

Xavier High School Valedictorians & Commencement Speakers

	<u>Valedictorians</u>	<u>Commencement Speakers</u>
July 14, 1851	James O'Beirne	Most Rev. John Joseph Hughes Archbishop of New York
July 14, 1852	Richard Brennan (Latin Salutatory) Plowden Murrogh (English Address)	Rev. John Joseph Hughes Archbishop of New York
July 12, 1853	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 11, 1854	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 11, 1855	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 9-10, 1856	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 13-14, 1857	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 13, 1858	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 11, 1859	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 10, 1860	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
July 8, 1861	<i>Unknown</i>	Rev. Joseph Woods
July 7, 1862	<i>Unknown</i>	Rev. Thomas Killeen
July 3 & 6, 1863	<i>Unknown</i>	Henry Brann
July 5-6, 1864	James J. Treanor (Gold Medal for Superior Success)	Rev. P. McSweeney
July 5, 1865	Eugene B. Murtha (Gold Medal for Superior Success)	Rev. J.H. McGean
July 5, 1866	John E. Callahan (Gold Medal for Superior Success)	Rev. G. Healy
July 1, 1867	Joseph F. Mosher (Gold Medal for Superior Success)	Rev. J. Edwards
June 29, 1868	Peter Comdon (Gold Medal for Evidences of Religion)	Rev. W.J. Lane
June 28, 1869	James T. Curran (Gold Medal for Evidences of Religion)	Rev. J.T. Barry
June 16, 1905	Thomas W. Hughes	Student Readings
June 15, 1906	Daniel B. Murray	Student Readings
1907	Leo C. Hillman (Section A) Santo Catalano and Arthur F.X. McKeogh (Section B)	<i>Unknown</i>
June 16, 1908	Aloysius E. Zema (Section A) Peter A. Boyle (Section B) (Silver Medals for Class Honors)	Debate Held

June 5-11, 1909	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
June 17, 1910	John F. Hurley (Section A) Jeremiah F. Ryba (Section B) (Silver Medals for Class Honors)	Debate Held
1911	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1912	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
1913	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
June 14, 1914	Alfred A. Purcell (Gold Medal for Christian Doctrine) John J. Whitty (Section A) James B. McQuade (Section B) (Silver Medals for Class Honors)	Debate Held
June 21, 1915	John C. McCarthy (Gold Medal for Christian Doctrine) James F.X. Hart (Gold Medal for Elocution) Anthony J. Brown (Gold Medal for Winner of Annual Debate) Thomas A. Boland (Section A) John C. McCarthy (Section B) (Silver Medals for class honors)	Debate Held
June 19, 1916	<i>Unknown</i> (Gold Medal for Elocution) James V. Hayes (Gold Medal for Winner of Annual Debate) Bernard F. Farley (Section A) Cornelius J. McCarthy (Section B) (Silver Medals for Class Honors)	Col. Louis D. Conley, N.G.N.Y.
June 13, 1917	James C. Kelly, Jr. (Gold Medal for Elocution) James J. Flynn (Special Gold Medal for School Spirit) Edward P. Treacy (Section A) Vincent J. Hart (Section B) [22nd President of Xavier, 1937-1943] (Silver Medals for Class Honors)	<i>Unknown</i>
June 17, 1918	Walter J. Becker (Gold Medal for Elocution) Rudolph J. Safarik (Special Gold Medal for School Spirit) Mario A. Pei (Section A) William V. Gray (Section B) (Silver Medals for Class Honors)	<i>Unknown</i>
June 18, 1919	John Henry Sefter	Rev. John C. Reville, S.J. Associate Editor of <i>America</i>
July 18, 1920	Francis X. Downey	Rev. William Livingston
June 17, 1921	Matthew J. Lyons	Hon. Thomas E. Rush
1922	<i>Unknown</i>	<i>Unknown</i>
June 19, 1923	George F. Mullan, Feb. 1923 John J. McCafferty, June 1923	Captain Edward C. McGuire. U.S.A. 1910

June 18, 1924	Alfred J. Barrett, Jr.	Martin B. Conboy, LL.D.
June 18, 1925	Harold X. Folser	Dr. Conde Pallen, LL.D.
June 17, 1926	Edward D. Doyle	Hon. Judge John C. McTigue
June 15, 1927	William Richard White	Joseph A. Warren
January 29, 1928	Robert J. Vogel	Clarence V. Donovan
June 17, 1928	Unknown	Hon. Frank S. Gannon 1898
January 27, 1929	Alfred W. Hartman	Percy J. King 1897
June 16, 1929	Raymond G. Leddy	Arthur J. Hilly 1906
February 2, 1930	Robert M. Cox	Thomas J. Brogan 1909 Corporation Counsel of Jersey City
June 15, 1930	Griffith J. Scott	Edward Stephen 1907 Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Catholic Alumni Federation
February 1, 1931	Stephen Vincent Duffy	Vincent L. Leibell 1904
June 14, 1931	Thurston N. Davis	Arthur H. Gagnon
June 19, 1932	James G. Heater	Rev. John A. Cotter, S.J.
June 18, 1933	John H. Bergmann	Hon. Arthur J.W. Hilly Corporation Counsel of the City of NY
June 17, 1934	Harold Spille	Edward C. Corsi, LL.B. Xavier 1917 Director, Home Relief Bureau of NYC
June 16, 1935	John B. Yates	Hon. William T. Collins 1906
June 14, 1936	Joseph E. Murray	Percy John King 1897, 1898
June 14, 1937	Vincent P. Brennan	Hon. John F.X. McGohey, 1913, First Assistant Attorney General, NY
June 19, 1938	Robert Roth	Hon. Frederick J. Gassert Mayor of Harrison, New Jersey
June 18, 1939	Martin F. Conroy	Hon. Matthew J. Troy 1914 Magistrate of the City of New York
June 6, 1940	Francis Desider	Hon. Richard Reid, K.S.G. Editor of the <i>Catholic News</i>
1941	Frederick Gassert	His Excellency Most Rev. Bartholomew Eustace 1906 Bishop of Camden, NJ
June 14, 1942	Frederick F. Carroll	George A. Brenner 1921 Trial Examiner, NY State Labor Relations Board
January 22, 1943	Robert J. Vilece	Hon. John F. Brosnan Trustee of Manhattan College
June 13, 1943	Thomas L. Doyle	Hon. Thomas J. Curran 1916

		Secretary of State, New York
January 21, 1944	Donald W. Connolly	Hon. Vincent L. Leibell 1904 U.S. District Judge
June 11, 1944	David Carroll	Hon. John F.X. McGohey 1913 Chief Assistant U.S. District Attorney
August 17, 1944	Robert Geiringer	John J. Cunneen Xavier Alumni Sodality
January 16, 1945	John J. McDonald	James V. Hayes 1916
June 10, 1945	Thomas H. Gassert	Hon. Robert F. Mahoney 1919
August 16, 1945	Harry G. Mehl	Rev. John J. Killeen, S.J. Rector, Xavier High School
January 15, 1946	Donald F. McPadden	Rev. John J. Killeen, S.J. Rector, Xavier High School
June 9, 1946	Thomas J. Ryan	Hon. Edward S. Doyle 1903 Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Dept., NY
June 8, 1947	Patrick J. McGowan	Hon. John F.X. McGohey 1913 U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of NY
1948	John J. Kapp	Most Rev. Bartholomew J. Eustace 1910 Bishop of Camden, NJ
June 12, 1949	James Breininger	Hon. Thomas J. Brogan 1905 Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of NJ
June 18, 1950	Charles N. Shaffer	Hon. James V. Hayes 1916
February 4, 1951	James M. Kennedy	Hon. John F.X. McGohey 1913
June 10, 1951	Donald E. Kelly	Hon. William T. Collins 1902
August 26, 1951	Edward C. Lynch	Rev. George H. Guilfoyle
June 15, 1952	George W. Shea	John A. Lawler, N.D. Surgeon, Xavier High School
June 21, 1953	Antonin G. Scalia	Rev. Thurston N. Davis, S.J. '31 Dean, Fordham College
June 20, 1954	William J. Donnelly	Hon. John B. McGeehan 1917 Justice, Supreme Court of N.J.
June 19, 1955	John T. Gallagher	Rev. John Courtney Murray, S.J. 1920 Theologian
June 17, 1956	A. Douglas Logue	Very Rev. Msgr. William T. Greene 1921
June 23, 1957	Thomas H. Donnelly	Most Rev. Vincent I. Kennally Vicar Apostolic, Caroline & Marshal Islands

June 18, 1958	Anthony McNulty	Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J. '31
June 17, 1959	James T. Riordan	John C. Hilly '33
1960	Henry V. Geoghan	Brig. Gen. Robert J. Goewey 1924 Commanding General, Dover Air Force Base
June 18, 1961	James F. Ryan	<i>Unknown, No Addresser Listed</i> (Invocation of Blessing, Benediction)
June 17, 1962	Guy Edward O'Brien	<i>Unknown, No Addresser Listed</i> (Invocation of Blessing, Benediction)
June 20, 1963	James A. Nolan	Presider: Very Rev. Msgr. Myles M. Bourke '34 Dean of Studies, St. Joseph's Seminary
June 17, 1964	Daniel J. Duane	Presider: Rev. Walter Ciszek, S.J. John XXIII Center for Eastern Christian Studies, Fordham University
June 16, 1965	From Commencement Program Paul M. Doersam	Major General James B. Lampert, USA Superintendent, United States Military Academy at West Point
June 16, 1966	Alan T. O'Brien	Most Rev. John J. Dougherty, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, President, Seton Hall University
June 15, 1967	Albert G. Lauber	Anthony F. LaBau, S.J. Rector, Xavier High School
June 11, 1968	Robert Reiser	Hon. Owen P. McGivern Judge, New York State Supreme Court
June 10, 1969	S. Thomas Jennings	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Connors Superintendent of Schools Archdiocese of New York
June 18, 1970	From Commencement Program Robert S. Bennett	Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J. Associate Chancellor for Academic Affairs, City University of New York
June 9, 1971	Ralph F. Josefowicz	Rev. Edward J. Heavey, S.J. Associate Headmaster-Student Personnel
June 14, 1972	Thomas C. Healey	Rev. Edward D. Horgan, S.J. Provincial, Secondary Schools, New York; Province of the Society of Jesus
June 6, 1973	Michael J. Montelongo	Rev. Robert G. Cregan, S.J. Director, Secondary Schools New York Province of the Society of Jesus
June 6, 1974	Terence McIntosh	Rev. William J. O'Malley, S.J. Educator, Author, and Actor
June 5, 1975	Michael F. O'Keefe	Rev. Richard E. Doyle, S.J. '47 Chair, Department of Classical Languages, Fordham University

June 10, 1976	Mark C. Hallinan	Rev. John J. Piderit, S.J. '61 Doctoral Candidate, Princeton University
1977	Sean P. Coyle	Philip L. Defliese Senior Partner Coopers & Lybrand
June 5, 1978	Joseph R. Profaci	Rev. Joseph J. O'Hare, S.J. Editor, <i>American Magazine</i>
1979	Don A. Summa	Unknown
June 5, 1980	John J. McGuire	Hon. Edward J. Hidalgo '29 Secretary of the Navy
June 4, 1981	Nelson J. Fernandez	Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J. '31 Theologian-in-Residence, Georgetown University
1982	Arthur R. Fuscaldo	James F. Keenan, S.J.
June 2, 1983	Nicholas Alexander DePalma	Edmund D. Pellegrino, M.D. '37 John Carroll University Professor of Medicine and Medical Humanities, Georgetown University Medical Center
June 7, 1984	Michael Joseph Maher	Rev. Msgr. Miles M. Bourke '34 Pastor, Corpus Christi Church
1985	Charles Joseph Prestigiacomo	George Shea, Ph.D. '52 Dean, The College at Lincoln Center, Fordham University
1986	James Wong	Philip A. Lacovara, Esq. '60 Managing Partner, Hughes, Hubbard & Reed, Washington, D.C.
1987	Edward O'Callaghan	Anthony Terraciano '56 Vice Chairman-Global Banking of the Chase Manhattan Bank
June 9, 1988	Minalkumar A. Patel	Hon. Edward J. McLaughlin '63 Judge, New York Criminal Court and Acting Justice, New York State Supreme Court
1989	Mark Austin Morrison	Rev. John J. LaRocca, S.J. '63
1990	Anthony James Colantino	Rear Admiral Thomas A. Brooks '54
1991	Timothy J. Kennedy	Raymond Keyes '37
June 11, 1992	Tommy Katopodis	David P. Anderson '47 Journalist, <i>The New York Times</i>
June 10, 1993	Antonio Miranda	James Scott P'79 '84 History Teacher & Varsity Track Coach
June 9, 1994	Nitikrai J. Suwangonsakul	Vincent A. Rocco '63 Chairman and C.E.O. TRC Companies, Inc.

June 8, 1995	Edelmiro Rivera	Brig. Gen. Ruben Cubero '57 Dean of Faculty, United States Air Force Academy
June 6, 1996	Joseph Wong	Rev. John J. Podsiadlo, S.J. Director and Principal of Nativity Mission Center
June 12, 1997	Anthony J. Distinti	Rev. Kenneth J. Boller, S.J. President, Xavier High School
June 11, 1998	Charles J. Larkin	John P. Foley Religion Teacher, 29 Years of Service
June 10, 1999	Matthew L. Kelly	Franklin D. Gregory Dean of Students, 27 Years of Service
June 8, 2000	Benzon Munoz Dy	Unknown
June 16, 2001	William Bernstein	Rev. Daniel J. Gatti, S.J. '59 President, Xavier High School
June 6, 2002	Adam Gregory Panopoulos	Anthony S. Fauci Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
June 5, 2003	From Commencement Program Daniel Cherif ("Farewell Address")	Otto G. Obermaier '53 Golden Jubilee, Class of 1953
June 3, 2004	Michael H. Cherif	Rev. David S. Ciancimino, S.J. '77 Headmaster, Xavier High School
June 9, 2005	William John Moccia	Rev. James N. Loughran, S.J. President, St. Peter's College
June 8, 2006	Karol Kurzatkowski	Mr. Michael B. Fernandez '72
June 7, 2007	Joseph Michael Caputo	Rev. Daniel J. Gatti, S.J. '59 President, Xavier High School
June 12, 2008	Brendan Kenneth Roche	David P. Anderson '47 Journalist, <i>The New York Times</i>
June 7, 2009	David Wong	Rev. Daniel J. Gatti, S.J. '59 President, Xavier High School
June 10, 2010	David Campmier	Dr. James Morgan '82 P'12
June 9, 2011	Michael Kemp	Gerard Walker Athletic Director, Graduate of Brooklyn Prep '71
June 14, 2012	Aman Grewal	Daniel V. Rodriquez '58
2013	Timothy Michael Kelly	Al Roker '72 Broadcaster, Meteorologist
June 12, 2014	Jordan Paul Berka	Francis A. Tirelli '70
June 11, 2015	Kevin Ko	Rev. Louis T. Garaventa, S.J.
June 9, 2016	Christian Raslowsky	Mike Fernandez '72
June 8, 2017	Eric Krebs	Paul Enright '91

June 14, 2018	Francis Corrado	Roy Van Brunt '63
June 13, 2019	Christian Deem	Maureen and Robert Reinhart '69 P'94 '99, Longtime Xavier Faculty & Staff
July 31, 2020	Michael Manta	Michael LiVigni P'21 Headmaster, Xavier High School
June 10, 2021	Ryan Wong	Rev. Dennis Baker, S.J.
June 9, 2022	Diego Lopez	Dr. Eugene Cornacchia President, St. Peter's University