

In Celebration of 129 Years

“Every available seat in the City Hall was filled yesterday afternoon long before the hour was fixed for the opening ceremonies of presenting flags to the pupils of the public schools...whose duty it will hereafter be to care for the flags entrusted to their charge. The flags shall be handed down hereafter from one generation to another to remind us of the priceless heritage which we possess.”

**Rochester Evening Times
February 23, 1889**

On that day in 1889, a group of Civil War veterans from the George H. Thomas Post, No. 4, Grand Army of the Republic, marched to City Hall where each veteran presented a new flag to one student representative from each of Rochester's 32 public schools. These student representatives, called Standard Bearers, were chosen for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated citizenship. This, the first Transfer of Flags ceremony, was proposed by Captain Henry Lomb.

Henry Lomb, who along with John Jacob Bausch founded the Rochester-based firm Bausch & Lomb, was a German immigrant who loved his adopted country and its flag. He was one of the first New York State residents to enlist in the Union Army during the Civil War. He rose to the rank of Captain and fought in many of the major battles, including Fredericksburg, Antietam and the “Battle of Bull Run.”

Captain Lomb believed that some visible recognition should be paid to the Standard Bearers of our flag; thus began the tradition of Bausch & Lomb's presentation of a bronze medallion to each Standard Bearer. In fact, Captain Lomb himself presented the medals until his death in 1908.

Today we gather to celebrate the 129th Transfer of Flags Ceremony, which is the oldest surviving tradition in the Rochester City School District.

129TH ANNUAL ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Transfer of Flags

**MAY 20, 2018
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CAMPUS
1:30 P.M.**

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

"America, the Beautiful" by Katherine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward; arr. Phillip Keveren
Rachel Dobbs, Pianist

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

"Maria" by Stanish Claws; arr, Lisa Scott
Urban Steel Band Ensemble led by Lisa Scott

MASTER OF CEREMONY

Linus J. Guillory Jr., PhD, Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

GREETINGS

Barbara Deane-Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Van Henri White, President, Board of Education

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Eastman Pathways Program Chamber Choir

SPEAKER

La'Ron D. Singletary, Deputy Chief of Communications
Rochester Police Department

PRESENTATION OF 2016-2017 STANDARD BEARERS AWARD MEDALS

Thomas Pappas, Assistant Principal, James Monroe High School

TRANSFER OF THE FLAG CEREMONY

CHARGE TO THE STANDARD BEARERS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star-Spangled Banner" - Traditional
Words by Francis Scott Key, Music by John Stafford Smith
Eastman Pathways Program Chamber Choir

RECESSIONAL MARCH

"Viva La Vida" by Buckland, Berryman, Champion, and Martin
Urban Steel Band Ensemble led by Lisa Scott

Arrangements

Jay Piper, Principal, School No. 15
Thomas Pappas, Assistant Principal, Monroe High School
Stephen LaMorte, Executive Director of Social Studies

Special Thanks to...

Kevin Klein, Principal, Integrated Arts & Technology High School
Ed Mascadri , Principal, Vanguard Collegiate High School
Clinton Bell, Principal, Abraham Lincoln School 22
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Our deepest thanks to Bausch & Lomb for providing the bronze Medals of Honor. We thank them for their continued support of this event.



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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Genesis Silva

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Barbara Deane-Williams

SCHOOL	2017-2018	2018-2019
Montessori Academy School 53	Yarismar Gomez Correa Maurice Fisher Rachel Gregoire	Jameere Brown Gadiel Pedraza Areana Soto
The Flower City School 54	Justice Cruz Ciana Turner	R'yonna Hurst Brianna Pacheco
Early Childhood School of Rochester School 57	Darius Brunson Savannah McKenzie Dyson Smith	Dahlia Lathan Logan Torres De'mario Perry Amari Hawkins
World of Inquiry School 58	Anthony Diaz Inara George Ada Reddington Charles Rogers	Jessica Breedy Justus Robinson Chloe Knapp Lorenzo Vinci
Wilson Foundation Academy	Ny'zere Ponder Semaja Williams	Ny'zere Ponder Semaja Williams
East High School	Alejandro Cruz-Goebel Tijanna Stephens	Clarissa Moore Deyaneria Flores
Edison Career and Technology High School	Anfernee Dailey Tristan Flowers Tyiasha Jackson Miamojah Speed	Arianna Blandino Michael Ciepluch, Jr. Owen Perry Fadiah Tobler-Morris Adrian Jones Kanya Jones
P-TECH Pathways to Technology Program	Zieghniya Davis-Myers Desmond Randolph JonMykol Villegas	Justin Healy Berneris Marte Yarushka Caraballo
James Monroe High School	Isain Arocho Armando Franco JoMykol Villegas	Nai Da Twey Angel Rodriguez
Joseph C. Wilson Magnet Commencement Academy	Lucy Farnham Aye Wathy Myat Justin Nguyen	Karenna Thomas Ellie Anderson Zych Maggie Enderle
The Leadership Academy for Young Men	Arkeavious Coley Habib Elnaham Skyler Pentycofe	Daquan McCullough Hector Santiago Paul Aponte
Northeast College High School/ Northwest Jr. High at Douglass	Adaille Becoats Reinaldo Hammond Lavashia Prout	Andino Nyong Yasmin Riley Josiah Tavolino
Rochester Early College International High School	Adrianna Colbert Kevin Dala Arrack Thomas	Nadia Dahl Rishan Gurung John Hightower
School of the Arts	Alexander Christie Eileen Traver	Ashira Fischer-Wachspress Bailey Hawk
Vanguard Collegiate High School	Ty-Asia Edwards Khual Mung Chyenne Washington	Brianna Wade Robert Mixon



THE CHARGE TO THE STANDARD BEARERS

*O*ur flag represents a unified community of nationalities and races: people who have freely decided to bond together under one name, the United States of America, and under one power, God, as He is the ultimate power. This cloth, covered with red and white stripes and stars dotting a blue field, salutes our people: a people trying to create a society of freedom for all individuals, struggling to realize our beliefs and goals.

Today, we give honor to this flag by entrusting it to these very deserving students, the young men and women having the highest academic achievement in the schools they represent.

Yours is a sacred trust, handed down to you by others. Your responsibilities are the same as those outlined at the first presentation of flags ceremony held in 1889 at the Rochester City Hall. Guard the safety and dignity of our flag, and remember that this flag, under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation.

SCHOOL	2017-2018	2018-2019
Clara Barton School No. 2	Linda Nguyen Jahmeik Donald	NieAsia Evans Camera Smith
Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3	Ankita Jandkami Tiketa Thomas Jonathan Urbaniuk Ce Brinna Williams	Shar Ka Por Ku Jasmine'Ania Bush Nasir Smith
George Mather Forbes School 4	NyFabyin Conner Cheyanne A. Emiss Jeriyah Turner	Aboud Mohamed Heniya Daniels Taur's E. Conner
John Williams School 5	Jilliana Gomez Dazaria Parks	Roddrick Bailey Gabriel Rodriguez Thazin Oo
Virgil I. Grissom School 7	Hamdi Amadi Julius Van Voorhees Jahzahhbella Ferrer-Reyes	Danny Zou Makayla Thompson Lundon Williams
Roberto Clemente School 8	Jasmine Holton Destiny Brown Caleb Soria	Shyann Ginnis Macca Abdi Destiny Brown
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School 9	Isaiah Andrews Javiellys Pomales-Cuadrado Reinaldo Sepulveda	Yanice Green Naron Dunbar Jean Agnostic
Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School 10	Paulina Brooks Marquis Tubbs Sarah Adams	Kylie Serrano Dixon Daniels Pratik Magar
James P. B. Duffy School 12	Khayla Gaskin Claire Zwahlen Josmary Alvarado	Xavier Adams Trianna Holt
The Children's School of Rochester School 15	Yvonne Nyiramahirwe Your Hae Ta	Ahmed Abdi Pramila Magar
John Walton Spencer School 16	Mary Barnes Dream Carter Delance Murphy Johnny Tatum	Abdiaziz Omar Olivia Walker-Lightle Bilash Magar
Enrico Fermi School 17	Varrell Buck Joshua Montanez Shayla Neal	Bryanna Kuhn Arianna Dorado-Martinez Ziamyre Crosby
Dr. Charles T. Lunsford School 19	Tiana Birmingham D'Zyre Davidson Princess Thomas	Alexia Hatchet Antony Owens Lalanie Fontanez
Henry Lomb School 20	Inaya Cedano Ty'Juan Gamble Xavier Mewborn	Gloriann Perez Damari Davis Jayla Orsini Soto
Abraham Lincoln School 22	Edward Kelley Naiyelis Ortiz Eliza Rodriguez	Ester Nunez Jamani Mitchell Samuel McKenney

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Francis Parker School 23	Sam Howland De'Analyz Perez Nailah Smith	Reyna Kettavong Casey Hawk Samiayah Hernandez
Nathaniel Hawthorne School 25	Keishlanny Rodriguez Evette Owens	Nyzhier Rivera Keishlian Rodriguez
Henry Hudson School 28	Neiya Brown Dezmere Favor Kineshla Rivera	SanJel Gonzalez MiRya Tucker
Adlai E. Stevenson School 29	Juleysi Badillo Keshana Morris Kamara Pyatt	Naveah Brooks
John James Audubon School 33	Ne-Yo Marrera Analyz Figueroa	Ameera Garang Abdullah Al Hasooni
Dr. Louis A. Cerulli School 34	Phylicia Sutton Thalia Sanchez Arianna Diaz	Dezarri Williams Xanieliz Diaz Joseph Fazir
Pinnacle School 35	Carlos Gaye Jacob Olmo Arliz Rosa Vega Yulianelis Curry	Justice Stubbs San'ya Scott Julieann Falu Carlos Diaz
Andrew J. Townson School 39	Da'veonna Burroughs Cameron Miller James Preston	Terrance Calixte Annalee Gonzalez Jordan Rivera Elias Herman
Kodak Park School 41	Mikayla Seth Dakota Syouthoum	Drakaar Dove Ariel Medrek Jaime Hernandez
Abelard Reynolds School 42	Colin Brunson A. Seasaidh "Shayc" Liddell Ashley Polanco	Aaliyah Belmont Kaleb Matthews Alexis O'Neil
Theodore Roosevelt School 43	Jovanni Mendez-Garcia Thai Powell Ramzien Rodriguez	Arianna Anderson Joseph Baldrich Naime Benitez
Lincoln Park School 44	Laniya Jenkins Khaung Shu Z'yBria Spain	Kiyonna Jones Adrianna Cook Shamir Ellis
Mary McLeod Bethune School 45	Zahyra Holley Richard Matthews	Harmony Wall Jafari Mitchell
Charles Carroll School 46	Oliver Grisdale Thomas Geyer, Jr. Wilfredo Santana	Ryan Dutkiewicz Lucas Hogan-Roy Ja'Lynn Taylor
Helen Barrett Montgomery School 50	Andy Nguyen Masengesho Irasubiza	Beh Rah Christian Cruz
Frank Fowler Dow School 52	Isaiah Mitchell McKenna Rhodes Melvin Smith	Aidan Peers Jack Everson Paris Graham Sides