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ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES 2020 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

May 27, 2020—TRUMBULL, CT—St Joseph High School, southern Connecticut's premier college preparatory school, is proud to announce that **Mari Andrzejewski** and **Katherine Pikulik** are this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian respectively.

Top scholars are never a matter of a great grade point average," remarked **Dr William Fitzgerald, Head of School**. "Character, social responsibility, and leadership are just as essential in individuals whom St Joseph High School celebrates as the best of the best. And so the faculty and administration are very proud to put forward this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Mari has been a leader throughout her four years at St Joes. A scientist with a strong gift for human relations, our Valedictorian will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in Nursing. Katherine, our Salutatorian has a laser beam on her future: "Wall Street, via New York University." Both are dynamic, confident individuals intent on making a difference. They are a wonderful reflection of the Class of 2020."

Mari Andrzejewski has attained the highest academic record among her class and, if permitted by the State, will deliver the Valedictorian's Farewell Address at the close of Commencement on Saturday, July 11. Mari resides in Trumbull, CT. Mari is President of the Student Council and Writing Resource Center, a member of the National Honor Society as well as the Math, English, and Spanish Honor Societies. In addition, she is a Harvard Book Award Recipient, a Governor's Scholar Semifinalist, National Hispanic Scholars, President's Scholar and Service award winner, and the 2019 Barnum Festival Queen. During her time at St Joes, Mari has also co-founded the school's non-profit, student-run, coffee shop, the Cup o' Joe Café.

"We are thrilled for Mari and Katherine," said **Mrs Nancy DiBuono, Principal**. "St Joes is a better place because of Mari and her involvement as a school leader. She is a high achiever destined to become a great leader. She is compassionate, dedicated and has a heart of gold. Katherine is an intelligent and hardworking young woman who never accepts anything but her best. Her commitment to her academic studies is admirable. They represent the best of the very best of St Joseph High School and we could not be more pleased or proud."

Katherine Pikulik, Salutatorian, has earned the second highest academic average in his class and also resides in Trumbull, CT. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of SJ's Girls Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field teams. In addition, Katherine is on the Presidential Honor Roll and a National Merit Scholar. In the fall, she plans to attend New York University as a Corporate Finance major.

About St Joseph High School

St Joseph High School (SJHS) strives to be the premier college preparatory school in Southern Connecticut. The school provides a learning environment that embraces the Gospel values of the Roman Catholic faith and promotes a commitment to family and community. SJHS prepares young women and men to realize their potential, helps them to excel in higher education, and provides a foundation to guide them throughout their lives. St Joseph High School is a member of NCEA, NAIS, NEAS&C. www.sjcadets.org