hickman High School Alumni & Friends

Announcing of Graduates..... *Mr. J. D. Coffman*  
 Assistant Activities/Athletics Principal  
*Mr. Jeffrey Devero*  
 Social Studies Teacher/Student Government Sponsor

Awarding of Diplomas ..... *Ms. Jan Mees, President, Board of Education*  
*Ms. Teresa Maledy, Member Board of Education*  
 Assisted by  
*Dr. Christian Reed, Science Teacher*  
*Mrs. Susan Whitesides, Director of Counseling*

Kewpie Cheer ..... Student Government Officers & the Kewpies

Recessional ..... Hickman High School Band  
*Mr. Denis Swope, Mr. Tom Sweeney, Directors*

## SPECIAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

### VALEDICTORIANS

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Nancy Marcellie Diallo | Jenna Rose Rogers |
| Veronica Lee Fritz     | Veer Sangha       |

### HIGHEST HONORS

Raya Eve Shoyer Aberbach  
 Yahya Adel Hatem  
 Al Shammari  
 Bashar AlQudah  
 Christina Chung  
 Alexis Blair Davis  
 Jacqueline Tyler Decker  
 Maya Lynn Doll  
 Ryan Patrick Dugan  
 Otto Jonathan Fajen  
 Sarah Mohammed Gadban  
 Abigail Grace Hinshaw

Jordan Michelle  
 Hollandsworth  
 Joseph Perry Holtsford  
 Annika Marie Jurczyk  
 Secunda Wangui Kariuki  
 Cheeyoung Lee Kaylen  
 Katie Lynn Kim  
 Lillian Hope Kraxberger  
 Justin Michael Kundert  
 JaeEun Lee  
 Pao-Ni Lee  
 Ashley Rena McGinley  
 Emma Hayes Moloney

Alyssa Marie Morris  
 Emily Grace Murray  
 Kaitlin Rose Osborne  
 Pyam Oveys  
 Kajol Rajeshkumar Patel  
 Matthew Kevin  
 Rothermich  
 Genevieve Mary Saab  
 Anna Bea Shull  
 Rebecca Y. Shyu  
 Anna Marie Spell  
 Lauren Michelle Wagner

### HIGH HONORS

Matthew Alan Ballard  
 Jack Verdun Baugher  
 Maxwell Augustine Bradley  
 Rachel Anne Byerly-Duke  
 Abigail Katherine Dubinski  
 Daniel Jackson Dyroff  
 Benjamin Edward Ewing  
 Emily Rose Fulcher  
 Samri Tesfasellassie  
 Ghirmatzion  
 Kamryn Marie Goodlet  
 Avery Corrine Istwan  
 Jessica Lindsey Kanne  
 Jordan Doris Kausler

Min Joon Kim  
 Hawkins L Kingsley  
 Olivia Noel Kreisman  
 Sean Hao Trung Lam  
 Katherine Rose Langen  
 Hayley Camryn Leal  
 Allison Suzanne Loehr  
 Alexander Nicolas McDade  
 Sage Alexander Moore  
 Samuel Graham Muchow  
 Henry Kyle Muller  
 Claire Elizabeth Nieder  
 Annarose Stremel  
 Overshiner

Lili Anna Pangborn  
 Soyoung Mary Park  
 Taylor Paige Pennington  
 Audrey Elizabeth Roloff  
 Brandon Corey Sandoval  
 Sofia V Sidorova  
 Madelein Mairead Staveley-  
 O'Carroll  
 Eleanor Louise Stroh  
 Casey Elizabeth  
 Summerfield-Solomon  
 Maxwell Rajan Thorpe  
 Inga Katharina Van Dyke  
 Andrew Thomas Whelihan

## HONORS

Andrew Shelby Alexander  
 Breedlove  
 Jared Brooks  
 Rose Adelle Chambers  
 Katherine Elizabeth Comer  
 Shakira Marie Cross  
 Asiya Delic  
 Andrew Michael Devine  
 Evan McBride Drane  
 Hawa Mohammed Faleh  
 Claire Elaine Gerdes  
 Abigail Rose Gibson  
 Joshua Andrew Gilmore  
 Avery Grace Gorden  
 Madeline Claire Hayday  
 Lauren Paige Herschbach  
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 Nicole Layne Jefferson  
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 Carolyn Elizabeth Jordheim  
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 Javier Enrique Kelly Cuenca  
 Alison Janelle Kelly  
 Rachel Jo Keneipp  
 Audrey Mae Kerns  
 Zachery Hunter Litteken  
 Luke David Mackey  
 Kieran Whittier Malloy  
 Christopher Manie  
 Laura Maria Marulanda  
 Tyler Scott Montgomery  
 Lindsey Nicole Naugle  
 Michael Nguyen  
 Elena Maria Ossana-Galen

Grant Michael Paten  
 Bennett Scott Patton  
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 Kahlil Ravi Roth-Folly  
 Paul William Rupp  
 Catherine Aidan Saidi  
 Tiffany Dawn Scism  
 Ridley Sterling Shelby  
 Brooke Noelle Sonksen  
 Taylor Louise Spencer  
 Joshua James Terrana  
 Wyatt Justin Thompson  
 James Carl Tipton  
 Jose Miguel Vaca  
 Jack Nathan Wills

## SENIORS OF 2018

Derek Joel Abeln  
 \*Raya Eve Shoyer  
 Aberbach  
 Benjamin Stuart Abernathy  
 Jessie Lamarr Adolph, Jr.  
 Silvia Katy Aguila  
 Odinabonu Ahmatjonova  
 Yahya Adel Hatem  
 Al Shammari  
 Ola Mohanad Alkateb  
 Bashar AlQudah  
 Yusef Adel Alsharafi  
 Amanda Lynn Anderson  
 Ethan Arthur Anliker  
 Adrian Arce  
 \*Saara Emilia Aura  
 \*Matthew Alan Ballard  
 Treyvon Victor Barnes  
 Calen B Bass  
 \*Jack Verdun Baugher  
 Kayla Joy Baumgartner  
 Brooke Elizabeth Beahan  
 Brittany Mae Berry  
 Treysawn Amir Beverly  
 Hunter Jackson Bowles  
 \*Maxwell Augustine  
 Bradley  
 Andrew Shelby Alexander  
 Breedlove  
 Samuel Edwin Brodersen  
 Jared Brooks  
 Mary Angeline Bruno  
 Ely James Bullock  
 Quentin Deon Butler, Jr.  
 Gavin Michael Buxman  
 Rachel Anne Byerly-Duke

Dalton James Campbell  
 Andrew Paul Capps  
 Sophia Elizabeth Caratti  
 Ashley Brooke Careins  
 Brandon Scott Carlos  
 \*Dominique Micallala  
 Casares  
 Zoie Ann Renee Cecil  
 \*Rose Adelle Chambers  
 Devin Thomas Chapman  
 Blake Alexander Chappell  
 Cameron Thomas Chick  
 \*Christina Chung  
 Camryn Danton Collins  
 \*Katherine Elizabeth Comer  
 Kimberly Deann Cook  
 Dawson Joseph Cooper  
 Lauren Hayley Cooper  
 Andrew James Copeland  
 Deven Michael Crane  
 \*Shakira Marie Cross  
 Evan Charles Crowley  
 Clayton Wayne Croy  
 Elizabeth Gabrielle Curran  
 Emily Hannah Curran  
 Jack Benjamin Curtis  
 Juliana Estela Custer  
 \*Alexis Blair Davis  
 Samantha Charlene Davis  
 Lucero Mahiomy De La Cruz  
 Caba  
 \*Jacob Carter Deakins  
 \*Jacqueline Tyler Decker  
 Asiya Delic  
 Connor Nicolas DeLong  
 Chelsea Louise Deters

\*Andrew Michael Devine  
 \*Nancy Marcellie Diallo  
 \*Maya Lynn Doll  
 \*Evan McBride Drane  
 \*Abigail Katherine Dubinski  
 \*Ryan Patrick Dugan  
 Melissa Jesse Dyke  
 \*Daniel Jackson Dyroff  
 William Avery Edgar  
 Breanna Nichole Ehlers  
 Benjamin Thomas Elmore  
 Brandon Andrew England  
 Jerome Mallare Erandio  
 Jaren Terrell Eskridge  
 Benjamin Edward Ewing  
 \*Otto Jonathan Fajen  
 Adam Mohammed Faleh  
 Hawa Mohammed Faleh  
 Brandon Scott Farris  
 John Everett Fender  
 Carlee Rayanne Fenton  
 Lakin Nicole Fields  
 Lauren Alexandra Fisher  
 Lora Ann Flanagan  
 Caitlin Maeve Fogue  
 Hazel Helen Folkerts  
 Sabrina Nicole French  
 \*Veronica Lee Fritz  
 Megan Michelle Fudge  
 Don Anthony Fugate  
 Emily Rose Fulcher  
 \*Sarah Mohammed Gadban  
 Phoebe Jane Gadsden  
 Carlota Estefani Garcia  
 Juan Diego Garcia-  
 Arizmendi



Oscar Garcia-Arizmendi  
 Patrick Matthew Gardner  
 Drew Chandler Garrett  
 Aaron Remington Gerau  
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 \*Samri Tesfasellassie  
 Ghirmatzion  
 \*Abbygail Rose Gibson  
 Sydney Annabel Gilbreth  
 Muskaan Mariella Gill  
 Drew Allen Gilliland  
 Jesse Lee Gillis  
 Cailyn Ava Marie Gilmore  
 Joshua Andrew Gilmore  
 Philip Clark Gladura  
 Drew Alexander Goerlitz  
 \*Kamryn Marie Goodlet  
 \*Avery Grace Gorden  
 Jaelin Tyree Grant  
 Owen Lambert Hagan  
 Hosanna Haile  
 Jack Augustine Hall  
 Kallie Marie Hamilton  
 Kyle Micheal Hamilton  
 Talia Catherine Hamilton  
 \*Elizabeth Anne Hammond  
 Alexander Garth Hantke  
 Briana Marie Harbour  
 Wilson Greer Hardesty  
 Ronin Nicholas Harper  
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 Madeline Claire Hayday  
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 Margiolio Jatho  
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 Skylar Kenneth Kirk-Morris  
 Thomas Robert Kohler  
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 Sophia Helen Krug  
 Justin Michael Kundert  
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 Thomas Griswold Lawless  
 Ivy Thi Le  
 Devon Allen Leach  
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 Elijah Lucas Leuchtmann  
 Kayden Joseph Lewis  
 Montrez Quenshay Lewis  
 Olivia Renee Lewis  
 Paige Elaine Lewis  
 Tynise Nashae Lewis  
 \*Zachery Hunter Litteken  
 \*Allison Suzanne Loehr

Deja Lashae Lopez  
 Henry Lopez  
 Alexander Asher Lovin  
 Hailey Alyson Lyman  
 Mackenzie Montana Lynch  
 Emily Ann Lyon  
 Nya Deshae Mack  
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 Jonathan Payne Richmond  
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 David Jason Stevens, II  
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 Derek Monroe Strawn  
 Eleanor Louise Stroh  
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\*Casey Elizabeth  
 Summerfield-Solomon  
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 Elizabeth Jane Tamerius  
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 Emma Bella Tanner  
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 Sean Halleck Tipton  
 Kaitlyn Mae Townsend  
 Madalynn Grace Tucker  
 Benjamin Twagirayezu  
 Jose Miguel Vaca  
 Inga Katharina Van Dyke  
 \*Joseph Hook Pottinger  
 Vandepopuliere  
 \*Lauren Michelle Wagner  
 Catie Lynn Walden  
 Cody Lee Walden  
 Peyton Renee Walden  
 Serenity Makaira  
 Washington  
 Saige Turnbough Wells  
 Jordan Andrew Weltha  
 Samuel Joseph Weston  
 Meira Rakel Whelchel  
 \*Andrew Thomas Whelihan  
 Kirsten Rose-Marie  
 Whitacre  
 Tyrice Edward Whitaker, Jr.  
 Nyjel Parshay White  
 Anthony Joseph Whitesides  
 \*Desiree Delilah Wilks  
 Kody Shaine Williams  
 Joshua Allen Williams-  
 Pauls  
 \*Jack Nathan Wills  
 Alanna ReNea Wilson  
 Brett Loyd Wilson  
 Hailey Nicole Wilson  
 Terri-Jo Wimmer  
 Anna Renee Winberry  
 James David Wolfe  
 Tyrique Lee Wright  
 Sean-Liam Roger Yockey  
 Ethan Yoseph  
 Daniel P Zagonenko

\*Denotes membership in National Honor Society



## HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL'S 89<sup>th</sup> GRADUATING CLASS 122 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL

High school in Columbia began in the 1880s, and by 1889, Columbia established a two-year high school at 713 Rogers Street, the current site of Jefferson Junior High School. The course of study was adjusted to three years in 1895, and to four years in 1896. Extracurricular activities naturally evolved. A literary society was formed in 1898, and a choral union, orchestra, and debate team were established in 1899. Sports teams were already present, although the district did not provide paid coaches.

Soon overcrowding at Columbia High School became a concern. In 1909, the community approved the demolition of the old school at Ninth and Rogers and the building of a new high school on that site. The new structure held the district's first gymnasium and a physical education credit was added to graduation requirements. A coach was employed to work with athletic teams and an art/music teacher was hired, providing the first elective courses. The first edition of the yearbook, the *Cresset*, was published in 1912. Commercial studies, teacher training, home economics, and mechanical drawing courses were added to the curriculum in 1913.

World War I brought changes to Columbia High School: the German Club was removed from the list of extracurricular activities in 1915 and a Current Events Club was established in 1918. In 1917, students over 14 years of age were excused from attending school to be farm workers as part of the war effort.

Following World War I, Columbia continued to grow. In 1925, the community decided to build a new high school on the David H. Hickman estate. Construction soon began, and Hickman High School opened in 1927. At the time, some complained that the school was located too far out in the countryside! Students in the high school manual trades program built some of the furniture used to furnish the new school. In 1927, the first Hickman graduates began a grand tradition of excellence in academics, the arts, athletics, and service to the community.

The 1930s brought the Depression to Columbia, and the school district felt the economic pinch. For the first time, the district operated with a deficit; however, the high school building was expanded, thanks to low interest loans and the Works Progress Administration. While the district's special education program was eliminated, Hickman's first counselor was hired. On-the-job training and employment for credit were added to the curriculum, and Hickman's verse speaking choir performed throughout the state. Kewpie wrestlers garnered three state championships during this decade. In 1938, Hickman's marching band first performed, and the Student Council financed purchase of the band's first uniforms in the early 1940s. Hickman's first operetta, 1944's *Tune In*, began an annual tradition that continued for many years.

During World War II, curricular changes reflected the times; courses in international relations, aeronautics, and home nursing were added. Hickman participated in a fund-raising drive for the war effort and collected salvage items. Driver's education was offered for the first time in 1948, and the tradition of requiring sophomores to wear beanies was restored. Many Hickman graduates served in the armed forces, some giving their lives in service to their country.

The end of segregation in the school system occurred in the late 1950s. Hickman's faculty voted in 1952 to adopt competitive letter grading (E,S,M,I,F) in place of the previous Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading system. Continued expansion of facilities resulted in new construction. High school special education and adult classes were initiated in 1955. Vocational classrooms, laboratories, and the swimming pool were built in 1956, doubling Hickman's classroom space. During this decade, many graduates served in the Korean Conflict.

In 1960, Hickman established an honors program to add academic rigor. The green and white sophomore beanies were worn for the last time in 1961. David Wheeler was named Hickman's first Presidential Scholar in 1964, the inaugural year of the national recognition program where two outstanding high school graduates per state per year are recognized for stellar academic achievement. The Kewpies finally beat the Jefferson City Jays in football in 1966, the same year William "Bill" Galeota became a Presidential Scholar, followed in 1967 by Robert "Corky" Cartwright. Four state athletic championships in three different sports proved Hickman an intimidating opponent during the 1960s. Again, Hickman graduates were in service to their country during the Vietnam conflict.

The 1970s brought district growth and expanded opportunities for Hickman

girls, including the election of Hickman's first female Student Government President and another Presidential Scholar in 1972, Susan Wakerlin (Durkin). By the mid-1970s, Hickman offered competitive women's teams in tennis, basketball, golf, swimming, track, and volleyball. A growing music program produced a number of outstanding performers. Overcrowding, seemingly a constant issue in Columbia's schools, became a concern; in 1973 a second high school, Rock Bridge, opened and the Bruins, along with the Jefferson City Jays, became Hickman's greatest rivals.

National recognition came to Hickman in the 1980s, as Hickman was chosen to receive the Excellence in Education (Blue Ribbon) Award in 1984-85. President Ronald Reagan visited Hickman in 1987. Additional athletic and fine arts recognitions were earned by Hickman students, and four additional Presidential Scholars were selected, Melissa Parisi (Onzay) in 1983, Eleanor Kaufman in 1985 and in 1988, both of Missouri's scholars were Kewpies, Scott Murphy and Becca Dillingham (Learnmouth).

In the 1990s, Hickman was again nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon school in the 1994-96 competition, and four additional Presidential Scholars were named, David Kung in 1990, John Wright Riddick in 1994, Travis Pittman in 1996, and Anne Roller (Rucker) in 1997. Curriculum took new directions, including interdisciplinary classes, portfolio grading, and infusion of technology. Computer labs were developed and opportunities for true-to-life experiences were expanded, including the nationally recognized Columbia Aeronautics Space Association (CASA) program. The strong, diverse athletic tradition continued. Within this decade, Hickman won six state championships in baseball, women's swimming, men's track, men's cross country, and men's tennis. Fine arts and music programs produced many state award winners.

The tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts continues into the new millennium. Again, Presidential Scholars were announced, Kate Swearngen in 2000, Saritha Komatireddy in 2001, Ben Robinson in 2002, Doris Lin in 2003, Jessica Hwang in 2009, and in 2011 HHS produced an eighteenth Presidential Scholar, Eric Young. To date Hickman High School has twice the number of Presidential Scholars as any high school in the state. The second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century at Hickman High School has focused on upholding and building upon our valued traditions as an educational institution and as a pillar of the Columbia community.

The new millennium also brought along with it a period of growth and expansion for Columbia, and subsequently Hickman High School. A new commons and classroom addition opened fall 2003, along with extensive renovations throughout the building in 2004, and again in 2008. Hickman celebrated the opening of a long-awaited second gym in December of 2012 with a winning game against Rock Bridge. Vocational classrooms, including a restaurant-sized kitchen, and a renovation of the football stadium were ready for the start of school in fall of 2013. These additional classrooms provided several vocational classes not requiring busing to the Career Center. Construction on new tennis courts, installation of artificial turf on the baseball field, and building of a new wrestling room, baseball concession stand and batting cages all occurred during the 2013-14 school year. Ninth graders were welcomed at the high school level for the very first time during the 13-14 school year along with block scheduling. Many capital improvements were inaugurated in 2014-15: tennis courts, indoor sport facility including a batting cage and space for wrestling, and softball/baseball turf were all in place. The upgrade to these facilities allowed the men's and women's tennis teams as well as the women's softball team the ability to compete at Hickman for the first time in many years. Additionally, a new buzzer system was installed, providing an added level of security to the school community.

College and career readiness has been a foundational building block for Hickman in the 2010s. With continued changes to state accountability measures placed on Missouri public schools, Hickman has remained steadfast in its efforts to provide excellent opportunities for students regardless of legislative changes. Curricular and programmatic changes have provided increased opportunities for students to access advanced placement courses through partnerships with College Board and Equal Opportunities Schools, provided greater access to career and technical education courses through the expansion of on-site career center courses, and has allowed students to engage in programs such as AVID and MAC Scholars—key components of Hickman's college readiness system.

In the last decade, continual improvement and an increased focus on the school's vision of being a highly effective professional learning community have served as



cornerstones for Hickman. In 2012, Hickman established a distributed leadership model in the form school-wide teacher leadership teams—*Leadership Council*, *Student Support Team*, the *Learning and Instruction Team*, and the *Interdisciplinary Team*. Additionally, the *T.I.D.E Team* was developed to aid in the continued enhancement of school culture. The name “TIDE” is an acronym derived from the four pillars of Hickman’s mission: Tradition, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence. Hickman also developed a multi-faceted student support model during this decade. The model included the implementation of freshman advisory and sophomore seminar courses, a tiered model for student response to intervention, and a review of the school’s philosophy on grading and mark reporting. In 2016, Hickman was recognized for its outstanding work in the aforementioned areas when the school was named an *Exemplary Professional Learning School* by the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education in 2016.

In recent years there has been a focus centered around Traditions Lobby including a Wall of Remembrance honoring the eighty Kewpies who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation and repurposing the display cases to recognize end of the year scholarships and award plaques distributed on Senior Awards Night. New display cases were hung to exhibit past Hickman memorabilia. The Hickman Kewpie statue and Presidential Scholars plaques were moved to this lobby in addition to a graduation display case which includes the mace carried during graduation ceremonies. Several new areas have been added for student seating throughout the building including in the counseling lobby, upstairs in an alcove near Room 225, and atrium bar-height seating located on the second floor overlooking the pond. A focus has also been to create spaces for faculty and staff to work while on conference or shared planning periods. A professional development library was created inside of the faculty workroom in addition to landscaping that was installed in the Faculty Courtyard. The pond was cleaned out and new fish occupy the space in addition to planting 11 new rosebud and dogwood trees. In the Fall of 2017 Hickman dedicated the Coach Arnel “Sparky” Monroe Memorial Pavilion as a tribute to the former football coach. During the summer of 2018 a labyrinth will be installed on the east side of the building to remember and honor Janna Fick, long time AP Psychology teacher at HHS.

Hickman’s most recent graduating classes were comprised of outstanding groups of students with Presidential Scholar nominees, Missouri Scholars 100 honorees, and scores of students recognized as National Merit Scholars. Additionally, on the field of athletic competition, members of the graduating classes of the “20-teens” earned numerous district and sectional victories as well as several state qualifications. During the subsequent years that followed their graduation dates, a remarkable parade of talented Hickman students have translated their hopes and dreams into achievements that should inspire the current graduating class of Kewpies. The challenges that face today’s graduates are varied. Opportunities to be of service to self, family, country, and community abound. Wherever they go and whatever achievements they may claim, each graduate will carry memories of their days at Hickman High School.

#### HICKMAN PRINCIPALS THROUGH THE YEARS

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| Sadie Stean        | Kenneth E. Clark |
| Fred C. Dixon      | Dee Corn         |
| Wallace Croy       | Robert Nolke     |
| Neil C. Aslin      | Wanda Brown      |
| Bernard Schmitz    | Mike Jeffers     |
| Virgil S. Hass     | Tracey Conrad    |
| James R. Chevalier | Eric Johnson     |
| Russell Thompson   | Tony Gragnani    |

*“Hickman High School empowers students to achieve academic excellence, to develop personal integrity and responsibility, to value diversity, and to be continuous learners capable of contributing to a changing society.”*



**David Henry Hickman** was a businessman, educator, and legislator from Columbia, Missouri, United States. He was a member of the Missouri State Assembly from 1838 to 1842 and helped compose legislation requiring the state to support public 'common schools' with at least twenty-five percent of the state's revenue. He was also instrumental in the founding and development of Stephens College and served as a curator of the University of Missouri. David H. Hickman High School was built on his country estate in 1927 and named after him.

On Dec. 15, 1925, residents approved 7-1 a bond issue of \$415,000 for construction of a school building on the site and some other school improvements. On Dec. 17, 1925, the school board approved a resolution by Sanford Conley suggesting the school be named "David H. Hickman High School." The cornerstone for Hickman High School was placed in a brief ceremony Sept. 16, 1926, and the building was opened for classes a year later.

When the new high school’s name became known, two respected residents approved of its namesake and described Hickman in their letters of endorsement. From Edwin Stephens, president of Stephens Publishing Co.: "David H. Hickman was one of the greatest citizens and finest characters Boone County has ever had. He was a model citizen, a true Christian, a patriot, a leader in educational and civic affairs. The board of education appropriately honors his memory in naming in his honor the building, which is to stand upon the site of the home he owned and where he passed away with honors. And to the regret of the community which he so unselfishly and so ably served and when he had scarcely reached the prime of life."

From Judge David Harris of Boone County Circuit Court: "He was a gentleman in manner, a Christian in spirit and a natural leader by the soundness of his judgment, the force of his character and the disinterestedness of his motives.....measured by the years, his life was a short one. Yet, I can think of no former citizen of Columbia whose life was richer, fuller or more worthy of emulation by the youth of Columbia, who in the years to come may receive instruction in the schools of your city."



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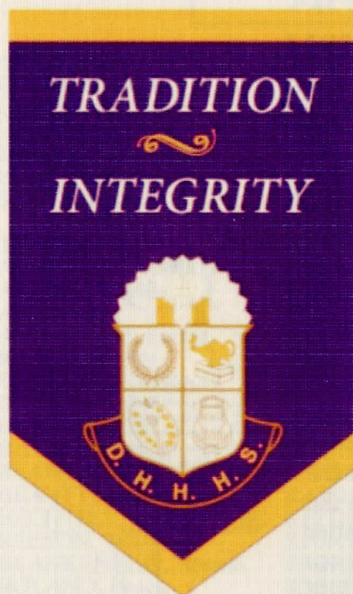
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## The Mascot - 1914

The school mascot, the Kewpie, appeared for the first time in the 1914 Cresset associated with the basketball team "...whose loyalty to the school and to the Kewpie motto, 'Keep Smiling,' had won the State Championship." Apparently, the school secretary owned a Kewpie doll, as they were popular figurines then, and she kept it on her desk. At one of the basketball games, she placed the Kewpie in the center of the court (for good luck), and the entire game was played around it without its being broken. This was somewhat remarkable since the dolls were very fragile. Because it survived the game and brought a victory, it was thereafter considered the good luck mascot. You can see a picture of it underneath a chair in the 1914 Basketball team photograph in the Cresset.





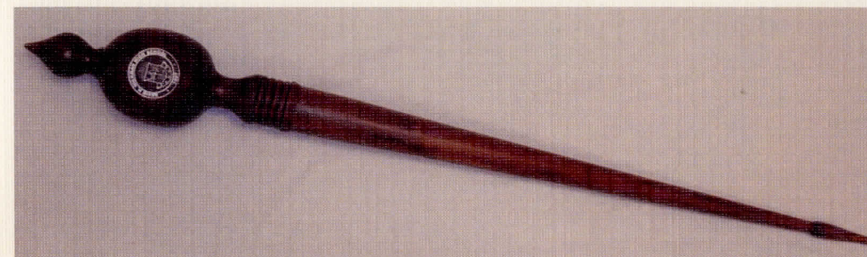


### The Gonfalon

A gonfalon is a type of heraldic flag or banner, often pointed, swallow-tailed, or with several streamers, and suspended from a crossbar. It is of Italian origin and dates back to medieval times when they were used in state and religious ceremonial processions as symbols of office; the name derives from “gonfaloni”, the name given to community meetings in Florence. Each neighborhood had its own flag and coat of arms and the word gonfalon eventually came to be associated with the flag.

In modern times, schools adopted the practice of carrying gonfalons at their commencement exercises to heighten the ceremonial nature of the exercises and add pageantry to the event. Hickman High School’s ceremony will feature two gonfalons. They reflect a timeless style that is Hickman. Each displays the school’s colors through the royal purple background and gold trim and include the school crest. The gonfalons also represent the core values of Hickman’s mission: Tradition, Integrity, Diversity, and Excellence.

Each year the student government class president and vice-president serve as gonfalonieres as they lead the class in the procession at the David H. Hickman High School Commencement Ceremony.



### Ceremonial Academic Mace

The David H. Hickman High School Ceremonial Academic Mace is an ancient symbol of authority; it reminds us that schools are custodians of the enduring traditions of learning. The mace is carried by a faculty member who is called the Macebearer.

Ceremonial academic maces appeared in European universities during the fourteenth century and represented the amalgamation of two much older staff-like devices of similar length and shape. These were the regal scepter and the medieval battle mace. Kings throughout history have carried scepters as insignia of the lawful authority of just rulers. The battle mace was first used by medieval princes as an effective hand weapon in combat.

In the fourteenth century, the royal scepter and the battle mace were combined to produce the ceremonial mace. It was carried before royalty, mayors of cities, and chief officers of the universities.

In modern times, the mace is used on ceremonial occasions in the life of schools. In commencement exercises, the mace specifically indicates the authority of the school to award degrees. Today, our mace is carried before the superintendent, principal, and platform dignitaries.

The mace and its holder were designed, and created in 2015 by noted local woodworker, Andy Werth of Stickman Woodworks. The Hickman High School mace is fashioned in locally sourced Missouri Walnut which signifies Hickman’s strength and traditional role in the community. The top of the mace is a reproduction of the cresset found at the top of our school crest. This reminds our school community of our call to be bearers of light and truth. The casting set in the globe is the official school crest. Below the medallion are four rings that represent the core values found in our mission statement: tradition, integrity, diversity, and excellence. The mace is 45” long and weighs 10 pounds. The festive ribbons streaming from the globe are the colors of Hickman. Purple is symbolic of royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice and is indicative of the highest ideals and aims. Gold is symbolic of integrity, honesty, generosity, and the elevation of the mind.

Faculty, students, and the community have always looked to academic ceremonies as the highlight of the academic year. The addition of the mace adds meaning and dignity to the commencement ritual. It reminds both participants and spectators that education is one of the most cherished attributes of a free and democratic society.





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