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Dear Saintsmen, Families
& Community



Principal James Horne

This academic year has been remarkable.

Our school continues to flourish in its 100th year and the achievements of our students and the professionalism and leadership of our faculty/staff this year give great cause for celebration and prayers of thanksgiving.

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Baccalaureate Mass 2023
Full video coverage via YouTube.

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MEDAL MEN. Who are these outstanding St. Augustine High School medal winners for 2023? They're named inside Saint Scene's Annual Commencement and Baccalaureate special report. Turn to page 4.

Honored Speaker

Saints Community was honored to welcome Rev. Peter M. Donahue, O.S.A., PhD to campus. The leading Augustinian, scholar, educator and President of Villanova University addressed St. Augustine High's Senior Class. Please listen to the collegial words of his commencement address on the YouTube video link published on this page. Fr. Donohue is seen here in an earlier photograph visiting Pope Francis at the Vatican. More coverage of Saints Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation images see Page 4.



It's Our House!

Another Banner Year for Saints Athletics

The Athletic Department team, who hangs the winning banners in our house on the gym walls, will be very busy this summer. Reason is Saints sports had a proverbial banner year earning seven **league** titles: Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Swimming, Volleyball, and Track. And, that's not counting two banners no other school in the County will boast or post. We're referring to the best of the best championships. Saints Athletics now proudly hails two **CIF Open Division** titles in Basketball and Soccer.



MORE BANNERS. Per a proud tradition a new banner goes on the gym wall after a Saints championship is won. (Banners shown are from a file photo of a past graduation ceremony). Quite a few banners went up this Fall/Winter. See page 20 for a round up of Saints Spring sports titles that are banner bound.

Serendipity and The Holy Spirit

By Edwin Hearn, President / St. Augustine High School



As much as each of us would like to predict the future, it is a hit-or-miss proposition. Each of us meets countless people each day and in most cases, and in all probability, we will never see each other again... but occasionally, we meet someone, and it just clicks.

In November last year, a special situation presented itself to my wife and me. Our youngest son and his wife had our third grandchild in October, and we made plans to travel to Austin, Texas to meet the newest addition to our family. The plane was full.

What are the chances of meeting a person not even sitting next to you but in a seat in a different row of the plane and then months later having a significant impact in helping this person solve a problem that they are confronting? If it happened, we might say "Well that is a coincidence, or a person of the faith might say "That was the Holy Spirit!" This past year I had this experience. Every time I think of it, I feel the smile and satisfaction that a relationship that became possible has carried on and led to a positive outcome.

After the flight came to a stop at the Austin airport, the lights came on in the cabin, and along with others sitting in the aisle seat rose to open the overhead baggage compartment. As I opened the compartment overhead, I noticed a young lady struggling to get her luggage from the compartment next to mine. I asked her if I could help her and given her small size, she nodded her head in the affirmative. I reached over and was able to extricate it and handed it to her. She smiled and thanked me.

As my wife and I walked down the center aisle of the plane, the woman I had helped was ahead of me and my wife was a step or two behind me. I am not sure exactly how the conversation began but we began talking to this lady about her trip and this led to introductions and learning about what each of us did professionally.

By the time we arrived at Baggage claim, I knew her name was Brandi, she was married with two children, a girl, and a boy, lived in Austin, worked for a large company that required travel, had her children enrolled in a Catholic school and her husband wondered whether it was worth it.

Brandi knew we were visiting Austin to see our grandson for the first time, my wife was retired, I was president of St. Augustine High School, had written a book about the 100th anniversary of our all-boys school, and had worked in Catholic schools for over 50 years.

This back-and-forth conversation in a very narrow window of walking from the plane to baggage check out had created enough interest for me to give her my business card and asked her to text me her contact information.

For this, I would send her my book. At this point, we collected our bags and parted and I wondered whether she would send that text message. Within minutes I had forgotten this short encounter as my focus was squarely on making the connection with my son, his wife and my grandson at curbside.

At this point, the odds of a connection point seemed highly improbable. It was a nice exchange, but why would she text me to continue our new relationship that was more than two hours away from San Diego by plane?

While we were still in Austin, Brandi texted me her address and told me her husband needed to read the book. She was sure the book would convince him that Catholic education was a great investment. When I returned home, my office sent Brandi a copy of the book.

The next time I heard from Brandi was in February. Her text message said, "I have finished the book and St. Augustine High School seems like a perfect school for any boy." She wanted me to know she shared parts of the book with a friend and in their conversation, they wondered whether I or someone I knew could start an all-boys Catholic school in Austin. She expressed they were both worried about their sons' futures and it seemed a school like Saints would be a big help in raising their sons into good men. From our texts, Brandi learned I was not available to start a Catholic school in Austin, but could advise them about how they might go about it.

Months passed and then in May, I received a text from Brandi, "Can I phone you about an issue I am having?" I said, "Of course! How about right now?" My phone rang a few minutes later and after some small talk she informed me that the Catholic School her children attended had a rally and in one part of the rally, a game was played that required some students to cover their faces with Nutella which created kids wearing "Black face!" With the community in an uproar, the Principal wrote a weak apology to the community that made it seem like she did not understand the significance of this incident and its effect on the school community.

Brandi, an African American woman, while upset was trying to find a way to help this principal with taking responsibility for the actions of her teaching staff. She felt it was a moment to instruct the community about the history of "Black face" and make sure everyone felt included in the school.

After listening to Brandi, I noticed she was calming down and her emotions began to dissipate. She became relaxed and we were able to have a relaxed conversation about the issue. I was able to give her a few

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SPECIAL REPORT

Congratulations & Godspeed; Class of 2023 Graduation



GRADUATION. St. Augustine High School celebrates its 99th Commencement Ceremonies with honored guests, Augustinians, graduates, alumni, and family members.



- Defining the Class of 2023
- Gold Medal Winners
- Austin Scholars
- Salutatorian 2023
- Complete List of Cum Laude Grads
- Address to Senior Class
- Class 1973 Roster
- College Bound Saintsmen
- 2023 Final Honor Roll
- Principal Celebrant, Very Reverend Gary E. Sanders, O.S.A., (Saints Class of 1967)

Defining the Class of 2023

Who They Are and Where They're Going

Compiled by Saints Admissions Staff

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 all 169 of you! You have emerged from the shadows of the Covid Pandemic and done a stellar job of navigating the college search, application, and selection process. By and large, you have recovered well from the educational disruptions of online classes and the cohort system in your sophomore year. You have learned important lessons about resilience and perseverance and have done well in finding the right-fit colleges to continue your education at the next level.

Members of the class of 2023 will attend 74 different colleges in 30 states, Mexico, and New Zealand. You will attend prestigious universities all around the country including the University of Notre Dame, Villanova University, UC Berkeley, and Vanderbilt. Two of you will attend United States Military Academies (Air Force and Coast Guard). One of you will go to the Citadel in North Carolina and one to the California Maritime Academy. Two of your classmates have won full ROTC scholarships to USC and to Georgia Tech. Seniors were admitted to 34 Catholic colleges and 35 of you will attend 12 different Catholic colleges across the U.S. and one in Mexico. This year 19 students applied, and all were admitted to Loyola University in Chicago, and nine will attend in the fall. Ten seniors will attend the University of San Diego next year. Once again, 29% of seniors will attend a Catholic or Christian college in the fall. Members of the Class of 2023 were admitted to all nine UC campuses and 8 students will attend 4 of the UC schools. Seniors were admitted to 19 CSU schools and 26 will be attending 10 campuses, including 16 at San Diego State University. As of today, 30 seniors will attend a two-year college.

Some data that we would like to highlight this year is in regard to the self-identified “first generation” students in the Class of 2023. Among the 37 seniors identifying as 1st gen, 28 of you will attend 4-year colleges in the fall, 13 to Catholic colleges and four to Christian schools, which is an even higher percentage than among the class as a whole. Eight of you will attend 2-year colleges and one will do a formal “gap-year” program in Germany, learning the language and culture.

As of today, members of the Class of 2023 have reported \$1.5 million in grants, scholarships, and work-study that will be used in the first year of college alone, which will total over \$6 million over the next four years. Congratulations to all that received a grant, scholarship, or work-study offer.

On behalf of the Counseling Department, Congratulations to the Class of 2023! We wish you all the best as you continue your education beyond Saints and move into your adult lives and careers.



LAST MAN STANDING. A particular enlightening and touching segment of Fr. Peter Donohue’s Address to the Senior Class came when he asked “All those going to college next Fall in the Northeast part of the country please stand.” Quite a few Saintsmen stood. “All those going to college in Pennsylvania remain standing,” he said. Most everyone sat down. Next, Fr. Donohue, who is President of Villanova University asked, “Anyone going to college near Philadelphia remain standing.” The last Saintsman standing was Henry Hooper, Class Salutatorian, whereupon Fr. Donohue said, “Welcome to Villanova!”

Senior Honors & Awards

Class of 2023 Top Honors at Graduation

The St. Augustine Medal

is awarded to the student who from the viewpoint of academic achievement, citizenship, and leadership is regarded as the most representative graduate this year. He must be a four-year Saintsman. The key quality is leadership. Selection by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.



Zachary Harrison
Saba Quinto

Awarded to:
Zachary Harrison Saba Quinto

Honorable Mention:
Henry Wilson Hooper

The Christian Conduct Medal

is awarded to the senior student whose citizenship record has been of the highest excellence and who is judged to have shown positive evidence of those attributes befitting a Christian gentleman. Selection is by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.



Alejandro Daniel
Esparza-Martin

Awarded to:
Alejandro Daniel Esparza-Martin

Honorable Mention:
Jacob Firas Soro

The Gold Medal for Excellence in Athletics

is awarded to an athlete who has excelled in at least two sports, traditionally for two years, and exhibits the attributes befitting a Saintsman. Selection is confirmed by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.



Jack Brady Elgas

Awarded to:
Jack Brady Elgas

Honorable Mention:
Jurian Emanuel Dixon

The Gold Medal for Excellence in Visual and Performing Arts

is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled in the Visual and Performing Arts, traditionally, in at least two disciplines for at least three years. The senior must have exhibited creative and intuitive thinking and exhibits the attributes befitting a Saintsman. Selection is confirmed by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.



Luis Carlos González

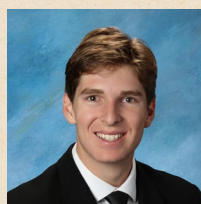
Awarded to:
Luis Carlos González

Honorable Mention:
Emiliano Juan Vanegas

The Principal's Trophy for Excellence in Studies Over Four Years

Awarded to:
James Patrick O'Leary

Honorable Mention:
Henry Wilson Hooper



James Patrick O'Leary

The Rev. John R. Aherne, O.S.A Trophy

is awarded to the outstanding Senior Varsity Football Player with the highest scholastic standing.

Awarded to:
Zachary Harrison Saba Quinto



Zachary Harrison
Saba Quinto

The Gold Medalists

GOLD MEDAL FOR STUDIES, SENIOR YEAR

Awarded to: James Patrick O'Leary
Honorable Mentions: Henry Wilson Hooper,
Zachary Harrison Sabo Quinto

GOLD MEDAL FOR STUDIES, JUNIOR YEAR

Awarded to: Samuel Andres Velazquez

GOLD MEDAL FOR STUDIES, SOPHOMORE YEAR

Awarded to: Luke Brennan O'Leary

GOLD MEDAL FOR STUDIES, FRESHMAN YEAR

Awarded to: George Chris Burrell, Payton Manuel Del Toro,
Mateo Ibs Gonzalez Tapia, Ezra James La Coursiere and
Liam Attitcus Olds.



HONORED SAINTSMEN. Group photo of many of St. Augustine High School's Medalists and other Distinguished Students for 2022-2023 gathered at Tom Ham's Restaurant recently for an honors banquet included invited honorees, parents/friends and guardians, school leadership, staff and faculty. Among the many celebrated were [Left to Right] Emi Vanegas, Alejandro Esparza-Martin, Nathan Kotnik, Henry Hooper, Aiden Johnson, Colin Alcantara, Jacob Soro, Chris Ireland, Harrison Quinto, Luis Gonzalez, Trey McKamey, Patrick O'Leary, and Riley Scanlon.

Photo: Mr. Bill Hill, Saints Parent.

Austin Parent Association Awards

Art: Angel Gabriel Aguilar

Drama: Richard Christopher Ireland

Music: Theodore Carlen McKamey

Newspaper: James Patrick O'Leary, Editor, *The Augustinian*

The Austins

The “Austins” are rigorous oral examinations in the fields of English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts. The exam also assesses the participants understanding of the Integral Student Outcomes. Criteria for selection are as follows: The Senior with the highest weighted cumulative grade point average at the conclusion of the seventh semester (P.E. excluded) automatically will be invited to sit for the Austins. The remaining students, normally five, will be selected by the Academic Council from the top ten percent of the graduating class.

Summa Cum Laude Graduating Austin Scholar

Awarded to: **Henry Wilson Hooper**
James Patrick O’Leary

Magna Cum Laude Graduating Austin Scholar

Awarded to: **Theodore Carlin McKamey**
Zachary Harrison Saba Quinto

Cum Laude Graduating Austin Scholar

Awarded to: **Jacob Firas Soro**

Cum Laude Honors

Graduating Cum Laude based on a 3.6 or higher academic weighted cumulative grade point average after seven semester.

Zachary Ryan Bernardo Acon
Blaze Thomas Ackerman
Royce Sebastian Tan Acosido
Joseph Paul Adema
Angel Gabriel Aguilar
Colin Ray Alcantara
Edgar Jacob Alcoser
Casey Daniel Bayless
Justin Anthony Beck
Colin Patrick Behan
Gavin John Beresford
Donovin James Bocalan
Andrew Gregory Boeh
Salvatore Andrew Brunetto
Nicholas Gianni Cianflone
Joseph Ramos Dela Cruz
Daniel Delgado-Gallegos
Colin Michael Duffy
Jackson Miles Eichelman
Jack Brady Elgas
Alejandro Daniel Esparza-Martin
Eli Borja Estevez
Gabriel Luis Fernando Felix
Mateo Fernandez
Nicholas Sean Gaffney
Francesco Domenico Gagliardi
Jesus Manuel Garcia Franco
Joseph David Geiser
Lucas Gabriel González

Luis Carlos González
Maximiliano Gracia Aguilar
Elias Gutierrez
Tyler Habib Haisha
William Hatem
Henry Wilson Hooper
Julian Morrie Iacono
Richard Christopher Ireland
Michael John Jackman
Diego S. Jimenez
Samuel Myers Johns
Aiden Matthew Johnson
Blake K. Jones
Dylan Joseph Kelley
Sean William Kerwin
Nathaniel James Kotnik
Ricardo Jesus Laborin
Xavier Francis Magat
Theodore Frank Valenzuela Main
Sebastian Manzo Carabez
James Stanley Markowicz
Jaden Alain Matingou
Theodore Carlin McKamey
Logan Patrick McKerring
Matthew Alex Mercado
Marcus Alexander Lim Miranda
James Patrick O’Leary
Jacob Isaac Pajimola
Zachary Harrison Saba Quinto

Vincent Mario Ricchiuti, II
Joel Gabriel Rodriguez Sigala
Lucca Douglas Rohrer
Marcus Andres Roman
Matthew Peter Sajor
Nicholas Joseph Salem
Thomas Naseem Salem
Francis James Obispo Sara
Riley John Scanlan
Janek Eugeniusz Schnitzer
Evan Haisha Shamoon
Aidan Thomas Sheehy
Jacob Firas Soro
John Clark Sousa
Ryan Dean Tuttle
Christopher Luis Valderrama
Emiliano Juan Vanegas
Noah Martin Villafaña
Kent Minh Vu
Leo Christopher Walsh
Elijah James Walulik
Ryan Matthew Waters
Caden Cole Webster
David Qiang White
Daniel Jerome White, Jr.
Nathan Crane Wilson
Ty Lenahan Woods



Salutatorian
Henry Hooper

Salutatorian Address

By Henry Hooper

I want to start by saying thank you to Mr. Horne and the administration for the privilege to speak before everyone here this morning. And a big thank you to all of the friends and family here today, and for all the love and support you have given us over the last four years.

St. Augustine High School is a very special place. From the rich 100-year history, to the Augustinian traditions and values that are woven into the fabric of this school, to the incredible Brotherhood, Saints is truly unique, and in my mind, unrivaled.

We, the Class of 2023, were brought together four years ago, perhaps by chance, perhaps not. We set foot on campus wondering what language the words “Unitas, Caritas, and Veritas” came from. We wanted to know how we could embody those values. We wanted to learn about the Brotherhood and what it means to be a Saintsman. Our desires were granted, and our expectations were exceeded.

When I think about what I value the most about my class, it is the size. Only 170 men. We are so fortunate to be a part of this select group. Because of the small size of our class, we know everyone, and we were able to form our own community within the community of Saints.

This community was brought together by chance, yes, but it is held together because of the core values of Unitas, Caritas, and Veritas. Our journey began what seems like many, many years ago, when we had our freshman retreat. Being united as a class for 30 hours straight was a truly special time. It was a very unique experience to spend the night in the gym, getting to know each other, and beginning to build our arsenal of stories and memories.

We learned about Unitas and Caritas by watching our seniors lead the Pit and unite the four classes under one name: the Brotherhood. We learned that unity means we are all in this together. No Saintsman left behind. We learned to value our brothers, and to have each other’s backs even in the most challenging of times.

Then we were given the opportunity to lead the new generation of Saintsman, and show them what it meant to be a part of the Brotherhood. We grew closer through our shared experiences, and the stories that we will tell time and time again at reunions going forward. This unity and brotherly love is something truly special. It can be seen especially in previous generations of Saintsman. It is my hope that the unity we have been fortunate enough to establish in just four years will continue to grow and develop no matter where Saintsman from the Class of 2023 may go.

Saints is a very challenging school academically, and I am thankful for that. It is through challenges that we grow stronger. We were challenged to be truthful, and to live the value of Veritas. Despite all of the academic struggles, the long nights of Praha, the desperate cramming of minute details before a quiz in Mr. Cudal’s English class, the stressful weeks of finals; we made it. This is the finish line.

We came into this gym as students, and we will leave as proud alumni. We leave not as the boys that entered these hallowed grounds four years ago, but as men prepared to participate in a changing world. We became the men that we are today because of the impact of St. Augustine High School, and the core values. We know what it means to be a part of a community, to be honest with ourselves and others, and to love and care for one another.

This is perhaps the last time that we will all be together as an entire class. Of course, it would be great if everyone came to the reunions, and we all hope that does happen. Looking around, I see people I will miss, people I wish I had more time to talk to and know better, and people I cannot wait to see again. As men preparing to face the world, we understand the need for unity and a strong community.

The community that we have here is special and will never die. We also understand the expectations of truth. Well, I am telling you the truth, and I am sure I speak for a lot of my classmates, when I say that I will miss this school, I will miss my teachers, and I will miss my brothers. We understand the societal longing for love and compassion. I know that every man here will advance to the next chapter of his life with a reinvigorated understanding of what it means to be kind, compassionate, generous, and caring, because of the lessons and opportunities that we had here at Saints.

And above all, we understand the responsibility and the honor of being lifelong Saintsman. Wherever we go, we will represent the amazing work of this school. It is my hope that our lives and the lives of other Saintsman will be a testament to the work of God that is being done by the faculty, staff, and Augustinians here. We are grateful for the opportunity to attend this incredible school, we are grateful for the knowledge and wisdom that we will take with us, and most importantly, we are grateful to be a part of this lifelong community, the Alumni of St. Augustine High School, as proud members of the Class of 2023.

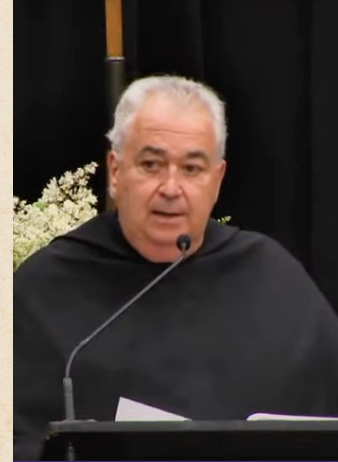
Address to the Senior Class

The school was honored to have Reverend Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., PhD, 32nd President of Villanova University deliver the commencement address to 2023 graduates.

Born in Bronx, NY, and raised in Royal Oak, Michigan, Father Donohue earned a BA, with a concentration in theatre and communication arts, from Villanova University in 1975 and was ordained an Augustinian priest in 1979. He holds an MA in theatre from the Catholic University of America, a MDiv from the Washington Theological Union, and a PhD in theatre from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

While pursuing his doctorate, Father Donohue taught theatre at the University of Illinois, where he received honors for outstanding teaching. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Father Donohue is a tenured full professor at Villanova who served as chair of the University's department of theatre from 1992 to 2006. He annually directed musical theatre productions on campus, earning six Barrymore Award nominations and one Barrymore Award for Outstanding Direction of a Musical from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.



**Guest
of Honor**

**Reverend
Peter M. Donohue,
O.S.A., PhD**

God Bless the Class of 1973

*The Class of 1973 and the
Saintsman 1973 Yearbook*



Brian Akre	Bernard Carrasco	Andrew Falej	John Hoy	Martin Mather	Timothy Powers	David Tamayo
Nicholas Allen	Ronald Cervantes	Patrick Ferguson	Steven Huch	John Mattos	Mark Redmond	Thomas Tarantino
Philip Allen	Jose Cervantes	Michael Fleck	Joseph Humphrey	Harold McCarthy	Randall Richardson	Michael Tilley
Anthony Anthenill	Michael Chavez	David Forsyth	Fernando Igartua	Larry McClure	Scott Richardson	Michael Toomey
Michael Augustin	Thomas Conway	Mark Franc	Anthony Intriery	Colin McColl	Thomas Rinder	Alexander Trench
Richard Baca	Steven Coram	James Franklin	Terrence Jackson	John McElwee	Donald Roe	Francis Trovato
William Bailey	Lawrence Crabb	Stephan Gallagher	Stephen Jacobs	William McNamara	Frank Rollen	Robert Tulao
Malcolm Barrack	Gerald Crow	Michael Gastelum	Jay Jacobson	Thomas Merritt	Ricardo Rosas	Mark Turnley
Mark Baza	Ronald Dailey	Eduardo Gomez	John Joyner	Stephen Meza	James Ruchlewicz	Robert Walford
William Beck	Victor Dalfio	David Goodbody	Stanley Kaminsky	Ramiro Moreno	Stephen Seavello	Robert Walsh
Michael Beraud	Oscar Davila	Mark Grisez	Kevin Kelly	Allan Morrison	Peter Senden	Stephan Weinstock
John Blas	Henry DeBus	James Hanley	Edward "Sam" Kuglen	James Morrison	Carlos Shannon	James Williams
Anton Botter	Patrick Devlin	William Hazer	John Kumpel	James Muhr	Terrence Shaw	Daniel Yeager
Anthony Bourus	Robert Diosdado	Solly Hemus	Charles LiMandri	Michael Ornelas	Thomas Smith	Joseph Young
John Boyd	Charles Duval	Reynaldo Hernandez	Andre Logan	Robert Ortiz	Stephen Smith	Daniel Zook
Mark Briskey	Patrick Eisele	Mark Houchen	John Lopez	Alfredo Perez	Jesse Soria	
Ignacio Bustos	Michael Elcesser	Timothy Houze	Gregory Lukasko	Gregory Pesely	John Stouffer	
Gilbert Caravantes	Raymond Espanol	Mark Howard	Michael Marois	James Pillifant	Michael Strohauer	

Next Stop: College

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 many (not all) of the Class of 2023 are headed to college.

All photo descriptions are clockwise from upper left.



John Sousa, Creighton; Nick Aldrede, Franciscan; Andy Boeh, Gonzaga; Marcus Roman, Penn State.



Sam Johns, U of Auckland; Alex Esparza, USD; Conor O'Hara, Kansas, Evan Coito, No. Arizona.



Salvatore Brunetto, SDSU; Zachary Acon, Grand Canyon; Matthew Sajor, TCU; Jackson Eichelman, Rensselaer.



Hadyn Graulich, No. Arizona; Casey Kammerer, Cal Maritime; Nathaniel Kotnik, Georgia Tech; Christopher Ireland, Cal Poly Humboldt.



Xavier Magaat, SDSU; Daniel White, TCU; Eli Estevez, USD; Tanner Wick, Univ. Arizona.



Patrick O'Leary, Notre Dame; Luis Carlos Gonzalez, UC Berkeley; Luke Naimi, Univ. Arizona; Aiden Johnson, Penn State.





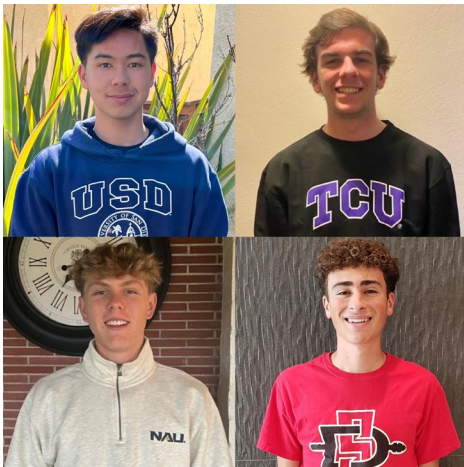
Henry Hooper, Villanova; Edgar Alcoser, Creighton; Caden Webster, USC; Riley Scanlan, Chapman.



Jacob Soro, Michigan; Chris Cesena, Pt. Loma Naz; Nick Cianflone, Loyola Marymount; Jameson Mooney, No. Arizona.



Ryan Waters, UCSB; Justin Beck, No. Arizona; Lucas Gonzalez, Fordham; Kevin Clements, San Francisco State.



Donovin Bocalan, USD; MJ Jackman, TCU; Gabe Felix, SDSU; Austin Turner, No. Arizona.



Michael Tompkins, U. of Arkansas; Royce Acosido, SDSU; Calvin Shaw, U of Arizona; J. Robert Carceres, Gonzaga.



MJ Sweeney; U of Texas; Oscar Celaya Limon, U of San Francisco; Joe Geiser, Creighton; Elijah Walulik, SDSU.



Misael Sandoval, Vanderbilt; Aiden Sheehy, Citadel Military; Harrison Quinto, US Air Force; Ty Woods, UC Davis.



Colin Behan, UC Berkeley; Jack Elgas, US Coast Guard; Ryan Tuttle, U of Oregon; Jaden Matingou, Pt. Loma Nazarene.



The Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following listed Saintsmen for having earned a grade point average of 3.60 or higher during the winter/spring semester of 2022-23 Roster was compiled by Mrs. Jeannie Oliwa, School Registrar.

SENIORS

Class of 2023

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Zachary Aceron
 Royce Acosido
 Angel Aguilar
 Colin Alcantara
 Edgar Alcoser
 Colin Behan
 Andrew Boeh
 Corey Conroy
 Joseph Dela Cruz
 Colin Duffy
 Jack Elgas
 Eli Estevez
 Gabriel Felix
 Mateo Fernandez
 Francesco Gagliardi
 Jesus Garcia Franco
 Joseph Geiser
 Luis González
 Maximilano Gracia Aguilar
 Elias Gutierrez
 Tyler Haisha
 Henry Hooper
 Julian Iacono
 Michael Jackman
 Aiden Johnson
 Dylan Kelley
 Sean Kerwin
 Nathaniel Kotnik
 Richardo Laborin
 Xavier Magat
 Sebastian Carabez
 James Markowicz
 Theodore McKamey
 Logan McKerring
 Marcus Miranda
 Raymond Moran
 Jimmy Nafso

James O'Leary
 Jacob Pajimola
 Zachary Harrison Quinto
 Vincent Ricchiuti
 Joel Rodriguez Sigala
 Lucca Rohrer
 Matthew Sajor
 Misael Sandoval
 Francis Sara
 Riley Scanlan
 Janek Schnitzer
 Evan Shamoon
 Jacob Soro
 John Sousa
 Estevan Torrance-Rios
 Christopher Valderrama
 Emiliano Vanegas
 Noah Villafaña
 Leo Walsh
 Elijah Walulik
 Ryan Waters
 Caden Webster
 Daniel White
 David White
 Ty Woods

FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Blaze Ackerman
 Joseph Adema
 Evab Babich
 Casey Bayless
 Justin Beck
 Gavin Beresford
 Donovan Bocalan
 Brenden Brooker
 Jonathan Caceres
 Derrius Carter-Hollinger
 Richard Catlin
 Oscar Celaya Limón
 Christopher Cesena
 Nicholas Cianflone
 Brandon Cruz

Daniel Delgado-Gallegos
 Jackson Eichelman
 Alejandro Esparza-Martin
 Lucas González
 Hadyn Graulich
 William Hatem
 Richard Ireland
 Nicholas Jaimes
 Samuel Johns
 Evan Kondan
 Jeffrey Korn
 Cesar Leal Cervantes
 Constantino Lopez-Duarte
 Theodore Main
 Jaden Matingou
 Alejandro McKay
 Raul Melo Valenzuela
 Matthew Mercado
 Santiago Ocaña
 Marcus Roman
 James Root
 Nicholas Salem
 Thomas Salem
 Calvin Shaw
 Aidan Sheehy
 Michael Sweeney
 Michael Tompkins
 Ryan Tuttle
 Gavin Ullman-Zazueta
 Kent Vu
 Tanner Wick
 Nathan Wilson

JUNIORS

Class of 2024

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Thomas Banzhof
 Nathaniel Butler
 Griffin Cappiello
 Lukas Cerny
 Ian De La Rosa

Daniel Feiner
 Sam Fries
 Thomas Fuller
 Chase Gadler
 Alan Gamiz
 Shane Garcia
 Javier Granda
 Justin Heffler
 Griffin Helfand
 Patrick Hormiz
 Zachary Horne
 Ryan Ireland
 Omar Jaibaji
 Owen Johnston
 Noah Kalasho
 Landen Kassab
 Luca Bujazan
 Javier Lopez
 Stephen Lorentzen
 Shane Martin
 John McNamara
 Julian Molina
 Noah Nayve
 Evan Newlon
 Benjamin Ngo
 Joseph Nguyen
 Ryan Ortega
 Ethan Larkin
 Thomas Pokorsky
 Logan Sanford
 Mitchel Sanford
 Hector Santillana
 Colin Shughrou
 Alonso Somohano
 William Stowell
 Luis Urbina
 Romeo Velarde
 Samuel Velazquez
 Iain Wagner
 Alexander Watson
 David Wise
 Matthew Wisniew

FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Tyler Abbo
 Christian Audish
 Colin Babich
 Landon Banks
 Andrew Bier
 Sebastian Careaga
 Carlos Casta
 Alfonso Cosio
 Nathan Covington
 Aaron Cramp
 Joshua Cruz
 Byron Cunningham
 Luca DiMarino
 Benton DiiPasquale
 Jack Dougenis
 Donovan Faranso
 Colin Foley
 Andre Gaston
 Julian Gistaro
 Leo Graves
 Robert Grohman
 Salvator Gutierrez
 Elias Herrmann
 Kieran Hodson
 Matthew Hopkins
 Talan Hunter
 Ryan Kajmowicz
 Aidan Kalla
 Joseph Mansour
 Pedro Maria-Romek
 Harry McCue
 Ethan Nguyen
 Drew Patterson
 Elliott Romaya
 Carson Sahd
 Julian Salem
 Nevin Steinbuch
 Patrick Studebaker
 Michael Surwilo
 Juan Thomas Rosas
 Conner Torquato



Fernando Valladolid
 Kenneth Wright
 Diego Yee
 Maldini Zanayed
 Vincenzo Zoni

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Class of 2025

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 Emilio Aizpuru
 Owen Arnaudy
 Stephen Berggren
 Christopher Black
 Derek Borja
 Nathan Brosnan
 Joshua Chu
 Levi Clair
 Alexander Clem
 Jonah De Perro
 Nicholas Dolin
 Alexander DuBreuil
 Trent Gorsich
 Luke Graulich
 Michael Ivanjack
 Ramy Jaibaji
 Jorge Jimenez
 Michael Luzi
 Griffith Manse
 Christian Nguyen
 Luke O'Leary
 Joshua Padilla
 Jackson Pawl
 Ryan Popkins
 Achai Reddy
 Ryan Sablan
 Alexander Samo
 Simon Sanders
 Joseph Sbuttoni IV
 Braeden Steele
 James Steiner

Owen Sullivan
 Trent Torres
 Liam Veeramallu
 Jonah Villafaña
 Kelvin Vu
 Luke Weinpel
 Parker Wickstrand
 Lucas Younes

FIRST HONORS
GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

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 Dominic Bartel
 Adan Cardona
 Carlos Castan
 Miguel Chaquica
 Jonathan Chavez
 William Fitzpatrick
 Milan Flores
 Dash Frazee
 Mason Gossage
 Andres Mogollon
 Reid Guhse
 Javier Retana
 Noah Heuring
 Mason Higgins
 Matthew Horne
 Jacob Kajmowicz
 Tanner Kamencik
 Nicholas Kiesel
 Drake Konja
 Teo Konyon
 Maxwell Leadley
 Gregory Leong
 Michael Morton
 Ezekiel Musni-Davis
 Elias O'Hollaren
 Jon Matthew Oliveros
 John Parada
 Evan Perez
 Johnathan Putrus
 Diego Ruiz

Clayton Staylor
 Antonio Tamayo
 Dillon Tar
 Carson Van Nort
 Jose Celaya

FRESHMEN
Class of 2026

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 Cruz Badillo
 Henry Barwick
 KristoferBautista
 Kirin Beckhaus
 Turner Bronson
 Nathan Bui
 George Burrell
 James Burrell
 Angel Carrasco
 John Cook
 Matthew Cramp
 Dominic Cresto
 Ruben Curiel Romero
 Kekoa da Luz
 PaytonDel Toro
 Jamison Gerding
 Diego Gonzalez Tapia
 Mateo Ibs Gonzalez Tapia
 Jameson Grohman
 Alberto Guerrero
 Jonathan Haskett
 Alan Hernandez
 Luke Huelskamp
 Ezra LaCoursiere
 Peyton Marmion
 Ryan Mary
 Nathan McDonald
 Kenneth Michalowski
 Benjamin Nault
 Garrett Nering
 Gabriel Nguyen

Darius Nwagbuo
 Liam Olds
 Carson Prah
 Marcelo Rodriguez
 Diego Rosas-Luken
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 Peter Thorne
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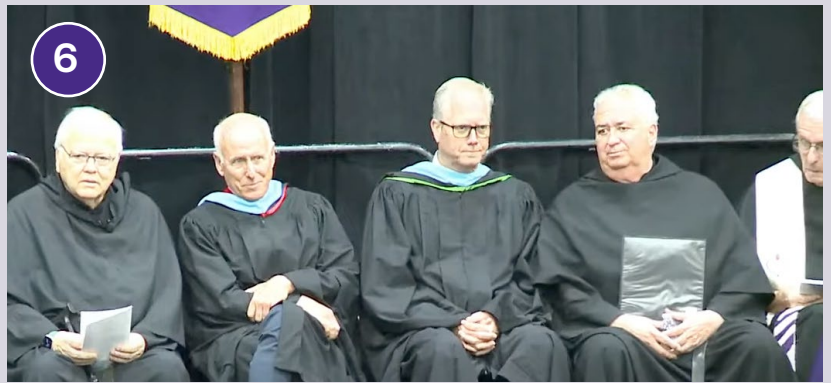
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 Julius Audish
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 Emiliano Bello Muriel
 Brock Benson
 Nicholas Boeh
 Jameson Brown
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 Anthony Di Giovanni
 Santiago Diaz
 Xavier Escobar
 Santiago Garay Escobedo
 Joseph Garcia
 Joshua Garcia Pederson
 Jacob Gonzales
 Matthew Gosling
 Cruz Guevara
 Kioshi Hina
 Michael Hoag

Liam Hodson
 Maurice Howard
 Joseph Jacques
 Carter Jones
 Peter Jordan
 Karl Laffaye
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 Devin Manns
 Pedro Martinez- Favela
 Jose Martinez-Robles
 Leif McCloskey
 Aidan McKerring
 Fintan McMahan
 Ian McMahan
 Guillermo Morales
 Adrian Moran
 Ricardo Moreno Fimbres
 Alexander Paz y Puente
 Rodolfo Velazquez y
 Almada
 Jaicob Peterson
 Ryan Reichenberg
 Diego Reyes
 Derick Ritter
 David Sabaga
 Benet Salmon
 Fernando Santillana-De
 Soto
 Kieron Scanlan
 Kyle Shaeffer
 Colin Smith
 Spirit Soonthornnon
 Connor Stowell
 Mason Sturrock
 Lorenzo Toma
 Galo Villalobos
 Patrick Ward
 Julian Warter



Graduation Gallery





1 Harrison Quinto, St. Augustine Medal winner celebrates with his family.

2 Zachary Aceron and his family enjoy post-Graduation Ceremony photo ops.

3 Darius Carter-Hollingsworth poses for grad picture with Principal James Horne.

4 MJ Sweeney is one of 169 Seniors picking up their diplomas. Mr. Horne photo bombed.

5 Factoid: Villanova University's alma mater is very similar to that of St. Augustine High School in San Diego.

6 St. Augustine High's leadership at the school's 99th annual graduation ceremony {left to right} Top Augustinian Fr. Gary Sanders OSA ('67); school president Edwin Hearn, principal James Horne; Guest Speaker, Fr. Peter M. Donohue, president Villanova University and Fr. John Keller OSA former STA Principal.

7 Saintsmen listen attentively to guest speak Fr. Peter M. Donohue, President of Villanova, who addressed the Seniors

Of Note

The Very Reverend Gary E. Sanders, O.S.A., ('67) and Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine



Principal Celebrant

The Very Reverend Gary E. Sanders, O.S.A., ('67) and Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine presided over Leading the Class of 2023's Baccalaureate Mass and Ninety-Ninth Commencement. The ceremony of graduation was held on campus May 26, 2023 at St. Augustine Commons.

President of the Associated Student Body

Jacob Issac Pajimola

Senior Class President

Noah Jones

Editor of the Augustinian

James Patrick O'Leary



Exeunt

Hail and Farewell. Class of 2023 exits the gym for the final time gathered as a class to be with family, friends and forever.

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It's Our House!

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In that great pizza restaurant called the Saints Community be assured it's packed right now with current and former Saints coaches, players and faculty are giving each other high fives and "told-you-so" cheers. Time to bask, indeed.

And, no doubt the legions of student body Pit members are letting other schools know the road to victory goes through our house. To be the best you have to beat Saints. And, in 2022-23 few schools accomplished that mission implausible. BTW: This year's The Pit earned honors as SoCal Student Section of the Year.

The Goods:

- 2 CIF Open titles (Basketball and Soccer)
- 1 club title (Beach Volleyball; D2 San Diego Beach Volleyball Association)
- 1 CIF Player of the Year (Jurian Dixon, basketball)
- 2 League Player of the Year (Jurian Dixon, basketball and Iain Wagner, soccer)
- 1 CIF State Spirit of Sport Award (Z. Harrison Quinto, football & wrestling)
- 1 CIF San Diego Scholar Athlete Finalist (Patrick O'Leary, volleyball)
- 1 CIF-D1 Finalist (Lacrosse)
- 1 SoCal Student Section of the Year (The Pit)
- Article based on research provided by Saints Athletic Department and Mr. Matt Linville



Spring Sports Wrap-Up

By Mr. Matt Linville, Director of Athletics

Following a successful winter sports season, Saints spring sports kept the momentum. Congratulations to all for a very successful overall year for Saints Athletics 2022-23.



Baseball finished the year 16-12, qualifying for the prestigious Open Division as the 8th seed. Saints got eliminated after two close games against La Costa Canyon and Carlsbad. With the team dominated by sophomores and juniors, the future looks bright for baseball.



Lacrosse got off to a strong start but slipped a little in league play. However, the resume was still strong enough to earn the top-seed in the D1 bracket. With victories over La Jolla and Granite Hills, Saints clinched a spot in the championship game. Unfortunately, Saints ran into La Jolla Country Day's red-hot goalkeeper and lost, 10-8 for the runner-up spot.



The **Tennis** team was the first spring sport to clinch a league title. In fact, the tennis team went undefeated in the regular season, going 18-0. Saints swept the league championship singles and doubles titles, and earned the No. 5 seed in the Open Division. While the team was knocked out by Del Norte, two singles and two doubles teams advanced to the CIF Individual championships, where half of them advanced as far as the Round of 16.



The **Swim** team was next up with its first league title since 2009. Several swimmers placed at CIF prelims, earning a spot in the CIF Finals.



The **Golf** team, in a bit of rebuilding year, finished with some positives, having one golfer qualify for the City Conference Match Play Finals and one golfer qualifying for the CIF Individual Championships.



Volleyball also won league, the program's first since back-to-back titles in 2018 and 2019. Volleyball earned the No. 4 seed in CIF D2, making it to the semifinals before losing to eventual champ, Eastlake.



Lastly, the **Track** team won its 4th league title in the last 5 years by going undefeated in league. Three athletes advanced to the CIF Finals, and placed 3rd in the mile, 5th in shotput, and 6th in pole vault.

All in all, it was a great year. Enjoy your summer. See you in the fall.

Great Things, Thanks to You.

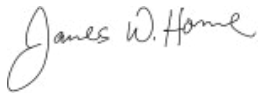
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It is amazing to reflect on the time and energy people have put forth this year to push the school forward. This year the Augustinians and the Board of Directors finalized the dream of campus rebuilding and dedicated a mosaic of Our Mother of Good Counsel. The administration, faculty and staff began work on the accreditation report, a new 6-year strategic plan, celebrated the 100th year, and organized and hosted the Augustinian Values Institute an international gathering of Augustinian educators. And lastly, the accomplishments of Saints' students in the areas of academics, athletics and community service continue to demonstrate the inspiring work being done in our school. All of this year's achievements affirm our pride and excitement about being members of the Saints community.

Thanks to your efforts, St. Augustine High School is strong, healthy, vibrant, productive and on the move.

Best wishes for a healthy, restful, and renewing summer.

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



James Horne
Principal



Augustinian Heritage

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suggestions for an email to the principal that she used in a wonderfully worded email. Brandi asked the principal whether the two of them could meet to figure out a good way to put the racial incident behind them and move forward. The principal got back to her almost immediately and encouraged Brandi to meet with her to deal with this awful decision. Brandi accepted the invitation and the two of them created a solution to the problem, which included education, inclusion, and a heartfelt apology.

The issue was worked out to Brandi's approval, and she texted me to thank me for my advice and most importantly to remind me, "that it was the Holy Spirit that connected us in the airport on that November day."

Meeting people is always mysterious. At the time, I thought this encounter at the airport would go nowhere, but it did. There was no way of knowing at the time we met that we would be working together on finding a solution to a racial issue in a Catholic elementary school in Austin, Texas.

Brandi's family was in San Diego recently and our families had dinner together.



SAINTS TRADITIONS

Annual Banquet Honors Distinguished Students and Faculty

Note: *Saints Scene*, as part of celebrating the school's 100th anniversary of its founding, is featuring a yearlong series of articles highlighting the school's beloved traditions. Last month: The importance of music at Saints. *Photos by Mr. William Hill, Saints Parent.*

Annually, usually in late Spring the school schedules the Distinguished Student banquet celebrating the academic and athletic accomplishments of worthy graduating seniors.

As several times in the past, the traditional event was held at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant on Harbor Island.

The Baumann's, a family of Saints Parents and Alums, owns Tom Ham's and has kindly provided a space for the repast on May 19, 2023.

The banquet is an opportunity to congratulate our honored students and their parents, in addition a chance to thank the many

dedicated teachers, coaches and mentors who have helped them in their ongoing quest for excellence.

The evening's Master of Ceremonies, Mr. James Horne, school principal said "the recognition celebrates the good harvest of God's gifts—seen in them, in their parents, teachers and devoted friends of Saints."

Mr. Horne added, "The various awards circle around and represent the best of what St. Augustine High School values: community, learning and love."



The Distinguished Student Banquet celebrates the accomplishments of several of the graduating Saintsmen. This year the banquet was held at Tom Ham's Lighthouse and honored 25 Saintsmen. The evening provided parents, students, faculty/staff, Augustinians, and Board members an evening to celebrate some of what is best about the Saints Experience while taking in vistas in and around San Diego Bay.



SAINTS SCENE

Your Award-Winning* monthly report on the St. Augustine High School Experience

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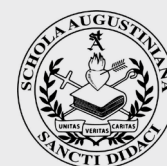
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