



STANBRIDGE ACADEMY



*8th Grade Class of 2023*

# GRADUATION

**JUNE 13, 2023 • STANBRIDGE ACADEMY • 5:00PM-7:00PM**

515 E Poplar Ave, San Mateo, CA 94401



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**Steven Makuakai Porter**  
GRADUATION SPEAKER

*8th Grade  
Graduates*



**Emmett Jenvey**



**Victor De Souza**



**Donovan Madden**



**Andrew Park**



**Caleb Patterson**



**Hudson Siefker**



**Arham Zaman**

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## Speeches & Reflections:



**STEVEN MAKUAKI PORTER**

GRADUATION SPEAKER

Welcome to the Stanbridge Academy 8th grade graduation 2023. I want to welcome all of the families and say congratulations to my fellow classmates.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Steven Mukakai Porter but everybody calls me Kai. I have been at Stanbridge for 6 years.

In my free time, I like to play video games. I'm interested in playing on my Opulus Quest. In the future, I want to focus on video game design and focus on building a world inside of a game.

Stanbridge is a great school because of the teachers like Daniel Geller who I love to joke with. I like to go to school at Stanbridge because of the amazing teachers and friends I have.

One of the best parts of the year is when we went to Westminster Woods. One of my favorite memories at camp was when I was doing the climbing ropes course and when I was waiting for Daniel to wake up in the mornings. I remember the teachers that are not at this school anymore like Jeff, James, Liz, and Genevieve and many more. I miss them dearly!

Graduates, remember to always believe in yourself. Never give up on yourself. Don't forget to have fun! "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind" - Dr. Suess.

In high school I look forward to learning new things. In the future, I want to make more memories with my friends here at Stanbridge. I would like to thank all of my teachers for getting me to high school. I appreciate their support and help during the school year. I want to appreciate my family for keeping me at Stanbridge.

Let's all give a round of applause for our graduates! Congratulations 8th graders! Let's all cheer for the graduates.

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### *Speeches & Reflections:*



**EMMETT JENVEY**

Hello parents, staff, friends and graduates and welcome to Stanbridge Academy's 8th grade graduation! I want to welcome everybody and say a special congratulations to my classmates.

For those of you who do not know me my name is Emmett Jenvey and I am graduating 8th grade this school year. In my free time I like creating things and going camping! I am currently making a wooden table. I'm interested in many things such as woodworking and camping! In the future I want to get a job.

Stanbridge is a great school because we have good kids and good teachers. Also, we have small classes which makes a great difference. At Stanbridge, we get the opportunity to go on experientials and many other field trips. It's a special place because we all care about one another.

One of the best parts of the year is when I participated in the ropes course at Westminster Woods. A favorite memory I have is when I went to the beach and saw animals.

In high school, I look forward to meeting new people and learning new things. In the future, I want to be a firefighter to help save lives.

Some advice for our graduates: Remember to work hard. Think before you speak. Life is like a chess board. You have your pieces and your moves, it is up to you how you play!

I would like to thank my parents for supporting me throughout my entire life. I really appreciate my teachers and staff for teaching me and being there for me throughout the school year.

We are finally going to graduate middle school and do great things. Although we will miss middle school a lot, I'm excited to see where life takes us in the future. Let's all cheer for the graduates. Congrats Bulldogs!

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### *Speeches & Reflections:*



**VICTOR DE SOUZA**

Hello parents, staff, and students, welcome to the Stanbridge Academy's 2023 8th grade graduation! For those who don't know me, my name is Victor De Souza.

I am an 8th grade graduate.

In my free time I like to go skateboarding. I'm interested in movies, and video games. When I grow up I want to be a video games designer.

I think Stanbrige is a great school because we have smaller classes which makes it easier because my teachers, and friends can help me if I am frustrated.

I'm nervous about high school because they have harder classes, but my teachers taught me to persevere and try hard.

One of my favorite memories is when we had Liz and Genevieve as teachers. Another memory I have is when last year we threw water balloons at the teachers.

A quote that sticks with me is "Sometimes you need to get knocked down before you can really figure out what your fight is, and how you need to fight it." -Chadwick Boseman

In the future I want to go on more field trips. I'm also looking forward to meeting new people.

I would like to thank my mom, my dad, and my brother for being there when I needed them. I also want to thank my friends for spending time with me all these years. I would also like to thank my teachers for teaching me and giving me more support.

Congratulations 8th graders! I wish you all luck in the future.

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**DONOVAN MADDEN**

Hello everybody, welcome to the 8th grade graduation at Stanbridge Academy. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Donovan and I'm an 8th grade graduate.

In my free time, I like to go on google earth. I am interested in language games and Roblox. I like Roblox because I get to explore worlds.

Stanbridge is a great school because it is fun. I like to go to school here because I enjoy playing prodigy. One of the best parts of the year is the snack shack and bake sale. One of my favorite memories was going to Central Park.

Remember to never give up. "Education is something we have to keep pursuing day after day."

In the future, I look forward to meeting new people. I also look forward to taking new classes.

I would like to thank the teachers for teaching me learn new things. I really appreciate my family for taking care of me. Congrats on going to high school. Let's all give a round of applause for our graduates!

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**ANDREW PARK**

Hello to Stanbridge Academy 8th grade graduation. If you don't know, my name is Andrew Park and I am an 8th grade graduate. This is my third year at Stanbridge. In my free time, I like to draw, walk and play on the computer for a while. Stanbridge school is fun because we get to go to clubs, and we get to make new friends there.

In the future, I want to learn more about technology. Stanbridge is a great school because it helps us keep on track and understand everything school teaches us. Middle school is different from elementary school because it has school clubs. Some of the clubs that I was in were basketball, ceramics, and bowling.

One of the best parts of the year is playing on an otamatone in music. And I enjoyed playing the ukulele too. Don't forget eating stuff from the ground is gross. In high school I look forward to technology. It is fun making projects in Tinkercad. I would like to thank Chris Salerno for being my best friend. Let's all give a round of applause for our graduates.

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**CALEB PATTERSON**

Welcome to my 8th grade speech. For those of you who don't know me my name is Caleb Patterson.

In my free time I like to play with my dog Meaty. Middle school is different from elementary school because we have to attend harder classes. One of the best parts of the year was when we had our overnight trip.

As we look ahead, don't forget "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." In high-school I look forward to taking a welding class.

I want to appreciate my aunt because of what she is doing for me. Let's all give a round of applause for our graduates.



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## Speeches & Reflections:



**HUDSON SIEFKER**

Hello everyone, welcome to Stanbridge 8th grade graduation of 2023! For those who don't know me, my name is Hudson and I'm an 8th grade graduate. In my free time, I like to watch movies, sing and play games.

I like to go to school at Stanbridge because there are really awesome people here like my friends. Also, the classes here are small and it's easy to focus. One of my favorite memories was when my friends and teachers went to see my musicals.

Remember that don't underestimate yourself, it just makes you separate yourself from your dreams. In the future, I hope to be a movie writer or actor. I would like to thank all the teachers, friends and family for giving me a good experience here at Stanbridge.

Congratulations 8th graders, let's all cheer for the graduates.

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**ARHAM ZAMAN**

Hello and welcome to the Stanbridge Academy graduation of 2023! If you don't know me, my name is Arham and I'm an 8th grade graduate. In my free time, I like to do IXL Math skills. I am interested in learning different languages. In the future, I want to study more English, more science and more social studies. Stanbridge is a great school because you have lots of exceptional opportunities. I like to go to school here because I like to make new friends. Middle School is different from elementary because middle school comes with more homework.

One of the best parts of the year is when I did Spanish club with Señor Ruben. One of my favorite memories was going on the ropes course at Westminster Woods. I remember when I made a Roblox Egypt game in Mr Todd's technology class. I also remember that I did Kahoot games in some classes. As we look ahead you have to give them advice. Don't forget that I was performing the Minecraft song titled Sweden and Katyusha, a Russian folk song in the 2023 Spring Sing.

In high school I look forward to studying more English, more math, more science and more social studies. In the future, I want to have a job as an office worker. I want to thank my teachers for helping us with hard stuff. I really appreciate the help from my teachers. I want to appreciate my family because they help me with my homework. Let's give a huge round of applause for the 8th grade graduates of 2023! Congrats 8th graders! Let's cheer for the graduates.



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# *8th Grade Class of 2023*

**Julie Smith**

HEAD OF SCHOOL

**Tasha Hudick**

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

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