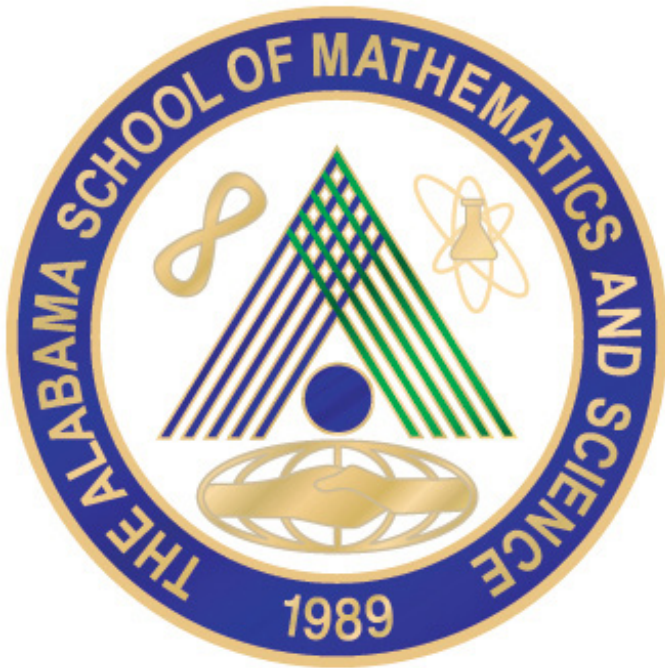


# ALABAMA SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

*Thirty-Fourth Commencement*



*The Class  
of  
Two Thousand Twenty Six*

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# Commencement

May 16, 2026  
Mobile Convention Center  
10:30 AM

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| Student Procession*           | Pomp and Circumstance<br>By Edward Elgar  |
| National Anthem*              | Star Spangled Banner<br>Emerson Wilkie, Class of 2028, Piano<br>Scarlet Cunningham, Class of 2026, Vocalist |
| Welcome                       | Dr. John Hoyle, President   |
| Commencement Address          | Dr. Greg Bacon<br>Board of Directors Member   |
| Class President's Address     | Kahyeon Jeon<br>Lee County  |
| Senior Class Orator's Address | Emma Kathryn South<br>Baldwin County  |
| Announcement of Graduates     | Dr. Mitch Frye, Academic Dean   |
| Presentation of Diplomas      | ASMS Faculty  |
| Recognition of Graduates      | Dr. John Hoyle, President   |
| Conferring of Degrees         | Dr. John Hoyle, President   |
| Alumni Community Welcome      | Dr. Samantha Church<br>Vice President of Development<br>& Outreach  |
| Recession*                    | Members of the Class of 2026  |

*\*Please stand*

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*In loving memory of the  
Honorable Ann Bedsole*



*On December 1, 2025, we lost our beloved founder, Mrs. Ann Smith Bedsole. ASMS exists today because of her vision, courage, and determination. She was a tireless champion for this school, its mission, and its students. She believed deeply that students in Alabama should have access to a higher-level learning experience if they desired it. Her vision was bold, and at times some may have thought it impossible, but her persistence helped bring that vision to life. Anyone who had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Bedsole knows how deeply she cared for ASMS and how much it meant to her to see the school thrive. Her legacy remains firmly woven into the life of this institution. We will always remember her extraordinary life, her unwavering commitment, and the lasting impact she made on thousands of ASMS students and families.*

# ACADEMIC REGALIA

## Graduating Class

Graduating class members wear colored cords to signify membership in National Honor Societies: blue and gold for the National Honor Society; light blue and gold for Mu Alpha Theta; blue, white, and red for the Société Honoraire de Français; black, red, and gold for the Deutsche Ehrenverbindung; crimson and gold for the Latina Honoris Societas; and red and gold for the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica.

## Faculty

Born out of a necessity to keep warm, the formal academic dress worn today originated in the Middle Ages and was standardized in 1895. In general, the gown indicates the level of the highest degree held: for bachelors, the black gown with flowing, pointed sleeves; for masters, the black gown with sleeves slit midway for the arms, and the sleeve bottom closed flat with a semicircle cut in the side; for doctors, the flowing robe decorated with

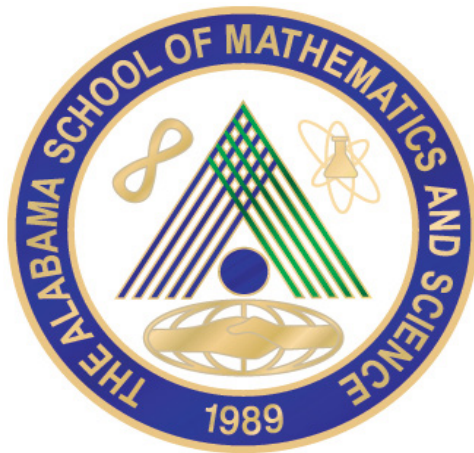
chevrons of velvet, most of them black on black, but occasionally with chevrons of another color indicating the general field of study; occasionally, the entire robe is of another, university-specific color.

Most identification is contained in the hoods. Velvet edging, two inches wide for masters and three for doctors, indicates the subject matter in which the wearer's degree was earned: white for arts, letters or humanities; beige for business; light blue for education; brown for fine arts; purple for law; lemon for library science; pink for music; apricot for nursing; olive green for pharmacy; dark blue for philosophy; sage green for physical education; golden yellow for science; scarlet for theology and divinity. The lining of the hood is a precise code identifying the university of the degree's origin.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science's mission is to provide academically motivated Alabama students with exceptional preparation in the fields of math and science, empowering them to improve their community, state, and nation.*

## THE ASMS SEAL



The ASMS seal was designed in 1989 when the school was founded. The infinity symbol represents mathematics. The beaker and atom represent the sciences. The shaking hands represent partnership with business and industry. The intersecting lines that form the "A" symbolize the coming together of the various disciplines taught at ASMS. Finally, the sphere within the "A" symbolizes the impact that ASMS graduates will have on the world.

*The Class of*  
*2026*



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