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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty, I am honored to welcome you to the 2025 Commencement Exercises for Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School. We're grateful to have you with us as we recognize and celebrate the remarkable achievements of this year's senior class.

The Class of 2025 has left a meaningful mark on our community, living out the values that define Saint John's—faith, scholarship, leadership, honor, and service. These graduates have demonstrated these pillars in countless ways, and their contributions will be remembered as an important chapter in the rich history of our school. I am confident they will continue to lead with purpose and integrity in both the Church and the wider world.

Milestones like this are never reached alone. Our graduates have arrived at this moment thanks to the unwavering support of parents, families, and teachers who have walked with them every step of the way—offering encouragement, wisdom, and love. To the parents: thank you for your trust and partnership throughout your child's journey at Saint John's. We hope the memories made here bring joy to your family for years to come.

To the Class of 2025—Congratulations! Your graduation is a celebration not only of academic excellence, but of the determination, resilience, and character you've shown along the way. As you move forward into new opportunities, may your path be filled with purpose, joy, and success. And never forget: Once a Viking, ALWAYS a Viking.

God Bless.

Will Knotek Head of School

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Saint John's Catholic Preparatory School COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 2025

Presentation of the Colors
Reid Workman '28
Academic Procession
Call to Order
Opening Prayer
National Anthem (Please join us in singing)
Welcome
Most Inspirational Faculty Member of 2025
Service Recognition
McElroy Award
Introduction of Valedictorian
Valedictorian Address Joseph Marshall Workman '25
Presentation of the Candidates
Awarding of Diplomas
Valediction
Benediction
Closing of Ceremony
Recessional

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS







Caroline Camille Clark - Senior Class Vice President

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Samantha Lee Hackley
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Thomas Carlin McCaffrey V
Adrian Eric Naylin
Jungwoon Noh
Rose Flanagan Scherer
Avelyne Quynh Anh Tran

THE CLASS OF 2025

HIGH HONORS

(Weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher)

Olivia Kate Adams
Owen James Barber
Galen Joseph Belmar
Ethan Ryan Blevins
Diego Alejandro Cabezas
Michael Gabriel Cancel
Caroline Camille Clark
Christy Mayram Gregorian
Samantha Lee Hackley
Danika Kymberly Hawryluk
Samuel Thomas Heiland
Rowan Samuel Imbolli
Samuel Wesley Klinedinst
Alexandra Marie Koepsell

Blanche Marcella Landry
Elise Karina Liu
Gianna Marie Lowry
Louis Gregory Maciulla
Thomas Carlin McCaffrey V
Adrian Eric Naylin
Jungwoon Noh
Danielle Tiffanee Peterson
Katherine Elizabeth Russell
Rose Flanagan Scherer
Avelyne Quynh Anh Tran
Savannah Rain Payson Walker
Joseph Marshall Workman

HONORS

(Weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher)

Lily Catherine Bandy Olivia E. Bolduc Todd Daniel Browning Maximilian Vandervall Coots Kathryn Noella Ermi Ryan Benjamin Finniff Ryan C. B. Hankins Reagan Augusta Hough Jacob Edward Koenig Sydney Marie Miller Sydney Elaine Naill Rylan Kate Piccolo Samantha Elise Shively Demarco Alexander Valladares Breana Nichelle Vance

DEPARTMENT DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Catherine Hall English Award
Fine Arts - Performing Arts
Fine Arts - Visual Arts
Sandy Splaine Math Award
Social Studies
Science
Technology
Theology
World Languages - French
World Languages - Spanish

Kathryn Noella Ermi Piper Mary McBride Danika Kymberly Hawryluk Samuel Thomas Heiland Jacob Edward Koenig Adrian Eric Naylin Thomas Carlin McCaffrey V Joseph Marshall Workman Laurie Marie O'Neil Maximilian Vandervall Coots

THE CLASS OF 2025

Olivia Kate Adams

Frederick. MD

Parents: William and May-Lin Adams

"Saint John's has shaped me into the person I am today, and I am confident that it has set me up for success through the education, faith, and friendships I have gained."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Lily Catherine Bandy

Frederick, MD

Parents: Mark and Elizabeth Bandy

"Saint John's has given me so many new opportunities, opening up new possibilities for my future. It has helped me grow and become the person I am today."

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

- Baltimore, MD

Owen James Barber

Middletown, MD

Parents: Brandon and Jennifer Barber

"Throughout my years at Saint John's, I experienced significant personal growth, developing in all areas of my life and shaping the person I am today."

United States Merchant Marine Academy

- Kings Point, NY

Galen Joseph Belmar

Frederick, MD

Parents: Ricardo and Susan Belmar

"SJCP has helped me explore a possible vocation, learn the power of community, and stretch myself to serve in new ways while also discovering a passion for engineering and drones through AOPA. I will keep these things with me long after graduation, but I leave behind the esports team to hopefully stay just as long."

Loyola University Maryland - Baltimore, MD

Jah-ir Charles Tomas Birt, II

Lovettsville, VA

Parents: Veruska Veiga and Tyrone Osilesi and Jah-ir

Birt

"As I take this step into an important phase of my life, I think back to the people and lessons that molded me into who I am. Thank you to my family, friends, and to my teachers for helping me get this far and for their extreme amounts of support."

James Madison University - Harrisonburg, VA

Ethan Ryan Blevins

Olnev. MD

Parents: David and Rachel Blevins

"Saint John's has helped prepare me for college and the next chapter of my life due to it's tight knit community. I have made friends with my classmates and teachers that I hope to stay in touch with in the future."

Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY

Olivia E. Bolduc

Martinsburg, WV

Parents: Jason and Shabi Bolduc

"I'd like to thank my mom and my dad for always supporting me, no matter what. Also, thank you to the teachers who have made this a good year. Over everything I'd like to thank God for blessing me over and over again."

Wheeling University - Wheeling, WV

Garrett Michael Brady

Adamstown, MD

Parents: J.J. and Megan Brady

"Saint John's has given me a strong community that I can

always rely on."

Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, PA

Todd Daniel Browning

Frederick, MD

Parents: Doug and Judy Browning

"Saint John's has given me the tools to become a stronger student, caring friend, and a more confident young adult." Robert Morris University - Moon Township, PA

Diego Alejandro Cabezas

Hagerstown, MD

Parents: Alvaro Cabezas and Debbie Nolasco "I've only been here for my senior year and I was just expecting to get through the year and graduate. However, I've made so many friends and fun memories in the short amount of time I've been here. Thank you, SJCP.:)"

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

- Blacksburg, VA

Michael Gabriel Cancel

Clarksburg, MD

Parents: Miguel and Carson Cancel

"Saint John's has helped shape who I am as a person by providing me with a strong education and friendships that will stick with me forever."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Caroline Camille Clark

Urbana, MD

Parents: Brian and Kate Clark

"Over the past four years, SJCP has been a source of empowerment for me, allowing me to form meaningful relationships and discover who I am. It's been a journey of growth and connection that I truly cherish."

University of North Carolina Wilmington

- Wilmington, NC

Nikita Vladlena Cook

Martinsburg, WV Parent: Vladlena Cook

"Saint John's has made my last year of high school very memorable. I've met so many great people here and can't

wait to see where the future leads us."

Shepherd University - Shepherdstown, WV

Maximilian Vandervall Coots

Laytonsville, MD

Parent: Claudia Gomez Coots

"Saint John's Catholic Prep has opened many doors for me, leading me to numerous positive opportunities."

The University of Oklahoma - Norman, OK

Victoria Rosamaria Daniels

Brunswick, MD

Parents: De'Priest and Rosa Daniels

"Saint John's has been the foundation of my daily life, shaping my morals and values."

West Virginia University - Morgantown, WV

Isabella Victoria DeParis

Frederick, MD

Parents: Meghan Rockhill O'Brien '98 and Paul Adkins "I am incredibly grateful for the guidance and support of God, my teachers, family, and friends, who have guided and inspired me throughout my high school journey. Their love, encouragement, and wisdom have shaped me into the person I am today, and I am excited to step into the future with confidence and gratitude."

Shepherd University - Shepherdstown, WV

Rania Naomi Elias

Germantown, MD

Parents: Elias Desta and Betelhem Feshatsion "Saint John's has helped me grow in my faith, shape my values, and make a huge impact on my personal growth." Towson University - Towson, MD

Kathryn Noella Ermi

Frederick, MD

Parents: Todd Ermi and Lori Evans Ermi

"SJCP has helped me grow and learn more about who I am and who I want to become. I am grateful to the friends and teachers who have helped me be who I am today." Rochester Institute of Technology - Rochester, NY

Niyat Haile Fessuh

Gaithersburg, MD

Parent: Medhin Awala

"SJCP has not only provided me with an exceptional education but lifelong friendships and relationships. I have met some of the best people through SJCP who have made me grow as a student and as a person."

Towson University - Towson, MD

Ryan Benjamin Finniff

Gaithersburg, MD

Parents: Douglas and Tisha Finniff

"The life lessons I learned in the past four years have taught me so much and given me resources to succeed in college."

Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, PA

Kashez Amiere Gedeon

Martinsburg, WV

Parent: Whitney Dokes

"My time at SJCP has helped me become a better young man. Thank you to my mother and the rest of my family for their

love and support."

Sussex Community College - Newton, NJ

Christy Mayram Gregorian

Rocky Ridge, MD

Parents: Sevan and Juliyet Gregorian

"Saint John's gave me a strong education, great opportunities, and lasting memories. I'm forever grateful to God, my family, and everyone who supported me over these four years."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Samantha Lee Hackley

Mount Airy, MD

Parents: Vincent Hackley and Patricia Van Hoof

"Saint John's has shaped who I am as a person by helping me grow in my faith, build life-long friendships, and provide me with the opportunity to get an early college experience

through the Mount program."

Towson University - Towson, MD

Joseph Carl Hamrick

Frederick, MD

Parents: Joseph and Rita Hamrick

"I'd like to thank my friends and family and teachers who

helped me through my time at SJCP."

Frederick Community College - Frederick, MD

Ryan C. B. Hankins

Frederick, MD

Parents: Steve and Carol Hankins

"Saint John's has shaped who I am by providing me with a strong education, a faith-filled environment, and friendships

that will last a lifetime."

Wilson College - Chambersburg, PA

Danika Kymberly Hawryluk

Adamstown, MD

Parents: Steve and Kimberly Hawryluk

"Saint John's has provided me with meaningful leadership opportunities that have shaped me into the woman I am today. My time at SJCP has also played a key role in forming my personality, goals, and the values I look for in a community."

Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY

Samuel Thomas Heiland

New Market, MD

Parents: Rick and Teri Heiland

"My time at SJCP has been a journey of growth, challenge, and discovery. From the moment I walked through the doors as a freshman, I knew I was stepping into a place that would shape me academically, spiritually, and personally."

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

- Daytona Beach, FL

Reagan Augusta Hough

Mount Airy, MD

Parents: Sean and Lindsay Lookingbill

"The family I made at Saint John's is one I'll be thankful for forever. From the teachers to the friends I made, all have helped me get through these last four years." University of Mississippi - Oxford, MS

Rowan Samuel Imbolli

Elkridge, MD

Parents: Sam and Vicki Imbolli

"Thank you to all my friends and teachers that have pushed me to be the best student and person overall I can be. I look forward to the years ahead and will never forget the people I met at Saint John's."

Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY

Ethan Alexander Jackson

Morgantown, WV

Parents: Wes and Misty Jackson

"SJCP was a good experience, and it helped me grow not just

physically but mentally as well."

Wheeling University - Wheeling, WV

George Raul Jacob

Germantown, MD

Parents: Christian V. and Veronica Jacob

"These past four years here at Saint John's were redefining, self-exploring, obstacle having, and challenge filled years that have shaped me into the person I am today. I will never forget my time here."

Mount St. Mary's University - Emmitsburg, MD

Adam Wayne Kershner

Hagerstown, MD

Parents: Larry and Yessenia Kershner

"Thanks to all my friends and family for helping me on this

journey. I will not forget my final year here."

Hagerstown Community College - Hagerstown, MD

Samuel Wesley Klinedinst

Ijamsville, MD

Parents: Robert and Jennifer Klinedinst

"At Saint John's Catholic Prep, I've grown in my faith and learned to live with purpose and trust in God. Over these four years, I've made friends who've supported me in that journey and helped me become a better person."

Villanova University - Villanova, PA

Jacob Edward Koenig

Frederick, MD

Parents: Keith and Julie Koenig

"SJCP has prepared me one hundred percent for college, and wherever I end up going, I know I will be ready."

Shepherd University - Shepherdstown, WV

Alexandra Marie Koepsell

Frederick, MD

Parents: Brian and Samantha Koepsell

"Thank you to Saint John's, my teachers, and family members for making this possible. I can't wait for the next steps of my

life."

Robert Morris University - Moon Township, PA

Blanche Marcella Landry

Falling Waters, WV

Parents: Bryan and Kathleen Landry

"I have had a limited time here at Saint John's, but the time I have spent here has been nothing short of beautiful! Throughout my education, I have attended over a dozen schools and yet Saint John's stands as the most impactful and welcoming school I have attended. To my parents, I will thank you forever for the experiences you have provided me with that have benefited me. I love you so very much. I would be nothing without you."

Villanova University - Villanova, PA

Elise Karina Liu

Boyds, MD

Parents: Richard Liu and Karina Hou

"Saint John's taught me community, but it also taught me to trust myself more and follow my path even if it's unconventional."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Cooper Ryan Lowe

Hagerstown, MD

Parents: Bradley and Stacy Lowe

"High school has been a wild ride, but it was amazing with all the friends I have made. I would like to thank my family for always being there for me as well as all my teachers for being there to help me and get me through the school year."

The United States Air Force

Gianna Marie Lowry

Emmitsburg, MD

Parents: Ed and Lisa Lowry

"Saint John's has provided me with a great foundation and

education that will help me succeed in the future."

Towson University - Towson, MD

Louis Gregory Maciulla

Hagerstown, MD

Parents: Greg and Heidi Maciulla

"Even though I have only attended Saint John's Catholic Prep for nine months, I have found a supportive institution that I will never forget. Thank you for providing me with an amazing community for the conclusion of my high school career."

Vanderbilt University - Nashville, TN

Piper Mary McBride

Clarksburg, MD

Parents: Jennifer and William McBride

"Saint John's has given me a close knit group of friends and an

education that I will be forever grateful for."

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

Thomas Carlin McCaffrey V

Frederick, MD

Parents: Thomas Carlin and Sareum McCaffrey IV "St. John's has broadened my horizons and helped me

United States Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs, CO

Shane Edward Meyer

Damascus, MD

Parents: Philip and Brigid Meyer

"Saint John's has given me a great education that will help me

with my future."

Western New England University - Springfield, MA

Sydney Marie Miller

Frederick, MD

Parents: Matthew and Sandra Miller

"Saint John's has helped me grow into a better version of myself and put me on the right path for the future. I've appreciated all my four years here and I'm excited to use what I've learned while here in the future."

High Point University - High Point, NC

Sydney Elaine Naill

Frederick, MD

Parents: David Naill and Kelly Watkins

"My four years here at SJCP were certainly not easy but with a positive community surrounding me I was able to persevere."

West Virginia University - Morgantown, WV

Adrian Eric Naylin

Frederick, MD

Parents: Darryn and Caroline Naylin

"SJCP has helped me grow into the man I am today, strong in

my faith, academics, and character."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Jungwoon Noh

Pohang, South Korea

Parents: Kyungkook Noh and Gihoon Park

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

student."

Boston University - Boston, MA

Joseph Robert Novak

Frederick, MD

Parents: Alexander and Angela Novak

"SJCP has provided me with a positive environment that has helped me grow in all aspects in life."

University of Mary Washington - Fredericksburg, VA

Jason Christopher Obremski

Mount Airy, MD

Parents: Christopher and Mary Beth Obremski "Saint John's has helped me be a better person as a whole. I will never forget all of the great times here when it comes to basketball or in the classroom. I will forever be grateful for what Saint John's has done for me."

Duquesne University - Pittsburgh, PA

Timothy Garrett O'Connor

Brunswick, MD

Parents: Ian O'Connor and Sally Battaile

"SJCP has helped shape who I am." Hood College - Frederick, MD

Laurie Marie O'Neil

Frederick, MD

Parents: Thomas A. and Michele O'Neil

"Despite how quickly my four years of high school have gone by, I will always treasure the many amazing memories I have made with my classmates, friends, instructors, and events while attending Saint John's."

Bowie State University - Bowie, MD

Danielle Tiffanee Peterson

Frederick, MD

Parents: Tiffanee Canady

"Thank you to my parents, friends, and the Saint John's community for supporting me throughout the years and helping me grow into the person I am."

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Rylan Kate Piccolo

Mount Airy, MD

Parents: Brian Piccolo and Lee Morris

"Thank you, Saint John's for the faith-filled environment, that helped shape me into a better person. Thank you to my teachers, family, and friends for the support along the way." Robert Morris University - Moon Township, PA

Nathan Jeremiah Rebeiro

Frederick, MD

Parents: Kenneth and Pinky Rebeiro

"The last three years taught me life isn't just something that happens quickly. The friends I've made along the way have become my family, and I can't thank my family and God enough for the opportunity to come here."

The United States Air Force

Katherine Elizabeth Russell

Frederick, MD

Parents: Drake and Stephanie Russell

"SJCP has been a wonderful chapter of my life, providing me with a learning atmosphere where I could grow and discover my potential. I will forever cherish great memories and experiences."

University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN

Rose Flanagan Scherer

Frederick, MD

Parents: Joseph and Patricia Scherer

"SJCP gave me friends and skills I will never forget and always cherish. I am forever thankful for this community." University of South Carolina - Columbia, SC

Emily Margaret Seubert

Frederick, MD

Parents: Matthew and Susan Seubert

"I'm so thankful for the past four years at SJCP. The teachers and staff truly helped prepare me for college by creating an environment where learning and growth were always encouraged. I've met some of the most important people in my life here, and I really believe the friendships we've built will last a lifetime. As I get ready to start my next chapter at Radford University, I feel confident and excited, knowing that the experiences and lessons I've had at SJCP have given me the tools I need to succeed. I would also like to thank my parents who without their love and support today would not be possible."

Radford University - Radford, VA

Samantha Elise Shively

Derwood, MD

Parents: Thomas Deloe and Melissa Shively, Jr. "Although I didn't spend four years here, I believe it was one of the best years I have had in high school. Saint John's has definitely shaped me into a person that I will be proud to be." Salisbury University - Salisbury, MD

Lloyd Allen John Shumaker

Myersville, MD

Parents: Maria Shumaker and Michael Corrigan "Saint John's helped me realize that most of the learning happens on the journey, not when you reach your destination."

Northern Virginia Community College - Alexandria, VA

Natalie S. Tahlor-Rothman

Frederick, MD

Parents: Cindy Rothman and Amie Tahlor

"Thank you to my parents for always making sure I had the best education provided to me and to always push through any obstacles whether it be academically or personally. I also want to thank my teachers for challenging me on homework assignments, allowing me to stay after school and work on projects in that class, giving me positive feedback, and encouraging me throughout the two years I've been at SJCP." High Point University - High Point, NC

Avelyne Quynh Anh Tran

Clarksburg, MD

Parents: Tin Tran and Thutrang Ngo

"Saint John's has taught me how to truly live out the five pillars: faith, leadership, scholarship, honor, and service."

University of Maryland - College Park, MD

Tuan Anh Tran

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Parents: Thuan Minh Tran and Nga Vo Thi Bich

"I'm thankful for my supportive family, connections with good and kind teachers, and fun times with my friends."

Kenedy Chuma Uzoma

Beltsville, MD

Parents: Godspower and Nneka Uzoma

"I learned to let go of expectations, trust God, and everything

will be ok. Let go and let God."

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Chapel Hill, NC

Daliana Isabella Valenzuela

Germantown, MD

Parents: Ivan Valenzuela and Olga T Canaval-Valenzuela "Saint John's definitely prepared me for the obstacles that will be experienced in college."

Hood College - Frederick, MD

Demarco Alexander Valladares

Beltsville, MD

Parent: Roberto Valladares

"Saint John's has helped shape me into a leader both on and off the field. Through faith, friendship, and support from my teachers and coaches, I've grown into someone ready to face the next chapter. I'll always be grateful for the memories and the people who made this place feel like home."

American International College - Springfield, MA

Breana Nichelle Vance

Rockville, MD

Parents: Paul Vance, Jr. and Nichelle Dyson

"I am honored to be a Saint John's Catholic Prep student. It brought me closer to God and showed me what bringing faith into my life can do. I want to say thank you to my dad and my aunts who have helped me in many ways this year."

Xavier University - Cincinnati, OH

Savannah Rain Payson Walker

Clarksburg, MD

Parents: Fon Muttamara and Ryan Lake

"I will forever cherish the amazing memories and lessons I

have learned from SJCP."

Vassar College - Poughkeepsie, NY

Joseph Marshall Workman

Walkersville, MD

Parents: Nate and Jennifer Workman

"Saint John's gave me four years of opportunities to grow in athletics, academics, and, most importantly, faith. SJCP has prepared me to go out into the world to share my faith

through my words and actions."

Wilson College - Chambersburg, PA

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