



2021 GRADUATION COVERAGE
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SAINTS SCENE



A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER. The Class of 2021 closed out an historic year with an in-person Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation. See more graduation coverage on page 4.



Because We Care Dear Parents & Friends,



Principal James Horne

Education, at its core, is caring for a student's personal and social development. And since "to care" is a verb, it is clear that the "care" we speak of is something we do, and not merely an institutional vision. This was true before and during the pandemic and will also be true long after it fades into memory.

The uncertainty of the pandemic and the social, economic, and political unrest of our world this year gave many in our nation, state and city, the desire to throw their hands up and quit trying ... not the Saints!

Because we care and we "do", our faculty, staff and students dedicated themselves to innovation and finding ways to help the Saints

Community thrive in a year where everything was different:

- Gatherings were different – we cared to gather (especially for Mass) anyhow
- Classroom pedagogy needed to be different – our teachers, for love of the boys, embraced new pedagogies anyhow
- Community celebrations had to be different – we cared to celebrate as a community anyhow
- Student retreats were different – we cared to plan and host retreats anyhow
- Student activities were different – we cared to plan student activities anyhow
- Athletics were different – we cared to field an athletics program anyhow

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The Road Together... Emerging Values Surfacing During The Pandemic

By Edwin Hearn, President
St. Augustine High School



Mr. Ed Hearn

One of my duties is to provide the resources the Principal and his administrative team need for the school to thrive. This is accomplished by the Board of Directors setting the rate of tuition and fees for the school

year, and through a robust philanthropic fund-raising program. Philosophically, tuition and fees are adjusted annually to fund Saints operational costs and the fund-raising

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AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

Here's to the Future, Because I'm Done With the Past

By Fr. Maxime Villeneuve, O.S.A. Saints Chaplain



Fr. Max Villeneuve

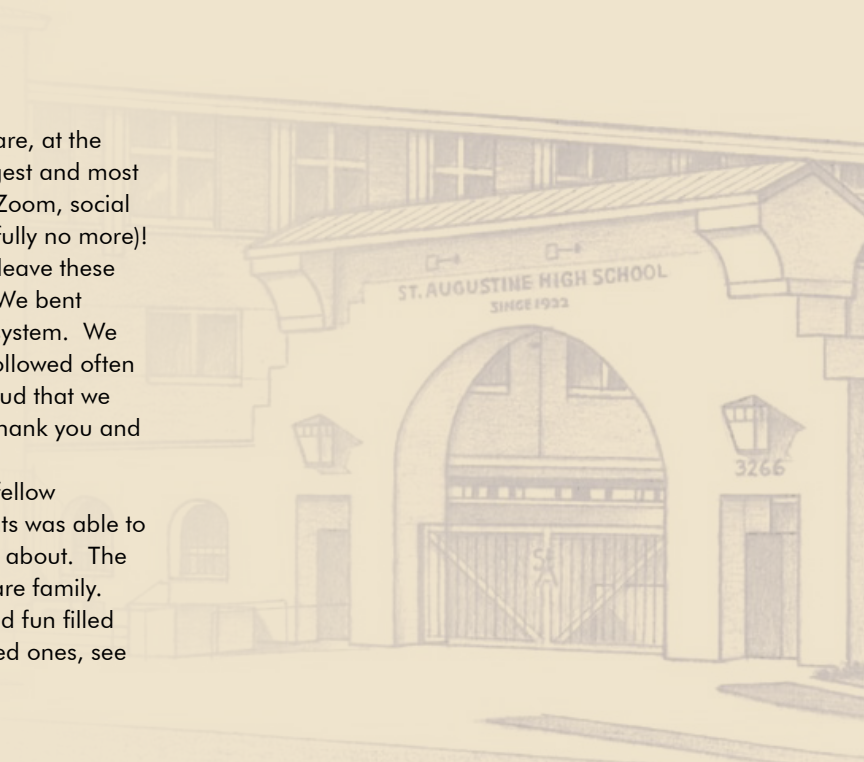
Many said it could not be done! Yet here we are, at the conclusion of another school year—by far the strangest and most peculiar that Saints has ever had. Cohorts, masks, Zoom, social distancing, vaccines—we have seen it all (and hopefully no more)!

The key for us as we move forward now, is to leave these things in the past. We have beaten the pandemic. We bent the curve to stay below the capacity of our hospital system. We have vaccinated those at risk due to the virus. We followed often confusing rules that were constantly in flux. I am proud that we did our part as a community. Now it is time to say thank you and

move forward together.

It is time to go back to smiles, back to hugs, and back to seeing our fellow neighbors as brothers and sisters rather than potential viral vectors. Saints was able to witness to the world what being face to face and heart to heart is truly all about. The pandemic revealed who we are as a community—and it proved that we are family.

To all Saints families and the Saints community, have a wonderful and fun filled summer. You have earned it. May almighty God bless you and your loved ones, see you in the fall!



Join us for
SAINTS
2021 Parent Gatherings



You are invited to an informal social with President, Ed Hearn and Principal, Jim Horne

Cocktails and light refreshments will be served. Parents only please.

Freshman Parents – Class of 2025

Saturday, August 28th 3-5pm
OR Sunday August 29th 4-6pm
Both in The Commons Lobby

Sophomore, Junior & Senior Parents

Class of 2022, 2023 & 2024
Saturday, September 11th 4-6 pm
In the Commons Lobby

Please RSVP with name and date you will attend to Casey Callery at ccallery@sahs.org by August 15, 2021.

Sweatshirt Parade

Saints Seniors proudly pose with their college destinations next Fall.

In case you haven't been following the school's Facebook College Sweater Series, scroll to see posts over the last several weeks to see where some of the Class of 2021 is headed to college.



Clockwise from upper left: Nicholas Sajor, Boston College; Aidan Lukasik, Creighton University; Santiago de la Torre, Loyola Marymount University; and Nicholas Brooke, Cal State University, Northridge.

Clockwise from upper left: Julian Valdez, Villanova; Nathan Audiss, Case Western Reserve; Luke Scheper, University of Florida; and Nolan Steinbuch, UCSD.

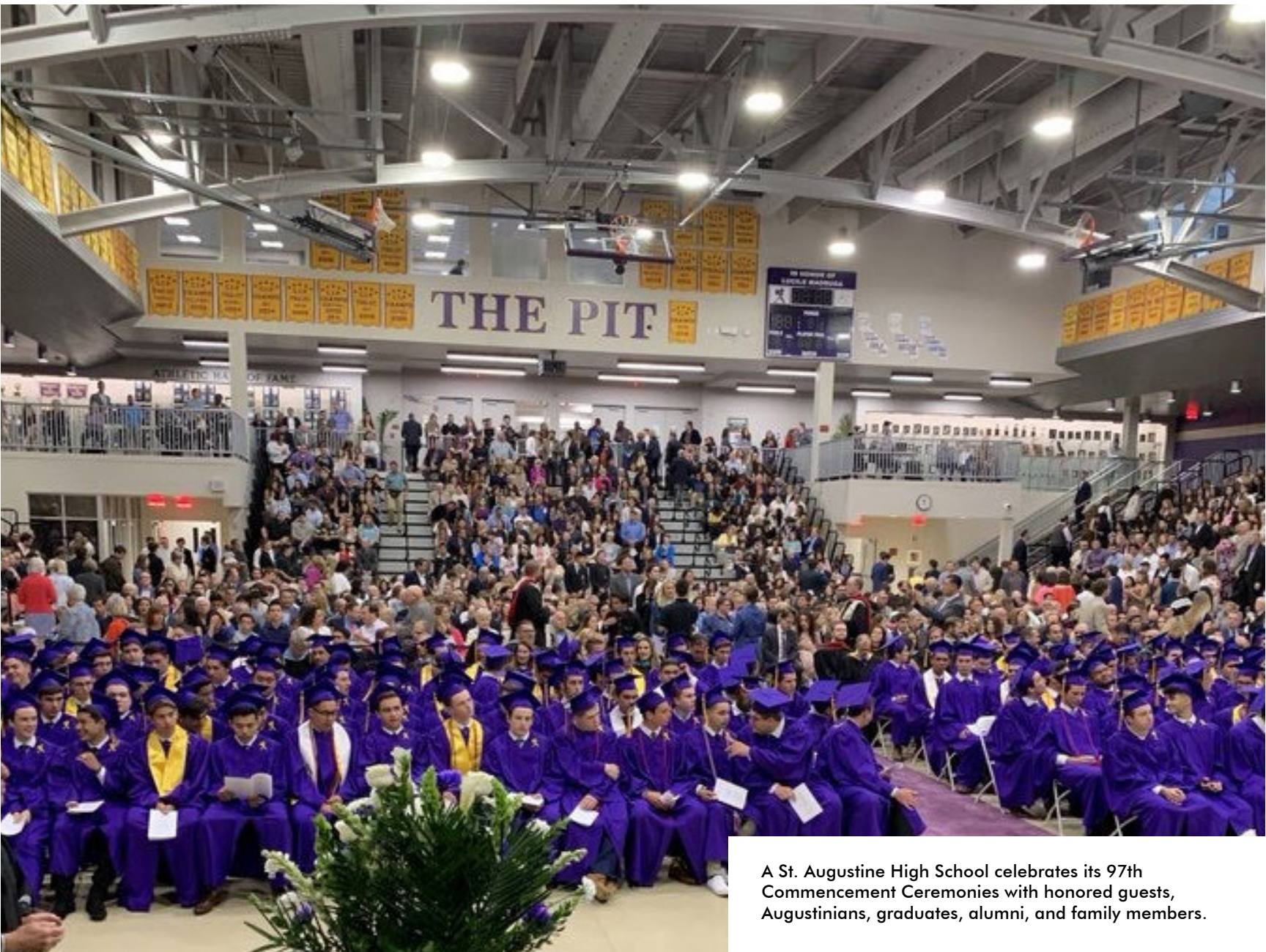
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SPECIAL REPORT

Congratulations & Godspeed

Class of 2021 Graduation



A St. Augustine High School celebrates its 97th Commencement Ceremonies with honored guests, Augustinians, graduates, alumni, and family members.

- Gold Medal Winners
- Salutatory Address
- Austin Scholars
- Complete List of Com Laude Grads
- 2021 Final Honor Roll

- National Merit Scholar
- College Bound Saintsman
- Principal Celebrant, Very Reverend Gary E. Sanders, O.S.A., ('67)

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Senior Honors & Awards

Class of 2021 Top Honors at Graduation



Kai Christian da Luz

THE SAINT AUGUSTINE MEDAL, sponsored by the St. Augustine Alumni Association, is awarded to the graduate judged by faculty vote, to be the most representative graduate this year on the basis of academic achievement, citizenship, and leadership. Awarded to **Kai Christian da Luz**. Honorable Mention: **Malcolm McConnie Williams**.



Noah Michael Munoz

THE GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS is awarded to a senior who has excelled in the Visual and Performing Arts, traditionally in at least two disciplines for at least three years. The senior, selected by faculty vote, must exhibit creative and intuitive thinking. Awarded to **Noah Michael Munoz**. Honorable Mention: **Joshua Pol De la Cruz**.



Alex Philip Alcalay

THE CHRISTIAN CONDUCT MEDAL, sponsored by the Austin Parents Association, is awarded to the graduate judged by faculty vote, to have shown in a superior manner, those attributes befitting a Christian gentleman. Awarded to **Alex Philip Alcalay**. Honorable Mention: **Joseph Firas Soro**.



Malcolm McConnie Williams

THE GOLD MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS, sponsored by the Austin Parents Association, is awarded to the graduate judged by faculty vote, to have excelled in traditionally at least two sports for two years and exhibits the attributes befitting a Saintsman. Awarded to **Malcolm McConnie Williams**. Honorable Mention: **Ariel Andres Armas**.

For 2021, the **PRINCIPAL'S TROPHY** was awarded to **Kai Christian da Luz** for excellence in studies over Four Years. The award is presented by the Augustinians of St. Patrick's Church. Honorable mention honors went to **Jerome Christian Hernandez Santiago** and **Joseph Selfani**.

The Austins

The Austins, oral examinations in the fields of English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts are given to seniors selected from among the top ten percent of the class in academic rank.

Graduating Austin Scholar Summa Cum Laude:
Kai Christian da Luz

Graduating Austin Scholar Magna Cum Laude:
Alexander James Kotnik
Jerome Christian Hernandez Santiago

Graduating Austin Scholars Cum Laude:
Graeme Ho'okano Morland-Tellez, Angel Alexander Perez
Joseph Selfani, Kyle Michael Wesseln



Cum Laude Graduates

Based on a 3.6 or higher academic weighted cumulative grade point average after seven semesters:

Alex Philip Alcalay
Gabriel Ernesto Altamirano
Pablo Cesar Andrade Paez
Ariel Andres Armas
Raul Andrés Armenta- Hodoyan
Nathan Beck Audiss
Dominic Vincent Bacino
Moises Ernesto Bayliss Valdez
Jonathan Andrew Bobolia
Isaiah Michael Brickner
Shea Eusebio Briere
Connor James Brown
Richard Michael Brutto
Carter G Bryant
Jose Francisco Castro III
Elio Augustine Finete Celentino
Jakob Cameron Max Christian
Matthew James Cross
Kai Christian da Luz
Mayhardona Narsie Daniel
Ian Anthony DeGroot
Damien Michael DeLaPena
Santiago De La Torre-Mier y Teran
Dean Josef Dickow
Joseph Franz DiPaolo
Juan Felipe Enciso
Eric Steven Engelman

Ricardo Manuel Franco
Zane Christopher Friscia
Donovan Michael Gadler
Christian Xander Gaeta-Fraga
Trevor Andrew Haliburton
Leuck John Hammes
Andres Ismael Hernandez
Nathan Maxwell Higginson
Randall Edward Hild
Luke Pinzon Hobrock
Alan James Hogg
Gavin Riyadh Kassab
Aidan Zachary King
Alexander James Kotnik
Cooper Owen Lance
Luis Armando Lavat Gomez
Paul Ivan Ledesma
Archie Marshall Lenore
Marcus Walker Lujan
Aidan Korey Lukasik
Franklin Charles Lundy
Gary Joseph Mansour
Luke M. Mansy
Joseph Thomas Markowicz
Ryan Daniel Melcher
Maxwell Peter Mihalik
Patrick John Miller

Santiago Miret
Hector E. Molina Jr.
Graeme Ho'okano Morland-Tellez
Angel Alexander Perez
Matthew A Pope
Nathaneal Faris Putris
Austin Ronos
Nicholas Edmund Sajor
Tobey Anthony Salem
Jack Henry Sandmeyer
Jerome Christian Hernandez Santiago
James Luke Scheper
Alexander William Schroeder
Joseph Selfani
Joseph Firas Soro
Nolan Andrew Steinbuch
James Alexander Stepovich
Jakob Alon Castillo Tatoy
Julian Alexander Valdez
Kyle Michael Wesseln
Daniel Patrick Widhopf
Brett Allen Wilkins
Malcolm McConnie Williams
Akira Kikuchi Wolfe
Maximilian Kolbe Wright
Noah Rodriguez Zamora

Address to the Senior Class

Mr. Robert E. Madrduga ('57)
Alumni grandparent
And Retired Deputy District Attorney



Salutatory Address 2021 Salutatory

Diversity, Core Values and Brotherhood

By Malcolm Williams



Malcolm McConnie Williams

I have been given the pleasure to welcome you all to the class of 2021's commencement ceremony. It is a privilege to be standing among all of you today, as the senior class spends their last day as Saint Augustine High School students on this campus. From scrawny freshman trying to find our classes, walking into Mr. John Lamerato's room on accident, immediately regretting it as soon as you left, to being the leaders of the school, filling the role of the Seniors we once looked up to when we were the Freshmen. From

the start, Saints has prepared us to participate in a changing world through the three core values, Community, Truth, and Love.

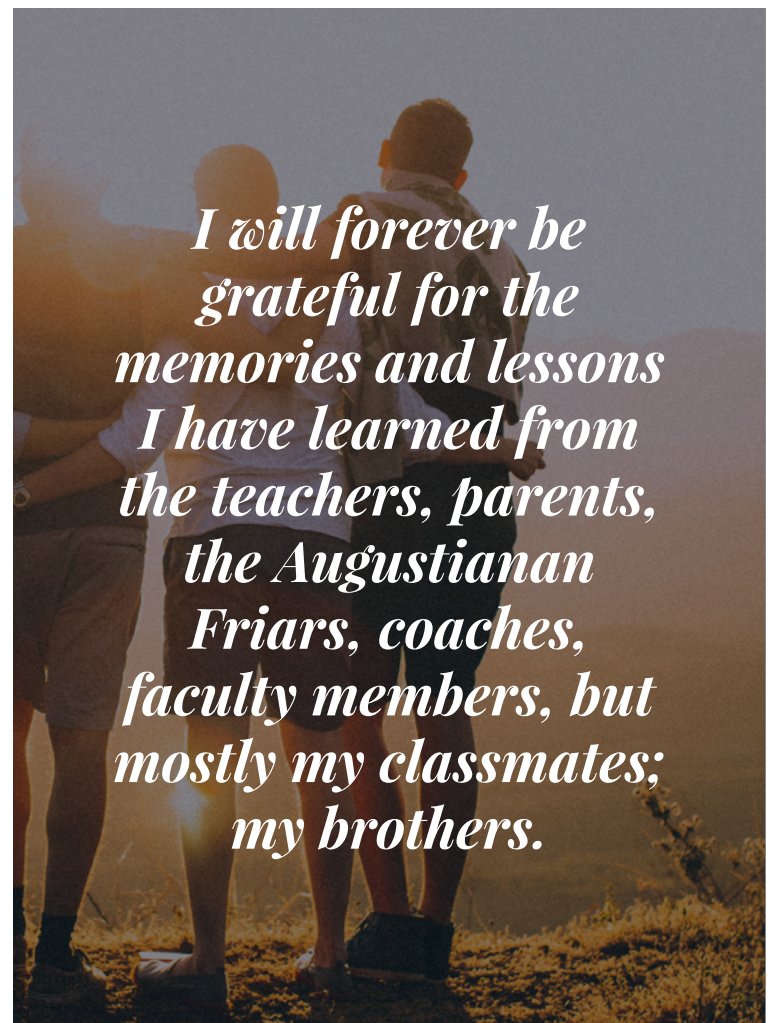
Throughout my time at Saints, I heard so much about this word, "brotherhood." Starting here as a freshman, I could give you a definition for this word, but I did not necessarily understand its true meaning. Though, during my time here at this school, I have been able to not only learn about what a brotherhood is, but I was able to be a part of the best one. The brotherhood was more of an action, and less of a simple description. It was when we all spent the night in the gym together for our freshmen retreat, when we celebrated mass together every Wednesday either in the gym or on the field, every time we supported our brothers in an academic, artistic, or sporting event, and how we all wished we would not see a day in Mr. John O'Beirne's office, although just recently we were all there for our "day off." Throughout my years at Saints, this school community has allowed me to fully participate in the brotherhood outside of the mandatory assignments or activities. I was blessed to play football and basketball here for four years along with participating on ASB for three. I was able to take part in multiple volunteer activities and I was able to play Michael Scott in our own remake of, *The Office*. I did not do all of this for a nice looking resume, or for the recognition. I did it because of my love for Saints and my willingness to be a part of this amazing community we have here at school. Having the opportunity to be a part of so many of the most diverse communities at this school has allowed me to get to know my fellow brothers, and create bonds with people with such different and creative ideas; it has made me into a more well rounded and diverse person. The Brotherhood has helped inspire me to push my boundaries and to try something new. If it were not for the support of my teachers, coaches, teammates, and my classmates, I would not be the man I am today.

Saints inspires their learning based on our three core values I mentioned before; community, truth, and love. Using these core values, Saints has taught me and prepared me for the world more than any textbook ever could. It taught me how *Unitas*, the latin word for community, is the strongest sense of togetherness a group of people could have. The community extends outside of these gates. It extends to the alumni even after they graduate, inviting them to events for the school and allowing them opportunities to continue their support for their alma mater. As a school with a diverse community, collaborating with people that have different backgrounds and upbringings has taught me that unity is the strongest aspect in a community. Saints taught me how *Veritas*, the latin word for truth, is a strong aspect that holds a great brotherhood like this together. Valuing integrity and the true path to righteousness is emphasized at school on a daily basis. After getting a bad grade on a spanish test, Mr. Davis

comes up behind you, puts his hand on your shoulder and says, "Hey buddy, grades don't matter." and at that moment it sounds funny. But, his message is true. The grades do not matter so much, because the true meaning of learning is not through a grade, but through the experiences we have had here at Saints. And finally, arguably by far the most powerful and important value, *Caritas*, which is latin for Love. I would be here all day if I could give you all the examples of how I have been loved, and seen love expressed here on campus. Our head football coach, Coach Joe Kremer always tells us that, "Love is the strongest emotion on earth," and needless to say, that from the time you are accepted into the Saints Community, to the day you die, you are surrounded with love.

Standing in front of you all, at the end of my Saint Augustine academic career, I am more than proud to say I am a graduate of this class. I will forever be grateful for the memories and lessons I have learned from the teachers, parents, the Augustinian Friars, coaches, faculty members, but mostly my classmates; my brothers. I cannot express how grateful I am for this brotherhood I have discovered throughout these past four years. You have all changed my life so much in this short time and I will remember you all for the rest of my life. Thank you all for being here and for the class of 2021, remember to incorporate and live the three core values for the rest of your life.

Thank you.



Off to College

As we remind Saints parents yearly: if you think the past four years flashed by in a nano-second, just wait to experience how fast this summer will disappear as the Class of 2021 prepares for college in the

fall. As per tradition, *Saints Scene* publishes a list of where Saints men have enrolled. And, good news, with only a few exceptions the entire class of 2021 will be attending a college or university this Fall.

SAN DIEGO AREA

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN MARCOS

Jakob Christian
Paolo Madrigal
Anthony Mezzacappa
Matt Parada
Charles Sturtevant
Davyn Waldapfel
Kyle Wyborney

GROSSMONT COLLEGE

Torin Mooney

MIRAMAR COLLEGE

Charlie Gehler

POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Damien Bingham
Richard Cesena
Evan Gerardo
Hunter Miller
Eveylt Yeruuldelger

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE

Jarrel Christian Corpus
Joshua De la Cruz
David Gurrola

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

Emilio Aguilar Gonzalez
Juan Arellano
Pablo Casas
Richard Colmenero III
Michael Farrell
Derek Le
Edelberto Medina
George Mikan
Ryan Mouritzen
Estevan Paredes
Andres Reynoso
Diego Rivera
Simon Somohano
George Wenhe

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Moises Bayliss
Jose Castro
Mayardona Daniel
Trevor Haliburton
Randall Hild
Hector Molina

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Kieran Archer
Giancarlo Blanco
Sergio Castrillon
Luis Juvera
Gabriel Morales
Alejandro Soler
Eric Venzor
Alfonso Lopez

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Akira Wolfe
Ian DeGrood
Gary Mansour
Matthew Pope
Nathaneal Putris
Nolan Steinbuch

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Ariel Armas
Emilio De La Herran
Damien DeLaPena
Ricardo Franco
Christian Gaeta-Fraga
Gavin Kassab
Luis Lavat
Archie Lenore
Rodrigo Morfin Rodriguez
Kevin Nunez
Austin Rones
Tobey Salem
Malcolm Williams

CALIFORNIA (NON-SAN DIEGO)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE

Nicholas Brooke

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Maximus Simon

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Fernando Aragon

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Richard Brutto

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Santiago De La Torre
Paul Ledesma

MIRA COSTA COLLEGE

Luke Hobrock

PALOMAR COLLEGE

Dominic Pacheco
Brett Wilkins

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Luke Mansy

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Matthew Cross
Joseph Selfani

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Jack Sandmeyer
Maximilian Wright



Bates College—Private liberal arts coed college in Lewiston, Main.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Leuck Hammes
Jacob Odle
Noah Zamora

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Angel Perez
Alexander Kotnik
Dean Dickow

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Dominic Bacino
Donovan Gadler
Alan Hogg

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Ryan Schwerdtfeger

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Santiago Miret
Joseph Soro
Jakob Alon Tatoy

WOODBURY UNIVERSITY

Noah Munoz

NATIONAL

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY/TEMPE

Guillermo Camarena

BATES COLLEGE

Cooper Lance

BOSTON COLLEGE

Nicholas Sajor

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Zane Friscia
Chad Medeiros
Joaquin Torre

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Nathan Audiss

CISCO COLLEGE

Tangi Tangi Pongia

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Joseph Alcoser
Aidan Lukasik

The Honor Roll

St. Augustine High School Scholar Standouts



Congratulations to the following listed Saintsmen, who have earned a grade point average of 3.60 or higher during the Winter/Spring semester of 2021.

Roster compiled by Mrs. Jeannie Oliwa, School Registrar.

SENIORS Class of 2020

PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Alex Alcalay
Gabriel Altamirano
Pablo Andrade Paez
Ariel Armas
Raul Armenta-Hodoyan
Nathan Audiss
Dominic Bacino
Isaiah Brickner
Connor Brown
Richard Brutto
Carter Bryant
Elio Celentino
Matthew Cross
Kai da Luz
Mayhardona Daniel
Santiago De La Torre-Mier y Teran
Ian DeGrood
Damien DeLaPena
Dean Dickow
Joseph DiPaolo
Juan Enciso
Eric Engelman
Ricardo Franco
Donovan Gadler
Christian Gaeta-Fraga
Trevord Haliburton
Randall Hild
Luke Hobrock
Alan Hogg
Aidan King
Alexander Kotnik
Cooper Lance
Luis Lavat Gomez
Archie Lenore
Marcus Lujan
Aidan Lukasik
Franklin Lundy
Gary Mansour
Joseph Markowicz
Ryan Melcher
Maxwell Mihalik
Santiago Miret
Hector Molina
Grame Morland-Tellez
Angel Perez
Matthew Pope
Nathanael Putris
Austin Rones
Nicholas Sajor
Tobey Salem
Jack Sandmeyer
Jerome Christian Santiago
James Scheper
Alexander Schroeder
Joseph Selfani
Joseph Soro
Nolan Steinbuch

James Stepovich
Jakob-Alon Tatoy
Kyle Wesseln
Akira Wolfe
Maximilian Wright
**FIRST HONORS
GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99**

Joseph Alcoser
Christopher Allison
Jacob Bartel
Moises Bayliss Valdez
Jonathan Bobolia
Shea Briere
Gino Campagna
Jose Castro
Jakob Christian
Massimo Cortese
Mark Dixon
Fausto Gallego
John Gehler
Evan Gerardo
Eamon Goodnough
Andres Hernandez
Nathan Higginson
Gavin Kassab
Pau Ledesma
Joseph Legg
Raphael Luyun
Patrick Miller
Ryan Mouritzen
Ryan Schwerdtfeger
Charles Sturtevant
Joaquin Torre
Julian Valdez
Daniel Widhopf
Brett Wilkins
Malcolm Williams
Noah Zamora

JUNIORS Class of 2022

PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Andres Aguirre
Michael Attisha
Roman Beck
Jake Bertellotti
J. Michael Butcher
Emmanuel Butler
Luis Carrillo
Marco Chaquica
Steven Coons
Max D'Agnesse
Hudson Daley
Peyton De Luca
Jaavier Esparza
Nathaniel Ferguson
Santiago Hernandez
Christian Garcia
Jan Garcia
Elliot Gibbons

Thomas Gilcrest
Liam Haskett
Kyle Herburger
John Jordan
Alan Konecke
Nicolas Luzi
Zorin Makabenta
Rogelio Martinez
Thomas McNamara
Jose Mogollon
Liam Murphy
Jacob Paule
Theodore Pierce
Ethan Potter
Mitchell Prentice
Roman Ramirez
Aidan Rickwa
Alan Rieger
Jack Sandmeyer
Anthony Sarmiento
William Spellios
William Strack
Gary Szcotka
William Tobias
Ryan Toy
Tyler Wahl
John Watson
Spencer Westmorland
Gage Whittin
Diego Williams
Ashton Zakar

FIRST HONORS GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Anthony Alvarez
Jake Bolin
Luke Bolin
Jebidiah Brandon
Francisco Carrillo
Christian Conniff
George Dougenis
Andres Drab
Tristen Erpelding
Jason Farrell
Trevor Fox
Carlo Franco
Gabriel Gamboa
Benedetto Grondona
Charles Guay, Jr
Santiago Guerrero
Moises Herrmann
Frederick Hetter
Jacob Housgard
Stefano Mallucci
Joshua Morgan
Isaac Morrill
Jackson Norris
Anthony Ortega
Joshua Pajimola
Brandon Peck
Flores Reyes Flores
Michael Rogers
Brandon Saenz
Jackson Studebaker

Lucas Wahl
Lucas Wurst

SOPHOMORES Class of 2023

PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Blaze Ackerman
Sebastian Acosido
Angel Aguilar
Colin Alcantara
Colin Behan
Joseph Dela Cruz
Colin Duffy
Jack Elgas
Gabriel Felix
Mateo Fernandez
Francesco Gagliardi
Joseph Geiser
Luis Gonzalez
Elias Gutierrez
Tyler Haisha
Henry Hooper
Julian Iacono
Michael Jackman
Diego Jimenez
Blake Jones
Dylan Kelley
Sean Kerwin
Nathaniel Kotnik
Ricardo Laborin
Xavier Magat
James Markowicz
Theodore McKamey
Matthew Mercado
Marcus Miranda
James O'Leary
Jacob Pajimola
Harrison Quinto
Vincent Ricchiuti II
Joel Rodriguez Sigala
Matthew Sajor
Nicholas Salem
Thomas Salem
James Sara
Janek Schnitzer
Evan Shamoan
Jacob Soro
John Sousa
Emiliano Vanegas
Noah Villafana
Kent Vu
Ryan Waters
Caden Webster
Daniel White
Ty Woods

FIRST HONORS GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Zachary Ryan Aceron
Joseph Adema
Edgar Alcoser

Justin Beck
Donovin Bocalan
Andrew Boeh
Brendan Brooker
Salvatore Brunetto
Nicholas Cianflone
Daniel Delgado
Alejandro Esparza-Martin
Eli Estevez
Nicholas Gaffney
Jack Gould
Christopher Ireland
Aiden Johnson
Sebastian Manzo Carabez
Jaden Matingou
Logan McKerring
Raymond Moran
Sean O'Connor
Francisco Pardo
Zachary Rivera
Luca Rohrer
Marcus Roman
James Root
Ryan Tuttle
Elijah Walulik
Nathan Wilson

FRESHMEN Class of 2024

PRINCIPAL'S LIST GPA of 4.0 or better

Thomas Banzhof
Nathaniel Butler
Griffin Cappiello
Carlos Casta
Lukas Cerny
Dominic Cortes
Byron Cunningham
William Davis
Ian De La Rosa
Benton DiPasquale
Jack Dougenis
Donovan Faranso
Daniel Feiner
Sam Fries
Thomas Fuller
Chase Gadler
Shane Garcia
Javier Granda
Leo Graves
Jet Himmelberg
Kieran Hodson
Patrick Hormiz
Zachary Horne
Omar Jaibaji
Owen Johnston
Luca Liciaga-Bujazan
Javier Lopez
Stephen Lorentzen
Shane Martin
Harry McCue
John McNamara
Noah Nayve

Benjamin Ngo
Joseph Nguyen
Ryan Ortega
Ethan Pinon-Larkin
Thomas Pokorsky
Shawn Pomatto
Lucas Rogers
Carson Sahd
Logan Sanford
Mitchel Sanford
John Scott
Colin Shughrou
Alonso Somohano
Nevin Steinbuch
William Stowell
Luis Urbina
Romeo Velarde-Alvarez
Samuel Velazquez
Iain Wagner
Alexander Watson
David Wise
Kenneth Wright
Diego Yee

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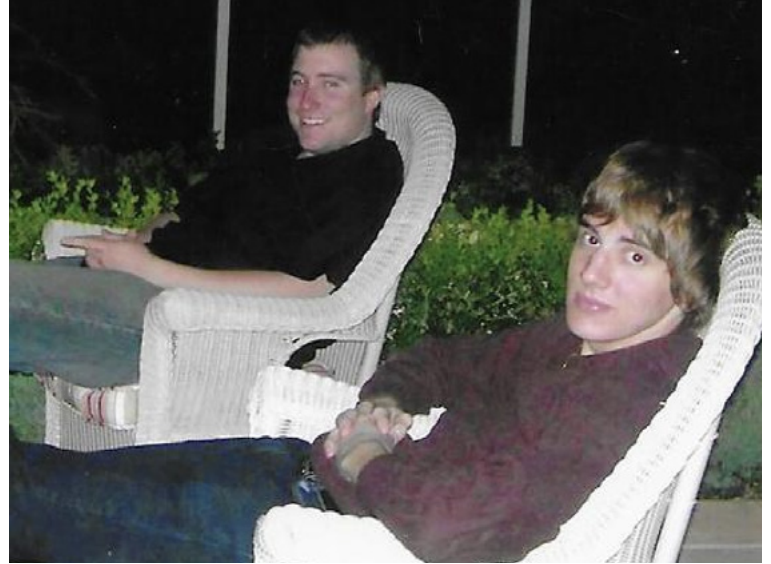
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Tyler Cabana
Joseph Campos
Thomas Carney
Diego Carrillo
Nathan Covington
Aaron Cramp
Alejandro Duron
Alan Gamiz
Dylan Garmo
Santiago Garza
Andre Gaston
Samuel Grauerholz
Robert Grohman
Salvator Gutierrez
Leo Handelsman
Griffin Helfand
Talan Hunter
Ryan Ireland
Ryan Kajimowicz
Noah Kalasho
Joseph Mansour
Julian Molina
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AROUND CAMPUS



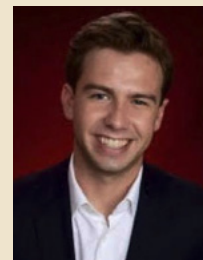
ARMY BUDDIES. Camera at the recent United States Military Academy graduation captured grad James Downey ('17) with fellow West Pointer and Saintsman Matt DeFrates ('20). Classic uniforms! Where's Jim's cap? Remember the grad class at end of ceremony tosses their caps in the air.



FINANCIAL PROS. Two Saintsmen from the Class of 2005 have been buddies since grammar school days at St. Vincent's in Mission Hills. Posed here after a family gathering in 2006, the pair stayed in touch. Jack (Villanova) and Mike (San Jose State) and via separate career paths became San Diego area Financial Advisors. Jack with Edward Jones Company and Mike with Northwestern Mutual. More recently, Jack spoke at a meeting of Saints Young Investor Club on campus.



BUFFALO BOUND. Saintsman Tariq Thompson ('17) and an SDSU alum has signed to play professional football in the National Football League with the Buffalo Bills. As a Bill, he will wear #41 and compete for playing time as a safety.



Trevor South

NEW YORK BANKER. Trevor South ('17) just graduated Summa Cum Laude from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Accounting. He was awarded the

prestigious Thomas I. Gasson S.J. Award for general excellence in all courses of study during his four years at the Carroll School of Management. Trevor was also ranked #1 in Carroll's graduating class! Trevor has accepted an Investment Banking position with RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) and will be based in New York City.



AROUND CAMPUS



FAST. With each runner covering 100 yards, the 4x100 relay is one of the most exciting events in track & field. At the recent CIF Relays, Saints captured third place at the annual meet. Holding their medals are (left to right): Chris Allison ('21); Joshua Morgan ('22); Justice Gross ('21) and Luke Hobrock ('21).

Young Saintsman Pace Saints Golf Team

Saints freshman Billy Davis won the San Diego City League Match Play, held at Balboa Golf Course. That's Billy with the trophy. In the Finals, Billy defeated fellow Saintsman Jacob Paule (11th grader) who was the defending City League Match Play Champion.

It was a double victory for Saints as Billy was also Medalist (low score) in the stroke play championship..

In CIF San Diego competition Saints qualified for the final round and finished in 10th place overall after being seeded 12th overall going into CIF.

- Billy Davis and teammate Santiago Garza were the only two 9th graders who made it to the 16 person Match Play event
- Jacob Paule and Billy Davis made 1st Team All-Western League
- Santiago Garza earned 2nd Team All-Western League honors
- Billy Davis was the City League Player of the Year
- Saints finished in 2nd place in the City League championship
- Billy Davis finished in 20th place overall in CIF Finals
- Jacob Paule finished in 8th place overall and qualified for CIF Regionals which were held in Pasadena



ART ON DISPLAY. The end of the year Art Show was attended by Saintsman during their homeroom time in the last full week of school. A huge thanks to Mrs. Michelle Drummy and the faculty in the Arts department for giving our artists a chance to display their work.



BEST YOUNG GOLFERS IN THE CITY. San Diego City Conference match play champion for 2021 is Saints Class of 2024 Billy Davis (with trophy) and second place in the "Saintsman only" Championship Match was Jacob Paule ('22). Photographed at Balboa Municipal Golf Course, North Park.



AROUND CAMPUS

Strong Saints Soccer Team Continues to Dominate

Varsity Soccer, led by Coach Brendan Johnston ('94) has captured Division II CIF Southern California/State championship for 2021. Leading up to this year's Southern California Division II Title, Saints won the Western League championship for the third straight year with an overall record of 15-2-1.

Saints was the #8 seed in Division II and ended up defeating the #1, #4, and #3 seeds en route to winning the championship. The three seeded teams that Saints beat in the Regional had a combined record of 51-5-2.

Iain Wagner was named High School Athlete of the Week through an awards partnership with the *Union-Tribune* and the San Diego Sports Assn.

Scoring the lone goal 20 minutes into a recent CIF quarterfinals match, the Freshman led the Saints (pictured) past host Corona Santiago, 1-0, en route to winning the Southern California Division II title.

Six Varsity Soccer Saintsmen were named to the All-Western League with **Jack Sandmeyer** ('22) being named Western League Player of the Year.



Jack Sandmeyer



Iain Wagner



AROUND CAMPUS



Double “O’s” Nationally Honored for School Service

Principal James Horne applauds two popular and deserving St. Augustine High School faculty and administration members Mr. John O’Beirne (’84) and Mr. Michael Ozdowski (posed Mr. James Horne) for being recognized by The Augustinian Secondary Education Association for the duo’s outstanding contributions to Catholic Education and for outstanding and dedicated service to the school and the Saints Community. They were honored at the recent school awards program on campus.

Mr. O’Beirne, the pride of North Park’s 28th Street where he was raised, has been with the school for 27 years. Currently, he is Assistant Principal for Student Services.

Mr. Ozdowski, whose wide-ranging abilities and talents are limitless, first came to campus 26 years ago. Currently, he is Mathematics Department Chairperson; Intramural Co-Director; and in prior years he served as the school’s Director of Technology.

NEW PLEBE. Dr. James Jacobs, the admissions liaison for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York presented Saintsman Shea Briere with his appointment to the honored military school and a well-deserved scholarship.





AROUND CAMPUS



Excellence in Studies Award Winners

The top scholars in the Junior Class were awarded the Medal for Excellence in Studies. Pictured here with Mr. Gregory Hecht are (L-R) Honorable mention winners Gary Szczotka, Steven Coons, Aidan Rickwa and Top Medal winners Christian Garcia and Emmanuel Butler

Adds Principal James Horne, "The Junior Book awards are given to distinguished scholars in the Junior class in partnership with the sponsoring University/College. These would traditionally have been awarded at the Underclass awards ceremony, which didn't take place this year. We celebrate these Saintsmen and congratulate them on their achievements."



WOW! National Merit Finalist

Dr. Gerald Rey, Saints Director of Counseling Services presented Senior Kyle Wesseln with a certificate representing rarified Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.



SINGLES CHAMP. Saints Senior Noah Zamora capped off a solid year by earning the individual singles title in CIF Tennis competition just days after graduating.

AROUND CAMPUS



A Yearbook Like No Other

St. Augustine High School's Yearbook was released to the community in a year where most schools didn't produce one ... The annual's 2021 dedication said most of it:

Heart to Heart

Welcome to the 2020-21 **Saintsman**, our annual yearbook. One thing is for sure, this was no ordinary year. The restrictions and limitations of Covid-19 completely changed the way we approached life on campus. This unique school year saw a brand new block schedule, classes online, sports delayed, activities Cancelled, and classic Saints events like the Turkey Trot took on a completely new look.

The one thing that remained on campus was the coveted Saints' Brotherhood.

Through division in the nation, a pandemic that forced us apart, and a challenging school year, St. Augustine High School, especially the class of 2021, grew closer than ever.

The theme of this book is heart to heart because that is how our community functions best in the face of adversity. Students, Faculty, and families united and focused on our core values of *Unitas*, *Veritas*, and *Caritas*. United together in truth and love, the community, in true Saints' fashion, bonded together through athletics, extracurriculars and academics.

This annual welcomes the next generation of Saintsmen and stands as a reminder that Saints is not just your home for four years, it is a community and family that will stand eternally. No matter the challenges we face individually, we can overcome anything if we stand together, *Heart to Heart*.



SHOUT OUT. The famous Saints "Pit" traveling fanbase cheered on Saints Varsity Baseball throughout the season.



AROUND CAMPUS



ONWARD TO THE BIGS. Big shout out to Saints Alum Taylor Ahearn who just had his contract with the Milwaukee Milkmen purchased by the Los Angeles Angels. Hard work paying off. All the best brother! Taylor joins fellow Saints alums in the Angels minor league system: Jack Dashwood and Ty Greene @tygreene24 @jack_dashwood @tba.bsbl



No Shortage of Leadership

Look what happens when you open the door: an outpouring of ASB leadership. Here are the 2021-22 ASB Executive Council.

Top Row (L to R): Dan Feiner, Owen Johnston, Noah Kalasho, Drew Patterson, Blaze Ackerman, Nick Gaffney, Landen Kassab, Zac Horne; Row 2- Patrick Studebaker, John McNamara, Tolu Onimole, Ryan Waters, Colin Alcantara; Row 3- Jackson Norris, Donovan Faranso, Brayden Pinto, Evan Shamoon, Egya Reddy; Row 4- Tristen Erpelding, Will Hatem, Sam Foster, Moises Herrmann, Joaquin Reynoso, Kyle Herburger; Front Row- Roman Ramirez, Diego Williams, Rogelio Martinez, Lucas Wurst (El Presidente)

Because We Care

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All the things that contributed to 2020 feeling so different also presented new opportunities to “do something great for the boys”. Amid the ambiguity and anxiety about our newfound situation, Saints found ways to remain united as we faced challenges head on. In the end, our “different” year proved to be one of great strength and success.

On behalf of the Augustinians and the Board of Directors, I want to express my deep gratitude to all of you. The Saints Community “cared” throughout the pandemic and when we saw challenges, we united to creatively address them, turning our values of Community, Truth and Love into action.

2020-21 turned out to be a great year. And it happened because we care!
Enjoy the rest and renewal of summer!

In the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne
Principal



Letting The Good Times Roll



Finally safe to be celebrated after a terrible pandemic, the 2021 Senior Prom was held on the event venue atop St. Augustine Commons. It began at the sunset of a pleasant spring day and continued into a mild evening allowing the young women guests to display their dresses and gowns of all colors and cuts without jackets.

Also dressed for the occasion were the soon to graduate Saintsman, who sat with their dates enjoying dinner and conversation before the music and dancing began.

The festive gathering was a pleasant return to more normal times—thanks to prayers answered allowing for the good times to roll sans masks.

Many in attendance dedicated this year's Senior Prom to the young men and women of the Class of 2020, who were not able to dine and dance together—one year ago.

UNDER THE STARS. A more traditional Senior Prom dinner and dance for the Class of 2021 was held on the rooftop of St. Augustine Commons after a pandemic related one-year hiatus.



FASHIONISTAS. (L-R:) Santiago Miret with Carla Alvarez; Nancy Aguilar and Rodrigo Morfin with Elizabeth Garcia, Paul Ledesma and Fausto Gallego and Matilde Guerra.

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LOOKING GREAT.
(L-R;) James Stepovich and Olivia Green, Gabriella Bacino with Cooper Lance and Magali Rodriguez and Jake Heidemann.



RED CARPETEERS. Saints Senior Drew Strong and his date, Charlee Berlin.



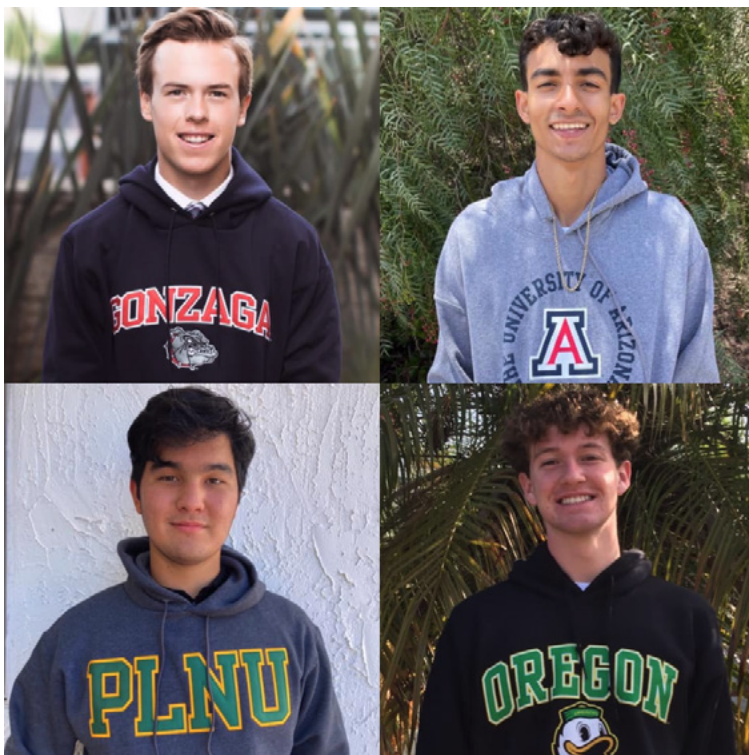
STYLIN'. Senior Saintsman Shea Briere and his date, Dylan Cardinal.



2021 CHIC. Saintsman Felix Calero and Cianna Kelly.

Sweatshirt Parade

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Clockwise from upper left: Eric Engelman, Gonzaga; Justice Gross, University of Arizona; Eamon Goodnough, University of Oregon; and Eveylt Yeruuldelger, Pt. Loma Nazarene.



Clockwise from upper left: Graeme Morlan-Tellez, Georgetown; Patrick Miller, Miami (Ohio) University; Jacob Bartel, Sacred Heart University; and Adam Grauerholz, Saint Louis University.



Clockwise from upper left: Damien Delapena, University of San Diego; Massimo Cortese, Florida State; Kai da Luz, Villanova; and Joaquin Torre, Baylor.



Clockwise from upper left: Michael Andrus, University of Alabama; Alexander Kotnik, UCLA; Dave Waldapfel, Cal State San Marcos; and Donovan Gadler, UCSB.

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Clockwise from upper left: Jerome Santiago, Notre Dame; Jacob Tatro, USC; Jacob Odle, UC Irvine; and Angel Perez, UCLA.



Clockwise from upper left: Richard Cesena, Pt. Loma Nazarene; Joseph Firas Soto, USC; Marcus Lujan, Texas A&M; and Noah Zamora, UC Irvine.



Clockwise from upper left: Noah Munoz, Woodbury University; Pablo Andrade, Fordham University; Ariel Armas, USD; and Paolo Madrigal, Cal State, San Marcos.



Off to College

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College of Mount Saint Vincent—Four year Catholic liberal arts College in the North Riverdale area of the Bronx, New York, near the Hudson River.

COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT

Fernando Guzman

DUQUESNE COLLEGE

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FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

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Jerome Christian Santiago

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OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Diego Florance

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Maxwell Mihalik

RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Brennan Aujero

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Jacob Bartel

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Adam Grauerholz

Zachary Stall

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

University

Carter Bryant

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

James Stepovich

Daniel Widhopf

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Aidan King

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Shea Briere

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Michael Andrus

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Justice Gross

Joseph Markowicz

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO/DENVER

Drew Strong

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J. Luke Sheper

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO

Jonathon Bobolia

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Eamon Goodnough

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Connor Brown

Nathan Higginson

Joseph Legg

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

Alex Alcalay

Kai da Luz

Julian Valdez

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Gabriel Altamirano



Kutztown University is a public university located in Kutztown Pennsylvania.

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Gonzaga University is a private Catholic institution in Spokane Washington.

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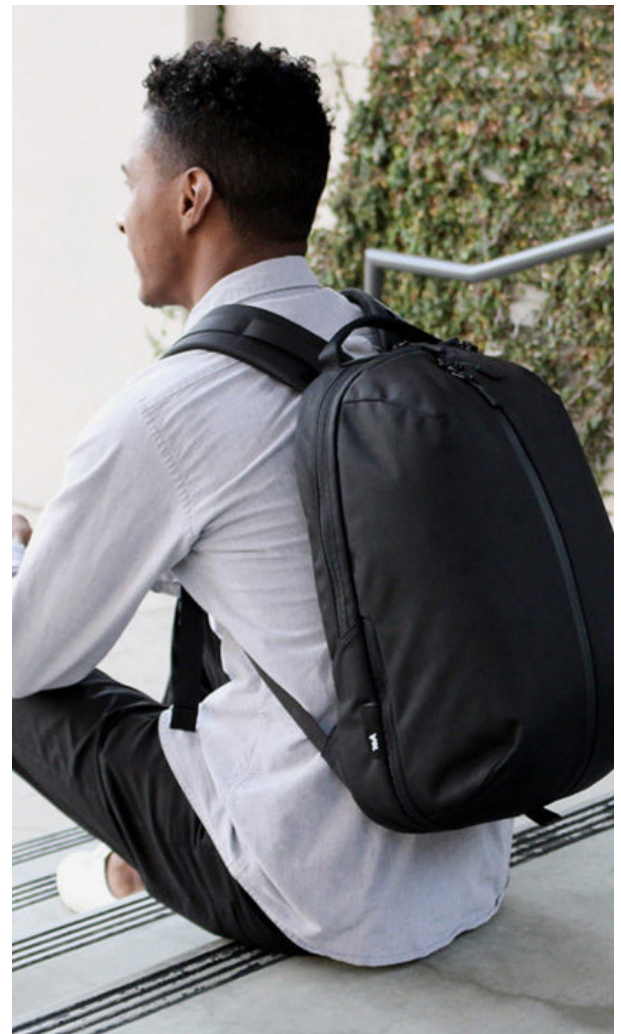
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Joshua Carlos

Ethan Jedlicka

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

Leonardo Reznik



Partner Colleges Honor Junior Distinguished Scholars

Annual 2021 Book Awards

The Junior Book awards are given to distinguished scholars in the Class of 2022 in partnership with sponsoring University/Colleges. These awards are given to outstanding students in the next-to-graduating high school class who display excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields. Traditionally, these honors would have been awarded at the Underclass awards ceremony on campus, which didn't take place this year. We celebrate these ten Saintsmen and congratulate them on their outstanding achievements.

Harvard Prize
Book Award for
Distinguished
Scholarship



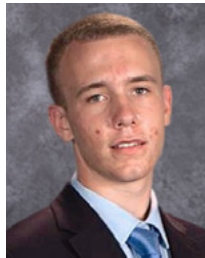
William Spellios

Yale Book Award
for Distinguished
Scholarship



Emmanuel Butler

St. Anselm Book Award
for Distinguished
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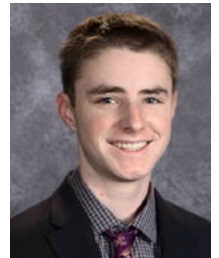
Maximilian Graves

St. Michael's Book
Award for Distinguished
Scholarship



J. Michael Butcher

Villanova Book Award
for Distinguished
Scholarship



Steven Coons

Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute Medal



John Jordan

University of Rochester:
Bausch + Lomb
Honorary Science
Award



Aiden Rickwa

Frederick Douglass and
Susan B. Anthony Award



John Nicholas Watson

University of Rochester:
George Eastman Young
Leaders Award



Lucas Wurst

Xerox Award for
Innovation and
Information Technology



Gary Szczołka

The Road Together

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program provides the margin of excellence in our aspirations for the future. Without fund-raising, tuition would have to be even higher and progress would be slowed.

No matter the financial situation at Saints or a current project under construction, there is a healthy tension between the budget and creating more opportunities for our young men. From 2004 to 2018, the goal was the completion of the Master Plan. With that completed, the goal moved to the creation of a more significant endowment to fund the need for financial assistance. While continuing to raise funds for the endowment, Saints will be launching a beautification project in the fall in preparation for the 100-year centennial celebration.

It has been edifying to see the number of Saints benefactors growing. This means Saints unlike many private schools will continue to provide the extra to improve the educational practice of the school. It also means Saints will be in a position to capitalize on new opportunities as they arise.

COVID-19 was a disaster for so many families living in social isolation and in some cases having the disease impact their family with the death of a loved one. In many ways, this disease has changed the way we see the world. Pre-pandemic, most people desired wealth to achieve financial independence and stability. Wealth allowed people to buy whatever they desired, go to expensive restaurants, and travel to faraway exotic places. This notion has been a key driver of the economy generationally.

Since COVID hit last winter, it seems more and more people who define themselves as wealthy have begun to see their wealth more and more as a tool to build a more just community and impact lives outside of their families.

In a recent survey entitled, "The Why of Wealth," it was documented as expected that health concerns surged to the top of the list of worries people were experiencing. Approximately 60% of the respondents concluded that they had reevaluated their perception of wealth. Although there were disparities between Millennials, Generation X and the Silent Generations in how these different generations saw wealth, 78% of Millennials and 73% of Generation X stated there had been a major shift in their giving plans, while only 26% of Baby Boomers felt the same way.

Interestingly, success was viewed by these people as less about capital accumulation and more about the accomplishment of a goal that uses wealth to solve societal issues. For many people, there was a newfound willingness to invest and build greater value in their community rather than just the accumulation of capital.

These newer positions have been readily seen at Saints this past year. When the Saints Community gave \$452,000 last spring to help struggling families keep their sons at Saints, there were many first-time givers in the 352 people contributing. Many of the gifts were \$100 or lower. It was the community helping others. Since the Christmas Appeal, people continue to send unrestricted checks in support of low-income families. Almost every day witnesses a new contribution.

It has been heartwarming to see people helping people. These gifts have been a lifeline to families who have lost a business or a job during the pandemic.

One day last June, a woman phoned me who will remain anonymous. She asked the question, "How many boys will be leaving Saints next year due to unpaid tuition?" I responded, "I did not know, but I would find out." After conferring with Kevin DeRieux, the Executive Director of Finance, I phoned this woman back with a list of names. She asked, "how much money do you need?" and I responded "\$25,000." Without hesitating, she said, "I want to contribute \$50,000 to help these families. Here I am living safely inside the walls of our new home without a worry or concern about COVID-19. The least I can do is help young men achieve an education from Saints. Their education should not be disrupted."

As we continue to educate our young men to be generous to others and use their talents and gifts to contribute to the great issues of our day, we feel and are grateful to you who have heard our call and have responded.



Saints, OLP Take Home a Crown



Schools combine to win first CIF coed tennis in Division I.

By John Maffei, San Diego Union-Tribune

Our Lady of Peace, the county's only all-girls school and St. Augustine, an all-boys school, do a lot of things together.

There are dances and shared classes. The OLP Pilots even provide cheerleaders for Saints sports teams.

The schools, however, have never competed with or against each other—until this recent tennis season.

There wasn't enough time for separate boys and girls seasons, Ron Ron Marquez of the CIF San Diego Section pioneered a unique coed tennis season. Wanting to compete, OLP and the Saints teamed up to form a team that was the No. 1 seed in Division I, claiming a championship this Spring with a 9-8 win over No.3 seeded San Dieguito Academy at the Barnes Tennis Center.

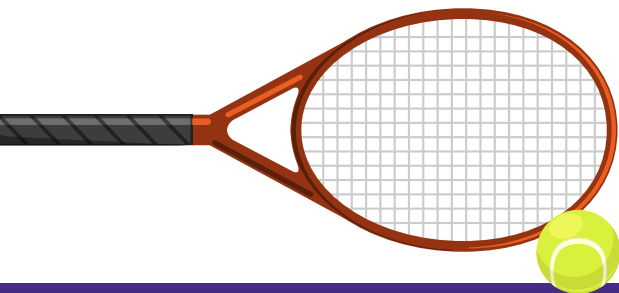
With the score 8-8, the match was clinched at No. 5 mixed doubles with OLP/Saints prevailing 7-5.

This the first time a CIF championship has been won by two different schools and the first championship for Saints in tennis in seven trips to a final.

Enroute to the 2021 title, the Pilots/Saints team edged arch-rival Cathedral Catholic 10-7 in the semi-finals.



DOUBLE THE FUN. Varsity Tennis at Saints and the Academy of Our Lady of Peace earned a team CIF championship in this most unusual year. Saints and OLP combined to compete as a co-ed team. The title makes it the first CIF championship Saints shared with the Pilots.



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