

189TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday
May 26, 2022

Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School Buckeystown, Maryland

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



On behalf of our Board of Trustees and Faculty, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School's 2022 Commencement Exercises.

Today we come together to graduate the 189th senior class as they are launched into the next chapter of their lives. It is our mission at Saint John's to prepare our students to be leaders with good hearts and discerning spirits as they pursue truth, academic excellence, and service to humanity. I am confident that our graduates will move on to be leaders for our Church and for our great nation.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought many unexpected and unfortunate interruptions and challenges to our graduates over their high school years. The Class of 2022, however, demonstrated great resilience and perseverance through it all. They are stronger because of it. May they always remember to cherish the moment and never take for granted the smaller things in life.

To the parents and guardians of the Class of 2022 – thank you for entrusting your children to us. While the graduates are our focus today, this commencement ceremony is also a celebration of your efforts and success in raising these wonderful young men and women. Thank you for the time, talent, and treasure you have shared with Saint John's over the years. I have enjoyed our partnership, and I hope you can always look back at your family's time at Saint John's with positive thoughts and memories.

We join together to wish our graduates much success. We are proud of their accomplishments and even more proud to have been a part of their lives. We will keep our graduates in our prayers and hope they return to Saint John's often.

May God bless the Class of 2022.

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Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2022

Presentation of the Colors
Academic Procession
Call to Order
Opening Prayer
National Anthem
Welcome
Most Inspirational Faculty Member of 2022
Service Recognition
McElroy Awards
McElroy Awards Introduction of Valedictorian
Introduction of Valedictorian

SENIOR CLASS AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS



Antonia Bedard – Senior Class President



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Vicrumjit Singh Siyan
Audrey Anastasis Spindle
Joshua Alexander Suit
Reid Andrew Travers

THE CLASS OF 2022

HIGH HONORS

(Weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher)

Megan Grace Adams
Susana Agyako-Wiredu
Antonia Stavrou Bedard
Katherine Elizabeth Campbell
Nathaniel Aaron Casabar
Miranda Michelle Cincotta
Sophia Reading Fleming
Zachary Ethan Frank-Rice
Henry John Hintermister
Anna G. Hou
Ronald José Kelley

Josephine Faith Leslie
Alisha Catherine Mason
Rory Murphy McClain
Elena Grace Murphy
Laura Madeline Neumark
Inez Dulcemaria Ortiz
Jacklyn Martha Power
Helena Elizabeth Riesett
Daniel Manfred Stassen
Deanna Mackenzie Thompson
Samantha Paige Watkins

HONORS

(Weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher)

Maurice Antoine Barbour, II
Michel Alfred Bedard
Charlie Bryner
Joonho Cho
Benjamin Miles Davis
Keegan Long Foley
Nicholas Donald Galanis
Micah Alexander Glover
Alejandro Jesus Gonzalez
Shannon Darcy Green
Jagger Tillman Krzysiak
Joseph Bradley Martin, Jr.
Seth Adam Martin

Charlotte Marie McKinley
Olivia Rose Newell
Jolie Alexandra Orns
Maximilian Christopher Piraino
Francis Albert Pommett, VI
Dominic Joseph Rosone
Vicrumjit Singh Siyan
Audrey Anastasis Spindle
Joshua Alexander Suit
Devon Michael Thompson
Reid Andrew Travers
Rebekkah Anastasia Vandegrift

THE CLASS OF 2022

Megan Grace Adams

Frederick, MD

Parents: William and May-Lin Adams

"Attending Saint John's the past four years has allowed me to develop as a student, an athlete and a Catholic. It has taught me so much about myself and has given me the tools necessary to have success in the future."

West Virginia University - Morgantown, WV

Susana Agyako-Wiredu

Frederick, MD

Parents: David and Antoinette Wiredu

"My experiences and interactions with my teachers and peers at SJCP have provided lifelong memories and academic expertise that I will carry along with me through my future endeavors."

University of Maryland, Baltimore County – Baltimore, MD

Greer Moore Bailey-Hunter

Dickerson, MD

Parents: Jim Hunter and Amanda Bailey

"Thank you, Saint John's Catholic Prep, for taking me in and offering me a tough academic experience."

University of Southern Alabama - Mobile, AL

Maurice Antoine Barbour, II

Frederick, MD

Parents: Anthony and Lakeisha Baffoe-Bonnie

"Transferring to SJCP was a huge change for me but for the better. I had a great time learning and playing sports here."

Pennsylvania State University, Beaver - Monaca, PA

Antonia Stavrou Bedard

Frederick, MD

Parents: Richard and Maria Bedard

"This wasn't just four years. This wasn't perfect. This wasn't normal. This was filled with tears, laughter, sadness and joy, but now it's over, and I'm okay with that. It's what's gotten me here today and I don't think I would change that."

Elon University - Elon, NC

Michel Alfred Bedard

Frederick, MD

Parents: Richard and Maria Bedard

"Throughout my time at SJCP, I've had good and bad experiences. High school isn't always the best, but I've cherished all the good, the friends and the memories. Thank you to this school for shaping who I am."

University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL

Bianca Sofia Benitez

Frederick, MD

Parents: Walter and Fanny Benitez

"SJCP has given me many good and bad experiences that I believe will help me grow into a mature adult. I am very thankful for everything Prep has given me. I hope I can make my parents and teachers proud in the future."

Lebanon Valley College - Annville, PA

Hailey Michaelle Blotner

Frederick, MD

Parent: Shannon Blotner

"I'd like to thank my friends at Saint John's and outside Saint John's for helping me through the past four years. I'd also like to thank my mom and grandparents for all their support."

Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Indiana, PA

Valentina Bramati

Frederick, MD

Parents: Cristian and Sandra Bramati

"I am forever grateful for the years of knowledge and experiences that this school has provided me. I will never forget the memories that I made here."

Gap Year

Charlie Bryner

North Potomac, MD

Parents: Kelly Bryner and Marcia Mancuso

"The good times here are the only times to remember."

East Carolina University - Greenville, NC

Katherine Elizabeth Campbell

Frederick, MD

Parents: Kevin and Whitney Campbell

"My four years at SJCP were not all what I expected my high school life to be. A global pandemic definitely threw a wrench in my plans for high school. Regardless of the many setbacks the universe threw my way, I can confidently say that I am proud of my achievements and who I have become while at SJCP."

Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, PA

Nathaniel Aaron Casabar

Frederick, MD

Parents: Richard and Jeanette Casabar

"Saint John's was where I kept in touch with some really good old friends and where I met some really good new friends."

Purdue University - West Lafayette, IN

Joonho Cho

Frederick, MD

Parents: Sun-Sook Kim and Joong-Duk Cho

"Being at SJCP for the last four years has been a very wonderful time for me. I'm grateful to my parents, family, friends and SJCP faculty."

University of Maryland, Baltimore County – Baltimore, MD

Miranda Michelle Cincotta

Emmitsburg, MD

Parents: Salvatore and Robyn Cincotta

"Saint John's has helped prepare me for my future by providing an academically challenging and faith filled environment."

Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, PA

Cannon Vinh Coleman

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: Christopher Coleman and Cheryl Requa

"Saint John's will always be some of my fondest memories, and I can't wait for the next chapter."

University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN

Sophia Marie Conto

Walkersville, MD

Parents: Sean and Teresa Conto

"Saint John's provided me with a welcoming community as a transfer student. I will always cherish my time here."

West Virginia University - Morgantown, WV

Benjamin Miles Davis

Frederick, MD

Parents: Greg and Ashley Davis

"My four years at SJCP have been filled with laughter, learning, friendship and fun. I would like to thank all my teachers as well as my parents for supporting me. Thank you to all my friends, especially Deanna and Zach, for your love and support. I enjoyed my time here a lot."

St. Mary's College - St. Mary's City, MD

Sophia Reading Fleming

Frederick, MD

Parents: Will Fleming and Tanya Reading

"Saint John's has taught me the importance of community and what it is like to be taught in an environment where I am welcomed with open arms."

Pennsylvania State University - State College, PA

Keegan Long Foley

Harpers Ferry, WV

Parents: Frank and Koesoema Foley

"SJCP has helped me grow both as a student and a person, and I enjoyed my four years here."

Middle Tennessee State University - Nashville, TN

Zachary Ethan Frank-Rice

Frederick, MD

Parents: Donald and Dina Frank-Rice

"I appreciate all my friends, family, and family friends that enabled me to go here. Glad I got to be where the class sizes are small and all my teachers were great."

Frederick Community College - Frederick, MD

Nicholas Donald Galanis

Frederick, MD

Parents: Jim and Mimi Galanis

"Thank you to all my family, friends, teachers and mentors for helping me reach this point. Saint John's has provided me with a great environment to succeed."

Virginia Polytechnic Institute - Blacksburg, VA

Micah Alexander Glover

Frederick, MD

Parents: Phil and Anita Glover

"The SJCP community has helped and supported me with all my goals."

Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Alejandro Jesus Gonzalez

Poolesville, MD

Parents: Jesus Gonzalez and Claudia Jamison

"SJCP really helped shape who I am. The friendships and the bonds I made, I will cherish forever."

University of South Florida - Tampa, FL

Shannon Darcy Green

Frederick, MD

Parent: Laura Green

"Saint John's has taught me so many lessons. I am thankful for the good and bad, making me who I am. I am so thankful for the supportive teachers and my friends."

Monmouth University - West Long Branch, NJ

Reagan Kathleen Hamm

Frederick, MD

Parents: James and Nanci Hamm

"Saint John's helped me grow into the person I have become today."

Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Nicholas Shadi Hassan

Germantown, MD

Parents: Shadi and Jennifer Hassan

"It wasn't always the easiest, but I made it."

University of Colorado - Boulder, CO

Aidan Zachary Hatmaker

New Market, MD

Parents: Stephanie and Brian Hatmaker

"Saint John's helped me push through Covid and become a better student."

Frederick Community College - Frederick, MD

Brooke Marie Hill

Frederick, MD

Parents: Dale and Maria Hill

"My parents, SJCP, and the friends I have made here have helped me grow to the woman I am today. They have helped me get closer to my future goals. Four years I will not forget."

Manhattan College - Bronx, NY

Henry John Hintermister

Frederick, MD

Parents: John and Cassie Hintermister

"For me, it wasn't four years. During my time at SJCP, I lived, laughed and loved so much and I couldn't be more grateful."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Zofia Rose Hochstrasser

New Market, MD

Parents: Todd and Michele Hochstrasser

"Saint John's has given me so many great opportunities and introduced me to so many amazing teachers and friends."

Gannon University - Erie, PA

Katherine Michelle Hollenbeck

Frederick, MD

Parents: Brent and Jan Hollenbeck

"SJCP has provided me valuable experiences in community service, learning and sports, along with an opportunity for a future education at a high-quality university."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Anna G. Hou

Knoxville, MD

Parents: Kathleen Murphy and Wayne Hou

"I would like to thank my family, friends and teachers for helping me through my school years."

Shepherd University - Shepherdstown, WV

Natalie Suzanne Jeremias

Damascus, MD

Parents: Dennis and Stephanie Jeremias

"I've learned so much from my time here at Prep and so appreciate the great friends I have made here. Thank you."

Coastal Carolina University - Conway, SC

Austin Grant Johnson

Sykesville, MD

Parents: Walter and Jennifer Johnson

"Every single person at Prep has inspired me to an unbelievable extent. Every single faculty and staff member has been so encouraging and understanding. There is no doubt that Saint John's will continue to inspire more students every year."

University of North Carolina Greensboro – Greensboro, NC

Ronald José Kelley

Charles Town, WV

Parents: Ronald and Amariliz Kelly

"There have been ups and downs, but in the end, we

all made it."

University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI

Jagger Tillman Krzysiak

Walkersville, MD

Parents: Todd and Julie Krzysiak

"SJCP has helped me grow as a student but more importantly, I grew as a person. I appreciate everyone who helped and supported me to get to this point."

University of Tampa - Tampa, FL

Joshua Hunter Lane

Middletown, MD

Parents: Steve and Cara Lane

"I'm grateful for the teachers that paved the path that I could take to become a better person and set high standards for myself both academically and spiritually. Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Coughlin, especially, inspired me to truly reach for the moon."

Florida Institute of Technology - Melbourne, FL

Kevin John Langley

lefferson, MD

Parents: Ray and Clare Langley

"I have met many amazing people over the years. I have many great memories and have grown greatly as a person. Hi, Mom! I love you!"

Frederick Community College - Frederick, MD

Josephine Faith Leslie

Frederick, MD

Parent: Mark Leslie

"Thank you for providing me with an education I hope to use for many years in the future."

Robert Morris University - Moon Township, PA

Joseph Bradley Martin, Jr.

Harpers Ferry, WV

Parents: Joe and Liz Martin

"The last four years at SJCP have been filled with many ups and downs, but I am so grateful for the person I have grown into, and I could not thank this school enough."

Gettysburg College - Gettysburg, PA

Seth Adam Martin

Rockville, MD

Parents: Andrew and Anna Martin

"Overall, I think that SJCP provided me with a good high school experience and prepared me well for college."

Montgomery College - Rockville, MD

Samuel Plowden Martini

Gettysburg, PA

Parents: Michael and Cezanne Martini

"Shout out to all my friends and loved ones. Couldn't have made it here without them."

Frederick Community College - Frederick, MD

Alisha Catherine Mason

Frederick, MD

Parents: Radford and Donna Mason

"Saint John's has provided me with support in all of my endeavors, fostered my love of learning and has given me the opportunity to become the best version of myself."

Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore, MD

Xavier Yondo Mbella

Frederick, MD

Parents: Allen Mbella and Iyvonne Etchu

"Saint John's has been a memorable experience that will stick with me forever."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Rory Murphy McClain

Frederick, MD

Parents: Kenny and Karen McClain

"Saint John's has provided me with a strong education, a safe learning environment and friendships that will last the rest of my life."

Dickinson College - Carlisle, PA

Charlotte Marie McKinley

Point of Rocks, MD

Parents: Thomas McKinley and Carrie Peluso

"SJCP has helped me grow into the person and student I am today. The teachers and staff have become my family and have given me continued support throughout the past four years."

University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC

Elena Grace Murphy

Frederick, MD

Parents: Galan and Denise Murphy

"It has been a long and eventful four years at SJCP, but I have met some amazing teachers and made some wonderful friends along the way."

College of William and Mary - Williamsburg, VA

Macahi Lugene Nelson

Hagerstown, MD

Parents: Lugene and Nakita Nelson

"I want to thank all the teachers and the staff for helping me through my first and, sadly, last year here at Saint John's. It's been an adventure, and I'm very blessed to be a part of it."

Notre Dame College - South Euclid, OH

Laura Madeline Neumark

Point of Rocks, MD

Parents: Patricia and Thomas Neumark

"Saint John's has helped me grow not only as a student, but as a person as well. Throughout my time here, I have learned the value of hard work and perseverance. I am so thankful for my time here at SJCP."

Coe College - Cedar Rapids, IA

Olivia Rose Newell

Frederick, MD

Parents: Steven Newell and Darcy Basgall-Newell

"I am so grateful for everything that this school has done for me in these past few years."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Dezmyn Kavon Nicholson

Hagerstown, MD

Parents: Carl Nicholson and Jamie Smith

"My two years at Saint John's has really shown me how important it is to be a student and has prepared me for my next journey in life, college. I'd like to thank every teacher who has worked with me during my time here. Thank you!"

Albright College - Reading, PA

Jolie Alexandra Orns

Poolesville, MD

Parents: Stuart and Eanna Orns

"Saint John's has given me many friends. As I only spent two years here, it went by fast, but it has prepared and matured me for my next steps. I will miss the people I met here."

University of Delaware - Newark, DE

Tiernan James O'Rourke

Germantown, MD

Parents: Kevin and Jean O'Rourke

"I'd like to thank everyone, from teachers to the staff, for the great times at SJCP. I'd like to thank my parents for always supporting me. Lastly, I'd like to thank my friends for making the best memories with me."

University of Dayton - Dayton, OH

Inez Dulcemaria Ortiz

Harpers Ferry, WV

Parents: Felix Elias and Maria Oli Ortiz

"My experience at Saint John's has helped me grow into the better and more established woman that I am today. Without the triumphs, turns and tribulations of the rigorous environment, I wouldn't have learned the crucial things required to develop my true emotional, societal and educational mind. For that I am grateful."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

William Kyle Pershin

Frederick, MD

Parents: Bill and Tanya Pershin

"Saint John's has helped me achieve my goals in athletics and academics. I can't thank all the teachers and coaches enough who have helped me along the way."

Marietta College - Marietta, OH

Maximilian Christopher Piraino

Frederick, MD

Parents: Chris and Rosemary Piraino

"Saint John's has allowed me to grow academically and spiritually into the man I am today."

Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Francis Albert Pommett, IV

Glen Arm, MD

Parents: Francis and Jill Pommett

"Saint John's has helped me prepare for college, and I appreciate the strong Christian leadership of the faculty and administration. I made some amazing friends, and although the commute was long, my experience was worth the drive."

Muhlenberg College - Allentown, PA

Jacklyn Martha Power

Hedgesville, WV

Parents: Darrin and Eilis Power

"This school has helped create the path for my future."

University of West Virginia - Morgantown, WV

Helena Elizabeth Riesett

Middletown, MD

Parents: Brian and Dawn Riesett

"Saint John's has not only prepared me for my future, but it has shown me the value of a good friendship and taught me the importance of determination."

Monmouth University - West Long Branch, NJ

Valery Rincon

Clarksburg, MD

Parents: Hector Rincon and Diana Moncada

"My four years here at SJCP have been an exciting ride full of ups and downs, but at the end of the ride, I came out with amazing friends and people I see in my future."

Loyola University - Baltimore, MD

Dominic Joseph Rosone

lefferson, MD

Parents: Joe and Adrienne Rosone

"I would like to thank the teachers for making me a better student. They push me and inspire me to reach my goals every day."

Siena College - Loudonville, NY

Madeline Grace Shea

Frederick, MD

Parents: John and Mary Shea

"Although all of my four years at Saint John's were not perfect, and there were many ups and downs, I will forever be grateful for the vital education they have provided, helping shape the person I am today and providing lifelong friends I have made."

Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Vicrumjit Singh Siyan

Gaithersburg, MD

Parent: Harpreet Siyan

"The SJCP community has provided me with a positive environment and has helped me grow in all aspects as a student."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Nicholas Pasquale Sofia

Germantown, MD

Parents: Domenico and Jane Sofia

"SJCP has been very supportive and really shaped who I am as a person today. I am blessed to have these doors open in my life because of SJCP."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Audrey Anastasis Spindle

Adamstown, MD

Parents: Geoff Brown and Mackenzie Spindle

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has helped me grow to be a better person and prepared me for the real world."

Catawba College - Salisbury, NC

Daniel Manfred Stassen

Frederick, MD

Parents: Peter and Christine Stassen

"During my time at Saint John's, I had many experiences that helped me to grow. I am thankful for both the good and the bad, as they formed me into the person I am now. I am also thankful for all the memories I made here as they will last me a lifetime."

Virginia Polytechnic Institute - Blacksburg, VA

Ava Elisabeth Stolburg

Tuscarora, MD

Parents: Matt and Angel Stolburg

"Saint John's has helped shape who I am today by providing me with a great education, community and the best friendships."

University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL

Joshua Alexander Suit

Mt. Airy, MD

Parents: John and Beth Suit

"My time at Saint John's has been a very interesting experience. I learned a lot and had some really fun classes. I made a lot of friends and have had fond memories over the years."

University of Maryland, Baltimore County – Baltimore, MD

Deanna Mackenzie Thompson

Frederick, MD

Parents: Donald and DeeDee Thompson

"My four years at SJCP, though hard at times, have helped me learn about myself. The amazing teachers and friends I have made are the best part of this school."

Frederick Community College - Frederick, MD

Devon Michael Thompson

Harpers Ferry, WV

Parents: Donald and DeeDee Thompson

"My four years here were memorable to say the least. On to the next four."

Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Reid Andrew Travers

Myersville, MD

Parents: Ernie and Megan Travers

"The SJCP community has provided me with a positive environment that has helped me grow in all aspects as a student."

Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Leighann Catherine Truesdale

Sykesville, MD

Parents: Charles and Christina Truesdale

"SJCP is the leader in preparing students for college. I am confident that I was selected for my top choice based off the education I received. Saint John's has allowed me to see where I want to be in the future. I am thankful for the time I have spent at SJCP."

University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa, AL

Rebekkah Anastasia Vandegrift

Gaithersburg, MD

Parents: Ron and Lauree Vandegrift

"SJCP has introduced me to so many new and amazing friends that have helped me grow into the person I am today, and for that, I am so thankful."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Gloria Ineta Walker-Hoover

Mt. Airy, MD

Parent: Benjamin Hoover

"Saint John's made my senior year of high school very memorable. I am very grateful for the faculty, staff and student body welcoming me with open arms."

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth – Dartmouth, MA

Samantha Paige Watkins

Adamstown, MD

Parents: Martin and Beth Watkins

"I am forever grateful for my time at Saint John's. The people I have met and the lessons I have learned created memories that will last a lifetime."

University of West Florida - Pensacola, FL

Special Thank You!



For providing the live streaming of today's Commencement ceremonies.



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