



HONORS MEDALS CEREMONY

Phonetic Spelling Guide

In order that your name be read properly at the Honors Medals Ceremony, it is important that we know the correct pronunciation. Although the pronunciation of many names is obvious, some require special attention. If your name is one that is pronounced in a special way, please use “sounds like” or phonetic spelling to assist the Nomenclator when reading your name as you are presented with a medal. You will receive a name card including this information when you check in at Jorgensen. You will hand the card to a marshal on stage.

Examples:

Using ‘sounds like’ format: Kim Lamagna sounds like “lasagna”

Using pronunciation key format: Leslie Costanzo cō stan zō

SOUNDS LIKE

A ‘sounds like’ is a familiar word that rhymes with your name

KEY TO PRONUNCIATION

Symbol	Key Words	Symbol	Key Words	Symbol	Key Words
ă	fat, parrot	ĩ	as in sanity	oo	look, pull
ā	ape, date, play	ĩ	is, hit, mirror	ou	out, crowd, plow
ä	ah, car, father	j	joy, agile, badge	u	as in focus
a	as in ago	o	as in comply	u	up, cut
ě	elf, berry	ō	open, tone, go	ur	urn, fur, deter
e	as in agent	ô	all, law	yōō	use, cute, few
ē	even, meet, money	ōō	ooze, crew	yoo	united, globule
ī	ice, bite, high	oi	oil, toy	zh	azure, leisure