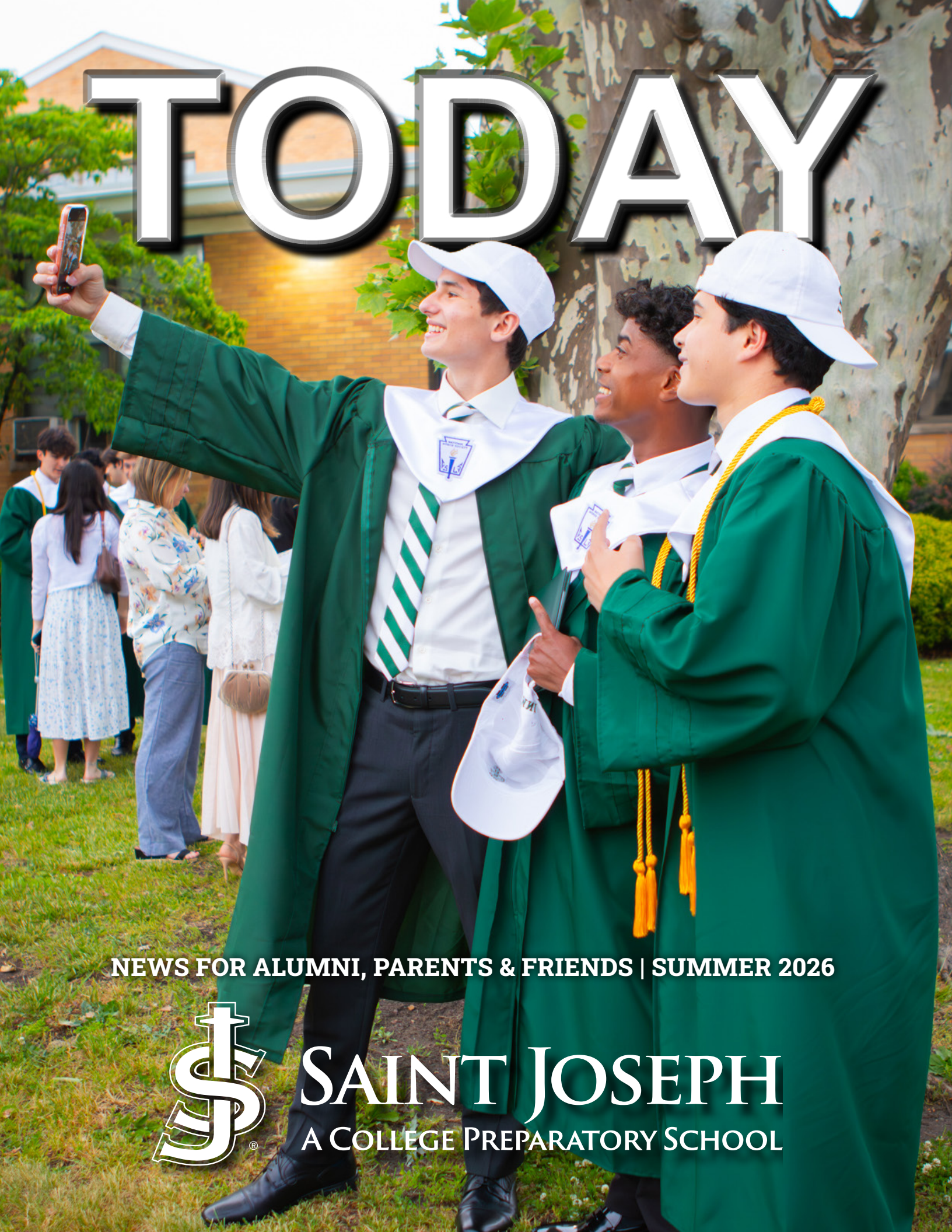
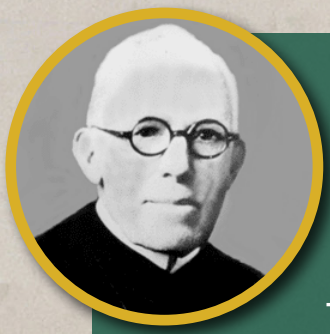


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A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



Br. Stanislaus Keating, S.C.: Metuchen's Founding Brother

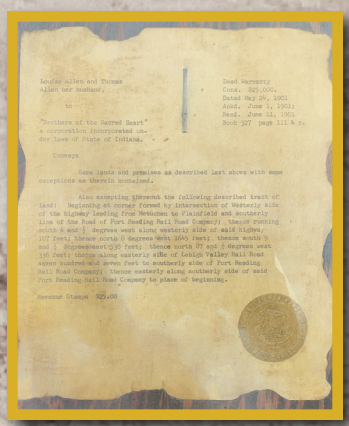
The history of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Metuchen begins with Brother Stanislaus Keating. Born in Ireland, he grew up in Mobile, AL, where his parents moved to escape the potato famine. He met the brothers and joined them there in 1858.

In 1900, the Brothers' North American Province was divided into the Canadian Province and the United States Province. Brother Stanislaus was one of two brothers appointed shortly thereafter to find a suitable place for the training of young brothers to replace the outdated facilities in Indianapolis, IN. As he and Brother Isidore traveled up the east coast, they struggled to find a place appropriate for a House of Studies. After several unsuccessful attempts around Baltimore, they headed toward New York because of the concentration of Catholics in that area.

Along the way, they happened to meet Mr. Thomas Allen who quickly offered to sell them his country residence named Grenoble in Metuchen at a bargain. Mr. Allen's property included over 75 acres of land, nearly all being in a very high state of cultivation. Beautiful rows of poplars marked the entrance to the grounds and crushed stone walks led through beautiful gardens ornamented with statues and fountains. The three-story frame building, with a brick and stone foundation and basement, included 20 rooms and many updates and was large enough to accommodate 50 people. It had its own artesian well to supply the place with an abundance of pure water, two well-built stables, an up-to-date hennery and incubator, and an ice house, among other assets. It was also well stocked with horses, cows, and poultry, and was ready to be an ideal spot for young men.

In 1901, Saint Joseph House of Studies opened with Brother Stanislaus as director. Stanislaus was far-visioned, creative, innovative, and greatly responsible for the establishment of Saint Joseph House of Studies despite very humble beginnings due to financial hardships. His winning personality, practical prudence, and deep faith made him an educational giant in the American Province.





Louis Allen and Thomas
Allen her husband,

to

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a corporation incorporated un-
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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Saint Joseph Community,

I hope this message finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying the summer.

Each year, as I reflect on the accomplishments of our students and community, I am reminded of what makes Saint Joseph High School such a special place. Our students continue to excel in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in service to others. More importantly, they are becoming young men of character, faith, and purpose.

As we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart arriving in Metuchen, we are reminded that their mission remains as relevant today as it was in 1901. Through the dedication of our Brothers and Partners in Mission, generations of students have been challenged to pursue excellence while growing into compassionate leaders.

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to recognize two members of our community whose service has left a lasting impact on Saint Joseph. Gary Trojanowski '72 celebrates 50 years as a Saint Joseph educator, influencing thousands of young men as a teacher, coach, and mentor. I also extend my sincere gratitude to Tracey Coudriet P'14/'16 on her retirement. Through her many roles at Saint Joseph, particularly in Campus Ministry, Tracey has faithfully served our community and touched countless lives.

This spring, we celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2026. 130 young men joined the Saint Joseph Alumni Association. As a class, they earned more than $39 million in scholarships, with 65 percent of the class accepting an award in excess of their four-year Saint Joseph tuition. Seven of our graduates will be attending an Ivy League college/university in the fall, which is a new Saint Joe's record. 23 student-athletes will continue their careers in collegiate athletics.

Our athletic programs also enjoyed tremendous success this year. Bowling and volleyball each captured their fourth consecutive NJSIAA state championship, while seven teams claimed Greater Middlesex Conference titles. We also congratulate Carlos Venegas '26 and Braden Michaels '27 on setting new school records in track & field and swimming. Beyond athletics, students thrived in activities such as Model UN, Youth & Government, Robotics, Mock Trial, and Moot Court, developing skills that will serve them well long after graduation.

The strength of Saint Joseph has always been found in the generosity of its community. I am especially grateful to our Parents Club volunteers. Led by Vince Sollecito P'08/'11 and Cynthia Costello P'25/'27, their efforts generated $100,000 in support of need-based financial assistance and scholarships, ensuring that more young men can benefit from the transformative education and brotherhood that define Saint Joseph High School.

As we look ahead, we invite you to join us for the Saint Joseph Athletics Hall of Fame induction on October 10, Friday Night Lights on October 16, and the Green Tie Gala on November 14. Formal invitations will be shared in the coming months.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Marc Johnstone '13 and Karl-Anthony Towns '14 on winning championships in their respective sports. Marc won the American Hockey League's Calder Cup, while Karl and the New York Knicks were crowned NBA Champions. The last few weeks have been very exciting as all five major news networks in New York City visited campus wanting to learn about Karl's time at Saint Joe's. We look forward to celebrating with Karl and our Falcons in September.

Gratefully,



John G. Nolan, Jr. P'09
President

A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Saint Joseph Community,

As spring turns to summer, it is difficult to believe another school year has come to a close. It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming students back to campus, and now we celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026.

Four years ago, these young men arrived at Saint Joseph eager to discover where their talents and ambitions might lead them. Today, they leave as accomplished scholars, athletes, artists, leaders, and, most importantly, young men prepared to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Led by co-valedictorians David Adlao '26 and Saahir Vazirani '26, the Class of 2026 exceeded expectations. Eighty-one percent of the class earned college scholarships, averaging $114,772 in claimed awards, while completing 15,485 hours of community service. Their achievements remind us that a Saint Joseph education extends far beyond the classroom, forming well-rounded young men ready to embrace the future.

While much of the attention this time of year focuses on our graduates, our underclassmen have plenty to celebrate as well. Programs such as Model UN, Youth & Government, Mock Trial, and Moot Court are filled with rising leaders eager to build upon the successes of those who came before them. The future of Saint Joseph is exceptionally bright.

Among this year's individual accomplishments:

- Justin Adackapara '26 was named the Edison Rotary Senior of the Year for Saint Joseph High School. Outside of his success on campus, Justin is an active hospital volunteer and EMT while serving veterans and individuals with special needs.

- Seven Saint Joseph students were honored by the Diocese of Metuchen at the annual Saint Timothy and Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award Awards in February. This year's recipients play an active role in their home parish, and many are altar servers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and lectors during campus liturgies. (See page 11 for list of names)

- Holdon Gasparro '29 represented New Jersey in the semifinal round of the Presidential 1776 Award competition in Boston.

- Saahir Vazirani '26 led the Saint Joe's delegation to the annual Youth & Government Conference as Lieutenant Governor.

These accomplishments reflect the transformative, well-rounded education that defines the Saint Joseph experience.

The end of the school year also brings an opportunity to thank Tracey Coudriet P'14/'16 for her 15 years of dedicated service to our school community. Through numerous roles, most recently as Director of Campus Ministry, Tracey helped shape the retreat and service experiences that have impacted generations of Saint Joseph students. Her presence on campus will be deeply missed.

We are already counting down the days until August 25, when we welcome the Class of 2030, along with our transfer and Bridge students, to campus. We look forward to helping the next generation of Falcons discover their gifts and grow into the young men they are called to become.

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Joseph High School. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement make a difference in the lives of our students each and every day.

Ametur Cor Jesu!

Ametur Cor Mariae!

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

Anne Rivera

Anne Rivera
Principal

Celebrating the Class of 2026

By: Tim LeCras

Standing at the pulpit during his valedictory address, co-valedictorian David Adlao '26 held up a silver medal chain depicting Saint Joseph holding the baby Jesus — a keepsake presented to the Class of 2026 during freshman orientation four years ago. He described the medal as a symbol of the "instant unity and brotherhood" experienced at Saint Joe's, a bond he hopes endures long after graduation.

"The friendships, lessons, resilience, and dreams we built over these four years are things we will carry with us for many years to come," Adlao said. "Even though these four years are only a fraction of our lives, the brotherhood we found at Saint Joe's will continue to shape who we become. This is just the beginning of the diverse lives we are about to embark on and the dreams we are about to chase."

Adlao and co-valedictorian Saahir Vazirani led the 130 graduates of the class during the Saint Joseph Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony at the Church of the Sacred Heart in South Plainfield as the Saint Joseph High School.

The Class of 2026 set new records for college acceptances and scholarships, earning a historic $39 million in total scholarships, with an average claimed scholarship award of $114,772 per student. Additionally, 65 percent of graduates received scholarships worth more than four years of Saint Joseph tuition.

"You were challenged academically, spiritually, athletically, artistically, and creatively," John G. Nolan, Jr. said. "You met those challenges head on. Know that if you apply what you learned at Saint Joe's and continue to believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. Saint Joe's and your family have provided you with the foundation to succeed in college and in life."

During their time on campus, the Class of 2026 celebrated numerous accomplishments, including seven Ivy League acceptances, the school's first Youth & Government Lieutenant Governor, 15,485 collective service hours, and eight athletic state championships.

Principal Anne Rivera reminded graduates that high school is both a culmination and a transition.

"Your time at Saint Joe's was marked by a series of firsts and lasts," Rivera said. "From your first day of high school and your first AP test to your last drive to campus and final stroll past the seal, your memories of Saint Joe's will last a lifetime. As you sit here today, you may feel restless and ready for what comes next. We wanted you to outgrow us. That is exactly what we prepared you to do."

In his valedictory address, Vazirani reflected on how the true formation of a Saint Joseph Man often happens in the quieter, less celebrated moments.

"To the outside world, the Ivy League acceptances and state championships may define our class, but I'll remember the smaller moments — the friendships, traditions, and brotherhood that united us every day," Vazirani said. "The hidden work — the moments without recognition or applause — often becomes the most important part of who we are. Beyond our achievements, we are brothers first. That sense of brotherhood is what I will carry with me long after graduation."

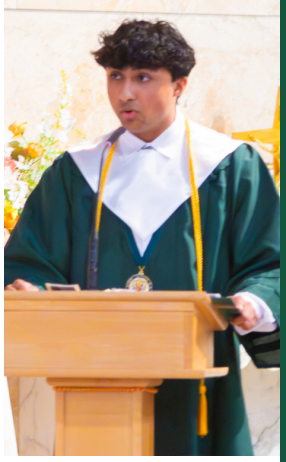


























David Adlao

Avenel, NJ
Mechanical Engineering,
Stevens Institute of Technology

"What I have learned from these past four years, and what I hope you also realize by the end of this ceremony, is that this is just the beginning of the diverse lives we are about to embark on and the dreams we are about to chase."



Saahir Vazirani

South Amboy, NJ
Artificial Intelligence,
Princeton University

"Saint Joe's was an unfamiliar environment when I first walked into the Cor Jesu Chapel four years ago. The experience challenged me to embrace new opportunities, step outside my comfort zone, and grow alongside classmates from diverse backgrounds. As I prepare for Princeton, I'm grateful for the foundation Saint Joe's provided and excited for what comes next."

Celebrating Seven Ivy League Acceptances

By: Tim LeCras

Seven seniors from the Saint Joseph High School Class of 2026 are headed to the Ivy League, earning spots at some of the most selective colleges in the country and marking a standout year for the school's graduating class.



Aiden DaSilva
Brown University



Giovanni Fighera
Yale University



Thomas Leuszkiewicz
Cornell University



Harrison McCormick
Dartmouth College



Titus Solomon
Dartmouth College



Justin Trivino
Cornell University



Saahir Vazirani
Princeton University

Titus Solomon '26 (Dartmouth College), Justin Trivino '26 (Co rnell University) and Saahir Vazirani '26 (Princeton University) were accepted during the early decision period last fall, while Aiden DaSilva '26 (Brown University), Giovanni Fighera '26 (Yale University), Thomas Leuszkiewicz '26 (Cornell University) and Harrison McCormick '26 (Dartmouth College) received their acceptance letters on Ivy Day (March 26).

"This achievement is a testament to the discipline and character these young men have developed throughout their time at Saint Joseph," Principal Anne Rivera said. "They've challenged themselves in the classroom, supported one another, and represented Saint Joe's the right way every day. They are, in their own way, true Saint Joseph Falcons."

Admission to Ivy League schools comes amid one of the most competitive admissions cycles in the country. According to Crimson Education, a leading Ivy League admissions consulting firm, acceptance rates typically fall between 3 percent and 9 percent, with several institutions admitting fewer than 5 percent of applicants. Ivy League schools routinely receive tens of thousands of applications for a limited number of seats, making admission to any Ivy League institution an extraordinary accomplishment.

For these seven seniors, the recognition reflects years of preparation, persistence, and support from the Saint Joseph community.

"Saint Joe's gave me a standard of excellence," Solomon said. "We are expected to go beyond what is required. This means thinking deeper, working harder, and taking pride in the quality of your work. The culture has shaped me into someone who is disciplined, driven, and intentional in everything I do. I don't stop when something is good enough. I keep going until it is truly exceptional."

Their success extends beyond the classroom. Each student has engaged in opportunities across academics, activities and leadership, reflecting a commitment to growth rooted in Saint Joseph's mission.

"One of the things that sets Saint Joe's apart is its brotherhood," Fighera said. "It's a tight-knit community where students and Partners in Mission build real connections. Over the past four years, I've grown as a communicator and learned how to form those relationships. That's something I'll carry with me to Yale."

As acceptance rates continue to decline across Ivy League institutions, achievements like these highlight the importance of a strong academic foundation paired with personal development. Saint Joseph's emphasis on faith, formation and brotherhood plays a critical role in preparing students to stand out in an increasingly selective process.

"Saint Joe's pushed me to challenge myself and take ownership of my education experience," DaSilva said. "Through AP and honors courses, along with clubs and extracurricular activities, I developed the discipline to handle a rigorous workload while learning to think critically, ask questions and engage in discussion. Those are skills I'll carry with me to Brown."

As these seven seniors prepare to begin the next chapter of their academic journeys, they carry with them the lessons, relationships and experiences that define the Saint Joseph experience.

The Class of 2026 will continue their academic journey at some of the nation's most respected colleges and universities, earning admission to a wide range of institutions across the country. From highly selective universities to leading public institutions and specialized programs, this year's graduates have demonstrated the academic excellence, leadership, and character that define a Saint Joseph education. Collectively, the class will pursue studies in fields including engineering, business, pre-med, artificial intelligence, computer science, health sciences, and public service. Their college choices reflect both the diversity of their interests and the strong foundation built during their time at Saint Joseph High School.

100% College Acceptance

$372,074 Average Awarded Scholarship Per Student

Seven Ivy League College Acceptances

65% of Students Received Scholarships in Excess of Their Four-Year Saint Joe's Tution

15,485 Service Hours Completed

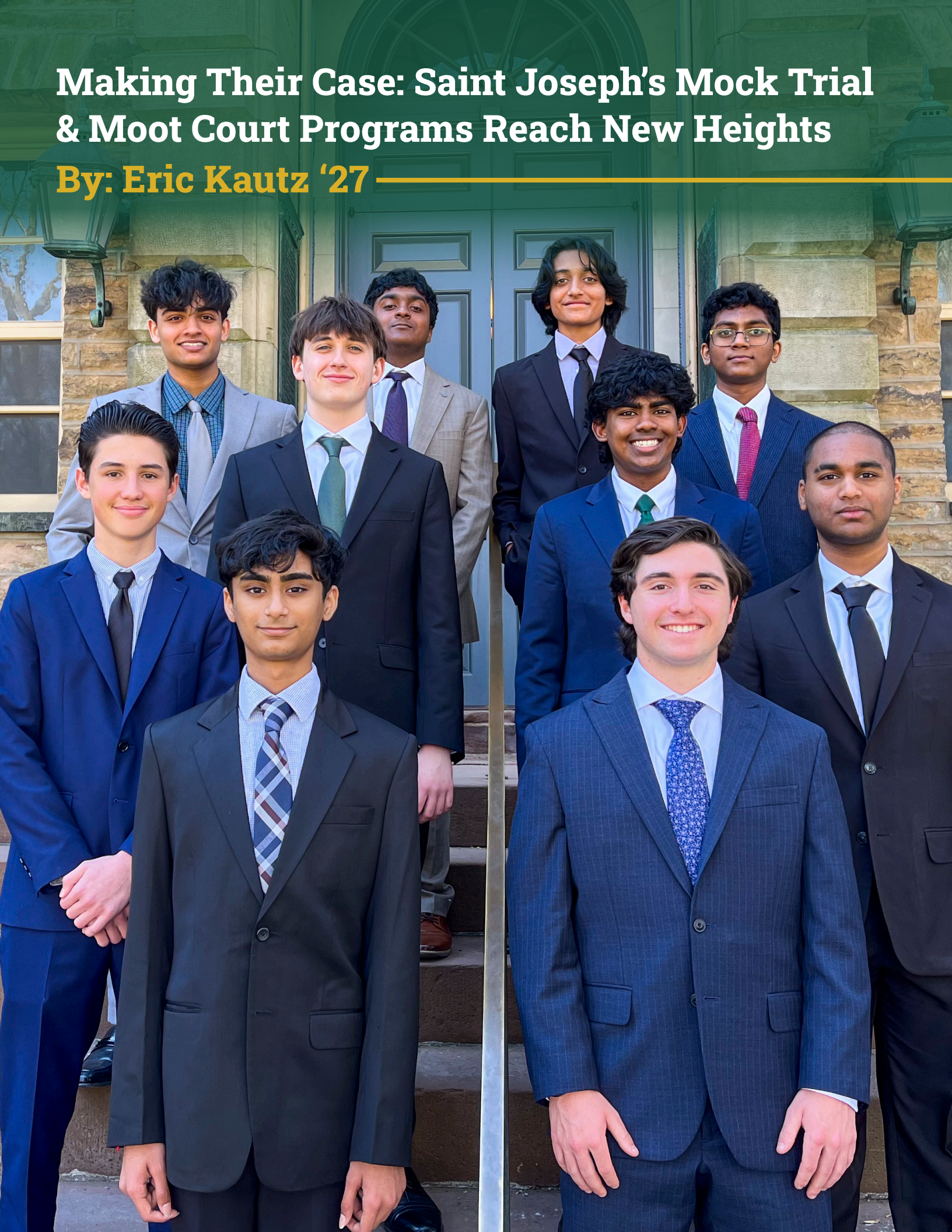
$39,067,864 Earned Total Scholarships

417 Total Scholarships

13 Students Awarded National Merit Scholar Commended Status

Making Their Case: Saint Joseph's Mock Trial & Moot Court Programs Reach New Heights

By: Eric Kautz '27









In the shadows of Saint Joseph's extracurricular activities stands one of the most intriguing and cognitive clubs: Mock Trial and Moot Court.

From county courtrooms to Ivy League competition halls, the Saint Joseph Mock Trial and Moot Court programs are quickly becoming one of the school's rising academic success stories.

What began as a small group of students interested in law, debate, and public speaking has grown into a competitive program capable of holding its own against some of the best teams in New Jersey and beyond. This year, that growth translated into historic results.

The Falcons reached the semifinal round of the Middlesex County Mock Trial Tournament for the first time this year. Captains Steffen Hettiarachchi '27 and Vincent Coppa '27 helped lead the breakthrough season, providing leadership both in competition and behind the scenes as the team prepared for months of intense courtroom simulations.

"Serving as the captain this year was one of the most fulfilling experiences I've received," Hettiarachchi said. "I'm proud of how far my team has come, and I look forward to making a run in the county and state tournament next year."

For students involved in the program, success goes far beyond trophies and rankings. Participants learn to think critically, analyze evidence, construct persuasive arguments, and present confidently before judges and attorneys. Those skills have helped open doors beyond Saint Joe's as well, with Hettiarachchi and Coppa earning admission to the Rutgers Pre-Law and Mock Trial Academy this summer.

The momentum continued in April when Saint Joseph sent five teams to the Princeton University Moot Court Competition, where students argued constitutional law cases before panels of judges, attorneys, and Princeton students. Competing against 82 teams from across the region, the Falcons once again demonstrated that they belonged among the tournament's top competitors.

Rudra Patel '28 and Mark Smith '28 led the way, posting a 3-1 record while narrowly missing advancement to the Round of 16 on tiebreakers. The pair has accumulated a 6-2 record over the past two seasons, earning recognition from judges as top attorneys throughout the competition.

"It gives an unparalleled experience to master speaking and understanding of the law," Smith said. "It's a great experience for anyone who wants to understand the inner workings of the Constitution and how it affects our lawmaking system as a whole."

The future of the program was also on display through Holdon Gasparro '29 and Mahaveer Koduri '29, who matched the 3-1 record of their older teammates. Koduri earned a Top Advocate Award, becoming one of only five competitors to receive top rankings in all four preliminary rounds.

"Truly, this was a banner year for the Mock Trial and Moot Court program," head coach Adam Carlisle said.

Carlisle, who previously guided a team to a first-place finish at Princeton in 2015, continues to build the program alongside attorney and Saint Joseph alumnus John Gorman '76. Together, they have helped create an environment where students are challenged to develop not only legal knowledge, but also confidence, leadership, and poise under pressure.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign for the Falcons is what comes next. The team will not lose a single member to graduation this year, returning a talented roster that combines experience with youthful energy. Preparation is already underway for next school year and a visit to the Empire Mock Trial Competition in Philadelphia in the fall.

For a team built on preparation, collaboration, and the ability to think on its feet, the future appears bright. What was once a niche extracurricular activity has become one of Saint Joseph's fastest-growing academic programs—one that continues to give students a powerful voice both inside and outside the courtroom.



Saint Joseph Students Shine in Spring Production of Pippin

By: Casey Fugere ‘26

The Saint Joseph Theatre Company’s production of Pippin showcased more than student talent this spring. The production highlighted the educational and personal growth opportunities provided to the students within the company.

While the Theatre Company is an extracurricular activity, many students view it as an extension of the classroom, where creativity, discipline and collaboration are developed through hands-on experience. Cast members approach rehearsals with the same focus they bring to their academics while studying scripts and learning blocking for the production. As part of the program’s commitment to educational and personal growth, students utilize the Stanislavski Method to fully develop the character they portray on stage.

“The Saint Joseph Theatre Company has always put learning first,” Giovanni Fighera ’26, lead actor and four-year member of the Theatre Company, said. “Every role challenged me to think more deeply about the character and the story we were trying to tell. It felt like an extension of the classroom, and that’s what helped me grow as both a performer and a person.”

Liz Thorsen, moderator of the company, believes the arts offer students “a variety of ways to learn and practice transferable skills.”

“There are a lot of moving parts when it comes to creating a show, which requires responsibility, adaptability and accountability,” Thorsen said. “The hard work and dedication that go into every production prepare students for success long after they leave the stage, while giving them the confidence to be themselves in any environment.”

Many members of the Saint Joseph Theatre Company credit the program with helping shape who they are today.

“I’ve found myself being able to thrive in whatever theatrical situation I am placed in with little to no nerves,” Fighera said. “I’ve been able to take my problem-solving skills and level-headed mindset and apply them to other aspects of my life, especially schoolwork and assessments. Overall, SJTC has been an incredibly formative experience, and I cannot imagine my life without it.”

Brian Burke ’26, who previously worked as a stagehand, appeared as an actor in Pippin. By stepping out of his comfort zone, Burke learned new skills that he will take with him to college and beyond.

“Being on stage, memorizing lines and even singing was something I never expected to be doing,” Burke said. “This opportunity allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and become more confident on stage. I had so much fun doing it, and I wish I had done it sooner.”



News from Around Campus

Parents Club Volunteers Raise $100,000



The Saint Joseph Parents Club continued its tradition of extraordinary service, raising $100,000 to support need-based financial assistance and scholarships. Through the leadership of Vince Sollecito P'08/'11 and Cynthia Costello P'25/'27, and the dedication of countless volunteers, events such as the Basket Raffle, Christmas Tree Sale, athletic concessions, and Lenten Fish Fry helped ensure that more young men can experience the transformative education and brotherhood that define Saint Joseph High School.

Saint Timothy Award Recognition



Seven Saint Joseph students were honored by the Diocese of Metuchen with the Saint Timothy Award, recognizing their leadership, faith, and service. Recipients of the award included Wyatt Kovacs '26, Luke McCabe '26, Richard Adenau '27, Steffen Hettiarachchi '27, Noah Cruz '26, John Cummings '27, and Justin Trivino '26. In addition, Kovacs and Trivino received the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Award, presented to seniors who exemplify prayer, compassion, and a commitment to serving the poor, sick, lonely, and homeless.

The Presidential 1776 Award Semifinalist



Holdon Gasparro '29 represented New Jersey in the semifinal round of the Presidential 1776 Award competition in Boston. He advanced after placing among the top four students in the state on the Impossible Civics Test, which drew more than 8,000 participants nationwide. The competition recognizes excellence in civics, American history, and government, with semifinalists competing for a share of a $250,000 scholarship prize pool awarded to the top national finalists.

Youth & Government Conference Success



Saint Joseph students earned several honors at this year's New Jersey Youth & Government Conference. Saahir Vazirani '26 made program history as the first Saint Joseph delegate elected Lieutenant Governor. Aiden DaSilva '26 was selected for the Conference on National Affairs, while Casey Fugere '26 served as co-chair of the Press Corps. Andrew Demetrick '27 successfully guided legislation on energy drink sales in schools through the conference, and Raghav Madal '29 earned the "Most Creative Video" award for an environmental awareness project.

Edison Rotary Seniors of the Month

September:
Justin Adackapara
Andrew Hoang

October:
Sebastian Nino
Andrew Varley

November:
Devin Conner
Hayden Conner

December:
Giovanni Fighera
Titus Solomon

January:
Benjamin Backiel
Justin Trivino

February:
Mukul Agarwala
Aiden DaSilva

March:
David Adlao
Wyatt Kovacs

April:
Luke McCabe
Matthew Shallis

May:
Julian Arango
Christopher Lawlor

June:
Ayden Raju
Spencer Symonds

Senior of the Year:
Justin Adackapara

SAINT JOE'S ATHLETICS

Championships may capture headlines, but sustaining excellence year after year requires something deeper.The Saint Joseph Bowling, Volleyball, and Wrestling programs have discovered the formula for long-term success: a culture built on accountability, sacrifice, and brotherhood.

For the student-athletes who enter these programs, expectations are established early. Veterans model what it means to prepare with purpose, compete with intensity, and represent Saint Joseph with pride. Younger athletes quickly learn that success is earned long before the spotlight of a championship match or tournament.

Culture has allowed each program to establish itself among the elite in New Jersey. Bowling has become synonymous with consistency and excellence, volleyball has developed into one of the state's premier programs, and wrestling continues to produce athletes capable of competing against the best competition in the country.

While the banners hanging in the gym and the records in the history books tell part of the story, coaches and athletes alike understand that dynasties are measured by more than victories. Leadership, mentorship, and a commitment to leaving the program better than they found it are equally important.

The result is a cycle of success that extends beyond individual seasons. Each graduating class passes down its standards to the next, ensuring that excellence remains the expectation rather than the exception.

Dynasties are not built overnight. They are forged through long days, demanding practices, shared sacrifices, and a brotherhood that challenges young men to become the best versions of themselves—both in competition and in life.

"It feels great honestly to be part of a group that wanted to win every year.When we came in my freshman year, our goal was to win states. Didn't really think that we were going to go through it all four years, but we did. It's honestly pretty cool. We wanted to push ourselves to the limit and get that overall accomplishment in every scenario we competed in."
-Will Cunningham '26





"They have the weight of the world on their shoulders always and still find a way to strive. They've earned everything they have gotten. I'm very proud of them. When everyone hears of Saint Joseph, they think of top of the line and gold standard of bowling. They set the bar really high."
-Coach Rusty Thomsen

"The work can be exhausting, but the support you receive from everyone around you pushes you to keep going. You learn that you're capable of more than you think, and that's great preparation for the challenges you'll face after high school."
-Morgan Schwarz '26





SOCCER
2x GMC Champions



FOOTBALL
Division Champions



SWIMMING
2x GMC Champions



WRESTLING
2x State Medalists



HOCKEY
GMC Champions

BUILDING A DYNASTY



VOLLEYBALL

- 4 Consecutive NJSIAA State Championships
- Tied for Second Most State Championships in State History (7 Overall Titles)
- Tied for Most Consecutive State Championships in State History (4 Consecutive)
- Dominic Nycz Set School Record For Career Kills and was the First Player in School History to Reach 1,000 Kills
- Carter Tarpley is the First Volleyball Player in School History with Four State Championships



BOWLING

- 2x NJSIAA Individual Champion: Kai Strothers
- 4 Consecutive NJSIAA State Championships
- Most Consecutive State Titles in NJ History
- 11 Consecutive NJSIAA Section Championships
- 2x GMC Individual Championships: Will Cunningham
- 3x Greater Middlesex Conference Champions
- 2024 National High School Bowling Champion: Kai Strothers

WRESTLING

- Two 2x State Medalists in Last Two Years (Morgan Schwarz '26 and Tyler Whitford '26)
- 4 Beast of the East Place Tournament Winners in the Last Four Years
- 5 100-win Wrestlers in Last Four Years
- Tyler Whitford Set the Single Season Wins Record (43) and Career Wins Record (152)
- 6 Consecutive GMC Division Titles
- Won 3 of the Last 4 GMC Team Titles
- 5 Straight NJSIAA District Championships
- 21 Individual County Champs in Last Four Years
- 30 NJSIAA District Champs in Last Four Years
- 7 NJSIAA Region Champs in Last Four Years
- 5 NJSIAA Medalists in Last Four Years





BOWLING

4x State Champions



TRACK & FIELD

2 New School Records



LACROSSE

3x GMC Champions



VOLLEYBALL

4x State Champions



BASKETBALL

GMC Champions



TENNIS

GMC Player of the Year Brandon Jeon

IT ALL STARTED HERE: FROM FALCON ATHLETICS TO NBA CHAMPION

By: Tim LeCras

A palpable buzz filled the halls of Saint Joseph High School during the final two months of the school year. It wasn't because graduation, final exams, or summer vacation were approaching. Students were rallying behind one of their own as he helped lead the hometown New York Knicks to their first NBA championship in more than 50 years.

Karl-Anthony Towns '14, a three-time state champion and 2014 Tournament of Champions winner as a Falcon, was on the biggest stage of his career. But to the students and Partners in Mission at Saint Joseph, the man many know as KAT is still simply Karl.

"I feel like everyone is really upbeat and excited," Kenneth Noonan '27, a diehard Knicks fan from Staten Island, said. "Karl-Anthony Towns walked these same halls that we walk today. He was here. In some way, we are following in his footsteps."

Over the final two months of the NBA season, Towns became one of the biggest stories in basketball. His dominant postseason play propelled the Knicks to the NBA Finals, where he helped deliver New York's first NBA championship since 1973. Throughout the playoff run, Towns consistently used his platform to profess his faith, giving praise to God after each game while honoring the memory of his late mother, Jackie, whom he often described as his inspiration and his guardian watching over him from heaven.

"He's a man of faith," avid Knicks fan Anthony Vitagliano '28 said. "That's something we're taught here at Saint Joe's—to stay true to our beliefs. Throughout the team's championship run, it was inspiring to hear Karl talk about his faith and the way he carried himself."

While much of the basketball world knows Towns for his accomplishments on the court, the Partners in Mission at Saint Joseph remember a young man whose character, humility, faith, and commitment to academics were just as evident as his athletic ability.

"Sometimes an athlete becomes known only for what he does on the court," Chris Harring '05, Towns' senior English teacher and current English Department Chair, said. "Karl was never like that. He was a student first. When he comes back to campus, students gravitate toward him not just because he's an NBA star, but because he still feels like a normal Saint Joe's student."

Towns never allowed basketball to become an excuse in the classroom. Even as a consensus five-star recruit committed to the University of Kentucky, he remained focused on his studies.

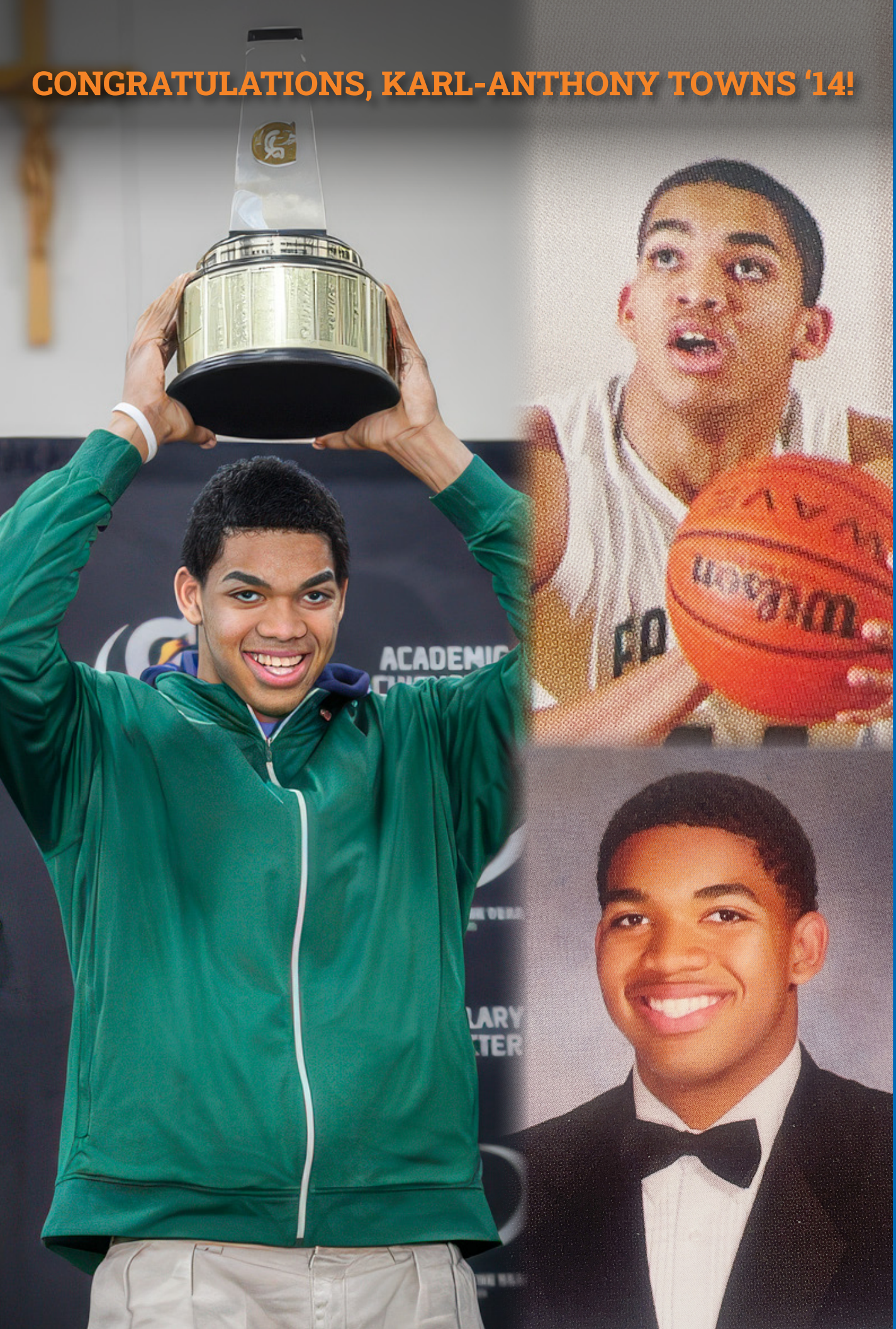
While attending the McDonald's All-American Game following his senior season, Towns had an English paper due for Harring's class. Rather than asking for an extension, he submitted the assignment from his hotel room that same evening.

"Karl, as a student, is the same person you see today," Harring said. "Before he left, he told me, 'I know we have this paper due, and I'm going to send it to you while I'm out there.' Sure enough, he did. That's character. For Karl, it has always been about character."

Twelve years after graduating from Saint Joseph, Towns has never forgotten where his journey began.

Last September, he returned to campus for a private workout in Maglio Gymnasium. To give him some privacy, the gym was closed and the windows were covered. When the workout ended, however, Towns made a simple request.

"He asked us to open the doors," President John Nolan P'09 recalled. "There were dozens of students waiting outside, hoping to catch a glimpse of him. Karl stayed to meet every one of them. We are incredibly proud of him—not just as a basketball player, but as a human being. He exemplifies what it means to be a Saint Joseph man."


CONGRATULATIONS, KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS '14!
2026 CHAMPS #KNICKSINFIVE

Saint Joseph Honors Brandon Bielak with Jersey Retirement

By: Richard Adenau '27



Bright lights have been on Brandon Bielak '14 throughout his entire career, from his days at Saint Joseph High School to pitching on a World Series-winning team in the major leagues. Even with professional success, Bielak never forgot where it all began, making his return all the more meaningful.

On February 3, Bielak received one of the highest honors a high school athlete can receive: his jersey number was officially retired. Family members, former teammates and members of the current Falcons baseball team gathered to honor one of the most accomplished players in program history.

"It was a pretty special moment," Bielak said while reflecting on the ceremony. "Everybody has a different path to their goals. Never stop working hard — it takes just one person to make a difference."

Bielak starred on the mound during his time at Saint Joseph, finishing his career with 159 strikeouts and helping lead the Falcons to a Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament Championship in 2014, while earning GMC Player of the Year honors. He later pitched at the University of Notre Dame before being selected by the Houston Astros in the 11th round of the 2017 MLB Draft. Bielak reached the major leagues and earned a World Series ring with Houston during the 2022 season.

"It's awesome to see someone who went through the same hallways have success doing it the right way," Saint Joseph Baseball Head Coach Dennis McCaffrey said. "He's a true testament to hard work and how a focus will get you to be able to reach your dreams."

Saint Joseph Dedicates Br. Aldric Smith, S.C. Swim Wall of Records

The rich history and championship tradition of Saint Joseph Swimming now have a permanent home on campus.

Saint Joseph High School dedicated the Br. Aldric Smith S.C. Swim Wall of Records during a special ceremony on May 28. The project was made possible through the generosity of Saint Joe's swimming alumni, whose contributions helped transform a vision into a lasting tribute to one of the most successful programs in school history.

"The Br. Aldric Smith S.C. Swim Wall of Records is a testament to the pride our alumni have in this program and their commitment to honoring past, present and future swimmers," President John Nolan said. "The generosity of our swimming alumni has created a lasting tribute to excellence, brotherhood, and the values that have defined Saint Joe's Swimming for decades."

Located in the Science Wing outside the Saint Joseph Athletics Hall of Fame, the Wall of Records celebrates decades of individual and team accomplishments while honoring the athletes, coaches, and leaders who helped build the program's legacy. The display is named in honor of Br. Aldric Smith, SC, the program's inaugural co-head coach in 1969, whose commitment to Saint Joseph and its students left a lasting impact on generations of young men.

The dedication ceremony brought together members of the Saint Joseph swimming family from across multiple generations. Head Coach Chris Martin was joined by President Nolan, Assistant Coach Tim Mancuso '08, former coach Lou Petroziello, alumni swimmers, and members of the current team. During



the dedication ceremony, Braden Michaels '27 was honored for breaking the 100 yard backstroke record earlier this school year.

For many in attendance, the evening served as a reminder that Saint Joseph Swimming's success extends beyond victories in the pool. It is rooted in a tradition of excellence and mentorship.

Join your fellow Falcons at the Swimming Alumni Reunion on August 22 to reconnect and foster the brotherhood.

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Track & Field Shines at Meet of Champions



Following a sixth-place finish at the NJSIAA Non-Public A Championships, the Saint Joseph Track & Field team delivered a memorable performance at the New Jersey Meet of Champions. Carlos Venegas '26 set a new school record in the 400-meter dash, placing seventh overall with a time of 47.6 seconds. Saint Joe's was the only team to qualify all three group competitors in the shot put, represented by Titan Larkin '28, Arthur Alves '28, and Michael Wellet '26. Larkin also recorded a personal-best discus throw of 154'6". The 4x400 relay team finished 13th, running a season-best 3:21.86—the program's fastest time in 12 years.

Saint Joseph Basketball Back on Top



In his first season back on the sidelines, head coach Mark Taylor '83 guided Saint Joseph to one of the most successful campaigns in the last decade. The Falcons finished 29-2, captured the program's first Greater Middlesex Conference championship since 2019, and advanced to the NJSIAA Non-Public A South Final for the second time in four years. Junior standout Aiden Carter '27 earned First Team, All-Non Public and NJ.com GMC Player of the Year honors after averaging 18 points per game, while fellow junior and Third Team, All-Non Public honoree Andrew Kretkowski '27 added 17.5 points per contest. Recognized for their outstanding season, the Falcons were also named NJ.com's Greater Middlesex Conference Team of the Year.

Kolodney, Johnstone '15 Inducted into New Jersey High School Ice Hockey Hall of Fame



Saint Joseph High School is proud to celebrate the induction of Pete Kolodney and Marc Johnstone '15 into the New Jersey High School Ice Hockey Hall of Fame. Kolodney, the founding head coach of the Saint Joseph hockey program, guided the Falcons to its first and only state sectional championship in 1991, capturing the Hanchen Cup and establishing a tradition of excellence that continues today. Johnstone, one of the most accomplished players in program history, has gone on to a successful professional career and currently skates for the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League.

Falcons Welcome Jason Montesinos as Head Coach



Saint Joseph High School has named Jason Montesinos as the new head coach of the varsity soccer program. A familiar face within the Falcon community, Montesinos previously served as a junior varsity and assistant coach at Saint Joe's from 2014-17 before leading the boys soccer program at Wardlaw-Hartridge School. During his tenure at Wardlaw+Hartridge, he earned Greater Middlesex Conference Gold Division Coach of the Year honors in 2022 and 2025. Montesinos is also the founder and director of Valencia Soccer Academy, where his teams have captured a United States Youth Soccer Regional Championship and reached multiple state and national finals.

NCAA Commitments

Kristian Almanzar
Baseball, University of Tampa

Robert Boyke
Soccer, Stevens Institute

Reggie Bropleh
Football, Marist College

William Cunningham III
Bowling, Lawrence Tech

CJ Edwards
Football, Tennessee

Ryan Hilongos
Basketball, Dickinson College

Joseph Marinello
Soccer, Swarthmore College

Ilan Mena
Soccer, University Of Scranton

Alijah Murphy
Basketball, Springfield College

Aidan Paris
Lacrosse, Pace University

Brody Picariello
Football, Bates College

Justin Scaramuzzo
Football, Long Island University

Morgan Schwarz
Wrestling, Bloomsburg

AJ Shearer
Lacrosse, Clarkson University

Zach Smith
Soccer, Muhlenberg

Reid Stellatella
Swimming, Grand Valley

Kai Strothers
Bowling, Lawrence Tech

Anthony Vasilov
Swimming, Wagner College

Carlos Venegas
Track & Field, Marist College

Connor Walker
Baseball, St. Thomas Aquinas

Michael Wellet
Football, Rochester

Tyler Whitford
Wrestling, Clarion

Derian Wubbenhorst
Soccer, Delaware Valley

Father Alexander Mosko '08 Traces Vocational Roots to Formation at Saint Joe's by Tim LeCras

When Fr. Alexander Mosko '08 stood before the altar at the Philadelphia Oratory to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist for the first time as a Catholic priest, he carried with him far more than years of seminary formation. He carried memories of Saint Joseph High School, life in New York City, the guidance of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, and the quiet persistence of a calling he could never quite ignore.



Mosko traces the roots of his vocation back to his days at Saint Joe's, particularly the influence of the Brothers and his growing involvement in the school's spiritual life.

"That period of my life, especially toward the end of my senior year at Saint Joe's, it became apparent to me how important faith was for me," Fr. Mosko said. "Going to those Friday Communion services and being involved in the Liturgical Singers really deepened that awareness. Even when I was a freshman, I always saw Saint Joseph as my personal guide through high school. And I believe he's really assisted me along the way to where I am now."

After graduating from Saint Joseph, Mosko attended the Catholic University of America before beginning a career in New York City. Yet the idea of the priesthood remained.

While many priests pursue diocesan ministry, Mosko felt called to the Philadelphia Oratory, a community of priests committed to serving in one place for life.

"All the twists and turns that my life had taken, both personally and professionally, felt like they had guided me safely to that moment," Mosko said. "I felt very assured that I was doing exactly what God wanted me to do."

Today, Fr. Mosko serves as Parochial Vicar at St. Francis Xavier Church in Philadelphia. He is also involved in admissions and advancement at the parish's pre-K through eighth-grade school and is preparing to celebrate the liturgies of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Saint Joseph's influence remains close to his heart. During seminary, he often reflected on Father André Coindre's motto of "Courage and Trust."

"I thought constantly about Father André Coindre's motto of 'courage and confidence' throughout seminary," Mosko said. "Courage because of the assurance of our Lord, and confidence in His protecting help for us. Those words stayed with me during some of the most important moments of my discernment."



Congratulations to Fr. James Prumos '13, who was ordained to the Priesthood on June 20. Deacon Patrick Rasimowicz '08 was also ordained this year to the Transitional Diaconate.

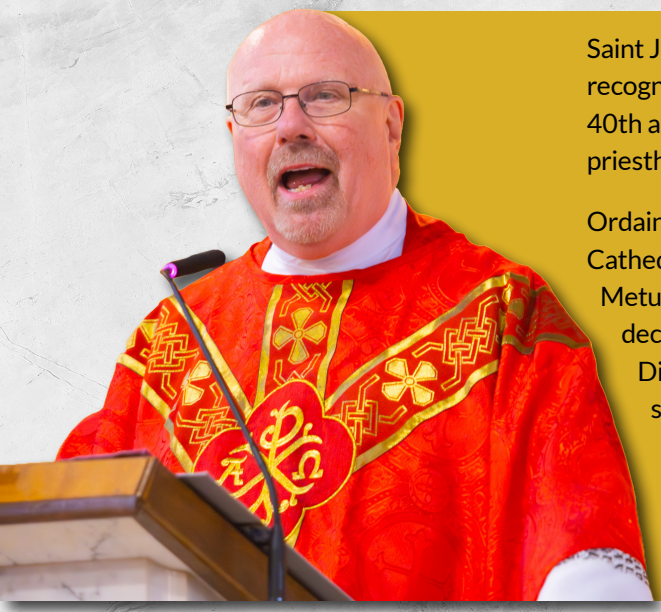
Mosko is one of two members of the Class of 2008 to answer a call to ordained ministry. His classmate, Patrick Rasimowicz '08, was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 20.

While each vocation is deeply personal, Mosko encourages young people to remain open to God's plan.

"I tell people not to abandon what they've received," Mosko said. "We live in an age that is remarkably blessed with resources to deepen our understanding of the faith, and I encourage young people to seek that out. God has a specific and loving plan for you, so stay the course."



Fr. Michael Krull '76 Celebrates 40 Years of Priesthood



Saint Joseph High School proudly recognizes Fr. Michael Krull '76 on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Ordained on May 31, 1986, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, Fr. Krull has spent four decades serving the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen. He currently serves as pastor of Our Lady of Peace (North Brunswick) where he continues to provide spiritual leadership and pastoral care to his parish community.

A member of Saint Joseph's Class of 1976, Fr. Krull has remained deeply connected to his alma mater. He is a frequent visitor to campus and serves as the principal celebrant of the annual Baccalaureate Mass, helping to mark one of the most meaningful milestones in the lives of graduating seniors.

The Saint Joseph community congratulates Fr. Krull on this milestone and thanks him for his faithful service to the Church and continued support of the school.

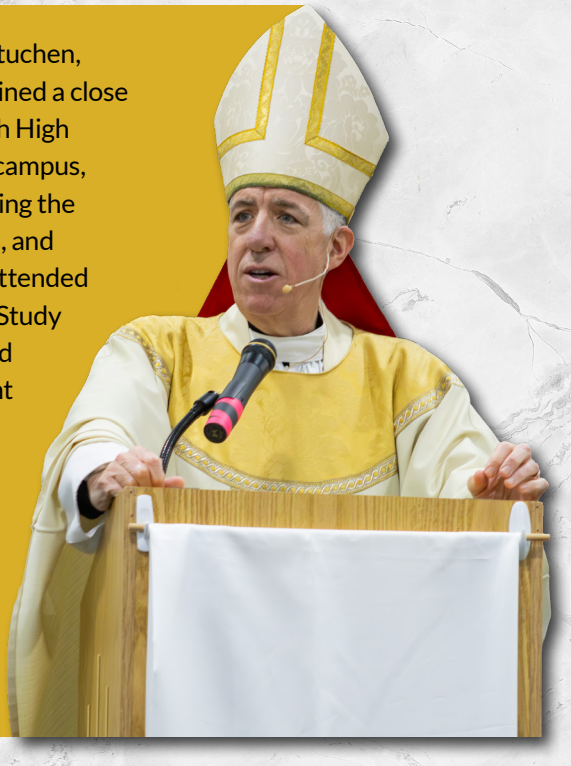
Archbishop James Checchio to Lead Archdiocese of New Orleans

Saint Joseph High School extends its congratulations and prayers to Archbishop James Checchio on his appointment as Archbishop of New Orleans.

Archbishop Checchio was ordained as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen in 2016 and faithfully served the Diocese for nearly a decade. On September 24, 2025, Pope Leo XIV appointed Checchio as Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Following the retirement of Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Archbishop Checchio officially assumed the Bishop's Chair of the Archdiocese on February 11, 2026.

Throughout his tenure in Metuchen, Archbishop Checchio maintained a close relationship with Saint Joseph High School. A frequent visitor to campus, he could often be found walking the grounds, celebrating liturgies, and engaging with students. He attended several Gospel of John Bible Study meetings, sharing his faith and encouragement with the Saint Joseph community.

The Saint Joseph community thanks Archbishop Checchio for his friendship and leadership and wishes him continued blessings in his new ministry.





The Measure of a Teacher

Gary Trojanowski: Celebrating 50 Years as a Partner in Mission.

By: Isaiah Ashong-Mettle '26

Fifty years after first walking into a Saint Joseph classroom as a teacher, Gary Trojanowski '72 still begins many of his days the same way. His car is parked in the same spot, he greets students with the same warmth, and he challenges them to think a little harder than they thought they could.

For generations of Saint Joseph students, "Troj" has been more than a science teacher and track & field coach. He has been a mentor, role model, and one of the most recognizable figures on campus.

"Very few people have had the opportunity to shape Saint Joseph High School across five decades, and even fewer have done so with the dedication and humility that Gary has demonstrated," Saint Joseph President John Nolan said. "As an alumnus, teacher, coach, and mentor, he represents the very best of what Saint Joseph stands for. His influence can be seen not only in our classrooms and athletic programs, but in the lives of the thousands of young men he has helped guide."

A standout member of the Saint Joseph track & field program in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Trojanowski's connection to the school began as a student-athlete. After graduating from Villanova University in 1976, he returned to Saint Joe's, first working in facilities before an opportunity to teach emerged.

"I always thought that Saint Joe's was a very good place to go to school," Trojanowski said. "It was strong in both athletics and academics. Having those positive memories made it a place I always wanted to come back to."

Over the next five decades, Trojanowski built a reputation for academic excellence and innovation. Through programs such as "Molecular Biology in the Classroom," he provided students with opportunities to engage in advanced scientific research and hands-on laboratory experiences.

"I would say it's been a privilege," Trojanowski said. "Being a student here had a big impact on my life, and coming back to teach, I hope I've been able to have that same kind of impact on my students."

"Gary represents the very best of Catholic education," Saint Joseph Principal Anne Rivera said. "He combines academic rigor with genuine care for his students, creating an environment where young men are challenged to achieve more than they thought possible."

Among the thousands of students influenced by Trojanowski is Michael Monahan '11, now Saint Joseph's Director of Student Services.

"He treats young men with respect while challenging them to live up to that responsibility," Monahan said. "Whether you graduated five years ago or 50 years ago, there's a good chance you can trace part of your growth back to a lesson, a conversation, or an expectation he set. That's the kind of impact very few educators have."

From student-athlete to teacher, coach, mentor, and Hall of Famer, Trojanowski's journey is woven into the fabric of Saint Joseph High School. His unwavering commitment to academic excellence, personal growth, and the formation of young men has helped define the Saint Joseph experience for generations.

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Called to Serve: Why Saint Joseph Continues to Produce Leaders in Law Enforcement

By: Matthew Sugam

Walk through the halls of Saint Joseph High School today and you'll find future doctors, engineers, teachers, business leaders, and entrepreneurs. You'll also find students who may one day choose a life of public service.

For New Jersey State Troopers Michael Basti '06 and Daniel Deverin '06, that journey began long before they entered the State Police Academy. It started at Saint Joseph, where lessons in discipline, accountability, and leadership helped shape the men they would become.

While their paths to law enforcement were different, both alumni point to the same foundation.

"Saint Joe's taught me how to take pride in my work," Deverin said. "There was always more to achieve. It showed me not to settle."

Saint Joseph was already a familiar place to Basti. Following in his older brother's footsteps, he immersed himself in campus life, participating in lacrosse, theater, AV Club, and volunteer work with the Edison First Aid Squad. That experience ultimately sparked his passion for emergency services.

As a student, Basti responded to his first major emergency call and quickly realized he had found his calling. After graduating from Saint Joseph, he attended Susquehanna University, became an EMT and paramedic, and joined the New Jersey State Police in 2018.

"Saint Joe's really gave me the ability to branch out and figure out what kind of person I wanted to be," Basti said. "The school allowed me to lean into theater, sports, and service while still holding me accountable. It teaches self-reliance. That's irreplaceable."

Deverin's path took a different route. After attending the University of Rhode Island, he transferred to Monmouth University, where he studied history and political science with plans to become an attorney. By his junior year, however, he realized he was looking for a more active and service-oriented career.

"I didn't want to sit behind a desk for the rest of my life doing paperwork," he said. "I wanted to be out in the world."

Law enforcement provided an opportunity to combine his interests in history, government, and the law with a profession centered on helping others.

Both men credit Saint Joseph's faculty and mentors for helping shape their futures, including Ed Powers, Brother Matt, Ryan Lechner P'26 and Miguel Cabrita '91.

More than any individual teacher, however, both alumni point to the school's expectations and values.

"There are consequences for your actions," Basti said. "You learn respect, accountability, and how to treat people."

Those lessons continue to serve them in careers that demand integrity, sound judgment, and a commitment to serving others.

Perhaps that is why Saint Joseph has produced so many graduates who enter law enforcement and public service. The school encourages students to challenge themselves, lead with integrity, and place service above self. For Basti and Deverin, those lessons did not end at graduation. They became the foundation of a career dedicated to protecting and serving others.

Career Day Connects Students with Alumni Mentors

From business executives and entrepreneurs to educators and healthcare professionals, Saint Joseph alumni returned to campus this spring for the school's annual Career Day. The event provides students with the opportunity to explore potential career paths and learn firsthand from graduates who have built successful careers in a variety of fields.

"Career Day is one of the best examples of the strength of the Saint Joseph brotherhood," Director of Alumni Relations John Eppensteiner '02 said. "Our alumni return not because they have to, but because they want to help the next generation of students navigate the same questions and opportunities they once faced."

Among this year's presenters was Peter Urban '65, who used the opportunity to share lessons learned as the owner of RALCO, a railcar leasing company, and emphasize the importance of personal growth.

"I believe that too much emphasis is placed on young people at too early an age to articulate what they want to be when they grow up," Urban said. "My primary motivation for volunteering for Career Day was not just about providing insights on developing a successful business career path, but more importantly about personal development which will lead to a fruitful life and potentially a successful career."

Urban explained that careers often evolve as individuals encounter new opportunities and experiences. He encouraged students to focus on developing strong character, critical thinking skills, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

61 years after graduating, Urban still credits Saint Joe's with helping shape his foundation for success. Career Day is just a small way he can give back.







"My years at Saint Joe's were perhaps the most significant years of my young life," he said. "It was then and there that I was able to solidify the fundamental foundation of my character which would enable me to survive and then thrive in the business world and life."

By bringing alumni and students together, Career Day continues to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood while helping the next generation of Saint Joseph men prepare for meaningful careers and lives of purpose.





Looking to reunite with your Falcon brothers again? Saint Joe's has plenty of options for your next get-together! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and watch our digital platforms for more information as each date approaches.

Date	*Alumni Events*
9/26/2026	Class of 2006 - 20th Reunion
9/30/2026	Alumni Foundation Day Mass
10/3/2026	Class of 1976 - 50th Reunion
10/10/2026	Athletics Hall of Fame
10/16/2026	Friday Night Lights Football Game
11/14/2026	Annual Green Tie Gala
11/24/2026	Alumni Thanksgiving Social



Alumni News

Gordon Deal '85 was elected into the WRSU Rutgers University Radio Hall of Fame. He is currently the host of the nationally-syndicated "This Morning: America's First News." He is also the public address announcer for the New York Giants.

Joseph Marinello V '26 earned his Eagle Scout Award in April. For his community service project, Joseph built a storage shed on campus to support the soccer program. The shed was dedicated to **Giovani Amores '25** who tragically passed away last October.

Marc Johnstone '15 won the American Hockey League's Calder Cup as a member of the Toronto Marlies. Johnstone tallied one goal and three assists in the playoffs.

Aarav Zutshi '23 attended the Naval Surface Warfare Center's 2026 Buy Indiana Expo, representing the Purdue National Security & Defense Society. Aarav currently serves as president of the organization.

Ved Vyas '26 appeared on the Donna Drake Show (CBS) to share his entrepreneurial experience as owner of AMBO (Arrest my Body Odor), a skincare company focused on clean-label products. Ved launched the company with his brother, Viaan.

Joachim Mikel Icasiano '19 and **Michael Ettore '19** earned their Juris Doctors from Seton Hall Law School. After graduating from Saint Joe's together in 2019, both attended Seton Hall University for their undergraduate degree before moving onto law school.

Kyle Giuliano '24 and **Lucas Pick '16** were accepted and officially joined the Diocese of Metuchen as seminarians.

Christian Duffy '08 was named Chief of Staff for the Mayor of Hoboken, Emily Jabbour.

Varad Donwad '22 graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering. ENS Donwad is headed to San Diego, CA, and is reporting to Unmanned Surface Vessel Squadron 3.

Lieutenant Colonel Ed Marion '01 was honored as the Veteran of the Game during the Subway Series at Citi Field. Ed received this honor after publishing his war memoir entitled "The Fighting Eagles: An Account of the IED War in Iraq."

Devin Busono '18 earned his Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He will be completing his residency in Anatomic/Clinical pathology at Harvard Beth Israel Deaconness Medical Center.



John Smolenski '22



Varad Donwad '22



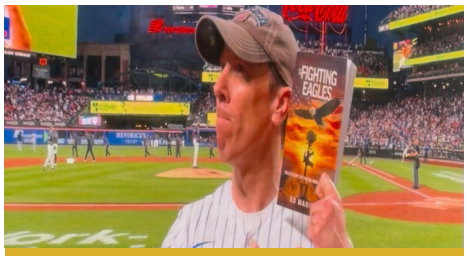
Joachim Mikel Icasiano '19 & Michael Ettore '19

Michael Rangel '18 earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree from Rowan Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine. He will be completing his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Hackensack Meridian Health JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute.

MIDN ENS John Smolenski '22 graduated as valedictorian from the United States Merchant Marine Academy.



Marc Johnstone '15



Lt. Col. Ed Marion '01



Kyle Giuliano '24 & Lucas Pick '16

ALUMNI VISITS

Once a Falcon, always a Falcon. Alumni of all graduating years are always welcome to visit Saint Joseph High School, walk the halls, reconnect with faculty and staff, and see firsthand how today's students are carrying on the school's tradition of excellence. To arrange a campus visit, please email alumni@stjoes.org



Karl-Anthony Towns '14



Hayes Cozza '09



Krish Bhatia '22



Larry Witt '70 & John Kukor '70

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