

# Kunsmiller Creative Arts Academy

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## KCAA Administrative Team

Peter Castillo — Executive Principal  
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## KCAA High School Staff and Support Personnel

Dorothy Abalos, Alexandra Arias, Anthony Abel-Pype,  
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# Members of the Class of 2020

Leonel Acevedo-Guardado

Raul Acosta, Jr.

Joaquin Andazola

Michael Anthony

Victoria Blanco

Acien Blanco-Ballejos

Sophia Bowers

Damaris Brenner

Erick Caldera-Avila

Amelya Candelaria

Mirca Cano-Bojorquez

Daisy Cantor-Cervacio

Jesus Cardiel-Juarez

Andrew Carr

Hector Cerda-Pena

Faith Coleman

Ashley Cordova

Emilio Coronado

Aschly DeLaRosa-Vega

Sereniti Fisher

Brayan Flores-Juarez

Jade Flores-Juarez

Rafael Gamboa

Rafael Garcia-Espinoza, III

Angeleina Gomez

Daniel Gonzalez-Ramirez

Eloy Gonzalez-Quiroz

Eric Gonzalez-Salas

Oscar Guerrero-Trejo

Thar Htoo

Brandon Jimenez

Alijah Larsen

Jamie Lazcano-Limon

John Le

Victor Lira-Rivas

Ivan Lopez, Jr.

Victoria Lucero

Ernesto Mares

**V** – Valedictorian (Gold Stole) **S** – Salutatorian (Gold Stole)

**A** – Audio CTE (Blue/Silver) **†** – 3.5 GPA or higher (Silver Cords)

**‡** – 4.0 GPA or higher (Gold Cords)

**D** – Digital CTE (Burgundy/Silver Cords)

**Δ** – SBOE/SVL (White/Royal Blue Cords)

**t** – Thespian Society (Royal Blue/Gold cords)

**7+** – Attended KCAA Since Founding (Lt. Blue Cords)

**B** – Students receiving the Seal of Bi-literacy (Gold/Silver Cords)

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Adalberto Martinez-Garza  
Nubia Martinez-Ramirez  
Ali Mberwa  
Diana McCuster  
Javier Mendoza  
Edith Moreno-Dominguez  
N'Kyra Murphy  
Axel Navarro-Saenz  
Aunnastasia O'Neal  
Destiny Ocampo-Penaloza  
Yaneth Ponce-Ferrales  
Brody Pulkrab  
Yesenia Ramirez-Aranda  
Giovanni Ramirez  
Higino Ramirez, Jr.  
Hector Reyes-Juarez  
Sabrina Rocha-Aguilar  
Isaiah Rodarte  
Oscar Rodriguez  
Angela Rodriguez-Santos  
Lorenzo Rojas  
Ashley Rupp-Ruud  
Zaida Sever  
Miranda Steele

# Graduation Program

Opening Slideshow..... The Wood Song by Indigo Girls  
Welcome ..... Mr. Peter Castillo  
Staff Tribute to Graduates.... Mrs. Julie Waugh-Ritchie  
Principal's Address..... Mr. Peter Castillo  
Asst. Principal's Message..... Mr. John Delaney  
Asst. Principal's Message..... Mrs. Lindsay Erickson  
Superintendent's Message..... Susana Cordova  
BoE President's Message..... Dr. Carrie Olson  
Board of Education District 2..... Angela Cobian  
Mayor's Address..... Honorable Michael Hancock  
"Believe in Yourself".....

First Lady of Denver, Mary Louise Lee

Valedictorian Address ..... Class of 2020

Valedictorian

Edith Moreno-Dominguez

Salutatorian Address ..... Class of 2020 Salutatorian

Thar Htoo

Principal's Address..... Mr. Peter Castillo

Seniors' Diploma Videos..... Class of 2020

Presentation and Closing Comments.....

Mr. Peter Castillo

2020 End of Ceremony Slideshow .....

Pomp and Circumstance

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# KCAA Celebrates the Achievements of Our Graduates

## **Victoria Blanco**

*Metropolitan State University  
Red Rocks Community College  
Community College of Denver*

## **Acien Blanco-Ballejos**

*Red Rocks Community College*

## **Erick Caldera-Avila**

*Metropolitan State University*

## **Amelya Candelaria**

*Community College of Denver  
Arapahoe Community College  
Front Range Community College*

## **Andrew Carr**

*University of Colorado at Denver  
Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design*

## **Aschly DeLaRosa-Vega**

*Metropolitan State University  
Johnson and Wales University  
Johnson and Wales Scholarship - \$64,000*

## **Rafael Gamboa**

*Colorado State University*

## **Thar Htoo**

*Salutatorian  
Arizona State University  
Louisiana State University  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Colorado State University  
Biking for Baseball - \$1,000  
Asian, Pacific Islander Association Scholarship  
Niche - \$2,000  
Scholarship Owl - \$1,000  
Clicked in No Sweat - \$2,500  
College Raptor  
**Alijah Larsen**  
*Red Rocks Community College**

## **Victor Lira-Rivas**

*University of Hawaii at Hilo  
University of Colorado at Boulder*

## **Ernesto Mares**

*Community College of Denver*

## **Adalberto Martinez-Garza**

*Metropolitan State University  
Community College of Denver  
University of Colorado at Boulder*

## **Nubia Martinez-Ramirez**

*University of New Mexico at Alamogordo  
Hofstra University  
University of Colorado at Denver  
Metropolitan State University  
Red Rocks Community College  
University of New Mexico at Albuquerque*

## **Edith Moreno-Dominguez**

*Valedictorian  
University of Colorado at Denver  
Community College of Denver  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
New Mexico State University*

## **N'Kyra Murphy**

*Metropolitan State University  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
University of Northern Colorado  
Colorado Mountain College*

## **Yaneth Ponce-Ferrales**

*Metropolitan State University  
University of Northern Colorado  
Colorado State University at Denver  
Colorado State University at Fort Collins  
Colorado State University at Pueblo  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

## **Yaneth Ponce-Ferrales con't.**

*University of Denver  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
Latinas First Scholarship  
Because College is Expensive Scholarship*

## **Sabrina Rocha-Aguilar**

*Emily Griffith Technical College*

## **Oscar Rodriguez**

*Northern Arizona University  
Colorado Mesa University  
Columbia College at Chicago*

*University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

*Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design*

*Cornell University*

*Colorado State University*

*University of Colorado at Boulder*

*Colorado School of Mines*

*Red Rocks Community College*

*University of Colorado at Denver*

*University of Hawaii at Hilo*

**Angela Rodriguez-Santos**

*Metropolitan State University*

*University of Colorado at Boulder*

*Community College of Aurora*

*Colorado Film School*

*Columbia College at Chicago*

*University of Oklahoma at Tulsa*