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Cristo Rey again sending all graduates to college

Cristo Rey Columbus High School awarded diplomas to 86 members of its largest-ever graduating class at commencement ceremonies on Saturday, June 4 in Ohio State University's Mershon Auditorium. Their baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Wednesday, June 1 in Columbus Christ the King Church.

The Class of 2022 continued the school's record of having every member of its graduating class during its six years of existence accepted to at least one college or university. The graduates were offered more than \$17 million in scholarships by more than 130 institutions. Tsigereda Adane and Laena Rene were co-valedictorians, and Dincel Landaverde Rivera was salutatorian.

Members of the Cristo Rey Columbus High School Class of 2022 are:

Liban Abdulkadir, Tsigereda Adane, Tsion Getu Adugna, Stanley Asante, Ray Atchley, Oumar Athie, Ahmed Bah, Hadiatou Hadja Bah, Ismaila Bah, Mustapha Barry, Elonga Bashombana, Zion Gessiah Itan Bass, Shreejana Bastola, Brianna Amia Battle, Elbethel Alemne Bogale, Bianca Monique Bollers, Callen Ethan Borgerding, Melissa Botello Carrillo, Ava Marie-Samaria Britford, Serenity Renee Buchan, Dae'Onna Butler, Dominick Avila Noah Carmichael, Deja Nicole Kathleen Church and Monserrat Cruz-Cruz.



Tsigereda Adane



Dincel Landaverde



Laena Rene

Gabriella Marie Davison, Amadou B. Diop, Sokhna A. Diop, Kaija Taylani Edwards, Jaleyl Kacier Edwards-Sharp, Kevin Encinas Cosme, Merafe Endalew, Joshua McNeil Esparza, Aliyah Elizabeth Renee Evans, Abetzi Ariana Flores, Sakura G. Francis, Daniel Garcia De Jesus, Kayla Ann'Marie Glaser, Brenda Gomez Martinez, Cedrick Grace Jr., Samantha Malee Guidotti, Cameron Hampton, Jamie Marie Howell, Emir Jesus Infantino, Yasmin Jimenez Baltazar, Angel Anita-Cheree Johnson, Vic-

toria Kabuki Kabutey-Ongor, Meklet Ayalew Kassa, Dincel Noelia Landaverde Rivera and Travis Le.

Carlia Rose Lopez, Ana Celeste Madero Morales, Jason Magana, Ana Maguana, Christian M.D. Martin, Zounaika Christavon Masud, Jissell Medrano Castorena, Camila Mendoza Cruz, Kidus D. Mersha, Jaylah Dominique Miles, Ethan Montoya Salazar, Heidy Morena Orellana, Monilolalouwa Oyesola, Joshua Piedra, Tevis A. Pryor, Titus Augustus Pryor, Oscar Al-

exander Quiroga Lemus and Laena Augustine Rene.

Ashley Reyerros Brenasia, Cardae Chenelle Ridgeway, Tyler-James Rufus, Jeriah Shaffer Holmes, Paul A. Takyi, Marra Thompson, Reynada Dashae Thurman, Mateo Torres-Tenorio, Emily Marie Turley, Beatriz Joana Vasquez, Manases I. Vasquez-Pineda, Lizbeth Ventura Gomez, Erica Villeda, Stacy Ahne Jae F. Virtudazo, Chyna Elaijah Wade, Kira Lind Weaver, Devin Wells and Ja'Niyah Yarbrough.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!




CRISTO REY
COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

For the sixth year in a row, **100%** of Cristo Rey Columbus graduating seniors were **accepted into at least one college or university**. The 86 students of the Class of 2022 received acceptances from **more than 130 colleges and universities** across the nation, and earned over **\$17 million in scholarships** to fund their college education over the next four years.

Ukrainian student hopes to stay in Ohio for college

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

A Ukrainian exchange student who graduated this month from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School (TCC) is hoping to stay in Ohio for college as the invasion of her homeland by Russian troops continues.

Anastasia Didenko received her diploma from TCC on Sunday, June 5 and also has graduated from the equivalent of high school in her hometown of Novomoskovsk, a city of about 70,000 people in east-central Ukraine.

She wants to study economics in college, has obtained a student visa that allows her to stay in the United States and has been accepted at Ohio State University, but she says tuition there is too expensive. She is working with Malone University in Canton, which is within commuting distance of Tuscarawas County, on a plan to attend classes there.

Bombs have fallen about 15 minutes from her hometown, but the city has escaped damage so far. Her mother and a 12-year-old sister live in an apartment in Novomoskovsk, while her father is serving in the Ukrainian army at an undisclosed location.

"The three of them were together for just a short while," she said. "They were working in different cities when the invasion began on Feb. 23. Mother was able to return the next day, but Father was called up by the army not long afterward.

"It's not very safe, but my mother and sister chose to stay home. There is a curfew, and they hear air raid sirens almost every night, and they go to the basement when that happens. Conditions in the basement are pretty bad, so they don't stay down there long."

Anastasia said she talks to her mother and sister most days and to her father periodically.

"Many people have taped their windows to prevent glass from flying in the event of bombing, but we've been fortunate so far," she said. "People are trying to live the best they can in an impossible situation. They're going to work as before, but school stopped when the invasion started."

"The city has taken in many refugees and has a huge hospital that's filled with wounded soldiers from the front lines and civilians from elsewhere in the nation. The war seems to be bringing out the best in everyone. People are doing all sorts of things for each other because they never know what might happen tomorrow, and they know they have to depend on one another."

During the school year, students at TCC, its two feeder parochial schools and Tuscarawas County public schools had fundraisers for the people of Ukraine. Now that school is out, Anastasia is collecting donations for first-aid kits for her father's battalion. She is purchasing items for the kits and has sent 10 to her father so far.

"It would be five times more expen-

sive to buy those items in Ukraine, and their quality wouldn't be as good as it is here," she said. "The main expense is shipping costs, and that's where I can use help from others."

"The war's been going on for four months and could continue for some time. And right now it hurts to see people starting to forget about it because of other worries like the high cost of things here," she said.

"Some people think the war is over, but that's not true at all. Our capital, Kyiv, was bombed a few days ago for the first time in quite a while. People are still dying in Ukraine every day, and I want people to keep that on their minds."

Anastasia came to Ohio through the Future Leaders Exchange program funded by the U.S. State Department. The program provides scholarships so high school students from Europe and Asia can spend an academic year in the United States.

After living with Bobby Eddy and Heather Jones of Bolivar during the school year, Anastasia is residing with Kimberly and Matthew Nadalin of New Philadelphia. The hair salon where Jones works is continuing to accept donations for shipping for the first-aid kits.

To donate, send a check made payable to Anastasia Didenko in care of Lock 7 Hair Studio, 10880 State Route 212 N.E., Bolivar OH 44612.



Ukrainian exchange student Anastasia Didenko graduated from Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School earlier this month. Her family has remained in their homeland during the invasion by Russia that began Feb. 24.

Photo courtesy Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School

28 graduate from Tuscarawas Central Catholic

New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School celebrated its 52nd commencement on Sunday, June 5 with a baccalaureate Mass followed by a graduation ceremony, both in the school gymnasium.

Gina Sciarretti was valedictorian, and Zane Douglass was salutatorian. Class members earned more than \$725,000 in scholarships and performed more than 4,800 service hours.

Ninety percent of the students will attend more than 17 institutions of higher education in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Members of the New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School Class of 2022 are:

James Brooks, Marcus Clemence, Cameron Costello, Adam Decaminada, Anastasia Didenko, Zane Douglass, Brett Falkner, Kyler Fotheringham, Riley Fotheringham, Luke Fredericks, Emily Garbrandt, Marisha Gonzalez Rodriguez, Chase Harper, Jersi Hickman, Samantha Liggett, Aaron Mercier, Seth Oberholzer, Anthony Pangrazio,



Gina Sciarretti

Jacob Renicker, Madeline Rothrock, Hunter Sabin, Gina Sciarretti, Alexandra Sica-Mejia, Richard Steven Simpson, Emma Slates, Marcus Steve, Jackson Triplett and Deren Wright.



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DeSales students earn \$30.5 million in scholarships

This year's 216 graduates of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School earned \$30.5 million in college scholarships, and 98 percent of them will be attending one of 62 colleges and universities in the fall. One will be joining the U.S. Coast Guard.

Graduating at the Summa Cum Laude level of achievement were Katie Le, Vanna Giang, Pakindam Lamboni, Ryan Gustafson, Michael Sabatino, Abigail Groff, Kevin Morales, Grace Vance, Claire Baileys, Andrea Millenbaugh, Mia Gehrlich, Joseph Behrendt and Maddox Rickens.

Magna Cum Laude graduates were Allisann Sarff, Jamie Cox, Ashley Allton, Gabriella D'Amico, Ziwen (Roy) Ding, Andrew Shaffer, Molly Ballard, Sophia Hipolite, Wanqing Alice Liu, Alexander Shaffer, David Chintala, Ashley Anderson, Jacqueline Wiggins, Gianna Mancini, Lauren Afrifa, Hayden Bucher, Jenna Pusecker, Sarah Stevens, Victoria Asiedu, Gianna Cua, Adison Czerniak, Maggie Valentine, Madison Wehrman, Iris D'Costa, Rori Draminski, Mariana Perez Flores, Ashleigh Zehala, Ablerma Forjoe, Luca Ricci, Eleanor Mullins, Kelly Mai, Elizabeth Fleisher, Isabella Gagliardi, Phoebe Kraus, Madelyn McCurdy, Ashley Mejia-Lopez, Elizabeth Ruff, Katherine Jolley, Abigale Phelps, Emma James, Alena Stewart and Sumon Estifanos.

Also, Brynn Wakefield, Monica Sullivan, Abigail Snide, Madeline McNamara, Morgan Tydings, Lauren Keating, Audrey Callahan, Chuck Keener, Jessica Melvin, Alexander Helmick, Brady Ayers, Maura Gibson, Elisa Skaggs, Jillian Green, Marie Pascaline Ndayishimye, Sarah Bosson, Jocelyn Zyskowski, Cecilia Coglianese, Nana Awuah, Abigail Faulkner, Devon Kerwin, Erin Johnson, Kaitlin Kovach, James Schuler, Kade Easley, Lizbeth Rodriguez, Abigail Reagan,

Arianna Hervey, Andrew Shoemaker, William Jordan, Vritsy Martinez, Erica Offei, Diocelina Duran, Kathryn Stone, Madison Letzelter, Gregory Jones, Michael Solazzo, Jack Stonis, Benjamin Konicki, Jennifer Rivera, William Djedje and Megan Will.

Cum Laude graduates were Briceida Ortega-Garcia, Owen Moran, Layla Jones, Kylie Hast, Zhiwei (Winnie) Zhang, Joyce Vamboi, Joel Villa, Cameryn Williams, Christian Hopp, Ava Richards, Brady McInerney, Natalie Schwartz, Kyle Nicely, Stephen Stalnaker, Yaming Wen, Carys Wasil, Hayven Ayitiah, Jalen Carpenter, Angela Adu, Ana Olalde Florencio, Pricila Soto, Josephine Osei, Jackson Carawan and Anna Pham.



Lauren Afrifa



Jalen Carpenter



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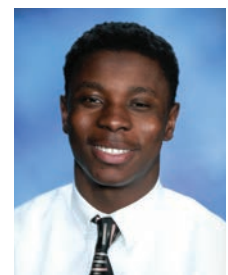
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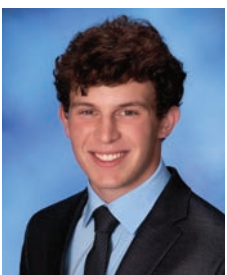
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Kaylyn Malinowski



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Maddox Rickens



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Yaming Wen



Zhiwei Zhang



Madeline McNamara

Receiving school service and leadership awards were: Father James M. Berendt Award, Lauren Afrifa, Grace Vance and Maddox Rickens; Alumni Award, Pius Edzie and Laurenda Lamboni; Bishop Herrmann Service Award, Madeline McNamara; Senior Spirit Award, Jalen Carpenter and William Djedje; Mother Frances Cabrini Award, Wanqing (Alice) Liu, Ziwen (Roy) Ding, Yaming (Jackie) Wen and Zhiwei (Winnie) Zhang; Campus Ministry Award, Kaylyn Malinowski and Ablerma Forjoe. Class members performed 8,095 service hours.

Members of the Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School Class of 2022 are: Angela Amandwah Adu, Lauren Afrifa, Ashley Rose Allton, Jessica Naomi Alvarado, Ashley E. Anderson, Patrick Michael Anderson, Andres Maynard Arbona, Scott Ward Armstrong II, Rhoda Ofori Asiamah, Victoria White Asiedu, Drakan Alijah Alexandre Aubry, Valerie Michelle Avalos, Nana Pokuah Baffour Awuah, Nicholas Eriksson Axene, Brady Dean Ayers, Hayven Naashika Ayitiah, Andrew Joel Bagby, Claire Christina Baileys, Paige Riley Balik, Molly Grace Ballard, Juliana LouAnn Barnhart, Cidney Claudia Barron, Joseph Edward Behrendt, Marcus Christopher Berger, Sarah Corine Bosson, Megan Elizabeth Brown and Hayden Donald Bucher.

Miles Alexander Butler, Zavier Tykee Butler, Audrey Belle Callahan, Evan Joseph Campbell, Jackson Roarke Carawan, Jalen Cliff Carpenter, Maria Elizabeth Castorena, Michael Patrick Cavanaugh, David George Chintala, Cecilia P. Coglianese, Ayan Silva Comedy, Momodou Alieu Conde, Jamie E. Cox,

Shayla Ann Cremeans, Mitzely Cruz Rueda, Gianna Maria Cua, Matteo Gerard Cua, Adison Rose Czerniak, Gabriella Angelina D'Amico, Iris MaryAnne D'Costa, Brian Diaz, Madison Nguyen Dile, Ziwen R. Ding, William Josuah Djedje, Elliot Isidro Salido Dortmund, Rori M. Draminski and Andrew Huston Dunbar.

Diocelina Duran, Kade Wesley Easley, Pius Abekah Edzie, Gabrielle Juliette Ellis, Sumon Pedros Estifanos, Abigail Grace Faulkner, Elizabeth Grace Fleisher, Ablerma Berleh Forjoe, Jazmyn Elizabeth Franco-Serrano, Caleb Joseph Friend, John Thomas Gabrielli, Isabella Noor Gagliardi, Jackson Curtis Gantz, Sandra Paola Garcia Gonzalez, Mia Samantha Gehrlich, Vanna Ton Giang, Maura Grace Gibson, Elias Andrew Grayson, Jillian Louise Green, Abigail Marie Groff, Jacob Grube, Ryan William Gustafson, Elizabeth Ann Gutman, Samuel Joseph Haggard, Kylie Christine Hast, Alexander Mathew Helmick and Khalia Shalai Henderson.

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Ellie Grace Mullins, Marie Pascaline Habimana Ndayishimye, Mary Wanji-ru Ngangá, Shana Ngoc Nguyen, Kyle James Nicely, Erica Ohenewaa Offei, Ana Karina Olalde-Florencio, Whitney Kene Omameh, Deborah Grace Origen, Briceida Ortega-Garcia, Josephine Akua Osei, Joycelyn Akosua-Pokua

Two Bishop Ready grads' accomplishment 'just a feel-good story'

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Janiya Davis and Charles Easley will be the first to acknowledge that four years ago they never expected to be attending a Catholic high school let alone graduating from one.

And yet on Saturday, June 4, the two seniors accepted their diplomas, moved the tassel on their graduation caps from one side to the other and flashed a smile befitting their accomplishment.

At that moment, they could call themselves graduates – and now alumni – of Columbus Bishop Ready High School.

"The diploma looks really good," Davis said.

Their stories represent the power and potential that a Catholic school education provides when the opportunity is made available to young people from all backgrounds, even those who have not had the chance to attend a Catholic elementary school.

Both students trace the successful completion of their high school education at Ready to the Run the Race Club founded to help underprivileged children on Columbus' west side in the Hilltop area by Rachel Muha.

Muha started the club to honor her youngest son, Brian, a Columbus St.

Charles Preparatory School graduate who was murdered in 1999 while a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

"The Brian Muha Foundation has been supporting inner-city students who want to go to Bishop Ready," Muha said. "We have helped five other Run the Racers graduate from there, (and) we will have five Run the Racers at Ready next year – two freshmen, one sophomore and two juniors. We are so glad that we can help this way."

Davis began attending Run the Race Club with her cousins as a 7-year-old to participate in activities there. She said her family also benefited from the center. Eventually, as Davis grew older, she was given job opportunities to help with younger children who came there.

When it came time to go to high school, Muha encouraged Davis to attend Ready and, through generous supporters, provided some financial assistance to make that happen.

"Ms. Rachel Muha wanted me and



Janiya Davis

Charles to come here," Davis said. "She thought it would be a really good thing for us because the surrounding schools are not the best options. She wanted a better education for us."

"I will say I really did not think it was a good idea. But, after four years, I feel like it really has been a good thing for me. I'm glad she wanted me to go here because I think it was a great experience, and I learned a lot. I became a different person. I've grown a lot."

When Davis arrived at Bishop Ready four years ago, she admitted that she had trouble adjusting to the academic and personal discipline required in a Catholic school and that she'd never experienced in her education to that point. There were some rough spots with teachers and administrators at first, but then she began to understand the expectations and adapted.

"Where I came from, it's different from here because of my behavior and how I used to act when I used to go to different schools," she said. "Being here has made me act in a different way and know how to act in front of others."

As a freshman, she said she felt out of place at first coming from a different environment than other students (about 70 percent matriculate from Catholic elementary schools to Ready), and it took

time to adapt. Academically, she struggled initially and had to take summer courses during that first year.

"It was a big adjustment, but then I got it down for the most part," she said. "I used to think that lunch detention was fun in middle school, but once I got hit with Saturday school here, it was not fun."

Assistant principal Rocco Fumi recalled those early struggles and the transformation the two students made.

"It's so rewarding when students come in and they're a little guarded and unsure about the place, and then you see the day when we look at each other and say, 'They got it,'" Fumi said.

"We understand that there are going to be some bumps along the way, but we were not going to give up on them. We hope they didn't give up on us. And it's just so rewarding to see where they were and where they are now."

"If you listen to their stories, I think the one thing that stands out is their growth from where they were when they came in here," Ready principal Matt Brickner said. "Not coming from one of our traditional feeder schools, that path is different because the expectations are different."

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Bishop Ready High School honors 95 graduates

Columbus Bishop Ready High School principal Matthew Brickner presented diplomas to 95 graduates at the school's 58th commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 4 in the school gymnasium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Friday, June 3 at Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church.

The Class of 2022 earned \$15.5 million in scholarships. The valedictorian is Angel Rivera-Martinez of Grove City, and the salutatorian is Allison Bair of Columbus, both of whom plan to attend the University of Dayton on scholarship.

Honors graduates are Elizabeth Agostino, Allison Bair, Cassandra Benkis, Kara Benkis, Ann Broschart, Caroline Buendia, Joely Ciborek, Rebecca Daugherty, Amelia Freeman, J'Sun Gardner, Mackenzie Gossett, Abigail Grundei, Kaitlan Harlan, Troy Hixson, Caleb Huerta-Henry, Abigail Iannitto, Zachary Jahn, Lillian Kapala, Kaitlyn Lancia, Dylan Murray, Abigail Parisi, Isaac Paul, Angel Rivera-Martinez, Mia Rossi, Sierra Schlosser, Byron Scott, Emma Sweetman, Ludy Talla, John Wade, Erin Weiner, Reagan Wheatley, Addison Whitmer, Nissi Yorke and Dane Zibrik.

Five seniors were inducted into the Bishop Ready Hall of Fame. They are Allison Bair, Kaitlan Harlan, Kaitlyn Lancia, Dylan Murray and Angel Rivera-Martinez.



Allison Bair

Angel Rivera-Martinez

Ninety percent of the class will be attending one of 37 institutions of higher education. Two class members will join the U.S. Marine Corps. The class contributed approximately 3,200 service hours.

Receiving school awards were: Principal's Award, Angel Rivera-Martinez; Ready Award, Caroline Buendia; Spirit Award, Sierra Schlosser; Gifts of the Heart Service Award, Abigail Grundei; Gertrude C. Kuehefuhs Music Award, Charles Easley; Alexa McAllister Memorial Scholarship, Elizabeth Agostino; Walsh University Founder's Scholarship, Amelia Freeman.

Eleven seniors signed to play college sports. They are: Caroline Buendia, soccer, Rhodes College; Megan Chesser, volleyball, Goldey-Beacom; Simone Daniel, volleyball, Capital; J'Sun Gardner, football and track, Kenyon; Kenny Haynes, baseball, Hocking;

Troy Hixson, basketball, Bethany; Lillian Kapala, softball, Mount St. Joseph; Claire Larger, track, Capital; Paul Martello, wrestling, Thomas More; Sierra Schlosser, basketball, Mount Union; and Emma Sweetman, softball, Capital.

Members of the Columbus Bishop Ready High School Class of 2022 are:

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Rebecca LiTao Daugherty, Janiya Starlè Davis, Charles Travon LyShawn Easley, Todd Matthew Ernst II, Michael Duran Forney Jr., Victoria Rose Foust, Amelia Blair Freeman, J'Sun D'Shae Gardner, Josiah Chase Germany, Mackenzie Anne Gossett, Abigail Grace Grundei, Nora Nicole Hackman, Noah Eugene William Hamilton-Foughty, Kaitlan Machel Harlan, Edward Kenneth Haynes, Brady Michael Hicks,

Abigail Josefina Hirn, Troy Christopher Hixson, Thomas Vincent Hodge, Tyler Chance Hohla, Jiajun Hou, Caleb Elijah Louis Huerta-Henry, Abigail Brittany Iannitto and Zachary Scott Jahn.

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"There were struggles when they first came in, but seeing where they are now as students academically and spiritually from where they started ... it's just a feel-good story – just the kind of people that they are, who serve in leadership roles and are very involved in the community.

"Charles and Janai both made Bishop Ready a better place in their four years here with what they've been able to do."

Davis, who participated in track and field and cheerleading while at Ready, also developed a stronger sense of faith in the school's Catholic environment.

"When I first came here, I really didn't play attention enough to my faith life," she said. "I have actually learned a lot with our religion classes. Being here is basically like going to church."

Easley's story resembles his classmates. He started going to the Run the Race Club in third grade and quickly blossomed there under the guidance of Muha and many volunteers who mentored him and helped set up academic tutoring that allowed him to enroll at Bishop Ready.

"My freshman year, it was really hard academic-wise going from public school to Catholic school," he said. "Me and Mr. Fumi, we spent a lot of time together because I was always in trouble.

My behavior coming to Catholic school was unacceptable.

"He really helped change me because I was scared to keep going to see him, and he was like, 'Charles, you need to change.' We bumped heads a lot the first two years."

Turning in assignments on time and reading literature were just two of the challenges.

"Our summer reading book freshman year was 600 pages, and I was like, 'Who are these people who think they're going to make us read over the summer?'" Easley said jokingly. "I didn't like to read, but I really did enjoy reading those books, and I learned a lot. Reading was my struggle point from kindergarten, but not anymore."

Easley, who is Catholic and was involved in campus ministry and altar serving at Ready, developed an interest in theater at a young age and writes plays that have been performed at the Run the Race Club. In high school, his love for the stage continued despite the challenges presented when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March 2020 and canceled shows.

The following year, the school staged a show with a limited cast of nine, and then this spring returned to a full cast for a performance of Little Mermaid.

"To see so many people back at the-

ater, I still have faith in the arts that we're going to come back really, really strong," he said.

The Run the Race Club has assisted him with acting and voice lessons, and he has participated in children's theater performances outside of school while continuing to help direct small plays at Run the Race. This summer, he's directing Cinderella there.

"They've been there with me at Run the Race, and I said, 'How can I give back to them and the community?'" Easley said. "And when Rachel asked whether I could direct a show (Cinderella), I said, 'Yeah, let's do it.'"

Looking back, Davis and Easley can't help but chuckle when they recall their freshmen selves compared with who they are today. Along the way, they met new friends, endured the disruptions that the pandemic presented and matured into young adults who will begin college in the fall after earning generous scholarships.

"We wrote a letter at the end of freshman year, and we got it back at the end



Charles Easley

of senior year, and I was reading it and it was like, 'Wow, so much has changed,'" Easley said. "The people I didn't like in that letter I love now. And I definitely think the Ready events brought us a lot closer together."

Davis is headed to the University of Akron, where she plans to pursue an associate degree as an emergency medical technician and a bachelor's degree in emergency management. Easley is staying in Columbus and attending Capital University to major in education with a minor in theater.

"This is only the beginning, not the end," Easley said. "There's a lot of kids that really look up to us now.

"I'll never forget there was a kid who was like, 'What? You're 18 and do all of this.' And he's like, 'I wish I could.' I said, 'You can. You've just got to apply yourself.' It's a lot of discipline that I learned here.

"Getting that diploma, that was the first step. There's going to be many more steps and trials and challenges in the next four years, but I know that I can always come back here, and this will always be home. We're family."

"We can see that they're now just embedded in the Ready community, and they're going to be proud alums," Fumi said. "And we are proud of them."



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Max Vivian Thomas Lillian Michael Anna Grace Brady Juliet



Samuel Michael Brady Sayla Dominic Felix David Maddox Michael



To the Class of 2022

Congratulations, graduates

By Dr. Adam J. Dufault



Dear Graduating Class of 2022,

On behalf of the Office of Catholic Schools and the 52 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Columbus, congratulations on your graduation!

We hope you know that we are proud of you and proud of all that you have accomplished in your years in Our Catholic Schools. You have persevered through so many challenges, many unprecedented, and have achieved tremendous successes in your high school career. Across our Diocese, you join 1,100 students who will walk across stages at eleven Catholic high schools, well prepared to face the future.

Many of you, our graduates, are completing a journey through thirteen or more years of Catholic schooling. You have formed close bonds with each other and with your principals

and teachers in that time. You have had tremendous experiences and made wonderful memories while building a relationship with Jesus and our Church.

It is the hope of all of us who work in Catholic education that you are ready to be young men and women of faith, ready to serve our Church and our world. We encourage you to live out the faith you have learned, remembering St. Paul's encouragement to "persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2). We thank God for the good you have seen and done in high school, and we are confident that the Lord will walk with you through the adventures ahead.

Once again, to the graduating class of the Diocese of Columbus of 2022, congratulations. To the dedicated teachers, administrators, and parents who have done so much to bring our graduates to where they are today, thank you. Be assured that we are all praying for you!

Dr. Adam J. Dufault is the Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Message from Bishop Fernandes



My Dear Friends in Christ,

Congratulations! Your graduation is a significant accomplishment, and the whole Church in the Diocese of Columbus rejoices with you. Your hard work has paid off. We are grateful for your parents, family members, teachers, administrators, coaches, and friends who have accompanied you on your journey and have helped you to make the most of your God-given talents.

Many years ago, when I was leaving for graduate studies, my archbishop told me, "Don't let your studies get in the way of your education!" I think he meant that we also learn a great many things outside the classroom and from people – true and authentic witnesses to those values and virtues, including those of faith – which has to be truly great.

The purpose of education is not so much to give us all the answers or to make us efficient workers or to help us to get into the best college or graduate school; rather, it is to train the mind and heart to ask critical questions about that which is true, good, and beautiful and to lead us to discover the Truth, who is the person of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the desire of our hearts.

Jesus was the Teacher *par excellence*. He began his great Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, those spiritual attitudes and dispositions – poverty of spirit, meekness, etc. – which He demands of his disciples. He then proceeded to tell them that they were the *salt of the earth* and the *light of the world*.

You, graduates, are the salt of the earth. Salt preserves food from cor-

ruption. It is a symbol of purification. You must not only have pure hearts to see the face of God, but you must purify our toxic culture with the joy of the Gospel, with your faith in Jesus Christ. Salt is also a symbol of wisdom. St. Bonaventure says that Wisdom is knowledge infused with charity. It is not enough to have book smarts; we also need to have loving hearts. Finally, salt adds flavor. We are counting on you to add flavor to a world that has grown stale and is filled with hatred and violence. Be ambassadors of peace, adding the flavor of peace and joy to our society.

You are the *light of the world*. How dark our world is filled with sickness, suffering and senseless violence! How many people are forced to live in abject poverty, what Mother Teresa of Calcutta called "dark holes." Go. Be the light of Christ. Once upon a time, the Church was portrayed as a lighthouse, a pillar of hope and strength amid the storms of this world. However, our times have changed and many people are so wounded that they cannot make it to the lighthouse, and they live in darkness. Bring the light of Christ to them.

Your education has brought you to this moment. You were made to be missionaries to bring this light into our world. Often, people will say that our young people are the future of the Church, but I say, "You are the Church of today." We need your witness. We need your gifts. We need you.

As you go into the world or continue your studies, go with the grace of God and with the pride and admiration of your family members, friends and the people of God in Columbus. May the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Seat of Wisdom, accompany you on your journey.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

Three diocesan principals retiring

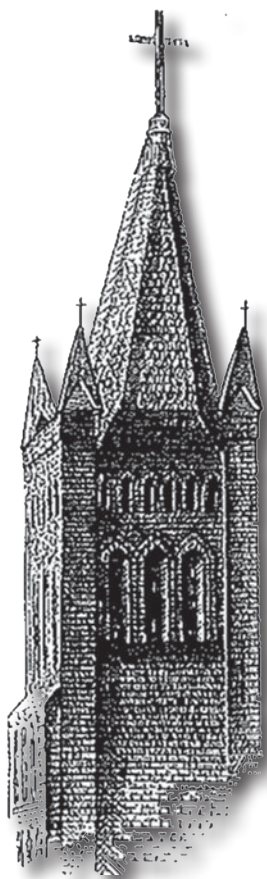
Dan Kinley, principal of Columbus St. Matthias School, retired at the end of the just-completed academic year after 30 years in that position. He also was principal at London St. Patrick School in 1991-1992.

Other diocesan principals retiring were Luna Alsharaiha, principal at Columbus St. Mary German Village School from 2011 to 2015 and Columbus St. Agatha School from 2015 to 2022, and Matt Ritzert, principal at Dover Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary

School from 2013 to 2022.

The three were honored at the annual year-end meeting of diocesan school administrators.

Receiving recognition for service milestones were Jim Silcott, principal, Columbus Our Lady of Peace School (30 years); Rocco Fumi, assistant principal, Columbus Bishop Ready High School (20 years); Amy Chessler, principal, Columbus Holy Spirit School; and Mary Kobel, principal, Coshocton Sacred Heart School (both five years).



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God Bless all
our graduates
in the Class of
2022 from the
people of Saint
John the Baptist
Catholic Church.

23 seniors graduate from Portsmouth Notre Dame

Portsmouth Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School celebrated its baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 13 at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church. The school's 2022 commencement ceremony was on Sunday, May 15 in the school gymnasium.

Diplomas were awarded to 23 graduates by school principal J.D. McKenzie and guidance counselor Beth Haney.

The Class of 2022 was offered \$1.3 million in scholarships and accepted \$477,914 of that total. Ninety-one percent of its members are pursuing higher education. Twenty-one of the 23 graduates will be attending 12 different colleges, including four outside Ohio.

There were two valedictorians – Ethan Beckett and Lindsey Blau. Ethan is the son of Marian Beckett and the late Gene Beckett of McDermott and has accepted \$142,920 in scholarships from the University of Dayton, where he will major in mechanical engineering. Lindsey is the daughter of Phillip and Amanda Blau of Stout and has accepted a \$56,000 scholarship to the University of Massachusetts, where she will major in data science.

The salutatorian was Gary Zheng, the son of Kevin and Shirley Zheng of Portsmouth. He has accepted \$137,000, the full cost of tuition, room and board



Ethan Beckett



Lindsey Blau



Gary Zheng

in scholarship offers to attend Ohio State University, where he will major in computer science.

Students graduating with honors diplomas were Ethan Beckett, Lindsey Blau, Bryce Isaac, Kaia McKinney, Kalie Pettay, Ebbie Potts, Viv Wheeler, Brayden Yarnell and Gary Zheng.

The school presents three special awards voted upon by the faculty. The Citizenship Award was given to Gary Zheng for his contribution of time and energy to civic, community and school

projects.

The Senior Service Award went to Ethan Beckett for his generosity with his time toward course work and extracurricular activities. Viv Wheeler was chosen for the Outstanding Senior Award. She has best fulfilled the roles of scholar and leader in the school and community and has demonstrated outstanding character and service to others. Most important, she has demonstrated high Christian ideals in all of her daily activities.

Members of the Portsmouth Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School Class of 2022 are:

Alia Ali, Ethan Beckett, Lindsey Blau, Matthew Boldman, Madison Brown, Mollie Creech, Jarren Edgington, Beau Hobbs, Bryce Isaac, Nathan Johnson, Aidan Kirby, Kaia McKinney, Mia McPheters, Kalie Pettay, Blake Pollard, Ebbie Potts, Jermaine Powell, Carson Sammons, Johnathan Strickland, Viv Wheeler, Colin Winters, Brayden Yarnell and Gary Zheng.

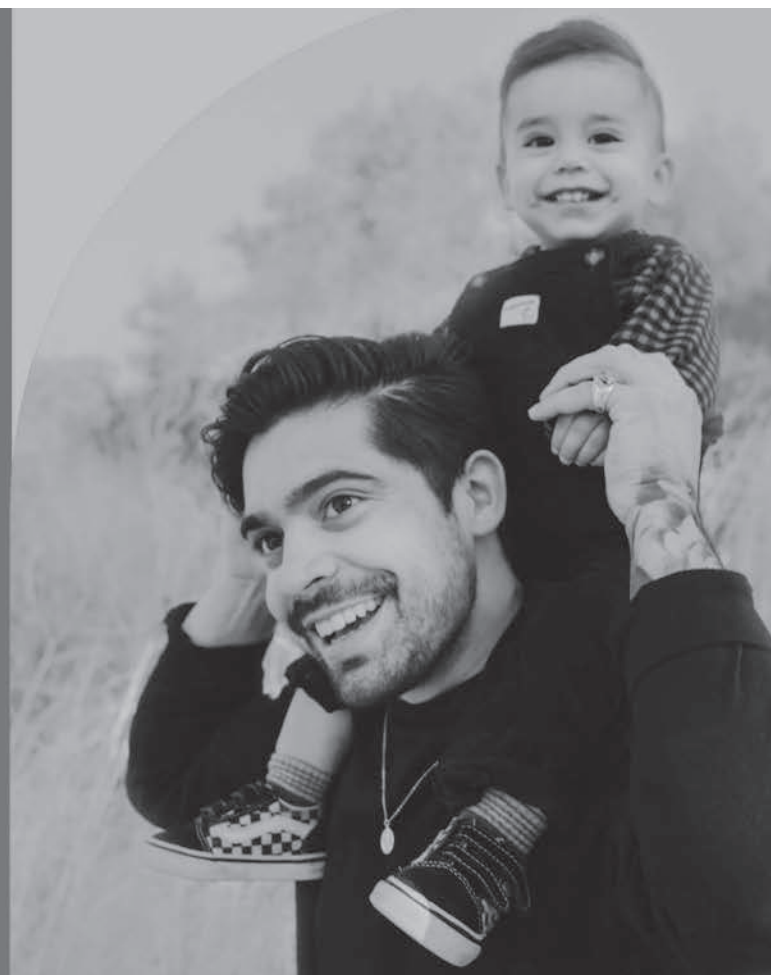


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Newark Catholic graduates 46

Newark Catholic High School graduated a class of 46 seniors in a commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 22 in the school auditorium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Tuesday, May 17 at Granville St. Edward Church.

The class valedictorian was Margaret Matuska, and the salutatorian was Brooklyn Smith. Forty-four of the seniors will move on to higher education and earned \$2.7 million in merit-based scholarships, with one joining AmeriCorps and one entering the workforce.

Twenty-three seniors earned state honors diplomas, and an equal number were inducted into the National Honor Society. They helped contribute more

than 300 pounds of food to a local food pantry and performed 1,500 hours of community service.

Members of the Newark Catholic High School Class of 2022 are:

Sean Martin Auer, Kilee Cheyenne Banjoff, Jagger Evan Bare, Charles Edward Beichler Jr., Maggie Adair Boren, Chance Allen Brooks, Brandon Walter Buchanan, Nicholas James Buscemi, Caden David Michael Canning, Cole Bryant Canter, Mary Isabelle Capretta, Abigail Grace Caskey, Chloe Chard Peloquin, Quinton Paul Chute, Dominic McDonald Claeys, Wyatt Scott Conley, Ashton Matthew Cox, Lorenzo Antonio D'Ambrosio, Aliessia Brooke Dugan, Tanner Daniel Elwell, Kate

Marie Erhard, Tristan Daniel Gorius and Daniel Vincent Gray.

Paige Janean Green, Lacey Noelle Holman, Kelly Marie Keck, Addison Bailey Kent, Leah Renee King, Matthew Arthur Kirk Jr., Warren Lee Knowlton, Margaret Anne Matuska, Samuel Joseph Muetzel, Shae William Mummey, Noah Christopher Musgrave, Amber Chere Pierce, Ryan Patrick Robbins, Matthew James Roshon, Anne Cecile Scarberry, Reagan Joseph Sheehan, Anthony Cole Sherburne, Brooklyn Joelle Smith, Sarah Katherine Snider, Andrew Joseph Trojack, Richard Samuel Vincent, Donnell Elijah Wallace and Rebecca Ann Whitaker.



Newark Catholic valedictorian Margaret Matuska (left) and salutatorian Brooklyn Smith
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Owusu, Ethan Ivo Patterson, Noah Anthony Patterson, Jason David Payne, Mariana Stephanie Perez Flores, Valery Perez-Gonzalez, Anna Ngoc Pham, Abbie C. Phelps, Dominique Lael Poe, Dylan Chase Pugh, Jenna Noel Pusecker, Ademar De Los Angeles Ramirez, Giovanni Rangel Guillen, Abigail Kathryn Reagan, Luca Giovanni Ricci and Ava Grace Richards.

Tyler Richards, Maddox J. Rickens,

Jenny Rivera, Kendell Amani Robinson, Juan Robles, Lizbeth Anabel Rodriguez, Elizabeth Joyce Ruff, Michael J. Sabatino, Michelle Saka, Cruz Edwardo Sanchez, Le Auné Simone Sardari, Allisann Lynn Sarff, Andrew Michael Sauer, Joseph Thomas Schaefer, James Atticus Schuler, Natalie Joan Schwartz, Sophia Marie Kuhn, Alexander Matthew Shaffer, Andrew Benjamin Shaffer, Andrew Michael Shoemak-

er, Elisa Joelle Skaggs, Rechee Jody Smith, Abigail Wirth Snide, Michael Antonio Solazzo, Pricila Soto, Stephen Edward Stalnaker and Judy A. Stanczewski, Sarah Faith Stevens, Alena Marie Stewart, Kathryn Anmarie Stone, Jack Thornton Stonis, Monica Ann Sullivan, Jose Carlos Tapia-Nonato, Jonathan Leroy Thompson, Luke Curtis Trejchel, Maeve Ellen Turner, Morgan Elizabeth Tydings, Maggie Ann Valentine, Joyce

Manjia Vamboi, Grace Elizabeth Vance, Ava Marie Vendetti, Joel Eduardo Villa Alcauter, Brynn Elizabeth Wakefield, Nathaniel Thomas Wallace-Dilling, Carys Anne Wasil, Madison Elizabeth Wehrman, Yaming Wen, Jacqueline Faith Wiggins, Megan Alissa Will, Cameryn Renee Williams, Jenna Williams, Ashleigh Lynn Zehala, Zhiwei Zhang and Jocelyn Alice Zyskowski.



Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach.

Congratulations

to all 2022 graduates from the
Deacons of the Diocese of Columbus.



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graduates

class of 2022



BISHOP
HARTLEY



Bishop Hartley graduates 175 students

The 175 members of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School's 62nd graduating class received diplomas on Saturday, May 28 at the school's Jack Ryan Field. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Friday, May 27 at Columbus Christ the King Church.

Members of the class will be attending one of 55 colleges and universities, with one going into the military and one combining college and the military. They were awarded academic and merit-based scholarships totaling \$27.9 million, with 95.4 percent of the class going on to higher education. Members of the class totaled more than 19,875 service hours.

Receiving full-tuition scholarships were Rita Bartony, Cherod Bowens, A'Mya Eaton, Kidist Endale, Alex Gabriel, Lukas Graham, Sarah Godoy, Emma Guess, Milodi Mamo, Mia Martin-Fuller, Natalie Mitchell, Payton Moore and Mycah Newton.

Morgan Ford was a National Merit Commended Scholar, and A'Mya Eaton was a College Board National African American Recognition Scholar.

Addisyn Carlyn McCall, who will attend Alabama A&M University, received the Future of STEM Scholars Initiative Scholarship, a four-year scholarship of \$10,000 per year. This is the largest third-party scholarship ever received by a Bishop Hartley student.

A total of 64 students received academic honors.

Summa Cum Laude students, who had a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.9 to 4.0, were Dominique Assis, Rita Bartony, Alexis Cashwell, Ryan Clark, Margaret Collins, Sydney Collins, Amelianna Conigy, Avery DeFoor, Kena Demie, Kidist Endale, Luke Eschmeyer, Ella Ewing, Morgan Ford, Rutha Gola, Lukas Graham, Emma Guess, Elayna Kebe, Stuart Landry, Milodi Mamo, Eleanor Morrow, Alex Ramicone, Sophia Sammler, William Sheridan, Katie Shuman, Destiny Starks, Emily Thompson and Alexander

Treon.

Earning Magna Cum Laude honors (3.8 to 3.899 GPA) were Jonathan Abel, Kertina Adamo, Aidan Alexander, Charlotte Chamberlain, Joseph Ferryman, Sarah Godoy, Zachary Grimes, Sophia Kanowsky, Rylan King, Emily Knox, Katherine Mackessy, Riley Mann, Nebyu Mekuanet, Natalie Mitchell, Anthony Nicola, Kathrina Noma, Jarah Orndoff, Camille Payne, Olivia Ralston, Mackenzie Safford, Treyvhon Saunders, Samuelyn Smith and Haymanot Zeleke.

Cum Laude honors (3.7 to 3.799 GPA) went to Karli Barringer, Kaelyn Covington, Richard Everhart, Taryn Jones, Andrew McFeeters, Payton Moore, Andrew Navarro, Allison Page, Isabella Parker, Jacob Ross, Jaiden Stratton, Simon Sybert, Bradley Teynor and Rylee West.

Members of the Columbus Bishop Hartley High School Class of 2022 are:

Jonathan Abel, Kertina Tamerat Adamo, Aidan A. Alexander, Matthias Gustav Almstedt, Edward Eugene Andrews II, Oskar L. Arenas, Dominique Assis, Emelyn Avila-Leon, Tylar Helen Marie Ayers, Elias Umoja Bakari, James E. Bangert, Karli Ann Barringer, Rita Inge Bartony, Susan Abigail Beach, Zachary Allen Blackmon, Alex Christopher Blain, Dimitri K. Boumis, Cherod J. Bowens, Emilee Grace Bowman, Austin James Bungard, Raya Tanise Carrington, Alexis Taylor Cashwell, Brooke Casto, Cameron Casto and Charlotte Elizabeth Chamberlain.

Simone Michelle Chatman, Brighton Matthew Chen, Gabriel Clark, Ryan Patrick Clark, Margaret Rose Collins, Sydney Collins, Alana Lee Colvin, Amelianna Adele Conigy, Kaelyn Aalayah Covington, Amber Marie Darling, Donald Kendall Day, Avery Carol DeFoor, Kena Tesfu Demie, Shalom Tesfu Demie, Mackenzie Elizabeth DeWitt, Gabriel Fredrick Donaghy, A'mya Ronay Eaton, Alexandria Elmelegy, Kidist Demas Endale, Anthony Ray-

mond Epstein, Nicola Grace Eramo, Gregory Erby Jr., Luke James Eschmeyer, David Angelo Estrada and Isaiah James Evans.

Richard Q. Everhart, Ella Elizabeth Ewing, Joseph Cooper Ferryman, Tyler

Perkins Fields, Gabriel Bo Finta, Maya Ray Fleming, Ann Corinna Flores, Morgan Olivia Ford, Blake Michael Franz, Tayler Leigh Funderburk, Alexander Robert Dee Gabriel, Litzzy Magali Galarza Ontiveros, Amari Gaston, Isaiah A. Gessese, Emmett Samuelson Gillies, Sarah Godoy, Rutha Asfaw Gola, Angel Gonzalez, Lukas Michael Graham, Zachary Isaiah Grimes, Emma Grace Guess, Daniel Abebe Haile, Ryan Daley Hannah, Aniyah Khalise Hawkins and Alexis Hernandez Torrijos.

Raymond William Heskett, Riley Hicks, Melanie Rae Hoffman, Angel Liseanalove Jackson, Bryce Alan January, Bennetta Jefferson, Lauren Taylor Johnson, Nyal H. Johnson, Taryn Deline Jones, William Ayden Jordan, Nazareth Tafese Kahassai, Sophia L. Kanowsky, Elayna Claire Kebe, Connor Eugene Kennedy, Richard Kenny, Rylan Lynne King, Emily Jo Kline, Emily Clair Knox, Stuart Breaux Landry, Taylor Rose Lange, Jacob Arthur Leatherman, Norah Rose LeFlore, Katherine Marie Mackessy, Jordan A. Madry and Milodi Alemayehu Mamo.

Riley Payton Mann, Mia Angelique Martin-Fuller, Daniel Landon Alexander Mattox, Addisyn Carlyn McCall, Shannon Tremblay McCarthy, Nicklaus Michael McCloud, Makailah Alexandria McElrath, Walker Andrew George McFeeters, Kieran Robert McJoynt-Griffith, Michael McKittrick, Nebyu Tigabu Mekuanet, Rodas Afeworki Michael, Natalie Lauren Mitchell, Pay-



A'Mya Eaton



Morgan Ford



Addisyn McCall

ton Samarra Moore, Caroline Elizabeth Moran, Eleanor Megan Morrow, Avion Murphy, Andrew Martin Navarro, Hannah Rachel Naylor, Feven Negash, Mycah Jayden Newton, Anthony Hanley Nicola, Kathrina Jamayla Noma, Jarah Dawn Orndoff and Allison B. Page.

Isabella Noelle Parker, Landen Stephen Paulus, Camille Joellen Payne, Heavenlee Marie Payne,

Malachi Gary Michael Penn, Connor Patrick Phillips, Olivia Michael Ralston, Alex M. Ramicone, Kiara Kinnedi Reed, Zaria M. Robinson, Davianna Olivet Rodriguez, Ethan Michael Ross, Jacob Vincent Ross, Mackenzie Chase Safford, Sophia Elaine Sammler, Treyvhon Allen Saunders, Carson Schaeffer, Jacob Robert Scurllock, William Robert Sheridan, Noah Mittchel Shultz, Katie Elder Shuman, Samuelyn Smith, Theophilus Smith, Zaven Lee Solomon, Mitchell Wayne Spradlin and Destiny Lene Starks.

Jaiden Olivia Stratton, Simon Reed Sybert, Mychaela A. Talieh, Rebecca Tepper, Ruth B. Tesfaye, Karsyn L. Teter, Bradley John Teynor, Emily Nicole Thompson, Daniel Robert Tooson, Alexander Joseph Treon, DuShaun Franklin Tucker, Kennedy Noelle Tucker, Aidan James Turner, Easter Lily Therese Valentine, Syntia Montserrat Villarreal, London Janae Watkins, Tamani P. Watkins, Rylee Michele West, Jared Kevin Williams, Katherine Elizabeth Wilson, Tyler Woods, Marlin Isaiah Yarborough, Josephine Karen Zang and Haymanot H. Zeleke.

Lymphoma doesn't stop Hartley graduate

When Zaven Solomon received his diploma from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School on Saturday, May 28, it was significant not just because of the achievement itself, but also because he graduated on time after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in August 2019, five days into his sophomore year.

From the time of his diagnosis through December 2019, Zaven underwent four rounds of chemotherapy. **Zaven Solomon graduated from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School in May after successfully battling cancer that was diagnosed at the beginning of his sophomore year.**

Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

therapy. He checked into Nationwide Children's Hospital monthly on a Friday morning to undergo treatment and was released on Sunday evening.

In January 2020, he spent 15 days undergoing radiation treatments at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He continues to have follow-up appointments every three months. These will continue for two years.

School counselors and administrators helped his mother coordinate with tutors so he stayed on schedule with his studies. The Hartley community sent him cards and gifts to keep his spirits up.

He returned to Hartley for his junior and senior years and will attend Capital University in the fall.



38 graduate from Fisher Catholic

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School graduated a class of 38 members at a commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 29 in the school gymnasium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 27 at Lancaster St. Mark Church.

Thirty-three members of the class will be attending 20 institutions of higher education. They were awarded more than \$2.8 million in scholarships. The class also performed nearly 1,000 service hours. Luke Sharp was valedictorian and is a National Merit Scholar. John

Tencza was salutatorian.

Members of the Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School Class of 2022 are:

Cora Ryleigh Anders, Leonardo Maria Arrigoni, Celia Michele Bennett, Ashley Nicole Brown, Olivia Claire Carbol, Jack Andrew Carpenter, Susan Jean Craaybeek, Jonathan Clark Crook, Kathryn Louise Crow, Gideon Nathaniel Doan, Madison Mary-Janet Ewing, Andrea Rose Feeney, Kavanaugh Dale Frank, Mary Grace Frazier, Leo Patrick Gaukerke, Kate Delaney Gavin, Katelyn Elizabeth Jarrell and Patrick Michael Kenney.

Jared Paul Long, Samuel Patrick Mauger, Charles Joseph Messerly, Emma Sue Elizabeth Mitchell, Alexis Brynn Muetzal, Maureen Elizabeth Murphy, Brennan Luke Quaintance, Joseph Douglas Reed, Luke William Sharp, Chase Andrew Springer, Kendall Edward Starcher, Shanden Bode Sullivan, Emily Nicole Taylor, John Christian Tencza, Brooke Marie Vogel, Katelyn Leann Walsh, Allison Elizabeth Welsh, Solomon Strummer Wohrer, Hope Elizabeth Wright and Waylon William Yeager.



Luke Sharp



John Tencza

Gratitude expressed for beloved teacher who became valued peer

By Kayla Elrich

As I sat in Mrs. Van Evra's eighth-grade language arts classroom in 2003, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher, but I had no idea that I would one day work side-by-side with someone who had such an influence on my education.

After graduating from Lancaster St. Mary School and Fisher Catholic High School, I entered Ohio Dominican University and earned my teaching degree.

During my first week as a teacher

in Columbus, I received a note in my mailbox. It was from Mrs. Van Evra, my former teacher, congratulating me as I embarked on my teaching journey.

Her words of encouragement gave me confidence, and I knew that Mrs. Van Evra was by my side, believing in me just as she had done when I was a student in her classroom.

In spring 2021, I interviewed for a position at St. Mary School where I attended years ago. My husband and I had purchased a home close to the school, and I felt called to apply. I had complete

trust that our Lord's will would be done, but I was still nervous the day of my interview.

When I walked into the interview, I was greeted by Mrs. Van Evra's thoughtful, warm and welcoming smile, and anxiety was replaced with joy. My face lit up, and I said, "Mrs. Van Evra, it is so good to see you!"

With a kind and gentle voice, she said, "Oh please, it is Kathleen." I smiled and said, "It will always be Mrs. Van Evra."

Transitioning from her student to her peer to her administrator has been such

a gift and an honor. As her student, I was the recipient of her engaging and thoughtful lessons. As her teaching peer, I was the fortunate beneficiary of her support and encouragement. As her administrator, I was the proud supervisor of her awe-inspiring talent and generosity.

Mrs. Van Evra's love for her faith was life-giving, and her enthusiasm for language arts was contagious. The knowl-

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JOHN AGAN

School: Columbus Bishop Watterson Parish: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare
Kairos Retreat Team Leader; Choir; Cantor; St. Joseph Cathedral Altar Server; Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Volunteer; Sandwiches for the Hungry; School Open House Guide; Little Theater Clothing Drive; Marysville Trunk or Treat; Writing Cards for Nursing Home Residents; St. Stephen's Community House Food Drive; Theater Camp; Worship Band; Care for Alzheimer's Patients



SHREEJANA BASTOLA

School: Cristo Rey Columbus Parish: Not Available
National Honor Society; Magis Award; School UNICEF Organization; Junior States of America; Student Council; Social Justice and Activism Club; Student Ambassador; Melanated and Educated; Creative Writing Club; Women's Ensemble



ETHAN BECKETT

School: Portsmouth Notre Dame Parish: Pond Creek Holy Trinity
Quiz Bowl; Science Bowl; Mock Trial; Key Club; Eagle Scout; Scout Senior Patrol Leader; Order of the Arrow; Friends of Scioto Brush Creek; Track Team; Cross Country Team; Swimming Team; New to You Clothing Store Volunteer; Otway Our Lady of Lourdes Church Altar Server; Assistant with Summer Service Groups from Columbus and Dubuque, Iowa



AMELIA FREMAN

School: Columbus Bishop Ready Parish: Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help
National Honor Society; National Beta Club; Future Business Leaders of America; Student Ambassador; Prayer/Leadership Group; Campus Ministry; Cheerleader; Cross Country Team; Lifeteen High School and Middle School Leader; Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Volunteer; Heinzerling Developmental Center Volunteer; Damascus Catholic Mission Campus Volunteer



KELLY GOGGIN

School: Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans Parish: Cambridge Christ Our Light
National Honor Society; House System Captain; Student Ambassador; Campus Ministry; Drama Club; Volleyball Team; Basketball Team; Key Club; Pep Club; School Play; Parish Youth Group; Parish Choir; Altar Server; Christmas on the Hill; Parish Bazaar; School Tutor; Prom Committee; Homecoming Committee; Zanesville St. Nicholas Church Festival; Middle School Volleyball Coach



THOMAS HOHMANN

School: Columbus St. Charles Parish: Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center
National Honor Society; National Merit Scholarship Finalist; University of Vermont Citizen Scholar; Advanced Placement Scholar; National Latin Exam Gold Medal; Soccer Team; Engineering Team; Jewish Community Center Tutor; My Mother's Keeper Mentor; Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar; Reclaim Our Vote; Habitat for Humanity Re-Store Volunteer; Meals on Wheels; Colin Classic Basketball Tournament; A Kid Again Christmas Carnival



MADELINE McNAMARA

School: Columbus St. Francis De Sales Parishes: Worthington St. Michael, Columbus Holy Family
National Honor Society; Student Council; Worthington Optimist Club Award; Special Olympics Coach; Run the Race Club; St. Michael Youth Group; School Evangelization Team; Kairos Retreat Leader



SETH OBERHOLZER

School: New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic Parish: Dennison Immaculate Conception
Morning Breakfast Program; Cafeteria Volunteer; Special Olympics



ALLISON PAGE

School: Columbus Bishop Hartley Parish: Columbus Christ the King
Letters to Foster Children; School Evening of Excellence; School Style Show Modeling; Ronald McDonald House; Volunteer at Bickford Senior Living and Abbingdon Assisted Living; Sandwiches for Southeast Healthcare Men's Shelter; Student Ambassador; School Day of Faith and Service; Cross Country Meet Volunteer; Guide for Eighth-Grade Visits; YWCA Family Center Fundraiser; Pelotonia Volunteer; Cottages Assisted Living Volunteer



LUKE SHARP

School: Lancaster Fisher Catholic Parish: Lancaster St. Bernadette
National Honor Society; Student Council President; Irish 4 Life; Washington March for Life; Marching Band; Concert Band; Choir; School Musicals; Prom King



SAM VINCENT

School: Newark Catholic Parish: Newark St. Francis de Sales
Student Council; Scout Senior Patrol Leader; Diocesan Catholic Scout Camporee; Altar Server; St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry; Gospel Road; FEST Summer Christian Concert Volunteer; Key Club; Kairos Summer Retreat Leader; Homeless Outreach

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ALLISON BAIR/Columbus Bishop Ready Parish: Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help
National Honor Society; National Business Honor Society; Student Council; Beta Club; Advanced Placement Scholar; Father Huber Scholarship; Hilltop Kiwanis Scholarship; Columbus Founders Award for Handshake America; Soccer, Track, Cross Country and Bowling Teams; Future Business Leaders of America; Prayer Group; St. Vincent de Paul Club; 4-H Club; Harvard University Women in Business Conference; Volunteer for Mid-Ohio Food Collective, Run the Race Club, St. Aloysius Church Thanksgiving Meal, Madison County Humane Society, and Central Catholic League Day of Service; Attending University of Dayton



LINDSAY BLAU/Portsmouth Notre Dame Parish: Portsmouth Holy Redeemer
National Honor Society; WSAZ-TV Best in Class; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Ohio High School Athletic Association Academic Award; Key Club; Swimming Team; Cheerleader; Volunteer for St. Francis Outreach Center, Notre Dame Elementary School, Parish Canned Food Drives and International Festivals
Attending University of Massachusetts



GABRIELLA DAVISON/Cristo Rey Columbus Parish: Reynoldsburg St. Pius X
National Honor Society; Volleyball Team; Softball Team; Employee of the Month; St. Pius X Vacation Bible School, Gospel Road and Confirmation Retreats
Attending Marietta College



KATHERINE DRAB/Columbus Bishop Watterson Parish: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare
National Merit Commended Scholar; National Honor Society; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Student Council; Buckeye Girls State; Intern for Ohio Rep. Adam Miller; Ohio Attorney General's Teen Ambassador Board; Zonta Club Outstanding Woman; Catalyst for Positive Change Award; Msgr. Spiers Service Award; Principal's Scholarship; Cross Country Team; Little Theater; International Thespian Society; Kairos Retreat Leader; Worship Band; Concert and A Capella Choirs; Interns-4-Good Tutor; Cantor; Parish Teen Choir; Dublin Soccer League Coach; Library Homework Volunteer
Attending University of Notre Dame



ELAYNA KEBE/Columbus Bishop Hartley Parish: Columbus St. Catharine
National Honor Society; Tennis Team; Theater Program; Art Club; Christian Camp Counselor; Kairos Summer Retreats
Attending Ohio State University



KATIE LE/Columbus St. Francis DeSales Parish: None
National Honor Society; Run the Race Club Co-President; Core Student Ambassador; Golden Hearts Club Leadership Council; Math Club; Mind Over Matter Group; Red Cross Volunteer; Columbus Library Reading Buddy; Mid-Ohio Food Collective Volunteer; Rustic Pathways Volunteer
Attending Harvard University



JAMES MARINAS/Columbus St. Charles Parish: Columbus St. Peter
National Merit Scholarship Finalist; National Honor Society; Student Council; School Newspaper; TEAMS Engineering Competition; Quiz Bowl; Tennis Team; Chess Team; Engineering Team; Jazz Band; Campus Ministry; Pencil Drive; Coat Drive; Vacation Bible School volunteer
Attending University of Texas-Dallas



MARGARET MATUSKA/Newark Catholic Parish: Newark St. Francis de Sales
National Honor Society; Student Council; Key Club; School Play; School Cabaret; Women in Engineering Club; Parish Youth Group; Altar Server; Liturgical and Small Ensemble Choirs; Competitive Dancer; Dance Masters of America Summer Honors Program; American Diabetes Association Youth Advocate
Attending University of Cincinnati



GINA SCIARRETTI/New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic Parish: New Philadelphia Sacred Heart
National Honor Society; Buckeye Girls State; Kiwanis Academic Excellence Award; Stephen A. Triplett Memorial Scholarship; Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Softball Teams; Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award; Homecoming Queen; New Philadelphia Lions Club Rose Queen; Choir; Lector; Cantor; Altar Server; Student Council; Junior and Senior Class Treasurer; Youth 2 Youth; Winter Formal Committee; Prom Committee; Pep Club; International Club; Vacation Bible School; Volunteer for Blessings in a Backpack, Parish Santa Workshop and Many Other Activities
Attending Miami (Ohio) University



JACK TENCZA/Lancaster Fisher Catholic Parish: Lancaster St. Bernadette
National Honor Society; Mid-State League All-Academic; Football Team; Basketball Team; Baseball Team; Irish4Life Club; Washington March for Life; Altar Server; Red Cross Blood Drive; Children's Heart Foundation Heart Walk; Bidy Basketball Volunteer; United Way Community Care Day
Attending Ohio State University



KENNEDY TOLLIVER/Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans Parish: Zanesville St. Nicholas
National Honor Society; Community Youth Foundation; Drama Club; Dance Committee; Baseball Announcer; School Auction and Bazaar; Christmas on the Hill; School Ambassador; Class Officer; House Captain; Mentor Group Leader; Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Representative; iBelieve School Representative; Muskingum Valley League Leadership and Sportsmanship Ambassador; Pep Club; Key Club; Spanish Club; Drama Club; Campus Ministry; Volleyball Team; Cheerleader; Tutor and Babysitter
Attending University of Dayton

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Four students in diocesan schools have been awarded Gertrude C. Kuehefuhs music scholarships.

Outstanding instrumental and choral music stu-

dents receive the \$250 awards to help them pay Catholic high school or college tuition. Two scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, and two to eighth-graders.

Kuehefuhs was a longtime member of the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir and a music teacher at Ohio State University. The awards are made possible from a gift received from her estate.

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



Lucia Cherok

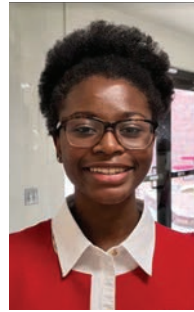
Lucia Cherok, a Columbus Bishop Watterson High School graduate, was in the school's marching, concert and jazz bands for four years. The trombone is her principal instrument, and she takes percussion and piano lessons.

She received a superior rating for her solo in the Ohio Music Education Association solo and ensemble concert as a junior. She was in the pit orchestra for the school's production of *Beauty and the Beast* as a senior and helped the middle school honor band from Watterson's feeder schools before the pandemic shut it down.

She also was a member of the school's swim team and Student Council and volunteered at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. She has auditioned for the Canton Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps, has participated in the Ohio State University Marching Band's summer sessions and high school honor weekend and will try out for the band in August.

She will major in music education at Ohio State in hopes of becoming a high school band director.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



Sarah Seidu

Sarah Seidu, who will attend Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School in the fall, began playing the piccolo in the school's marching and concert bands during the past academic year while attending eighth grade at Columbus St. Matthias School.

She had been playing the flute in that school's band since fifth grade and has been teaching herself the guitar for the past two years. In addition, she has been a voice student at Leppanen Music Academy and Encore Music Studios and received a certificate in modeling and television from the John Casablancas modeling and talent agency.

She has been on the St. Matthias School dance and track teams, was awarded first place in the school's political cartoon contest and was a gift bearer, altar server, lector and cantor at school Masses. She hopes to study medicine in college and become an oncologist while retaining her involvement in music.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC



Charles Easley

Charles Easley, a Columbus Bishop Ready High School graduate, is a baritone who has been part of school, community and professional theater productions for the past four years. He also has been active in helping inner-city children at the Run the Race Club on Columbus' west side and as a Columbus Recreation and Parks Department volunteer.

His other school activities included Student Council, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Castle Crew and serving as an altar server and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. He hopes to attend Capital University and obtain a degree in education so he can help troubled young people,

using art as an outlet.

ELEMENTARY CHORAL MUSIC



Cameron Wilson

Cameron Wilson will be attending Columbus Bishop Ready High School in the fall after being involved in school musicals and other choral activities, serving as a cantor and being a member of the handbell choir at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School for the past five years.

He was in the national choir of the Organization of American Kodaly Educators in 2019 and has taken part in 18 musical productions for his school, Columbus Children's Theatre, Pickerington Community Theatre, Star Performance Academy and other organizations.

He also was a member of the school's Drama Club and Beta Club, served as a library and food pantry volunteer and was a Boy Scout.

DESALES GRADUATE WINS WARD SCHOLARSHIP

Mariana Perez Flores, a 2022 graduate of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, is this year's recipient of the Wendy O. Ward Foundation memorial scholarship.

Ward's husband, Chris, a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, established the scholarship in 2015 in memory of his wife, a Hilliard resident who died of breast cancer on May 18, 2012, after a 10-year career as a writer and public relations consultant.

The scholarship is awarded to a graduate of a Columbus diocesan high school who has been involved in school, community and parish activities and has demonstrated academic achievement, particularly in language arts.

The recipient receives \$5,000 for first-year college expenses and is eligible to apply for a \$1,000 renewal award for three subsequent years. The Ward

foundation pays the scholarship money directly to the institution the recipient plans to attend.

At DeSales, Perez Flores was a member of the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society; made the honor roll in all 16 quarters of her four years at the school; had a poem published in the Thurber House's teen literary journal *Flip the Page*; and took part in the state level of the JustWrite Ohio competition in her junior and senior years.

Activities in which she was involved include the Writer's Club, Student Book Club, Battle of the Books competition, Math Club, Astronomy Club, Autism Awareness Club, French Club, Students for Social Justice, Asian and Pacific Islander Student Association, Art Club, Mind Over Matter Club, junior varsity cross country team and the Luv Michael volunteer organization for autism awareness.

She will attend Northwestern University in the fall and hopes to earn bachelor's and graduate degrees in English and to be an English professor at a college.

In her scholarship application, she said she wanted "to teach the next generation of students the power of language and writing skills in our lives, the world and throughout history." Her parents emigrated to the United States from Mexico, and she will be the first member of her family to attend college.

Wendy Ward, a graduate of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and of the University of Dayton, was grateful for her Catholic education and always said she counted herself lucky to do something not all English majors can – to use her skills and write every day for her company, Constructive Communication, Inc., where she was vice president.



Mariana Perez Flores

Her husband and children, Caroline and Jack, hope the scholarship will help provide others with the same opportunity.

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234 graduate from Bishop Watterson

Columbus Bishop Watterson High School awarded diplomas to 234 graduates on Saturday, May 28 in the school gymnasium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated there on Thursday, May 26.

Ninety-five percent (194) of the class members were accepted at institutions of higher education and received a combined \$36 million in college merit scholarship offers. They will be attending 63 colleges and universities.

The school awarded 88 state honors diplomas, with 80 students receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence. One class member had a perfect score of 36 on the American College Test, and 25 had perfect scores in individual subjects. Class members totaled more than 10,300 service hours in addition to the required sophomore service training program.

Valedictory awards for outstanding achievement in scholarship, activities, service and general ability were presented to John Agan, Layla Bergman, Lucia Cherok, Sarah Cobb, Elizabeth Copeland, Anthony DeFilippo, Chloe Demboski, Norah Dorley, Katherine Drab, Caroline Elliott, Sarah Festi, Abigail Foltz, Grant Gilson, Isabella Gourn, Marie Grassi, Mary Griffith, Max Hall, Matthew Heidenreich, Leah Hetteberg and Mia Hinze.

Also, Quentin King, Cristian Kubatko, Maxwell Latshaw, Lucy Loudon, Thomas Marino, Isabelle Matre, Amelia Moreland, Eve Owens, Amelia Pepe, Julia Petrie, Katherine Ragiell, Victoria Regan, Lily Rekow, Sofia Roncone, Emily Shoup, Anna Stauffer, Claire Sugar, Natalie Wallace, Samantha Wehrle and Veronica Worley.

Receiving service charity cords for completing at least 220 hours of community service above the sophomore service requirement during their time at the school were John Agan, Julia Bently, Ella Chillog, Sarah Cobb, Kate Drab, Caroline Elliott, Sarah Festi, Isabella Foltz, Ana Galuzny, Claire Gibbons, Grant Gilson, Molly Griffith, Abigail Hagman, Matthew Heidenreich, Jack Henry, Quentin King, Lucy Loudon, Leo Pavell, Amelia Pepe, Aleksandra Quinn, Sofia Roncone, Blake Tippet, Isabel Winters and Brian Zetzer.

Members of the Columbus Bishop Watterson High School Class of 2022 are:

John Michael Agan, Andrew Jonathan Allison, Colleen Renee Altomari, Nathanael Carl Arehart, Peter Alan Assaf, Luke Ryan Baird, Maxwell Jeffrey Baumgartner, Madelyn Mary Belisari, Julia Rose Bently, Layla Marie Bergman, Liam James Besser, Brooke Morgan Biagi, Samantha Marie Bimler, Nicole Alexandra Bond, Olivia Nichole Bowers, Gabriella Bracconeri, Owen Patrick Brady, Jake Bramlish, Dominic



Columbus Bishop Watterson High School valedictorians



Bishop Watterson High School service charity cord recipients

Photos courtesy Bishop Watterson High School

Farone-Christopher Bricker, Chase Patrick Brickley, Madeline Louise Brown and Quinn Edward Brown.

Abigail Elizabeth Brunner, Mary Grace Ryan Bryner, Avery Elizabeth Burchard, John Murdith Byrne, Grace Cantwell, Ryan Everett Cap, Adam John Carreno, Collin Brendan Cassidy, Derek Dakota Caswell, Mary Ava Cetovich, Lucas Yim-Ming Chan, Lucia Danae Cherok, Ella Grace Chillog, Sarah Kristine Marie Cobb, Zoe Marie Coleman, Riley Elizabeth Connors, Anna Marie Cooper, Elizabeth Grace Copeland, Natalie Corinne Cottrell, Evan Cowette, Conner Vincent Cropper, Claire Marie Dahman and Benjamin Robert Davidson.

Colin Christopher Dawson, Maria Anna Decaminada, Anthony Joseph DeFilippo, Chloe Marie Demboski, Bridget Standing Denihan, Claire Elizabeth Dinovo, Richelle Ashley Diodos, Christian Tyler Divierte, Norah Clare Dorley, Katherine Ann Drab, Ryan Driscoll, David Patrick Druhan, Tatiana Mary Eagle, Caroline Elizabeth Elliott, Thomas Grant Ellis, Anna Caitlin Emswiler, Gwendoline Fese-Muna Epie, Isabella Kim Eramo, Owen Daniel Ferguson, Sarah Elizabeth Festi, Ryane Irene Finnegan, Alexander Charles Fisher and Tyler Gregory Flewelling.

Jack Vincent Flory, Isabella Marie Foltz, Theodore John Mark Foley, Ab-

igail Rose Foltz, Alexa Leigh Francis, Matthew Alexander Fu, Ana Therese Galuzny, Connor Cole Gavin, Kate Helena Geswein, Claire Elizabeth Gibbons, Frank Ettore Gill, Grant Edward Gilson, Carlee Jordan Gotti, Isabella Maria Gourn, Timothy Joseph Governor, Kiley Elizabeth Graham, Cole Graney, Gabriella Jeanne Grant, Marie Catriona Grassi, Camille Juliette Gregory, Mary Jean Griffith, Tala Serina Hachwa and John Richard Haemmerle.

Abigail Catherine Hagman, Julia Marie Hall, Lance Joseph Hall, Max Gordon Hall, Matthew Ryan Hatheway, Alexandra Rose Hayek, Matthew James Heidenreich, Mary Elizabeth Heink, Lindsey Marie Heinmiller, Jack Alan Henry, Leah Eun Mi Hetteberg, Michael Hunter Hicks, Charity D. Hill, Katherine Zay Hiltz, Kevin Paul Hinsman, Mia Alexandra Hinze, Carter Scott Holsinger, Caitlyn Brooke Houchins, Alexis Nicole Huff, Catherine Dine Intihar, Fiona Jude Isbell, Caitlin Jean Johnson and Olivia Katherine Johnson.

Bridget Catherine Kane, Rosemary Frances Kay, Ryan Patrick Kelley, Kaitlyn Mary Kertz, Peyton Christine King, Quentin Thomas King, John Patrick Kish, Cristian Michael Kubatko, Amanda Catherine Kueter, Sophie Margaret Jane Kuntz, Kristina Leigh Kurtz, Maxwell James Latshaw, Charles John Lewis, Gavin Patrick Lewis, Anna Ma-

rie Liedtke, Lucy Olivia Loudon, Alexa Marie Machol, Trent Joseph Maisano, Sawyer Michael Mapes, Thomas Michael Marino, Christopher Adam Martinez, Isabelle Mary Matre and Evan Michael Matuska.

Samantha Ann Peduzzi Maynard, Madeline Bell McCandlish, Shannen Emeline McConnell, Ryan Elizabeth McGinn, Katherine O'Shaughnessy McGrath, Brooke Juliette McPherson, Jacob Holden McQuade, Jacob Matthew Meyers, John William Meyers, Matthew Patrick Monesi, Jordan Nicole Morales, Amelia Lynn Moreland, Katelyn Marie Murphy, Lauren Lee Nash, Katie Mai Nguyen, Luke Steven Niese, Zoe Eston Nolen, Sean Michael Nyhus, Gaetan Kathleen O'Brien, Shannon Ruth O'Neil, Thea Louise Obergefell, Gilbert Adu-gyamfi Oduro, Isaac James Ohlin and Rachel Catherine Ohlin.

Dominic Joseph Orsini, Eve Adele Owens, Olivia Grace Oyster, Joy Genai Packard, Vidhi Harish Patel, Leopold Joseph Pavell, Grace Abigail Pavich, Jack Albert Pelleriti, Amelia Nicole Pepe, Julia Rouse Petrie, Mateo Fidel Pitones, Elizabeth Rose Pollner, Thomas Allen Price, Aleksandra Rene Quinn, Michael Timothy Rabold, Maureen Margaret Rafferty, Katherine Clare Ragiell, Patrick Michael Randall, Isabella Anna Read, Victoria Maria Regan, Lily Hui Rekow, Anna Kathleen Roller, Sofia Marie Roncone and Gabriela Marie Rotolo.

Lauren Elizabeth Ruma, Kenna Molly Ryan, Grace Ann Sagraves, Christon Louis Sauter, Victoria Emma Schuene-mann, Samuel Alan Schuler, Brooklyn Adaya Scythes, Molly Kathryn Shahan, Carly Jayne Shepard, Emily Mae Shoup, Daniel Lewis Siegel, Luke Vincent Maines Simone, Caroline Elizabeth Smith, Alexander Michael Spiers, Cameron Armstead Stanley, Anna Marie Stauffer, John Nickolas Strayer, Claire Louise Sugar, Kyle Thomas Swackhammer, Aiden Ryan Thompson, Samuel Thompson, Nicholas Blake Tippet, Zane William Torbert and Erin Noel Tracy.

Lauren Elizabeth Tracy, Nathan Daniel Traver, Gabriel David Turner, Makenna Lynn Twombly, Edward Tate Vanausdle, Jake Richard Vanausdle, Maria Therese Voet, Amelia Skye Walker, Natalie Marie Wallace, Elaina Kate Walsh, Samantha Ruth Wehrle, Lucas Anton Wenning, Joseph Francis White, Samuel Russell James Wilcox, Lucy Marie Williams, Isabel Rita Winters, Madison Summer Wolery, Lauren Elizabeth Woodland, Veronica Hazel Worley, Shaquanna Nasandra Wright, Shawanna Nasandra Wright, Kiera Anne Yeck, Raymond Charles Yonkura Jr., Katherine Anne Youell and Brian Patrick Zetzer.

Class of 2022 Highlights

- ❖ 132 students received over \$32.5 million in scholarships
- ❖ 22 National Merit Scholars
- ❖ Average ACT score of 28.8
- ❖ 1 will pursue the seminary at the Pontifical Josephinum
- ❖ 1 received an appointment to U.S. Military Academy at West Point & 3 earned ROTC scholarships
- ❖ 4 students received the prestigious Joyce Scholarship, Morrill Scholarship and 2 National Merit Scholarships
- ❖ 13 are pursuing their athletic passion at the next level



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St. Charles graduates 132 seniors

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School presented diplomas to 132 members of the Class of 2022 during its commencement ceremony, preceded by a baccalaureate Mass, on Friday, May 27, in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons.

Ninety-six percent of the graduates will attend four-year colleges, 2 percent will attend two-year colleges, 1 percent will enter the U.S. Marine Corps and 1 percent are undecided. They earned \$32.5 million in scholarship funds and will attend one of 62 institutions of higher education, with 42 percent attending colleges outside of Ohio. Both the latter figures are records for the school.

Members of the class contributed 7,500 service hours.

Eight seniors were National Merit Scholarship finalists, one was a National Merit semifinalist and 13 were National Merit Commended Scholars. Two students were National Hispanic Scholars, and one is an African American Scholar. This means that 19 percent of the graduating class were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

One student will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York; three students were admitted to ROTC; one student will join the Air National Guard; and one will enlist directly in the military.

Two members of the class will be swimming, one playing lacrosse and one playing golf at the NCAA Division I level, with nine being involved in athletics at the Division II and III levels. One student will attend the seminary.

Members of the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School Class of 2022 are:

Wyatt W. Abbott, Lennon T. Aledia, Ryan M. Alfred, Spencer R. Aurnou-Rhees, Jack D. Austin, Zachary J. Baluyut, Joseph M. Barlage, Austin R. Barnhart, William N. Beasecker, Scott V. Beckman, Andrew M. Benke, Tate C. Bennett, Nicholas W. Bennison, Cameron M. Billingslea, Nicholas W. Blausey, Samuel J. Blunk, Quintin M. Brady, Johnathan C. Burchfield, Griffin O. Burke, Carson S. Butcher, Patrick T. Cahill and Colson J. Caridi.

Christopher K. Clayton, Jackson D. Congrove, Ronald W. Cottrill, William

M. Cromley, Nicholas A. D'Alberato, Michael S. Datta, Ty U. Demand, Charles E. Diggs IV, Thomas C. Donnelly, Matthew H. Doukakis, Andrew W. Dunn, Evan W. Ellsworth, John D. Epler, Dominick J. Evangelisti, Jacob P. Faehnle, Justin P. Fagge, Tristan R. Fahs, Sebastian C. Fast, Isaac M. Feeny, Adam R. Fellows, Daniel S. Ferguson and George H. Ferris.

William G. Ferris, Andrew E. Fleming, Abraham P. Fouts, Roman D. Garcia, Anthony R. Giannotti, Andrew M. Gilmartin, Julian T. Gomes, Roco C.D. Gonzalez, Evan J. Gora, Anish Gupta, Zachary G. Hampu, Luke J. Hamrick, Andrew D. Hoang, Thomas Nowak Hohmann, Robert G. Houser, Alex M. Huffman, Andrew S. Huffman, Cameron D. Hunter, Abhilash Iruthaya, Quincy L. Jenkins III, James E. Kalte-necker, Kellen P. Karas and Christian M. Kimmerle.

Noah A. Kistler, Andrew W. Klingele, Luke S. Knueve, George M. Kuntz, Yannick N. Lambe, Samuel L. Lawler, Johnathan W. Lee, Caleb M. Lipkin, Solomon E. Lisath, Andrew J. Liss, Anthony J. Longenette, Edward F. Loucka,

Patrick R. Lynch, Yaduvir L. Mangray, James E. Marinas, Joseph B. McCarthy, Myles B. McKinney, Thomas C. Medert, Nicholas C. Meleca, Gregory K. Meloun, James P. Messerly and Luke V. Messerly.

Joseph W. Meury, Samuel P. Micky, Aidan P. Miller, Ryu F. Miller, Narrit Mongkollugsana, Quinn J. Moore, Kinz A. Nakazawa, Gabriele V. Nervez, Frederick K. Nimely, Brandon D. Nowery, Matthew D. Oboy, Gabriel T. O'Reilly, Brady Pema, Rafael J. Phillips, Thomas D. Reichelderfer, Paul A. Rivera, Samuel E. Roehrenbeck, Paul D. Roginski, William C. Saas, Matthew J. Scheiwer, Erich M. Schoettmer and Isaac J. Searls.

Matthew E. Selan, Trebor E. Self, Kevin W. Sokol, Evan C. Somos, Nathaniel C. Spires, Archer J. Stankowski, Benjamin J. Stevenson, Nahom Tadesse, James D. Thomas, Cooper J. Tyson, Luke M. Ulibarri, Jagger C. Walraven, Nicholas A. Warner, Caellan T. Watson, Nolan R. Weger, Jordan Weiler, Trenton J. Wells, William C. West, Gavin R. Williams, Grant J. Wolf and David A. Zeyen

St. Charles students awarded full college scholarships

As in years past, several Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduates have received full scholarships, covering tuition, room and board and additional expenses such as study abroad and books, from several universities.

James Marinas will attend the University of Texas-Dallas. He plans to study cognitive science in pursuit of a career in medicine. At graduation, he was recognized as having the highest grade-point average in the class (4.4), and he scored a 36 on the American College Test as a junior.

Jackson Congrove will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He joins four other St. Charles graduates, all from the Class of 2020, there now. He plans to major in systems engineering and pursue an engineering career in the Army.

Anthony "Rocco" Giannotti received

the Glenna Joyce Scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. He plans to study political science in pursuit of a career in law and public policy. Last summer, he interned at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, assisting with naturalization ceremonies and new voter registration along with archiving civil cases.

Trenton Wells was awarded Ohio State University's top academic scholarship, the Morrill Scholarship. He plans to study finance in pursuit of a career in sports business.



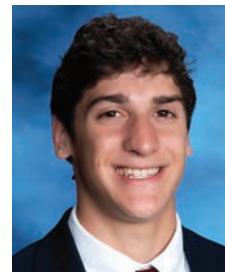
Daniel Ferguson



Jackson Congrove



James Marinas



Rocco Giannotti



Trenton Wells

He has participated during the past two years with the Ohio State Student Leadership Research Collaborative, in which he and three other St. Charles students met weekly to discuss, address and find ways to improve the student retention rate at St. Charles.

This led the school to create the Learning Formation Program and Center, a

new daily scheduled enrichment period, a shared teacher calendar to help coordinate when tests and quizzes are given, and the hiring of staff members to support these approaches.

Daniel Ferguson will attend the University of Oklahoma, where he plans to study environmental science in hopes of having a career in law.

Bishop Rosecrans graduates 26

The Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School Class of 2022 had 26 members, whose graduation ceremony was on Saturday, May 28 in the school gymnasium. A Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 27 in the school gymnasium.

Twenty-five of the students will attend college. They were offered \$5.1 million in scholarships and performed nearly 3,500 service hours.

Valedictorians were Emily Backus, Jenna Carlisle and Kennedy Tolliver. Honors diplomas were awarded to Em-

ily Backus, Jenna Carlisle, Kelly Goggin, Beau Hankinson, Brooke Harmon, Makaela McLaughlin, Luke Pratt, Michael Smith, Kennedy Tolliver, Margaret Ward and Connor Wooley.

Members of the Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School Class of 2022 are:

Emily Backus, Thomas Bernath, Jenna Carlisle, Koltin Catlin, Isayah Curtis, Parker Farrell, Connor Fleege, Kelly Goggin, Alexis Goldsmith, Beau Hankinson, Brooke Harmon, Joseph Kline, Christina Littick, Clay-



Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School's 2022 graduates. Photo courtesy Rosecrans HS

ton Matheney, Makaela McLaughlin, Shyann Newton, Hoang Nguyen, Mai Pham, Luke Pratt, Alvaro Rodriguez,

Michael Smith, Rachel Smith, Kennedy Tolliver, Margaret Ward, Eleanor Wilson and Connor Wooley.

DIVINE COMEDY



If your parish is interested in inviting Deacon Dan Reynolds to do his "Divine Comedy" presentation, contact him at divinecomedydan@gmail.com. "Divine Comedy" is full of clean jokes, saintly humorous examples and hysterical religious cartoons. It's about how our faith life is enriched by daily humor. You'll learn how God loves you yesterday, today and "ever-laughter."

Our Lady of Bethlehem graduates



Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School graduates display their diplomas. Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem

OLB students complete spring project



Our Lady of Bethlehem students collected and assembled activity and development kits that they made as part of a spring service project and presented them to a Nationwide Children's Hospital representative. Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem



Anna McLain

Jack Gossett

Newark students receive O'Neill scholarships

Anna McLain of Newark Blessed Sacrament School and Jack Gossett of Newark St. Francis de Sales School have been awarded the 2022 Gretchen O'Neill Scholarship in memory of the longtime educator and principal at both schools.

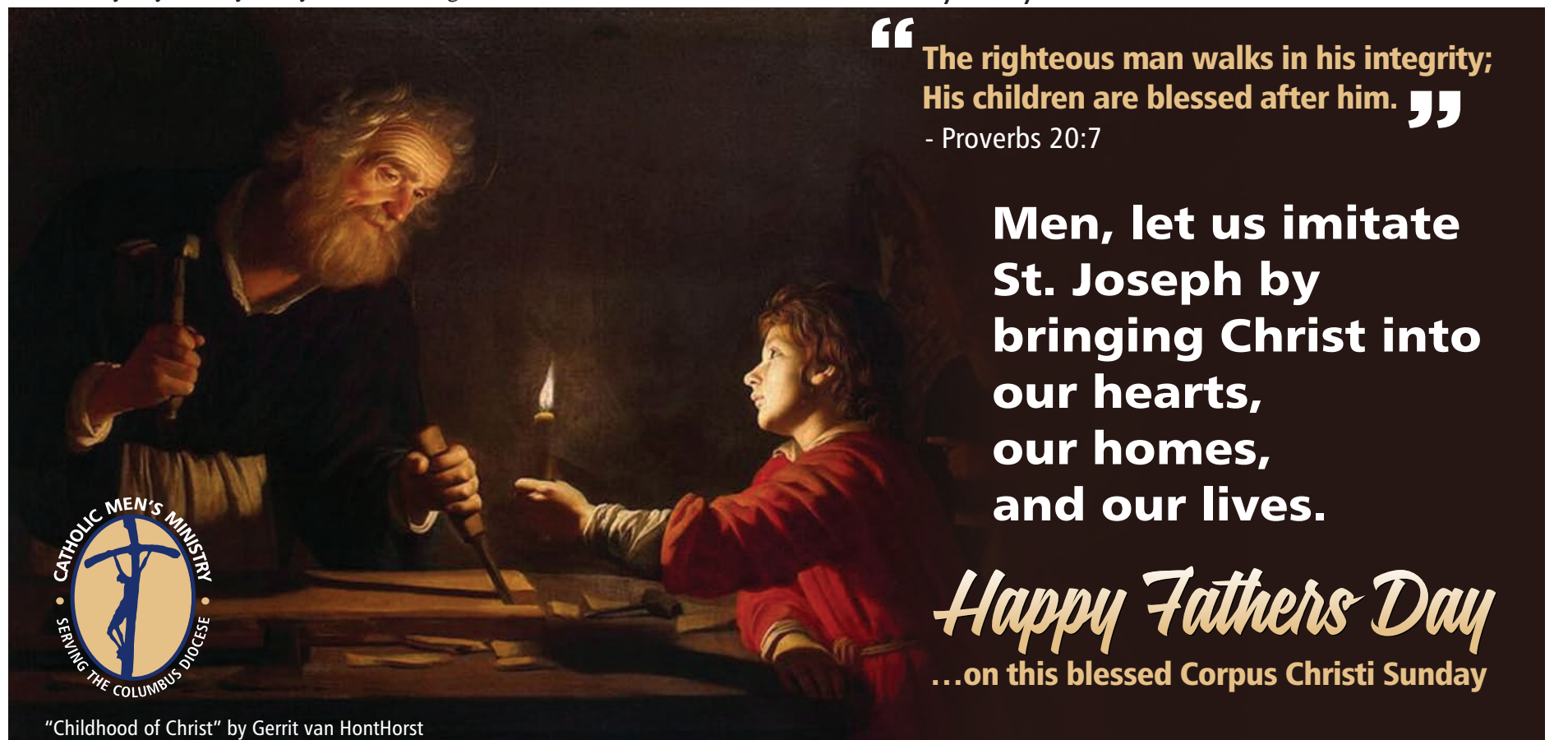
The scholarship is awarded annually to a rising eighth grader at each school who best exemplifies Gretchen O'Neill's extraordinary work ethic and her motto, "Be kind."

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him."

- Proverbs 20:7

Men, let us imitate St. Joseph by bringing Christ into our hearts, our homes, and our lives.

Happy Fathers Day ...on this blessed Corpus Christi Sunday



"Childhood of Christ" by Gerrit van Honthorst



GRATITUDE, continued from Page 14

edge that I gained while I was her student was far greater than the standards and curriculum she taught; Mrs. Van Evra taught me to be to be kind, joyful, faith-filled and at the service of others.

She has been an incredible mentor, teacher and friend. We are saddened to no longer have her in the building every day, but we know that her legacy will remain for years to come through the gifts that she has imparted on her thousands of students.

Mrs. Van Evra, we are so grateful and proud and hope that you enjoy the well-deserved peace and family-filled moments of your retirement.

Kayla Elrich is the principal of Lancaster St. Mary School.



Lancaster St. Mary School principal Kayla Elrich (left) with her former language arts teacher, Kathleen Van Evra, who is retiring. Photo courtesy Lancaster St. Mary School



Congratulations Trinity 8th Grade Class of 2020!

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you... so as to give you a future of hope. -Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations to our 8th grade graduates from Trinity Catholic School:

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Gary Chaffin-Woltz
Ethan Dala
Josie Forster
Kyan Gardner
Evan George
Harriett Hutton

Lena Luebbers
Emmalea McCoy-Hayes
Luis Porcayo
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