



188TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Friday
May 28, 2021

Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School
Buckeystown, Maryland

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of our Board of Trustees and our Faculty, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School's 2021 Commencement Exercises.

This is the year that we have all had to adjust our lives because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. So much of our society and traditions have had to change to protect the health of our citizens. So, too, our Commencement has been modified to ensure that our graduates, their families, and our faculty and staff will remain safe while we celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2021.

As we began planning this unique ceremony we listened carefully to our graduates. True to form, they asked that we find a way to keep the entire class together on our school campus. They also asked for a memorable celebration to mark this important milestone in their lives.

We all feel a significant debt to the Class of 2021. They provided us with living examples of Saint John's pillars. This class grew in their **Faith**. They challenged us and each other in our beliefs and how we practice the truth of the Gospels. This class provided exemplary **Leadership** in all areas of student life, athletics, and through their studies. Their **Scholarship** was marked through their discovery of the beauty of our natural world, the importance of history, the mastery of new languages, the meaning of literature and arts, and the importance of scientific study. The Class of 2021 served us through their Honor and their personal responsibility. They performed extraordinary Service to our community and those less fortunate. The Class of 2021 know, more than most, that we all have an obligation to make our world better for others.

Today marks our 188th Commencement. Our graduates join a strong and active alumni serving throughout the United States and many foreign countries. Today, they are launched as virtuous citizens with good hearts and discerning spirits able to take on the challenges in their next steps of their development.

By definition commencement does not mark the end of a journey but the beginning of an on-going search for truth, beauty, and meaning in our lives. I wish these graduates much success on their new adventures and hope that they return home to Saint John's often.

We are proud of their success. It has been a privilege for me and the faculty to have been a part of this dynamic times in their lives. We all keep our graduates and their families in our prayers for good health and continued success.

May God bless the Class of 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas H. Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Thomas H. Powell
President

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Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School

COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2021

**Presentation of the Colors Mr. Josh Hayes
Mr. Brendan Guinan**

Call to Order Mr. Robert Krajewski

Opening Prayer Mr. Richard Fuller

National Anthem *(Please join us in singing)* Ms. Lidwina Eyomba-Bella

Welcome Dr. Thomas Powell

Presidential Medals for Leadership

Most Inspirational Faculty Member of 2021 Dr. Thomas Powell

McElroy Awards

Introduction of Valedictorian. Mr. Will Knotek

Valedictorian Address. Mr. Kevin Guinan

Presentation of the Candidates Mr. Will Knotek

**Awarding of Diplomas Dr. Thomas H. Powell
Mr. Pat Crowley**

Valediction. Dr. Thomas H. Powell

Benediction Ms. Caroline Nelson

Closing Ceremony Mr. Robert Krajewski

Recessional

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL HONOREES



Michele Corr was born and raised in Frederick before moving to Centreville on Maryland's eastern shore in 1978. She is a graduate of Spring Hill College, the third oldest Jesuit college in the country located in Mobile, Alabama.

After college, she returned to Centreville and during that time, she served on the Board of Directors of both the United Way of Queen Anne's County and the Red Cross of Delmarva, was the president of the Centreville Business Association and the treasurer of the Easton Business Association. In 1995, her family returned to Frederick and raised their sons Michael ('13) and Christian ('16), both graduates of St. John Regional Catholic School and Saint John's Catholic Prep. While her sons were at SJRCS, Michele was actively involved in the Home and School Association and served two terms as the vice president.

In 2007, Michele began her career at Saint John's Catholic Prep teaching photography and the Publications class which produces the yearbook. During her 10 years at the school, she had many roles including teacher; club moderator; yearbook advisor; Christmas decorator; senior retreat chaperone, school photographer, Enrollment and Social Media Specialist, Director of Development and performed Dr. Powell's famous "other duties as assigned!" In 2012, Michele was awarded the Key 103.1 radio station's Heart of Learning Teacher of the Year for Saint John's. While at SJCP, Michele was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Friends of Catholic Education, a local non-profit that raises money to provide scholarships for students to attend the 5 Catholic schools in Frederick County.

In December of 2016, Michele was named the executive director of Friends of Catholic Education. This role allows her the opportunity to help support all the schools and interact with faculty, staff, administration, clergy, parents, and students, which she loves! She currently serves on the Frederick County Catholic Schools Coordinating Committee and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Center for Catholic School Excellence at Mount St. Mary's University. At the 2020 St. Thomas More Academy graduation, Michele was honored to receive their School Spirit Award from co-principals Veronica Kosch and Trish Neumark.

Michele is grateful to be part of the Saint John's Catholic Prep family and for the many coworkers and mentors she had while working at the school. The hundreds of students she encountered and taught over her decade as a teacher brought her immense joy and were the very best part of her time at Saint John's!



Young Jean Lee was born in Seoul, South Korea and immigrated to the US in 1973. When her family immigrated, they moved to Maryland and she loved it so much, she hasn't left the state since.

Mrs. Lee graduated with a BS from the University of Maryland. Young began her professional career working as a registered representative for both AXA and New York Life. During this time, she married Young Ki Lee and had 3 daughters, Elisa, Esther and Ehjean.

Mrs. Lee then became an entrepreneur and operated various businesses. At the same time, she served as the Secretary General for the Korean American Association of Maryland through which she received a certificate of appreciation from the governor of Maryland. She has served as a coordinator and director of international students for a myriad of private schools throughout Maryland and Virginia area including St. John's Catholic Prep. In this capacity she has spent countless hours recruiting international student to our campus as well as 32 other countries.

Young has also served as a Sunday school teacher and director of her church choir for the past 23 years. In her free time Young enjoys calligraphy, paper arts, sewing, travelling, and learning new languages



Linda Petrie grew up living the Navy life as her family was stationed across the United States in exotic locales like San Diego, Pittsburgh and Honolulu. She attended University of Maryland, graduating with a Bachelor's in English as well as running the 400 for the Track and Field team.

While working for Hyatt Hotels, she met and married her husband, John, and they moved to Frederick, Maryland in the Spring of 1989. That fall they welcomed their son, Tim ('07) and life changed for Linda. She followed her son to kindergarten in 1994, asked in the Front Office if there was anything she could do to help out while she waited for Tim and started working for Saint John's Regional Catholic School. Recess duty, Friday folders, and band aids for cuts and bruises became part of her daily duties for the next ten years.

When her son graduated from eighth grade and moved on to Saint John's at Prospect Hall, Linda stayed behind for one more year, helping that school ready itself for the big move across town. The following year, 2004, Linda became an administrative assistant to the Dean of Academics and has spent the last 17 years at Saint John's Catholic Prep. Now serving as registrar, she is proud to have helped so many wonderful students and their families with high school and their future.

Mrs. Petrie says she loves the work she does with the families, students, staff and faculty of Saint John's Catholic Prep. However, she, has decided to retire at the end of the school year. This will give Linda more time to enjoy doing puzzles, quilting, walking her dog and spending more time with her family.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS



Richard Fuller – Executive President



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Skyla Sarmiento – Senior Class President

THE CLASS OF 2021

HIGH HONOR STUDENTS

(Student achieved a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher)

Megan Elizabeth Cunningham
Ryan David Elspas
Skylar Marie Garner
Thomas Alexander Gondeck
Kevin Jack Guinan
Elizabeth Kathryn Hackley
Darrian Samantha Hawryluk
Matthew Wayne Kucharyk
Feiqi Li
Caroline Hallie Mackin
Kyriaki Theresa Papageorgiou
Emily Anne Passaro
Grace Marie Rish
Andrew Jack Russell
Alexis Nichole Savage
Caroline Louise Schottler
Zachariah Luke Suhar Szymanski
Addison Mackenzie Suit
Donovan Joseph Tepe

HONOR STUDENTS

(Student achieved a weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher)

Antoinette Eyombo-Bella
Lucas Richard Fay
Richard Dwight Fuller
Piper Rose Gardner
Kevin Jacob Knight
Grace Taylor Murray
Joseph John Nett
Madeline Elizabeth Oliver
Miranda Katherine Pires
Mackayla Josée Veillette
Charles Walker-Hoover

THE CLASS OF 2021

Michael Steve Ayala, Jr.

Silver Spring, MD

Parents: Michael Ayala Sr. and Shakeba Williams

"I only spent one year at Saint John's Catholic Prep, but I made it worthwhile and the relationships I made here will last a lifetime. I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this school."

Randolph-Macon - Ashland, VA

Helen Elizabeth Bandy

Woodsboro, MD

Parents: Mark and Elizabeth Bandy

"I would like to thank my family, friends, teachers, and Saint John's for all the love and support and for shaping me into the person I am today."

Catholic University- Washington, DC

Sara C. Blanco

Clarksburg, MD

Parents: Felix and Erika Blanco

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has never failed to provide a welcoming and positive atmosphere for me. The community helped me get through the best and the worst of the past four years, and for that I will forever be grateful for my time here."

Towson University – Towson, MD

Alexis Nicole Blotner

Frederick, MD

Parent: Shannon Blotner

"Saint John's has provided me with a lot of great opportunities to help build my academic future."

Saint Vincent College – Latrobe, PA

Joshua Thomas Brandt

Middletown, MD

Parents: Timothy and Carrie Brandt

"Saint John's has given me the confidence to move forward excitedly into my academic future. Thank you to the faculty and staff who have made me think outside the box."

Elon University – Elon, NC

Gabriel Adam Casteel

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Brenda Mills and Betsy Smith

"The past four years at Saint John's Catholic Prep have been a life changing experience for me. The teachers and administration have put me on a path for a successful future. I would not trade my years here for anything, not for any other experience. This past year was not normal, and we missed out on a lot, but SJCP made in school teaching happen for us and fought hard to have fall sports. I am forever grateful to have been able to compete during my senior football season. It was a moment I had been waiting a long time for. SJCP has helped shape me into who I am today and who I will be in the future. My friendships I have made, and the memories will last a lifetime."

Westminster College – New Wilmington, PA

Xuanjun (Binno) Chen

Guangzhou City, China

Parents: Feilong Chen and Yuhua Li

"I will love SJCP forever!"

American University – Washington, D.C.

Audrey Marie Chwalik

Inwood, WV

Parents: Edward and Marsha Chwalik

"Saint John's has given me a great opportunity to learn in an academically enriching environment with teachers and staff who supported me and helped push me towards my goals. I'm incredibly grateful for all of my friends and the staff here at SJCP, for making it possible for me to reach my full potential as a student."

University of Maine – Orono, ME

Megan Elizabeth Cunningham

Frederick, MD

Parents: Michael and Brenda Cunningham

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has given me the environment and assistance needed to become the best version of myself."

Boston College – Chestnut Hill, MA

William Earl Curlett IV

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: William and Susan Curlett, III

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep has prepared me to take on the challenges of college and of life.”

Frostburg State University – Frostburg, MD

Carlyn Mary Danner

Myersville, MD

Parents: Matthew and Tania Danner

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep helped me grow in many areas academically, socially, and spiritually. I’ve made so many amazing friends here who have made these four years something I will treasure forever.”

Mercyhurst University – Erie, PA

Alexander Duncan Demiray

Knoxville, MD

Parents: David and Sumira Demiray

“I have grown throughout my time here. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for all the support. Thank you, teachers, for the patience.”

Gap Year

Merryn Isabella Eaton

Lovettsville, VA

Parents: Joseph and Karen Eaton

“Being a student at Saint John’s Catholic Prep hasn’t always been the easiest, but if these past four years have taught me anything, it’s that every day comes with new opportunities to succeed and be your best self.”

Notre Dame College – South Euclid, OH

Ryan David Elspas

Frederick, MD

Parents: Gregory and Krista Elspas

“Though my time at Saint John’s Catholic Prep was a struggle at points, I know I will look back at these four years as the greatest, most memorable years of my life. Faculty and staff have contributed to these memories and I cannot thank you enough.”

Stevenson University – Owings Mills, MD

Abigale Marie Evers

Charles Town, WV

Parents: Daniel and Sheila Evers

“For me, it wasn’t four years, it wasn’t perfect or normal, but I had family, friends, and support to get me through.”

Shepherd University – Shepherd, WV

Antoinette Eyombo-Bella,

Martinsburg, WV

Parents: Leo Eyombo and Caroline Joe

“Transferring to Saint John’s Catholic Prep was the best decision I’ve ever made. Here, I was given the chance to explore my personality and perfect the leadership skills I will be taking with me to the Tisch School of the Arts/NYU next year. I would like to thank my mom for pushing me to attend the full Mount program which gave me the trial run and confidence I needed for University.”

New York University - Tisch School of the Arts – Manhattan, NY

Lucas Richard Fay

Adamstown, MD

Parents: Brian and Nancy Fay

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep has blessed me with a rigorous education. But the life lessons that I’ve learned are what I value the most.”

Syracuse University – Syracuse, NY

Madison Jayde Fee

Frederick, MD

Parents: William and Angie Fee

“I want to thank Saint John’s Catholic Prep for helping me not only succeed and mature as a student but as a person as well.”

Penn State/ Harrisburg – Harrisburg, PA

Richard Dwight Fuller

Kearneysville, WV

Parents: Dwight and Barbara Fuller

“I would like to thank all of the teachers and staff members for making Saint John’s a beautiful community.”

Virginia Military Institute – Lexington, VA

Matthew Todd Furman

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: David and Stephanie Furman

“At Saint John’s Catholic Prep, I learned many things in my classes, from my friends, and about myself.”

Salisbury University – Salisbury, MD

Piper Rose Gardner

Damascus, MD

Parents: Joseph and Dawn Gardner

“My high school experience has been full of twists and turns, but I can say with confidence that I have become the best version of myself and I’m thankful for everyone who has helped me along the way.”

The American University of Paris – Paris, France

Skylar Marie Garner

Germantown, MD

Parents: Mike and Janet Garner

“It has been a very interesting experience at Saint John’s Catholic Prep and if this unimaginable year and school taught me anything, it’s that I am so much stronger than I give myself credit for.”

Furman University - Greenville, SC

Thomas Alexander Gondeck

Frederick, MD

Parents: Greg and Sherri Gondeck

“I had a great four years at Saint John’s Catholic Prep. I would like to thank my family, teachers, and all my friends during this past year. I wish everyone the best in college and beyond, and I hope to stay in touch with you all!”

Mount St. Mary’s University – Emmitsburg, MD

Ian Garrick Graham

Middletown, MD

Parents: Scott Graham and Sarah Blackburn

“Saint John’s has been a good experience.”

Mount St. Mary’s University – Emmitsburg, MD

Nicklaus Will Grutzkuhn

Frederick, MD

Parents: William and Renee Grutzkuhn

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep helped me grow up and mature. The faculty and staff have helped me become a better person. I will never forget the memories I made, and I want to thank everyone for helping me throughout this wonderful journey.”

Seton Hill University - Greensburg, PA.

Guinan, Kevin Jack

Rocky Ridge, MD

Parents: Kevin and Karen Guinan

“Saint John’s has prepared me for success in college and in life. I have made lasting friendships, learned from the best mentors, and have made lasting memories while at Saint John’s.”

Lehigh University - Bethlehem, PA

Elizabeth Kathrine Hackley

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Vincent Hackley and Patricia Van Hoof

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep is a welcoming, close knit community that brings out the best in students. I have never encountered a group of peers so positive, hardworking, interesting, and kind. I will be sad to leave behind the wonderful people I have met. I am confident that this school has prepared me for the college experience I have ahead of me.”

Gettysburg College – Gettysburg, PA

Matthew Stone Hardin

Leesburg, VA

Parents: Dave and Wanda Hardin

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep has helped me get ready for not only college, but life too. I came in a boy and I’m leaving a man.”

University of Wyoming – Laramie, WY

Darrian Samantha Hawryluk

Adamstown, MD

Parents: Steve and Kimberly Hawryluk

“The Saint John’s Catholic Prep community has helped me become a better student, leader, and friend through its supportive environment.”

University of Rochester – Rochester, NY

Nathaniel Randolph Hayes

Martinsburg, WV

Parents: Daryl and Kelly Hayes, and Rhonda Hayes

"I would like to thank my parents and my family for giving me the chance to thrive at this school, a place where I made some pretty good friends, got introduced to lacrosse and met some of the best coaches I've ever had. Praying over the football team before and after games is a memory I'll never forget."

East Texas Baptist University – Marshall, TX

Luke Andrew Hegarty

Poolesville, MD

Parents: John and Jenn Hegarty

"Thank you friends and family for the tremendous help along the way. Thank you SJCP faculty and staff for teaching me lessons that I will carry with me throughout my life."

Montgomery Community College – Rockville, MD

Jasmine Lindsay Huskey

Middletown, MD

Parents: Stephanie Lindsay

"The Saint John's Catholic Prep community has allowed me to grow into the student-athlete that I aspired to be by providing a diverse faith-based environment with caring teachers and staff"

Mount St. Mary's University – Emmitsburg, MD

Kevin Jacob Knight

Address: Charles Town, WV

Parents: Kevin and Allison Knight

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has prepared me well for wherever my life may take me. Go Vikings!"

St. Mary's College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, MD

Matthew Wayne Kucharyk

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Georgine and Roman Kucharyk

"I appreciate the experiences afforded to me by Saint John's Catholic Prep."

University of Maryland – College Park, MD

Zoe Allison Laughlin

Frederick, MD

Parents: John and Diane Laughlin

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has taught me well and put me on a path for success. I am so grateful for the wonderful friends and faculty. SJCP has made a positive impact on my life."

Washington College – Chestertown, MD

Chanelle Kiara Lee

Brunswick, MD

Parent: Chelaya Campbell

"Saint John's Catholic Prep provided a safe, positive learning environment while also teaching me how to overcome different adversities."

Penn State/Lehigh - Center Valley, PA

Feiqi Li (Soky)

Guilin, China

Parent: Muying Huang

"Saint John's has helped me to better myself and put me on the right path. We are a small school, but also a big family and I will never forget my years here."

Cornell University – Ithaca, NY

Zachary Wynne Lorenzo

Frederick, MD

Parents: Christopher and Heather Lorenzo

"Saint John's Catholic Prep helped me mature into the person I am today."

Shippensburg University – Shippensburg, PA

Caroline Hallie Mackin

Monrovia, MD

Parents: Patrick and Sandy Mackin

"I am so grateful that I had my senior year at Saint John's Catholic Prep. Thanks to my family, the friends I've made, and the Saint John's faculty and staff. I feel ready for another new beginning next year."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Liam Patrick McCarthy

Gaithersburg, MD

Parents: Jack and Sue McCarthy

"Thank you Saint John's Catholic Prep for helping me grow my mind, interpersonal skills, and my faith."

Montgomery College – Rockville, MD

William Daniel Mitchell

Gaithersburg, MD

Parents: Marty and Jeanette Mitchell

“The Saint John’s Catholic Prep community has helped me become the person I truly believe I am meant to be. Through my four years at SJCP, I’ve learned many valuable life skills and made some life-long friends.”

Bridgewater College – Bridgewater, VA

Grace Taylor Murray

Monrovia, MD

Parents: Alex and Michelle Murray

“Saint John’s has allowed me to better myself academically and has allowed me to develop lifelong friendships.”

Fashion Institute of Technology – New York, NY

Joseph John Nett

Leesburg, VA

Parents: David and Erin Nett

“The caring teachers and small class sizes at Saint John’s Catholic Prep really helped me to succeed. I learned so much and made many good friends during my years here”

Christopher Newport University – Newport News, VA

Madeline Elizabeth Oliver

Rocky Ridge, MD

Parents: Michael and Diana Oliver

“There were ups and downs, good times and bad times but this school will always be home. Thank you, Saint John’s Catholic Prep, for everything that you have given me and the support that you always supplied me.”

Hood College – Frederick, MD

Roland Stephen-Gabriel Osong

Frederick, MD

Parents: Roland and Melissa Osong

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep has helped me to be better at communication. It has also helped me to realize that I can overcome anything in my path.”

Full Sail University – Winter Park, FL

Kyriaki Theresa Papageorgiou

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Sokratis and Catherine Papageorgiou

“A unique four years, capped off by a global event that has forever changed our lives. I hope to learn from it and be a better person because of it. Life sometimes throws you a curveball, as it did to us this past year. Hopefully, we have gathered enough strength from it to be able to tackle any new challenges that come before us in the future.”

University of Maryland – College Park, MD

Emily Anne Passaro

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Anthony and Stacy Passaro

“The teachers I have had and the friends I have made at Saint John’s Catholic Prep have truly made my school experience a memorable one.”

University of Maryland – College Park, MD

Miranda Katherine Pires

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Richard Pires and Jodi Braz

“I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to attend Saint John’s Catholic Prep these past four years. Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers for making this experience memorable.”

Towson University – Towson, MD

Mario Pizer

Myersville, MD

Parents: Marco and Tracy Pizer

“I have enjoyed my time at St. John’s.”

United States Army

Grace Marie Rish

Charles Town, WV

Parents: John and Stephanie Rish

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep is an academic community like no other. It fostered my mind, gave me the eagerness to learn, and also provided me with a second family. I will never forget my time here and the lessons learned will guide me throughout my future endeavors.”

University of Notre Dame – South Bend, IN

Andrew Jack Russell

Jefferson, MD

Parents: Drake and Stephanie Russell

"I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else!"

Dayton University – Dayton, OH

Ashley Azhar Sandhu

Frederick, MD

Parents: Arfan Sandhu and Ulfat Masih

"I'm grateful to have been able to go to SJCP. I really enjoyed my time there with everyone and I am looking forward to college and making more memories."

Frederick Community College – Frederick, MD

Skyla Rose Sarmiento

Frederick, MD

Parents: Eric Sarmiento and Ana Rodriguez

"Four years at St. John's has taught me a lot about love, patience and life lessons. I am so thankful for my family, friends, education and the now."

Syracuse University – Syracuse, NY

Alexis Nichole Savage

Sykesville, MD

Parents: Gregory and Nichole Savage

"I will be forever grateful to the Saint John's Catholic Prep community for their guidance and support throughout my high school career."

University of Maryland – College Park, MD

Caroline Louise Schottler,

Charles Town, WV

Parents: Robert and Sarah Schottler

"I am thankful for the sacrifices that my family has made so that I could attend Saint John's Catholic Prep. I will never forget the wonderful teachers, teammates, coaches, friends and memories."

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Blacksburg, VA

Lauren Alexa Stinebaugh

Woodbine, MD

Parents: John Stinebaugh and Christy Dapko

"I'd like to thank my Mom, Dad, and sister for loving me and supporting me through my time at Saint John's Catholic Prep. I'd also like to thank my teachers for pushing me to do my best every day. Finally, I'd like to thank the Saint John's administration for allowing me to make SJCP my second home."

Hood College – Frederick, MD

Zachariah Luke Suhar Szymanski

Clarksville, MD

Parents: Matthew Szymanski and Mary Theresa Suhar

"Although I attended SJCP in person for less than a year, I am thankful for the teachers and the solid friendships I made."

University of Notre Dame – South Bend, IN

Addison Mackenzie Suit

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: John and Beth Suit

"Through perseverance, hard work, and the support of my family and friends, I triumphed through three years of high school at SJCP and one year of college at Mount St Mary's, graduating with honors and making the Dean's list."

Drexel University – Philadelphia, PA

Donovan Joseph Tepe

Smithsburg, MD

Parents: Vincent and Theresa Tepe

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has provided me with an environment that included a strong education."

Shippensburg University- Shippensburg, PA

Ashlyn Lee Turner

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Steve and Alanna Turner

"I'm excited for the new opportunities college will bring me! I really enjoyed my time at Saint John's Catholic Prep; it helped me become the person I am today."

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Blacksburg, VA

Mackayla Josèe Veillette,

Brunswick, MD

Parents: Paul and Shannon Veillette

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep has given me four years of unforgettable memories and friendships to last a lifetime.”

Towson University – Towson, MD

Charles Walker-Hoover

Mt. Airy, MD

Parent: Benjamin Hoover, Jr.

“I’m extremely grateful that I had the privilege to attend Saint John’s Catholic Prep for my junior and senior years.”

Fordham University - New York, NY

Mary Callaghan Warner

Frederick, MD

Parents: Matt and Marybeth Warner

“Saint John’s Catholic Prep has always felt like family to me. I am so grateful for all the amazing opportunities that I have experienced over the last four years. Thank you to all my teachers, coaches, and friends for helping me grow into the person I am today.”

High Point University – High Point, NC

A FINAL FAREWELL PRAYER

May you continue to be honorable in all you do.

May you always see God's face in the face of others.

May you always sense the holy, amidst the simple.

May you discover something new about yourself every day.

May you always have the courage and wisdom to be a leader.

May you use your considerable talent to champion the needs of others; and

May you take what you have learned here at Saint John's to build just and peaceful communities -- places where we prize our interpersonal relationships, where we speak and listen carefully and respectfully to each other, and where truth, integrity and love are hallmarks.

I congratulate you.

You give all of us hope and optimism for our nation
as we continue to build our great democracy.

Thomas H. Powell, President

PAST PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL HONOREES

2020

Rev. J. Kevin Farmer, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Mr. Michael Marschner, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Michael J. Friel, Principal, Mary of Nazareth School
Dr. Timothy Trainor, President, Mount St. Mary's University

2019

Mr. James Plamondon, Co-President, Plamondon Companies
Mrs. Karen Smith, Principal, Saint John's Regional Catholic School
Mr. David Grove, Esq, Frederick, MD
Dr. James Sellinger, Chancellor of Education for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
Mrs. Elizabeth Monahan, Center for Catholic School Excellence at Mount St. Mary's University

2018

Mr. Joe Welty, Esq., Miles and Stockbridge
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2017

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