

# ST. MARK'S SCHOOL

SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS



ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH  
PRIZE DAY EXERCISES

SATURDAY, JUNE TENTH  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

10:30 a.m.

## PRELUDE AND PROCESSION

*All stand as the Class of 2023 enters the tent.*

## INVOCATION

The Reverend Barbara G. Talcott, P'15  
*Head Chaplain*

## HYMN:

### For the Splendor of Creation

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

Tune: Thaxted, adapt. from G. Holst  
Hymns for Church and School, 1964



1. For the splen-dor of cre - a - tion that draws us to in - quire,  
2. For the schol - ars past and pres - ent whose boun - ty we di - gest,



for the mys - ter - ies of knowl - edge to which our hearts as - pire,  
for the teach - ers who in - spire us to sum - mon forth our best,



for the deep and sub - tle beau - ties which de - light the eye and ear,  
for our ri - vals and com - pan - ions, some times fool - ish, some times wise,



for the dis - ci - pline of log - ic, the strug - gle to be clear,  
for the hu - man web up - hold - ing this no - ble en - ter - prise,



for the un - ex - plained re - main - der, the puz - zling and the odd:  
for the com - mon life that binds us thro' days that soar or plod:



for the joy and pain of learn - ing, we give you thanks, O God.  
for this place and for these peo - ple, we give you thanks, O God.

THE SCHOOL PRAYER

John C. Warren '74  
*Head of School*

Vouchsafe, O Lord to prosper with Thy blessing  
the Work of St. Mark's School.  
Grant that all who serve Thee here,  
whether as governors, teachers, or learners,  
may set Thy Holy will ever before them,  
and do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight;  
that so both the Church and the Commonwealth of this land  
may be bettered by their efforts,  
and they themselves  
finally be made partakers of everlasting life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Mr. Warren

INTRODUCTION  
OF THE SPEAKER

Tarah Donoghue Breed '00

ADDRESS

Patricia D. Branch '04

PRESENTATION OF THE DIPLOMAS

Mr. Warren

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Alden Mehta '23

WELCOMING TO THE  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Ms. Breed '00

BENEDICTION

Reverend Talcott

RECESSION

*Please remain at your seat as the faculty and the Class of 2023 process out.*

## CLASS OF 2023

• Cum Laude Society / ▼ Classics Diploma / ↑ Global Diploma

Brendan David Allen

Jeevan Singh Anand

Andria Bao

Kaitlyn Ford Breslin

• ↑ Carlisle Hedges Brush

Bryan Chiang

• Sophie Chiang

Benjamin Scott Croft

Dante D'Avanzo

Charles Larpenteur Dawson

↑ Remington Christine English

Yolanda W. Fan

Yangyi Gao

• Austin Jackson Gorman

Alexandria Reese Grenon

Liam Timothy Groh

Julie He

Leyi He

Angelica Maria Hiraldo Inoa

• ↑ Nghi (Madison) Hoang

Chase Wiley Hornstein

• Kwan Yin “Mandy” Hui

Mia Caroline Iwicki

Harlan James Jackson

Sebastian Henry Johnson

Bennett Abel Jones

Josiah Winslow Jones

Hyeon (Justin) Kang

Juliana Elizabeth Kiley

↑ Avery Campbell King

↑ Tyler Andrew Kocienda

Ryan Fitzgerald Krantz

Pok Shing (Boson) Kwan

Jason William Langway

Joel Ibukunoluwa Lawore

Sophia Marie Arkoncel Ledonio

↑ Grace Ying Lee

Inselbag (Insel) Lee

Justin Chang Lee

Molly Rose Lefebvre

John Buckner Lewis

Ryan Harrington Lewis

• Aitong (Ivy) Li

Chuyao Li

Shuoxuan (Tony) Li

↑ Sijing “Christine” Ling

## CLASS OF 2023

• Cum Laude Society / ▼ Classics Diploma / ↑ Global Diploma

Maddox Mackenzie Lizotte	▼	Ames Elder Scott
James William Lyver		Tru Styles
• Chengrui (Martin) Ma		Anika Maya Sukthankar
• Alden Charles Mehta	• ↑	Riya Sultur
Brayden Alexander Michaelson	•	Han Sun
Arianne Alexandra Motakef	▼	Ryan Christopher Taylor
Aime Kobenai Murillo	•	Phuong “Fiona” Tran
Charlene Tariro Murima		Olivia Joan Velloso
Damon Patrick Myers		Darius Kai Wagner
• Owen “James” Nichols-Worley		Jian (Jason) Wang
Kerry Rose Oblak		Charles Henry Watson
Justin Marcus Pare		Tongjun “Albert” Wu
Matthew Robert Parry		Judy Xie
Rohan S. Patel		Steven Yue Yang
Elizabeth Frances Pellini	• ↑	Ziyue (Kelly) Yang
Lillian Doreen Peña		Madeleine Burnett Yearout
↑ Charlie Stanford Poulin	• ▼	Arjun Sahar Yerabothu
Sebastian Henry Rome	• ▼	Ingrid Kai Yi Yeung
▼ Frank Saverio Ruperto	• ▼	Jiayi Yu
Willis Garson Ryckman		Xuantong (Taylor) Zhou
Kanav Sahani		Elgin Zou
Nathaniel William Sansone		
Shreeya Sareddy		

## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

### **FACULTY AND STAFF**

**THE GEORGE HOWELL KIDDER FACULTY PRIZE**, established by his children at the time of Mr. Kidder's retirement from the Board of Trustees, is awarded by the Head of School, on the advice of faculty, staff and student leaders, to a member of the faculty who has contributed to St. Mark's above and beyond the ordinary and who has shown the same love of learning, compassion and commitment to excellence which marked George Howell Kidder's life.

**THE CLASS OF 1961 FRED BURR STAFF PRIZE** was established by the Class of 1961 on the occasion of their 40th reunion to honor one of their teachers, Fred Burr, and his emphasis on the contribution staff make to the quality of the education provided by St. Mark's. Fred Burr considered himself one—like so many staff members—who enthusiastically support the work of faculty and students while working outside the limelight. The Burr Prize is awarded by the Head of School, on the advice of faculty, staff and student leaders, to a member of the staff who exemplifies these qualities.

### **STUDENTS**

**THE JOHN A. CAREY PRIZE** is given in recognition of and appreciation for the 36 years of loving service John Carey gave to this School. It is given to that student who has contributed the most to the visual arts at St. Mark's and who has excelled in more than one art form.

**THE CARLETON BURR RAND PRIZE** is given in memory of Carleton Burr Rand, Class of 1946, and is awarded for excellence in journalism.

**THE COLEMAN PRIZE IN ENGLISH**, endowed by Joseph G. Coleman Jr., Class of 1899, is awarded to that student, who, in the judgment of the English Department, has submitted the outstanding essay during this academic year.

**THE WILLIAM OTIS SMITH PRIZE FOR ENGLISH VERSE** is given in memory of a member of the Class of 1907 and is awarded to that student, who, in the judgment of the English Department, has submitted the outstanding verse during the past year.

**THE REDMOND PRIZE FOR ENGLISH NARRATIVE**, presented in memory of Henry S. Redmond, Class of 1923, is awarded to the student, who, in the judgment of the English Department, has submitted the outstanding piece of narrative during this academic year.

**THE FREDERICK A. CAMMANN '47 MUSIC PRIZE** is awarded to that student who demonstrates the most talent in musical theory and composition.

**THE J. STANLEY SHEPPARD MUSIC PRIZE** is given in recognition of Stan Sheppard's 34 years of faculty service to the music program at St. Mark's and is awarded to that student who has contributed the most to the musical life of the School during the current year.

**THE WALTER IRVING BADGER PRIZE IN DRAMATICS** is given in memory of Walter Badger's 13 years of service to the St. Mark's drama program and is awarded to the member of the VI Form who, during their St. Mark's career, has contributed the most to drama at the School.

**THE FREDERICK R. AVIS AND ANNA M. PLISZ SCIENCE PRIZE** honors two revered St. Mark's biology teachers whose love of teaching and learning set examples for both colleagues and students. The Avis-Plisz Science prize is awarded to that student who, through curiosity, determination, passion, and practical application of ideas has acquired a deeper understanding of particular scientific processes.

**THE PHILIP GALLATIN CAMMANN '14 STEM PRIZE** is awarded to that student who has most successfully pursued breadth and depth of study in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses.

**THE EDWARD A. TAFT '69 COMPUTER SCIENCE PRIZE** is awarded to that student who by interest, curiosity, original thought, and practical application of ideas has acquired a deeper understanding of the field of computer science.

**THE JOHN SUYDAM MATHEMATICS PRIZE** is given in memory of a member of the Class of 1904 who taught mathematics at St. Mark's for many years. It is awarded to that VI Former who has done the best work in mathematics, having also studied physics.

**THE ROY IRVING MURRAY PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SACRED STUDIES** is given in memory of a St. Mark's chaplain from the 1920s and 1930s.

**THE H. CASIMIR DE RHAM PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN FRENCH** is given in honor of a member of the Class of 1914.

**THE JOHN RICHARD WHITE PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN GERMAN** is given in memory of a member of the Class of 1899 who also taught German here.

**THE PETER BRYCE APPLETON PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPANISH** was given by Francis Appleton, of the Class of 1935, in honor of Peter Bryce Appleton, a member of the class of 1961.

**THE CHINESE LANGUAGE PRIZE** is awarded to a student who has demonstrated extraordinary aptitude and passion for the study of Chinese during their career at St. Mark's.

**THE HENRY P. KIDDER PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN LATIN** is given in memory of a member of the Class of 1914. Henry Kidder is also the grandson of the founder of St. Mark's School.

**THE MORRIS H. MORGAN PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN GREEK** is given in memory of a member of the Class of 1877 who was for many years a professor of Greek at Harvard.

**THE FREDERIC A. FLICHTNER PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY** is given in memory of a member of the faculty for 35 years.

**THE GEORGE HALL BURNETT PRIZE IN HISTORY** is given to commemorate the graduation in 1902 of a grandson of the founder. It is awarded on the basis of a special essay in American history.

**THE ELY PRIZE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING**, originally given by a member of the Class of 1892 in memory of his mother, is presented to the student who gave the best speech in the Global Seminar Public Speaking Competition.

**THE SHEN PRIZE** is awarded to the winner of a public speaking contest among Advanced United States History students on the topic of democracy. The prize is given by Y.L. Shen in honor of his daughters, Ing-ie (Ava) Shen of the Class of 1988, and Ing-Chuan (Judy) Shen of the Class of 1989.

**THE HEAD MONITOR PRIZE** is presented to the two Head Monitors in recognition of exemplary devoted service to St. Mark's. Both in their public roles and behind the scenes they have been outstanding leaders. The gift of these gavels honors everything our Head Monitors have given to St. Mark's in this role.

**THE JOHN AND ELIZABETH MUNROE PRIZE**, first given in 1949 in memory of a member of the Class of 1902, was renamed in 1990 to include his wife, a distinguished and inspiring figure in the field of social work. The prize is awarded each year, by vote of the faculty, to the underformer who has shown the greatest promise of intellectual leadership and who by their example has best fulfilled the ideals of St. Mark's School.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF ST. MARK'S SCHOOL PRIZE** is awarded by vote of the faculty to that VI Former who best represents the ideals of St. Mark's School and who, through their service to the broader community beyond the St. Mark's campus, enriches both their own life and the life of the greater School.



**THE CHARLES WILLARD BIGELOW PRIZE** is given in memory of a member of the Class of 1891. It is awarded for promise of character by vote of the faculty to the V Former who, throughout their St. Mark's career, has shown unusual determination in all their undertakings and who has continuously been willing to go beyond the call of duty to get the job done.

**THE HENRY NICHOLS ERVIN SCHOLARSHIP** is named for a member of the Class of 1936 who was killed in World War II. It is awarded by vote of the faculty to that student who best exemplifies the character of Henry Ervin who, while at St. Mark's, at Brantwood, at Harvard, and in service to his country, seldom missed an opportunity to do a kindness or lend a hand.

**THE PIERSON F. MELCHER PRIZE** is given in honor of the founding Headmaster of the Southborough School and is awarded by the St. Mark's faculty "to that student who through clarity of expression, effectiveness of logic, and sense of community well-being best exemplifies the tradition and spirit of the New England town meeting."

**THE DOUGLAS H. T. BRADLEE SCHOLARSHIP** is named for a member of the Class of 1946 who was killed in the Korean War. It is awarded by vote of the faculty to that student who best exemplifies the qualities of Douglas Bradlee. In the words of his Headmaster, what was special "was not so much (Douglas Bradlee's) keen mind or his frankness or his...physical courage or even his firm forthright moral courage; it was his spiritual strength."

**THE DANIEL B. FEARING ATHLETIC PRIZES**, named for a member of the Class of 1878, are awarded to the two VI Form students who best combine athletic ability with good spirit, good team play and sportsmanship. The prize was established to reward both the winners' contribution to the success of their teams and their wholesome and positive effect on the athletic life of the School.

**THE HAROLD HAYES PRIZE**, named for a member of the Class of 1907, is awarded by vote of the faculty to the member of the graduating class who has been of greatest service to the School.

**THE ST. MARK'S PRIZE FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**, selected by vote of the faculty, goes to that VI Former who has demonstrated, through action and reflection, a particular passion for applying knowledge gained in St. Mark's classrooms to challenges existing in the larger world beyond our campus.

**THE WILLIAM TOWNSEND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP** is named for a member of the Class of 1886. It is awarded by vote of the faculty to a deserving student based upon academic achievement.

**THE WILLIAM G. THAYER SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRIZES** were established by the alumni to honor the Thayers' first 25 years of service to St. Mark's. It is awarded each year to those students in each form with the highest academic average for the year.

**THE DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM THAYER SCHOLARSHIP** is awarded to the student, not in the graduating class, with the highest academic standing in the School.

**THE FOUNDER'S MEDAL** honors the School's Founder, Joseph Burnett, and is endowed in memory of Brigadier General Richard Townsend Henshaw, Jr., of the Class of 1930. It is awarded to the member of the graduating class with the highest academic standing over the last three years of their St. Mark's career.

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## VALEDICTORIAN

The St. Mark's valedictorian is selected by a vote of the VI Form class.



### CLASSICS DIPLOMA

The Classics Diploma may be earned by qualified students who complete three years of one classical language and two years of the other. Classical Diploma students design a final project in the second semester of Greek II. Additionally, Classical Diploma students travel to either Greece or Italy on our biennial Classical Diploma Trip.



### GLOBAL DIPLOMA

The Global Diploma may be earned by qualified students who participate in a cohort that meets regularly and encourages reflection on their course of study and local and global engagement. Students also complete a capstone experience that allows them to translate their curricular and extracurricular experiences to responsible action in the real world.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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## **ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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### **Amity Street Brass Quintet:**

Trumpet 1 - Sam Thurston

Trumpet 2 - Adam Mejaour

Horn - Laura Crook Brisson

Trombone - Dan Gabel

Tuba - Steve Wilkinson

James M. Wallace, M.Mus.

Director of Music and School Organist

## **ST. MARK'S SCHOOL**

St. Mark's School was founded in 1865 in Southborough, Massachusetts, as a residential college-preparatory school affiliated with the Episcopal Church. In 1977, it merged with the Southborough School for girls to form a small coeducational boarding and day school for a diverse community and faculty from the local area, from all parts of the United States, and from around the world.

### **Mission Statement**

St. Mark's School educates young people for lives of leadership and service. Founded in 1865 as an intentionally small residential community, the School challenges its students to develop their particular analytic and creative capabilities by both inspiring their academic and spiritual curiosity and kindling their passion for discovery. We value cooperation over self-interest, and we encourage all members of our community to explore their place in the larger world beyond our campus.

### **Diversity Statement**

St. Mark's School seeks to reflect the increasingly diverse world in which our students presently live and will live in the future. We intend to provide our students with a superior education in a community of students, parents, faculty, and staff that represents a variety of racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. We strive to ensure respect for all regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, family structure, or economic background.

### **Sustainability Statement**

In valuing cooperation over self-interest and recognizing our role as global citizens, St. Mark's School actively fosters environmental stewardship and sustainable development in its education, planning, and practices.



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INTENTIONALLY SMALL, **THINKING BIG.**