



# SAINTS SCENE



**SENIORS LAST MASS.** At the conclusion of every final student Mass before graduation, the Senior Class sings “The Scientist, while linking arms. Read how a song by the band Coldplay became intertwined in Saints Lore: see Page 4.

## Thank You, Teachers, Facilities and Admin Staffs

Early last month Saints kicked off Teacher Appreciation Week with "1% Day & Lunch". Part of the surprise of 1% Day was to dress like faculty member Andy Pruter in support of inspiring us all to become 1% better daily! [That’s Andy 3rd from right, front row]. And as always the 4th Augustinian core value, was celebrated with Chick-fil-A sandwiches. Veritas, Unitas, Caritas, Fooditas!



First Place Senior Essay

## No One Said It Would Be Easy After a Few Early Setbacks, Here’s How a Top Student Leader Reinvented Himself Thanks to Saints

By John McNamara ('24)

My relationship with St. Augustine High School started in 1966, when my dad and his family moved to San Diego. His parents’ commitment to their Catholic faith was central to their lives; in attempting to set up their six sons to develop into men of God, they had an easy choice in sending them to Saints.

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## Amazing Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

Amazing is the word that summarizes my thoughts as I reflect on the year and the end of school. It is amazing how fast this year has gone. It is amazing the time and energy people have put forth this year to ensure the success of the school’s

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# With God's Grace Class of 2024 Rebounded

By Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School



President Edwin Hearn

As the sounds of excitement begin to fade and the Class of 2024 moves on from their *Saints Experience* into the world beyond the safety of their home for the past four years, it is important to gaze back over their short four years at Saints. When this class began in the fall of 2020, it was

organized unlike any of the countless classes that preceded them. Freshmen football, the Freshman Retreat, and Freshman Welcome Week were all different. This class became Saintsmen with Covid restrictions.

In December of 2019, when the class of 2024 was in the midst of eighth grade, we began to hear about an unrecognizable disease that was having fatal consequences for older people and others with compromised immunity issues. By the second week of March, the world was shuttered, and over a weekend with most schools replacing person-to-person learning with Zoom school. Most graduations were replaced with stringent protocols in place that did not resemble a normal ceremony.

The Class of 2024 experienced their Freshman year unlike almost all of their contemporaries in California. They were able to meet for class on campus but under the strict guidelines of the county. While campus life was more normal than most, it was still unlike any school year in Saints history. They met in cohorts and had to be spaced during class with most classes cut in half. Their teachers had to teach each of their classes twice as half the class gathered outside to study, while the other half of the class was taught by their teacher.

When the class of 2024 returned to Saints for their sophomore year, it was clear that Saints was attempting to adjust to incoming freshmen who had learning issues resulting from the isolation they experienced while being taught via Zoom during their middle school years. There was a great deal of catching up taking place, especially in math where freshmen testing indicated math skills



**SPECIAL TIME.** Families and graduates mingle after exiting Graduation Ceremonies held at Saints Commons for the Class of 2024.

had taken a hit for many boys. While the year appeared normal, it wasn't. People tended to be more aggressive in their demands for their sons. In some cases, arguments, bad body language, and accusations replaced the respect that previously had been accorded the administration, teachers, and staff.

When evaluating this year at Saints, we see the strong post-Covid headwinds of history play into the life of the community. It was a year of ups and downs for our boys. No one experienced it more deeply than the class of 2024. The entire community was tested as the DNA of Saints was threatened by a cloud of suspicion surrounding the football program. It was a time of soul-searching, a time to learn from how this moment happened. It was a difficult time, but with God's grace Saints rebounded into a stronger school focused more fully on unity, truth and love. Although life is rarely predictable, Saints became better prepared to face its future due to the aftermath of this explosive event that rocked Saints. It appeared that the seniors were able to move forward through these difficult moments with their pride intact for Saints.

Having lived through the Covid and post-Covid world and the many events of their senior year, there was the worry that the *Saints Experience* for these young men might have been tarnished. After reviewing the annual senior exit interviews in 32 notable areas of school life in the waning moments their senior year it was clear the seniors had a great four years. When rating their moral and spiritual education and overall Saints Experience, 98% of the seniors rated that experience as good to excellent, while 99% of our young men rated their intellectual development as outstanding.

# Big Crowd Enjoys Taste of Saints



**MIX & MINGLE.** The Commons Rooftop was the perfect venue for Taste of Saints 2024.



**FACULTY LOUNGE.** (L-R) Kate Crachy, Briana Colorado, Janeen Palafox, Katie Walp, Jessica Brophy and in the background John Hickey.



**PREZ SEZ.** In conversation with Saints President Ed Hearn (second from left) Tom Fuller, Ed Hearn, Angelica Fuller, and Phil Barney Class of 1964.



**LOTS TO TASTE.** Casey Gayton, school facilities manager with tasty plate of salad and pasta.

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# Origin of a Tradition

How a song by the band Coldplay became intertwined in Saints lore.



Mr. Lamerato

All traditions have an origin story and this is the tale of how a song by the band Coldplay became intertwined in Saints lore.

One interpretation to “The Scientist”, one of Coldplay’s most popular tunes, says it eludes to the story “The Birthmark”

by Nathaniel Hawthorne, where a scientist neglects his love due to his devotion to science.

Others say it’s just a beautiful song.

Whatever it’s called *The Scientist* has a tradition at Saints. Seniors sing the song after the last Mass of the year, the final time before graduation.

The connection with the beautiful lyrics of *The Scientist* and Saints happened ten years ago.

Mr. John Lamerato teaches AP Literature and Composition, along with English IV, and instructs the majority of the senior class each year. A hallmark aspect of his class is a weekly "music appreciation" lesson, where he introduces the class to an artist/ band, and an accompanying activity includes listening to a selected song and analyzing the lyrics.

While most of the songs rotate over the years, Coldplay's "The Scientist" is a yearly staple.

Mr. Lamerato would typically introduce this song in the second semester and he noticed that with graduation on the horizon, some of the sentiments of the song began to resonate with the seniors. Specifically, lines like, "Take me back to start," matched some of the emotions related to not believing four years had



**NEW TRADITION.** For the past decade at the conclusion of every final student Mass before graduation, the Senior Class sings “The Scientist,” while linking arms.

gone by so quickly and a desire to do it all over again. Also, "It's such a shame for us to part," connects with the trepidation over graduating and no longer seeing their Saint's brothers on a daily basis. Finally, "Nobody said it was easy, nobody said it would be this hard," ties directly to challenges of moving on and leaving St. Augustine High School.

In 2014, Mr. Lamerato became the senior class moderator, which meant he was in charge of prom. Noting the emotions that "The Scientist" had evoked in class, Mr. Lamerato requested that the DJ play the track as the final dance at prom. During the playing of the song, the seniors locked arms with each other on the dance floor and shared a sing-a-long.

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# AROUND CAMPUS



## Augustinian News

At right, Reverend Barnaby Rowett Johns, O.S.A., a popular Priest while at Saints, has recently been elected Vicar Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine. Fr. Barnaby returned to visit Saints to deliver the Homily for this year's Baccalaureate Mass. Saints Chaplain Reverend Maxime Villeneuve, O.S.A., left, was overall Principal Celebrant for the 100th Commencement Ceremonies.

Another prominent member of the Augustinian Order, Fr. Kevin Mullins, returned to campus to celebrate the Baccalaureate Mass on graduation day. Fr. Kevin was the Provincial of Augustinian's in the West before he moved on to become the Executive Director of the Federation of Augustinians in North America.

## The ROTC Scholarship

Senior Stephen Lorentzen was awarded a ROTC scholarship, at the Senior Awards Assembly, valued at \$200,000 and will be attending the University of Southern California.



**MOVING MASSES.** Earlier this spring while AP testing occupied the gym. Wednesday Mass for Freshmen and Sophomores was held in the Raymond Center with Fr. Kevin. Juniors and Seniors celebrated Mass in Keane Plaza (pictured, above). Father Max celebrated in the plaza under the Our Mother of Good Counsel mosaic.

# AROUND CAMPUS



## Meet our New Alumni Relations Coordinator

*Billy Morstad, Class of 2012*

Growing up, St. Augustine wasn't just the high school I hoped to attend after middle school. Saints was where my brothers went. It was the hoodie I wore in second grade. It was Friday night games after flag football practice in 2006. Saints, as a school and as an experience, has played a major role in my life. It was four of the best years a young man can ask for. It was a place that cultivated some of my best friendships. It's a source of pride in my life today. I love all the things Saints was for me and I'm beyond ecstatic to carry on this love in my role as Alumni Relations Coordinator. Being an alumnus isn't always about remembering what WAS but rather it's being passionate about what WILL BE. Four years as a student, a lifetime as an alumnus. Can't wait to get started.



**SENIORS ON THE MARCH.** As per another hallowed Saints graduation tradition, the Class of 2024 participates in the Senior March, a parade halls, pathways and patios led by the Saints Pep Band playing the familiar “When the Saints Come Marching in.” At the end of the march participating Seniors gather for another beloved rite of brotherhood—The Big Toss, where fellow classmates are launched in the air. So far, everyone has landed safely.

# AROUND CAMPUS



## Seniors Salute Moms

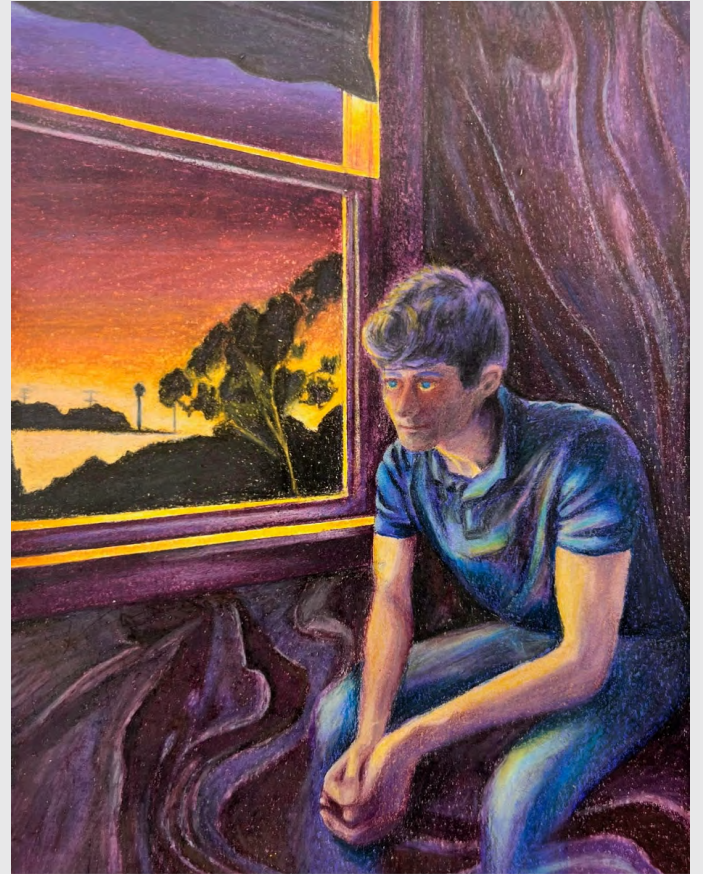
The annual Mother & Senior Tribute Brunch was well attended. The event is held in honor of the Saints Mothers' support, encouragement and love. This year the mom/son brunch was held at the Bahia Hotel at Mission Bay.



**HUGS CENTRAL.** Seniors and Moms embrace at annual Mother /Son Lunch. Photo: Bill Hill, Saints Parent.



**MOMENT IN TIME.** Sharon Carney (center of photo) looks lovingly at her senior son Tommy as they share a special thoughts at this year's Senior Mother Son Luncheon.



**"HOLLOW LOVE".** Watercolor and pencil by AP Art student Alex Watson ('24).





# AROUND CAMPUS



Students at Saints and OLP come together in many ways and recently united around their Academic League teams hosting a scrimmage in early May. The teams came together for an afternoon of food, fun, and trivia. The Saints team had a great season, including the first CIF quarterfinal appearance in school history.

## Amazing

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WCEA/WASC accreditation visit. And it was amazing to celebrate the 100th graduating class in school history, the class of 2024.

It is amazing to look at the accomplishments of Saints' students in the areas of academics, athletics and community service. And it is amazing to have a new athletic field and track to support our school programs. All of this year's achievements affirm our pride and excitement about being members of the Saints community.

Great parents, great faculty & staff, and great supporters make this a very special place. And it is your willingness to give so freely of your time and talent to provide the opportunities for our great students to take on different challenges and enjoy new experiences that make Saints all that it is.

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

Yours in the Spirit of Catholic Education,



## ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS 2024

Boys and girls ages 8-14

<p><b>Football</b> Youth: July 23-26, 2024</p>	<p><b>Basketball</b> June 24-27, 2024</p>
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<p><b>Baseball</b> July 15-18, 2024</p>	<p><b>Soccer</b> July 22-26, 2024</p>



# AROUND CAMPUS



## Saints First CIF Championship Coach, Dies at 88

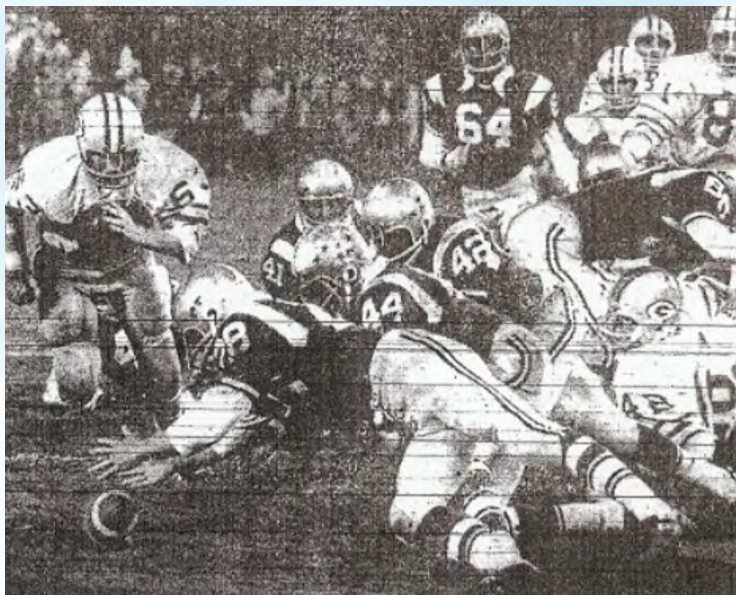
Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiTomaso, a Saints graduate of the legendary Class of 1954) died earlier this spring. He played Varsity football at Saints then went on to become a career teacher and coach. He was on the first football team ever fielded at his college alma mater: University of San Diego. During his coaching career at Saints, he led Varsity Football to its first CIF Section title in 1970 with and twice he earned Coach of the Year honors.

Mr. DiTomaso coached and taught in the San Diego area for more than 30 years. He and his late wife, Mary, were married for 62 years. The DiTomaso’s had three daughters, Ann, Eileen, and Maureen.

In 1970, Saints as Eastern League champs beat Grossmont High 13-8 for the 2A championship. That season, Varsity Football went undefeated logging a 12-0 record, which included four shutouts and outscoring its opponents 282-80.

During Mr. DiTomaso’s tenure, Saints home games were played at Aztec Bowl—now the site of Viejas Arena on the San Diego State campus.

Coach DiTomaso’s record at Saints was 42 wins, 9 losses and one tie. He taught and coached at Saints for six years and seven years at Santana High. He posted a career record as head coach with 66 wins, 54 losses and 4 ties.



**COACH D’S PERFECTO.** “Neither rain nor sleet nor snow can keep the Saints from twelve and Oh.” That was scrawled on an Aztec Bowl locker room blackboard. The team lived up to the boast winning its first CIF championship in 1970. Prep sports historian Rick Smith provided research and the photo of the championship game vs Grossmont in which Saintsman Curt Young recovered a fumble in the endzone to thwart the Foothillers, 13-8 at Aztec Bowl. The 1970 team included running legend (Player of the game) Frankie George; Lineman Greg Ricks, and Robert George on defense and others.

ST. AUGUSTINE

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## Origin of a Tradition

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That same year, senior student and talented musician, Michael Valentini ('14), was in Mr. Lamerato's AP Literature and Composition class and was also in the Mass Band. Seeing the impact the song had on seniors in class and at prom, unprompted, Michael decided to perform the song on keyboard at the final mass of the year. Also without prompting, the seniors stood, locked arms and swayed to the song.

Having witnessed the final mass as juniors, the senior ASB in 2015 wanted to have a similar experience. They worked with the Mass Band to make sure the song would be played and passed out lyrics to the senior class during the final mass. "The Scientist" was once again performed and the seniors shared a moment, similar to their brothers the year before.

Thus, a tradition was born.

LISTEN ON  YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igG7kfjTvVQ>

*Songwriters: Christopher Anthony John Martin / Guy Rupert Berryman / William Champion / Jonathan Mark Buckland*

*The Scientist lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Mgb Ltd.*

## "The Scientist" Lyrics

Come up to meet you, tell you I'm sorry  
You don't know how lovely you are  
I had to find you, tell you I need you  
Tell you I set you apart  
Tell me your secrets and ask me your questions  
Oh, let's go back to the start  
Running in circles, coming up tails  
Heads on a science apart  
Nobody said it was easy  
It's such a shame for us to part  
Nobody said it was easy  
No one ever said it would be this hard  
Oh, take me back to the start  
I was just guessing at numbers and figures  
Pulling the puzzles apart  
Questions of science, science and progress  
Do not speak as loud as my heart  
But tell me you love me, come back and haunt me  
Oh and I rush to the start  
Running in circles, chasing our tails  
Coming back as we are  
Nobody said it was easy  
Oh, it's such a shame for us to part  
Nobody said it was easy  
No one ever said it would be so hard  
I'm going back to the start

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## No One Said It Would Be Easy

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John McNamara ('24)

After his job took him around the world, my dad ended up back in San Diego with six kids in tow, me being the second youngest. After attending parochial school from kindergarten through eighth grade, I was determined to attend the school that my uncles, father, cousins, and older brother spoke of so fondly.

The legendary stories from my family members and other Saintsmen intrigued and excited me. However, following in their footsteps was not guaranteed. I studied diligently for the High School Placement Test (HSPT), but I was not permitted to shadow my older brother as my parents did not want to get my hopes up.

Scoring in the top ten of HSPT test-takers gave me a scholarship which brought my future as a Saintsman into focus. Before even knowing if I would enroll, Saints was challenging me to apply myself fully in order to achieve my goals. As a college-prep high school with a heavy emphasis on the liberal arts, the demanding nature of Saints is well-known.

### What is clear to me now is that Saints' exceptionalism lies in its invitation to challenge every aspect of oneself.

Many high schools provide rigorous Honors and Advanced Placement classes, but Saints does so much more than that. I believe the greatest evidence of the impact of the Saints experience in my life is seen in the change that has occurred in my extracurricular involvement.

As an eighth grader, I had attended my fair share of Saints football games, so these experiences, combined with the stories I had heard from my family members about the joy they felt while playing sports at Saints, made participating in athletics the number one thing I was looking forward to.

As a freshman, I was looking forward to continue my middle school football and baseball experiences, and I was even considering



branching out to another sport that I had not tried before. I felt like I had it all planned out. During the first day of football practice with helmets and pads, which fell in the second semester due to COVID restrictions in the Fall, I tweaked my lower back during a drill. A sharp pain shot up my lower back whenever I walked. I assumed that after a few weeks of physical therapy, I would be able to play again.

What I did not know was that I would not play a single down of football nor a single inning of baseball for Saints during the next four years. After eight months of rehabbing, I had recovered enough to start thinking about playing again. Suddenly, during my sophomore year, sharp pain in my wrists resulted in my doctor telling

me to not play any sports, an order that still remains today – two years later. I was utterly distraught. One of the biggest sources of happiness in my life was taken from me indefinitely. Not only that, but I started to feel as if the Saints experience that I heard so much about just might not be in the cards for me if I couldn't play sports. I could not have been more wrong.

Early freshman year, I signed up for ASB, mostly because I had enjoyed being a part of my middle school's student leadership, and partially because I had heard people say that it "looks good" on college applications. I am not being dramatic when I say that this decision to join ASB helped me to find myself as a person.

After feeling like sports had been ripped away from me, I had to start investing time and energy into another outlet – ASB provided exactly that. Right from my first meeting, Mr. Osberg pushed me to be confident in myself, something that I struggled to do at the time. Now I see this as one of my biggest strengths.

Being an elected member of ASB these past four years has also made me acutely aware of my classmates and their needs on a personal level. I knew that since they voted for me, they wanted me to represent them. In middle school I had seen mandatory service hours as quite tedious. Now, with the help of the Saints' atmosphere and ASB specifically, I no longer keep track of my

service hours in order to get credit for them; I simply enjoy doing it. Through this position on ASB, I grew to really appreciate the joy of serving others, which I was glad to combine with my love of sports by being a manager for two varsity sports teams.

Sometimes it is difficult to understand why memorizing dates in history and formulas in math will help you down the road, but advice from my dad has helped me see the bigger picture.

At the beginning of my freshman year, he said, “Your effort in school now is keeping doors open for you in your future.” I took this to heart, applied myself fully in all of my classes, and discovered what my passions are.

This led to an exciting Intercession opportunity, which was undoubtedly one of the most formative experiences of my life, which was enrolling in an Intersession internship with a law firm. What I experience there solidified a vision for my future, something that I do not think could have happened elsewhere. My internship gave me insight into a field that I would not have ever thought possible at my age. My aspirations now are to become an attorney, something that my Saints experience solidified.

## I know that Saints has set me up for career and leadership success, and elevating all areas of my life will be the spiritual growth that happened at Saints.

The biggest change in my spiritual life while I was at Saints came when I went on a Kairos retreat as a junior. Up to that point, I had not felt as if I had a personal relationship with God.

Being on a mountain away from distractions brought me a level of peace and comfort that I knew must be God's presence. I knew that I wanted to help my Saints brothers to have a similar experience, so I signed up to lead a Kairos retreat as a senior this spring. Once again, Saints had challenged me to go out of my comfort zone and attempt to lead others spiritually, something that I had not done on this level before.

Being vulnerable whilst giving my talk at Kairos made me realize how close I felt to my brothers. Opening up to thirty-plus classmates is not something that I could have done at another school. Saints' emphasis on not just Unity, but Unity in Christ, gave me the strength to share my spiritual story with my peers. I am extremely grateful for having shared such an intimate and special encounter with Saintsmen, and this gratitude is sure to remain with me for the rest of my life.

The people that I have met, faculty and students alike, have helped me to grow so much. Teachers such as Mr. Brendan Johnston have helped me rediscover my love of reading, and I am now considering majoring in English. Brother Mauricio Morales, whom I had for Honors Philosophy, opened my eyes to a way of approaching life choices more deliberately. Connecting my sibling experience with the Saints Brotherhood deepens them both. The relationships that I have built are so genuine that they often remind me of the familial bond that is present with my own brothers.

Even though I have always done well in the classroom, I was never particularly excited by school. I knew something was special about Saints when I began to look forward to being on campus. My experience at Saints has left an indelible mark on me. I came to understand that the Saints experience is a self-fulfilling prophecy. Yes, showing up and going through the motions will leave you with a solid education and some good pals. But if you try harder by fully buying into what St. Augustine High School has to offer THAT will leave with a luminous future and brothers for life. To put it simply, I did just that: I put my all in and got a well-rounded experience and I now have an inspired faith for the future. And that's priceless and also achievable to every Saintsman.



ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL'S

# *Hundredth Commencement Ceremonies*

- Class List 2024
- Gold Medal Winners
- Austin Scholars
- Salutatorian 2024
- Complete List of Cum Laude Grads
- Roster: Class of 1974
- College Bound Saintsman
- Principal Celebrant





**GOD SPEED, CLASS OF 2024.** St. Augustine High School proudly celebrates its Hundreth Commencement Ceremonies with honored guests, Augustinians, graduates, alumni, family members and fond memories.



# Class of 2024

Tyler Sam Abbo	Mateo David Gamboa	Austin Mikel Lorja	Mitchel Glen Sanford
Luke Richard Abrom	Alan Gamiz	Joseph Thomas Mansour	Hector Santillana De Soto
Jorge Angel	Shane Augustin Garcia	Pedro Maria-Romek	Thomas Joseph Sarmiento
Michael William Apalatea	Devin Derek Garmo	Shane David Martin	Tyler George Schweer
Rodrigo Manuel Arballo Fernandez	Dylan James Garmo	Matthew M. Gabriel Mawien	Yvan Marcelo Sevilla
Daniel Arellano	Andre Frederick Gaston	Harry Patrick McCue	Colin Patrick Shughrou
Christian Audish	Andrew Ghannadian	John Paul McNamara	Cole Clayton Sinclair
Colin Michael Babich	Julian Gistaro	Daniel Shasa Minutella	Alonso Somohano
Landon Hastings Banks	Javier Alexander Granda	Pablo Andres Mireles	Connor Dane Sortwell
Thomas Patrick Banzhof	Samuel Joseph Grauerholz	Julian Jose Molina	Nevin Andrew Steinbuch
Logan Riley Barzal	Leo Wakelin Graves	Jake Anthony Naimi	William Ancel Stowell
Andrew Eli Fiedler Bier	Robert Michael Grohman	Noah Pablo Nayve	Patrick Jamison Studebaker
Nathaniel James Butler	Salvador Gutierrez Navarro	Evan Newlon	Michael Vincent Surwilo
Tyler Pobletin Cabana	Leo Michael Handelsman	Wesley Couper Newton	Aaron Thomas Talbott
Joseph Raymond Campos	Alejo Jordan Hao	Benjamin Nguyen Ngo	Jorge Andres Tessada
Ryan Joshua Canton	Miles Jacques Harris	Ethan Hue Nguyen Jr.	Juan Bernardo Thomas-Rosas
Griffin Christopher Cappiello	Isaiah Jaelyn Hasten	Joseph Binh Nguyen	Evan Michael Tofolo
Sebastian Careaga Letayf	Justin Peter Heffler	Sebastian Oliveros	Antonio Youhanna Toma
Thomas Robert Carney	Griffin Helfand	Murewafunmi Ayomikun Onimole	Conner Robert Torquato
Alejandro Carrillo Puente	Elias Mateo Herrmann	Ryan Alexander Ortega	Rubén Torres Sanchez
Diego Carrillo-Aguilar	Jet Alexander Himmelberg	Alexander Sikhoun Parada	Remington Regan Tully
Carlos Eduardo Casta	Kieran LaRocque Hodson	Rocco Eugene Parente	Nicolas Alberto Ulloa
Lukas Jaroslav Cerny	Matthew Stirling Hopkins	Drew Brady Patterson	Luis Fernando Urbina Calvillo
Dominic Aaron Cortes	Patrick Peter Hormiz	Parker James Patterson	Fernando Valladolid Belendez
Alfonso Cosio	Zachary Alexander Horne	Ethan James Ramon Piñon-Larkin	Tristan Nicholas Vargas
Nathan Covington	Talan Makoto Hunter	Brayden Lee Pinto	Romeo Nataniel Velarde-Alvarez
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Daniel Cuellar	Micah James	Juan Pablo Ramirez Hodoyán	Ryan Hoang Vu
Byron Laird Cunningham	Jesse Alan Jaquish	Reyluis Ramirez	Iain Christopher Wagner
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Jack Nicholas Dougenis	Aidan Michael Kalla	Dylan Bryce Rodolfo	Benjamin Taylor Wenhe
Alejandro Emmanuel Duron	Landen Edward Kassab	Erik Xavier Rodriguez	David Josef Wise
Nicolas Emilio Escalante	Grayson Anthony Keleman	Lucas John Rogers	Matthew Thomas Wisniew
Humble Preston Faalave-Johnson	Brady William Klem	Elliott Layth Romaya	Kenneth Ward Wright IV
Donovan Faranso	Gabriel Luke Konja	Lawrence Yasuo Rudolph	Octavio Roman Ybarra
Daniel Matthew Feiner	Cole Reese Lambeth	Jake John Russon	Diego Andre Yee
Sebastian Flores	Jose Ignacio Lavat Gomez	Carson Michael Sahd	Maldini Zanayed
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Sam Christoph Fries	Javier Alejandro Lopez	Julian Christopher Salem	Gael Anton Zazueta Santini
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# Senior Honors & Awards

## Class of 2024 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 is by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.



**Awarded to:**  
**Thomas Dean Fuller**

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Griffin Christopher Capiello**

Thomas Fuller

### 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.



**Awarded to:**  
**Zachary Alexander Horne**

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Daniel Feiner**

Zachary Horne

### The Gold Medal for Excellence in Athletics

is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled preferably in at least two sports for two years, and exhibits the attributes befitting a Saintsman. Honorable Mention is also awarded.



**Awarded to:**  
**Isaiah Hasten**

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Lawrence "Lolo" Rudolph**

Isaiah Hasten

### 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, preferably in at least two disciplines for at least two 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.



**Awarded to:**  
**Alexander Thomas Watson**

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Luca Espino DiMarino**

Alexander Watson



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

Principal's Trophy, awarded for Excellence in studies over four years. The award is bestowed annually by the administration of St. Augustine High School. For 2024, the top awardee was **Chase Gadler** at the school's recent Senior Awards program. This year two Honorable Mentions were awarded. [Left to right,] Honorable Mention **David Wise**, Award winner **Chase Gadler**, Honorable Mention **Samuel Velasquez-Ocello** with Principal Mr. James Horne.



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

is awarded to the Varsity Football player with the highest academic standing. The 2024 recipient is **Zachary Horne**, pictured here with Asst. Principal, Mr. Mike Haupt.



**11th GRADE SCHOLARS.** Mr. Greg Hecht, AP for Academics, awards the Gold Medal for Academic Excellence to four Juniors who are at the top of their class: Jonah Villafana, Luke O’Leary, Trent Gorsich and Nathan Brosnan.

## The Austins

The “Austins” are rigorous 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 10% of the class in academic rank.

### Summa Cum Laude Graduating Austin Scholar

**Awarded to:** Mitchel Glen Sanford

### Magna Cum Laude Graduating Austin Scholar

**Awarded to:** Chase Benjamin Gadler

Samuel Andres Velazquez-Ocello

Romeo Nataniel Velarde-Alvarez

David Josef Wise

### Cum Laude Graduating Austin Scholar

**Awarded to:** Nathaniel James Butler

Daniel Matthew Feiner

Ryan Alexander Ortega

## Cum Laude Honors

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

- |                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tyler Sam Abbo                | Landen Edward Kassab           |
| Christian Audish              | Luca Liciaga                   |
| Colin Michael Babich          | Javier Alejandro Lopez         |
| Thomas Patrick Banzhof        | Stephen Matthew Lorentzen      |
| Nathaniel James Butler        | Shane David Martin             |
| Griffin Christopher Cappiello | Harry Patrick McCue            |
| Carlos Eduardo Casta          | John Paul McNamara             |
| Lukas Jaroslav Cerny          | Julian Jose Molina             |
| Aaron Steven Thomas Cramp     | Noah Pablo Nayve               |
| Byron Laird Cunningham        | Evan Newlon                    |
| Ian De La Rosa                | Benjamin Nguyen Ngo            |
| Luca Espino DiMarino          | Joseph Binh Nguyen             |
| Benton Carl DiPasquale        | Ryan Alexander Ortega          |
| Jack Nicholas Dougenis        | Drew Brady Patterson           |
| Alejandro Emmanuel Duron      | Ethan James Ramon Piñon-Larkin |
| Donovan Faranso               | Thomas James Pokorsky          |
| Daniel Matthew Feiner         | Lucas John Rogers              |
| Colin O’Donnell Foley         | Carson Michael Sahd            |
| Sam Christoph Fries           | Julian Christopher Salem       |
| Thomas Dean Fuller            | Mitchel Glen Sanford           |
| Chase Benjamin Gadler         | Logan Andrew Sanford           |
| Alan Gamiz                    | Hector Santillana De Soto      |
| Shane Augustin Garcia         | Colin Patrick Shughrou         |
| Andre Frederick Gaston        | Alonso Somohano                |
| Julian Gistaro                | Nevin Andrew Steinbuch         |
| Javier Alexander Granda       | William Ancel Stowell          |
| Leo Wakelin Graves            | Patrick Jamison Studebaker     |
| Robert Michael Grohman        | Luis Fernando Urbina Calvillo  |
| Salvador Gutierrez Navarro    | Fernando Valladolid Belendez   |
| Justin Peter Heffler          | Romeo Nataniel Velarde-Alvarez |
| Griffin Helfand               | Samuel Andres Velazquez-Ocello |
| Kieran LaRocque Hodson        | Iain Christopher Wagner        |
| Matthew Stirling Hopkins      | Alexander Thomas Watson        |
| Patrick Peter Hormiz          | David Josef Wise               |
| Zachary Alexander Horne       | Matthew Thomas Wisniew         |
| Talan Makoto Hunter           | Kenneth Ward Wright IV         |
| Ryan Alexander Ireland        | Diego Andre Yee                |
| Omar Jaibaji                  |                                |
| Owen Patrick Johnston         |                                |
| Aidan Michael Kalla           |                                |

# Proud to Call Each Other Brothers

## The Salutatorian Speech

By Griffin Cappiello



Griffin Cappiello

**I want you all to think back to the first time you stepped foot on the Saints campus.** I can vividly remember exactly what was going through my mind on that day over four years ago. I was in 8th grade, touring Saints on an open house day. I walked up from the underground parking structure and saw those three big words printed on the front of the Commons: Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas.

There was only one slight problem. I misread that last word, and thought it said “carnitas” instead, which made me slightly overestimate the amount of tacos that Saints would provide for us.

If you told me then that those three words would come to define my life, I certainly would not have believed you.

However, if the past four years have taught me nothing else, it’s that those three Augustinian values – community, truth, and love – are the secret to finding joy and success in life.

From the first day of SSS the summer before freshman year onward, Saints has always emphasized the importance of community. I distinctly remember Coach Oliwa marching out on the football field, shouting and telling us that it would be up to us to hold our brothers accountable for the work they put into training. The faculty and staff at Saints established how important the Brotherhood truly is from Day One. Whether we were in the classroom, electing Tolu as our class pope in Mr. Bachynsky’s class freshman year, or on the field, winning more league and CIF titles than most people can count, the Saints community never dwindled. It’s only fitting that the first national championship Saints has ever won was for having the best student section in the nation – of course we would win the award for having the best community support for our teams, that is a key part of what St. Augustine High School is.

In our time at Saints, we have also learned many essential truths about the subjects we studied, about the world, and about ourselves. This wasn’t always easy – Coacher coming up to you after you just bombed a test and saying to you, “Hey buddy, grades don’t matter,” isn’t the most comforting thing to hear – but it was an important lesson to learn. In fifty years when we look back at our time at Saints, we won’t remember the grades we got on our tests, or whether or not we passed an AP exam – we’ll remember the moments we shared together and the friendships we made. I couldn’t tell you what my final grade in Mr. Cudal’s class was, but I can absolutely tell you that the colors of the rabbits in *Of Mice and Men* were red, green, and blue. I think it’s fair to say that we aren’t the same timid little kids that we were when we arrived at Saints four years ago. Throughout our time here, we’ve come to discover ourselves – we’ve learned who we are so that we can become the best version of ourselves, and in doing so, we have transformed into strong young men who are ready to take on the world.

Finally, in our time at Saints we have learned the value of having love in our lives. Jesus instructed us to love each other as he has loved us, and I truly believe that Saints has taught us to do just that. Everything we have done at this school over the past four years has been out of love – love for one another, love for our school, or simply just love for ourselves. Even if you haven’t realized it, the love that Saints has instilled in us manifests itself in our everyday lives. It has a profound impact on my life, and I know it has affected you all in similar ways. I think this is what Saints does best – no matter what we do, we carry ourselves with a spirit of love. From watching Fr. Max chokeslam Dr. GO through a table in the middle of a rally, to making hype videos for an Academic League match, to going crazy when Laden Kassab hit a beautiful three pointer in the last basketball game of the season, everything we do at St. Augustine High School is inspired by a genuine love and joy for what we do.

As we all go our separate ways and face whatever comes at us next in life, we all ought to keep living with the same spirit that has made the past four years some of the best of our lives. By continuing to live out the values of unitas, veritas, and caritas, we will certainly go far in life. Always remember that you have a home here at Saints, and that this class of 2024 will have a special bond that no others can share. We should be proud to call each other our brothers, and I have no doubt that we all will achieve great things in life. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

# Dreams, Goals, Risks

## An Address to the Senior Class

The school was honored to have Mr. Michael Yeatts from the Class of 1974 deliver the commencement address to 2024 graduates. Mr. Yeatts is retired from a career in banking most recently he was an executive with US Bank.

The following is an excerpt from his speech at graduation.

Dreams, goals, risks— they are incomplete without the drumbeat of hard work and tenacity. While we seemingly live in a world of instant gratification, the real winners in life play the long game – they have a good idea of what they want, and the resilience to eventually achieve it. I can promise you this: having vision, taking risks, and thinking big comes with setbacks. Along the way to achieving your goals you will fail, falter, or embarrass yourself at one point or another. Always remember, God is behind these unexpected moments and the curveballs that life brings each one of us. Painful as these may seem, these challenging moments provide some of life’s most important lessons. As St. Augustine said, “Pray as though everything depends on God – BUT work as though everything depends on YOU!”



Mr. Michael Yeatts,, Class of 1974 addressing Seniors. Also on the podium is Principal James Horne (right) and Faculty member Mr. Tim Golden.



## Principal Celebrant

*Reverend Maxime Villeneuve, O.S.A.  
Chaplain, St. Augustine High School  
San Diego, California.*

Reverend Maxime Villeneuve, O.S.A. presided over and led the Class of 2024’s Baccalaureate Mass and One-Hundredth Commencement. The Ceremonies were held on campus May 24, 2024 at St. Augustine Commons.



**SENIOR ESSAY WINNERS.** The following Seniors were recognized for their outstanding submissions to the Senior Essay contest sponsored by the Alumni Association. Left to right: Ben Ngo (3rd place), John McNamara (1st place), Tyler Schweer (2nd place) and Alumni Director, Mr. Billy Morstadt ('12.). For more on Mr. Morstadt see page 6.



## The Campus

St. Augustine High School was founded in 1922 in the historic neighborhood of North Park in San Diego, California. Earliest buildings on campus were designed by prominent architect of the day Richard Requa.

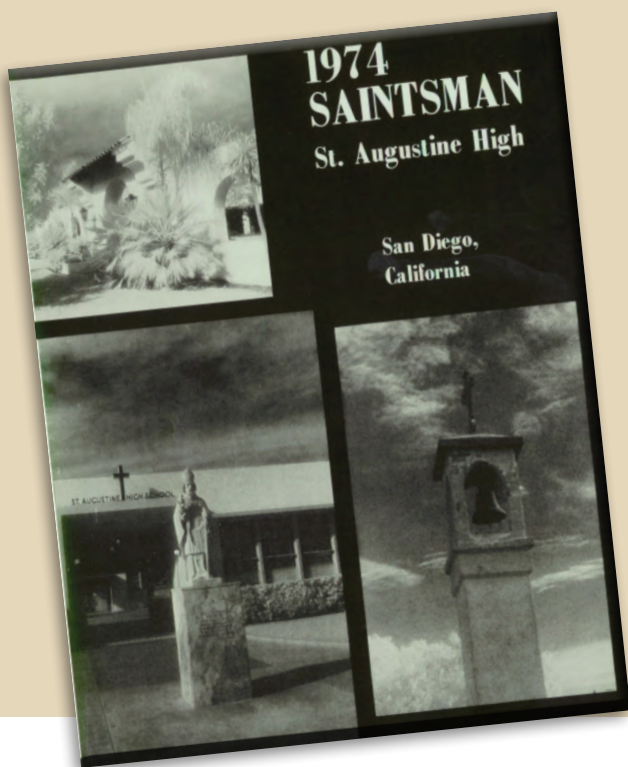
# God Bless the Class of 1974

Victor Ancheta Ablang  
 Arthur Richard Adame  
 Manuel John Aguirre  
 Edmund Robert Alvarado  
 Robert Joseph Avvampato  
 William Charles Banach  
 Michael Ashley Barnes  
 Mark Gerard Beddow  
 Michael Hughes Bojorquez  
 Jackson Christopher Bourus  
 John Bowman  
 Michael Anthony Camarata  
 Daniel Edward Carey  
 Alvaro Luis Casares  
 Christopher Ralph Castellanos  
 Eduardo Alejandro Cervantes  
 Paul Robert Chacon  
 Luis E. Chacon  
 Gregory Kenneth Chambers  
 Paul Gordan Clark  
 John Edward Clarke  
 Kip Hiroyasu Cooper  
 Peter Joseph Corrao  
 Arthur Anthony Cortinas  
 William Jeffrey Cowper  
 Thomas Michael Croke

James Edward Cunningham  
 David Garrett De Bow  
 Andrew Edward De Soto  
 William Joseph Jude DeGrenier  
 Mark Edward Derenthal  
 William Charles DiBernardo  
 William Arthur Dorsey  
 Michael Martin Eagen  
 Andrew Mario Escudero  
 Victor Joseph Estudillo  
 Robert Patrick Ferry  
 Thomas Lloyd Fischer  
 Dennis James Fitzmaurice  
 Charles Brian Foltz  
 Jonathan Kimo Fong  
 Steven Joseph Franca  
 Michael Louis Franco  
 Isaac Hilario Frutos Lopez  
 Richard Gilbert Garcia  
 Guillermo Anthony Garcia  
 Stephen Paul Garrison  
 Steven Andres Gastelum  
 Daniel Joseph Goebel  
 Charles Gregory Gonsalves  
 James Alfred Green  
 William Dale Hightman

Carl Andrew Hoeger  
 Michael Albert Hughes  
 Michael Patrick Hyatt  
 Timothy Paul Irving  
 Joseph David Izidoro  
 George Antonio Jaime  
 Patrick Roger Jenkins  
 Jose Alfredo Jimenez  
 Peter Eric Kammerer  
 David Alexander Kistic  
 Laszlo Alex Kisteley  
 Martin Fredericus Koeleman  
 John Dan Kosich  
 Timothie Adam La Toure  
 Timothy Roy Labadie  
 John Joseph Lawrence  
 Joseph Daniel Lee  
 John Charles Lewis  
 Peter Paul LoCoco  
 Albert Amescua Luna  
 Michael Patrick Malloy  
 Michael John Malouf  
 Mark Anthony Martinez  
 Edward Paul Martinez  
 Carlos Victor Martinez  
 Oscar R. Martinez  
 Peter Anthony Mattera  
 Larry McCarthy  
 John Gregory Micheli  
 Robert Paul Miller  
 Joseph Minick  
 Enrique Careaga Morones  
 George Manuel Nava  
 John Earl Newell  
 John Michael Nonzeta  
 Randolph Norris  
 Timothy Leo O'Hara  
 Robert Terrance O'Leary  
 Bernard Christopher Ordon  
 George Yogi Parco  
 Robert Lee Payne  
 Gary Joseph Perkovac  
 Richard Alan Podwoski

William Moyer Quaintance  
 Manuel Quinones  
 Sergio Rangel  
 Gary Charles Recker  
 David R Rodriguez  
 Daniel Richard Rotner  
 Michael Anthony Safino  
 Solomana N. Sagiao  
 Steven John Saxon  
 Bradley William Schwartz  
 Mark Stephen Scott  
 Matthew Matthew Senecal  
 George Alberto Silva  
 John Anthony Silva  
 Jeffrey Ellis Silva  
 Steven Singleton  
 Michael Gerard Sohm  
 James Lawrence Stangl  
 Richard Thaddeus Stoklosa  
 Duane Grant Stone  
 James Rae Stone  
 Thomas Lang Strickland  
 Theodore Lee Strohauser  
 William Johnny Taylor  
 David John Taylor  
 Vincent John Thayer  
 Thomas Patrick Thelen  
 Gildo Jose Trevino  
 Delano Manuel Tulao  
 Alfredo Valencia  
 James Eugene Valenzuela  
 Richard John Vattuone  
 William Paul Virissimo  
 Joseph John Weber  
 Glenn Dean White  
 William Roy Whittaker  
 Ronald Everett Wiggins  
 Brian Edward Williams  
 Dean Williamson  
 Alfred Stanley Wrigley  
 Michael Patrick Yeatts  
 William Albert Yetman





# The Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following listed Saintsmen, who have earned a grade point average of 3.60 or higher during the Winter/Spring semester of 2024. Roster was compiled by Mrs. Jeannie Oliwa, School Registrar.

## SENIORS

### Class of 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

#### GPA of 4.0 or better

Colin Babich  
Thomas Banzhof  
Andrew Bier  
Nathaniel Butler  
Joseph Campos  
Carlos Casta  
Lukas Cerny  
Dominic Cortes  
Luca DiMarino  
Benton DiPasquale  
Jack Dougenis  
Daniel Feiner  
Colin Foley  
Sam Fries  
Thomas Dean Fuller  
Chase Gadler  
Shane Garcia  
Andre Gaston  
Julian Gistaro  
Alejo Hao  
Griffin Helfand  
Matthew Hopkins  
Patrick Hormiz  
Zachary Horne  
Ryan Ireland  
Omar Jaibaji  
Owen Johnston  
Ryan Kajmowicz  
Aidan Kalla  
Landen Kassab  
Luca Liciaga  
Javier Lopez  
Stephen Lorentzen  
Shane Martin  
John McNamara  
Noah Nayve  
Evan Newlon

Benjamin Ngo  
Joseph Nguyen  
Ryan Ortega  
Ethan Piñon-Larkin  
Thomas Pokorsky  
Carson Sahd  
Julian Salem  
Logan Sanford  
Mitchel Sanford  
Tyler Schweer  
Colin Shughrou  
Alonso Somohano  
William Stowell  
Michael Surwilo  
Luis Urbina Calvillo  
Romeo Velarde-Alvarez  
Samuel Velazquez-Ocello  
Iain Wagner  
Alexander Watson  
David Wise  
Kenneth Wright  
Diego Yee

### FIRST HONORS

#### GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Christian Audish  
Landon Banks  
Griffin Cappiello  
Alejandro Carrillo Puenta  
Alfonso Cosio  
Aaron Cramp  
Joshua Cruz  
Daniel Cuellar  
Ian De La Rosa  
Alejandro Duron  
Donovan Faranso  
Alan Gamiz  
Andrew Ghannadian  
Javier Granda  
Samuel Grauerholz  
Leo Graves  
Robert Grohman  
Justin Heffler

Elias Herrmann  
Jet Himmelberg  
Kieran Hodson  
Brady Klem  
Jose Lavat Gomez  
Joseph Mansour  
Pedro Maria-Romek  
Harry McCue  
Julian Molina  
Wesley Newton  
Ethan Nguyen  
Sebastian Oliveros  
Alexander Parada  
Brayden Pinto  
Oliver Rivera  
Dylan Rodolfo  
Erik Rodriguez  
Lucas Rogers  
Elliott Romaya  
Lawrence Rudolph  
Luis Enrique Sanchez Ibarra  
Hector Santillana De Soto  
Yvan Sevilla  
Nevin Steinbuch  
Patrick Studebaker  
Juan Bernardo Thomas-Rosas  
Conner Torquato  
Remington Tully  
Abel Velez  
Ryan Vu  
Michael Walp  
Matthew Wisniew  
Octavio Ybarra

## JUNIORS

### Class of 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

#### GPA of 4.0 or better

Sean Abrom  
Emilio Aizpuru  
Owen Arnaudy  
Stephen Berggren

Christopher Black  
Derek Borja  
Nathan Brosnan  
Adan Cardona  
Joshua Chu  
Levi Clair  
Alexander Clem  
Jonah De Perro  
Nicholas Dolin  
Alexander DuBreuil  
Milan Flores  
Dash Frazee  
Trent Gorsich  
Andres Graniello Mogollon  
Reid Guhse  
Javier Guillot Reyes Retana  
Michael Ivanjack  
Ramy Jaibaji  
Nicholas Kiesel  
Preston Robert Lavarez  
Maxwell Leadley  
Michael Luzi  
Luke O'Leary  
Jon-Matthew Oliveros  
Joshua Padilla  
Jackson Pawl  
Evan Perez  
Ryan Popkins  
Johnathan Putrus  
Achai Reddy  
Ryan Sablan  
Alexander Samo  
Alexander Samo  
Simon Sanders  
Clayton Staylor  
Braeden Steele  
James Steiner  
Owen Sullivan  
Trent Torres  
Liam Veeramallu  
Jonah Villafañá  
Kelvin Vu  
Luke Weinpel  
Jack White

Parker Wickstrand  
Lucas Younes

### FIRST HONORS

#### GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Owen Adams  
Jose Alvarez Vidal  
Wilford Anderson  
Samuel Ayana  
Dominic Bartel  
Andres Behar  
Anthony Bravence  
Kapono Carriedo  
Nakanelua  
Carlos Castan  
Miguel Chaquica  
Jonathan Chavez  
Pablo Cosio  
Stephen Cota  
Raphael Dunne  
Luke Duong  
Mason Gossage  
Luke Graulich  
Elias Guerrero  
Noah Heuring  
Mason Higgins  
Matthew Horne  
Jorge Jimenez  
Jacob Kajmowicz  
Drake Konja  
Teo Konyon  
Gregory Leong  
Alfonso Macandog  
Michael Morton  
Marco Mouritzen  
Ezekiel Musni-Davis  
Henry Payne  
Emiliano Postlethwaite  
Santiago Postlethwaite  
Diego Ruiz  
Joseph Sbuttoni IV  
Emiliano Serrano  
Antonio Tamayo

Anthony Tompkins  
Diego Turner  
Carson Van Nort  
Kendrick Vazquez Diaz  
Jose Velasco Celaya  
Edward Wakefield

## SOPHOMORES

Class of 2026

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Gebreegizbher Amare  
Callum Arnaudy  
Antonio Atallah  
Henry Barwick  
Tom Battaglia  
Kristofer Bautista  
Benjamin Bayless  
Kirin Beckhaus  
Brock Benson  
Turner Bronson  
Nathan Bui  
George Burrell  
James Burrell  
John Cook  
Matthew Cramp  
Dominic Cresto  
Ruben Pablo Curiel  
Romero  
Kekoa da Luz  
William da Luz  
Payton Del Toro  
Santiago Diaz  
Joshua Garcia Pederson  
Jamison Gerding  
Diego Rodolfo Gonzalez  
Tapia  
Mateo Ibs Gonzalez Tapia  
Matthew Gosling  
Jameson Grohman  
Alberto Guerrero  
Peter Hanna  
Jonathan Haskett  
Alan Hernandez  
Michael Hoag  
Liam Hodson  
Peter Jordan  
Ezra La Coursiere  
Ryan Mary  
Nathan McDonald

Kenneth Michalowski  
Benjamin Nault  
Garrett Nering  
Liam Olds  
Carson Prah  
Diego Reyes  
Marcelo Rodriguez  
Diego Rosas-Luken  
Michael Ruiz  
Julius Salem  
Benet Salmon  
Maximilian Schwarz  
Spirit Soonthornton  
Connor Stowell  
Mason Sturrock  
Peter Thorne  
Lorenzo Toma  
Patrick Ward  
Gianni Yousif

### FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Dylan Alkatib  
Kurt Ambrosius  
Jaden Attisha  
Julius Audish  
Cruz Badillo  
Nathan Balkenbush  
John Banzhof  
Emilio Barreto  
Nicolas Barreto  
Mason Bautista  
Nicholas Boeh  
Jameson Brown  
Julian Bustos  
Angel Carrasco  
Alec Daniels  
Anthony Di Giovanni  
Xavier Escobar  
Santiago Garay Escobedo  
Kelley Gross  
Cruz Antonio Guevara  
Maurice Howard  
Luke Huelskamp  
Padraig Jensen  
Karl Laffaye  
Devin Manns  
Jose Martinez-Robles  
Leif McCloskey  
Aidan McKerring  
Fintan McMahon

Ian McMahon  
Guillermo Morales  
Adrian Moran  
Ricardo Moreno Fimbres  
Simon Moss  
Luke Parker  
Rodolfo Perez-Velazquez y  
Almada  
Charles Platt  
Derick Ritter  
Carlos Rubio-Lopez  
David Sabaga  
Fernando Santillana-De  
Soto  
Kieron Scanlan  
Kyle Shaeffer  
Cristiano Shores  
Colin Smith  
Vincent Smith  
Galo Villalobos  
Carlos Villarreal  
Matthew Wampach  
Julian Warter

## FRESHMEN

Class of 2027

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Blake Abbo  
Alexander Abbouna  
Augustin Attar  
Caleb Bailey  
Benito Bayona  
Grayson Bell  
Anthony Berardino  
Cooper Brosnan  
Nathan Camargo  
Victor Castan  
Iason Chang  
Teddy Kimo Crisostomo  
Roberto Datiles Jr.  
Cole Dolin  
Edgar Esquivel  
Yabet Gebrelu  
Joseph Gormly  
Gannon Hayes  
Miles Hess  
Declan Higgins  
Forrest Higgins  
Tim Huschke

Diego Izidoro  
Erik Johanson  
William Kennedy  
Ian Kunde  
Lorenzo Leal  
Bryson Morris  
Angel Munoz  
Nathaniel Murphy  
Gabriel Myers  
Dominic Perry  
Paisios Polamalu  
Charles Pruter  
Rommel Quintana  
Mauricio Razo  
Luke Rhea  
Emiliano Rodriguez  
Sebastian Rodriguez  
Andrew Samarkos  
Nicholas Sanchez  
Lorenzo Simon  
Noah Steele  
Griffin Steiner  
Ioannis Trakas  
Elijah Villafaña  
Joseph Walker  
Cullen Watts  
Noah Westfall  
Bennett Wilson  
Oliver Winn  
Jack Wisniew  
James Zumwalt  
Alexander Zwolinski

### FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Spencer Austin  
Raymond Briere  
David Cancel  
Vincenzo Cirino  
Julian Cromartie  
Moises Diaz  
Bodhi Dillard  
Cruz Elizondo  
Santiago Escotet  
Lazlo Garcia  
Michael Gomez  
Michael Gonzales  
Mercer Lujan  
Guillermo MacFarland  
Owen Marcinkowski  
Maximiliano Melo

Valenzuela  
Jonathan Morrill  
Jorge Munoz  
Justin Murigo  
Nikola Pandza  
Nolan Reyes  
Chase James Riley  
Giovanni Rivera-Mattingly  
Jacob Ruiz  
Rory Sullivan  
Matteo Toriello  
Giovanni Troisi  
Jesse Trujillo  
Johnny Vattuone  
William Caleb Wagner



# 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 2024 are headed to college.

*NOTE: Captions are posted clockwise from the upper left photo.*



Brayden Pinto, Cardiff Metropolitan University; Brady Klem, University of Redlands; Dominic Cortes, Pt. Loma Nazarene University and Luke Abrom, University of Dayton.



Julian Salem, San Diego State College; Jose Lavat Gomez, Loyola University, Chicago; Sam Grauerholz, Grossmont College; Aaron Talbott, Pt. Loma Nazarene University.



Robert "Bo" Grohman, University of Utah; Leo Handelsman, Marquette University; Patrick Studebaker, Xavier University and Gabriel Konja, San Diego State University.



Jake Russon, Oregon State University; Shane Garcia, Baylor University; Byron Cunningham, Creighton University and Daniel Cuellar, Cal State San Marcos.



Griffin Capiello, Catholic University; Ryan Ortega, UC San Diego; Erik Rodriguez, Texas Tech University and Cenzo Zoni, University of Hawaii.



Luca DiMarino, Willamette University; Ethan Pinon-Larkin, UC Santa Cruz; Ryan Kajmowicz, Penn State and Thomas Pokorsky, Marquette University.



## Here's Where They Landed

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 2024 prepares for college in the fall.

As per tradition, *Saints Scene* publishes a list of where Saintsmen have enrolled. And, good news, with only a few exceptions the entire class of 2024 will be attending a college or university this Fall.

### **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

Aaron Cramp

### **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Nicholas Ulloa

### **BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**

Shane Garcia

### **BENEDICTINE COLLEGE**

Isaiah Hasten

### **CALIF. STATE/CHANNEL ISLANDS**

Michael Walp

### **CALIF. STATE/FULLERTON**

Lawrence Rudolph

Yvan Sevilla

### **CALIF. STATE/LONG BEACH**

Alexander Watson

### **CALIF. STATE/MARITIME ACADEMY**

Jeffery Ring

### **CALIF. STATE/SAN MARCOS**

Daniel Cuellar

Andrew Channadian

Ethan Nguyen

Murfwafunmi Onimole

Thomas Sarmiento

### **CARDIFF METRO UNIV.**

[Wales, UK]

Brayden Pinto

Connor Torquato

### **CASE WESTERN RESERVE**

Javier Lopez

### **CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Griffin Cappiello

### **COLORADO STATE UNIV.**

Dylan Rudolfo

### **CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY**

Byron Cunningham

### **GROSSMONT COLLEGE/**

**San Diego**

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## Gymnastics

Congratulations Saintsman Owen Sullivan ('25) as he competed in the USA Gymnastics 2024 Men's National Championships in Daytona Beach, FL recently. He's a two-time national qualifier and three-time Academic All-American, and he placed third on parallel bars at Regionals this year. And, as pictured here, he's solid on the pommel horse.



## Volleyball

St. Augustine had a tremendous year of growth for our young team. Although Varsity Volleyball graduated six seniors, expectations are high for a dominant team next year.

"This season the team was moved from Division 2 to Division 1, so we were uncertain how we would handle the extra pressure and skill level," said head coach Janene Palafox. "As it turned out we were a team that should not be overlooked."

Saints Volleyball finished the season 17-16 after playing many higher open-division schools in Los Angeles early in the season. "Playing higher division teams helped us find our weaknesses and allowed us to play aggressively against our San Diego schools," said Coach Palafox.

Some of the top boys on the team this year were Sebastian Flores (1st team all-league), Wes Newton (2nd team all-league), including Isaiah Hasten, Owen Adams, Oliver Fendley (our setter with over 500 assists), and Luke O'Leary."

With so many experienced underclassmen returning the team hopes are high for a great 2025 season.

**SETTER. #23** Trent Gorsich is a junior and one of our setters. It is his first season on varsity, and he had a great year of growth offensively.



**CAPTAIN. #12** Sebastian Flores is our floor captain and leader in passes and kills for the season. He will be playing at Mira Costa College in the Fall.



**SPIKER. #2** Luke O'Leary (co-captain) is a junior and hits in the opposite position for Saints. He was one of our top scorers with kills this season.

## Lacrosse

St. Augustine's fighting Saints Lacrosse team engaged in a mano y mano earlier this spring vs. the Red Hawks of Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, where 17 goals were scored. When the smoke cleared the Rocky Mountain visitors overcame Saints homefield advantage by squeaking out a 9-8 win. Nevertheless, Coach John Tolla's Saints Varsity Lacrosse had a solid season.



**LET'S GO.** Saints Varsity Lacrosse team marches onto the Nutmeg Street playing field on a very wet Spring day.



**LET IT RIP.** Junior Parker Wickstrand in traffic fires a shot on goal.



**BOXED IN.** Game time rainy day didn't stop the hot and heavy action in the Red Hawks goal.



**TAKING AIM.** Sophomore Kyle Schaeffer targets one of eight goals scored by Saints.



**IN TRAFFIC.** Varsity's Colin Foley ('24) charges toward goal in rainy day action vs. Colorado's Cheyenne Mountain High Red Hawks.

## Baseball

The Saints Baseball team finished off an excellent season going 23-8 overall, capturing the Western League Title (7-3), The team also captured the annual Saints Bill Whittaker Tournament Championship, the Grossmont Metro City Conference Tournament championship, and finished 3-1 in the Open Division of the San Diego Lions Tournament.

The Saints earned one of the eight coveted CIFSDS Open Division Playoff Spots pitting the 8 best teams in San Diego against each other.

“Although we finished the season short of attaining the Open Division Championship, we had lots to celebrate,” said head coach Craig Da Luz.

He pointed out as a team “we had an overall team ERA of 1.92 (2.04 League). Our pitchers struck out 202 batters overall while walking only 88 (72K/25BB League).

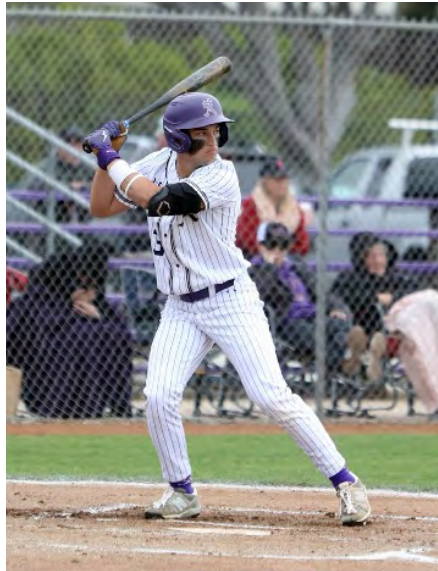
“We hit .283 overall (.300 League) compiling 226 H, 155 RBI, 48-2B, 10-3B, 17 HR (8 different players hit home runs), and 2 Grand slams.

“We stole 80 bases on the season (25 League) and had an overall team fielding percentage of .969 (.982 League).

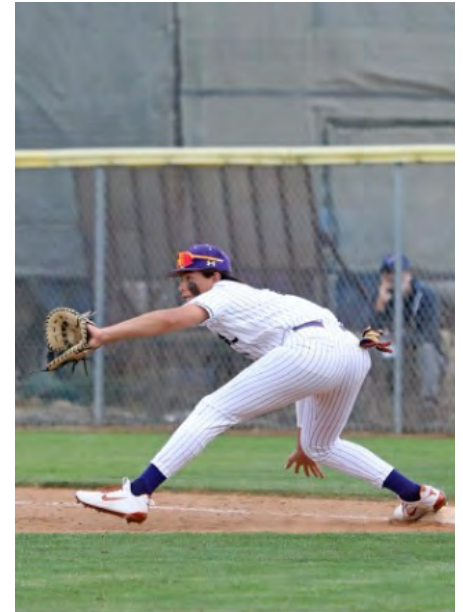
“Our success resulted in 13 players being recognized for their contributions to the season by being named to All-Western League Teams,” said Coach DaLuz

First Team All-Western League players are Justin Heffler, Grayson Boles, and Shane Miranda while Second Team All-Western League: Tyler Wick, Raphael Dunne, and Michael Ivanjack.

Honorable Mention All-Western League were Drake Konja, Grayson Keleman, Jonny Haskett, Thomas Carney, Rey Luis Ramirez, and Mikey Ruiz.



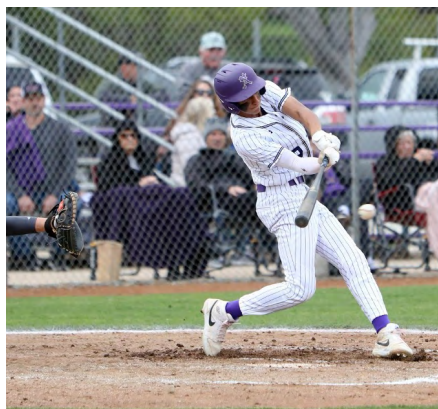
**SWEET SWING.** Senior Justin Heffler was named First Team All Western League.



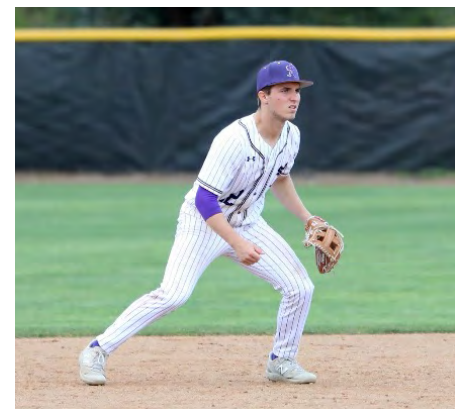
**OUT AT FIRST.** First Team All Western League Grayson Boles ('25).



**FASTBALL.** Saints Second Team All-Western League pitcher Michael Ivanjack ('25).



**EYE ON THE BALL.** All Western League Honorable Mention Junior infielder Drake Konja about to make contact.



**INFIELDER.** Honorable Mention All Western League player Tommy Carney ('24).

## Swimming

After the final Mass of the Spring Semester—with Fr. Max looking on—Saints Swim head coach Brian Prezlock and Assistant Coach Ezekiel Oliwa presented Andrew Bier (center) his medal from CIF, and recognized Andrew breaking a 19-year swim team record at CIF in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 58.1 seconds. That's simply awesome, Andrew!



## Track & Field

Spotlighting Saints Head Coach Ken Nwadike's Track and Field Team from various meets.



**LONG JUMP:** Into the sand pit, Long Jumper Ryan Sablan ('25) competes against Mission Bay.



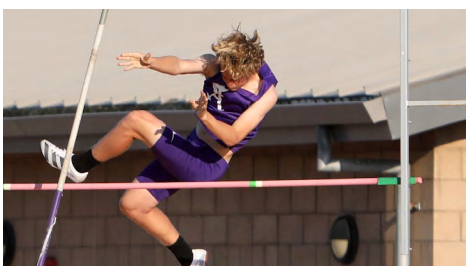
**HURDLES:** Saintsman Charlie Berkley ('25) and Anthony Etheridge ('27) cleared the final high hurdles and are sprinting to the finish.



**RELAY:** Ace-ing the handoff Cole Lambeth ('24) received baton from Aaron Morgan ('25) in the 4X100.



**CO-ED LONG DISTANCE:** Saints lines up for the 2 mile which was a coed heat at this year's Mission Bay track meet.



**POLE VAULT:** Senior Saintsman Jo Jo Sbuttoni IV sails over the bar in a recent meet.



**SPRINTS:** Xavier Cooke ('27) and Matthew Horne ('25) both ran the 100 and 200 sprints.

## Surf

The 2023-24 season for St. Augustine High was a blast! Head Coach Julia Mekrut insists “We may have had the most rained out competitions and practices of any previous season, but the team didn't let that deter them. Swapping boards during practice at Mission Beach, encouraging each other in mock meets, and cheering each other on at competitions, this team was full of community and spirit!

Saints Surf had nine first time competitors this season and seven returning competitors, and ended the season 2-2 in competitions. “Our dedicated four year varsity Captains, Seniors Shane Garcia, Ethan Pinon Larkin, Cenzo Zoni, and Kaia Prince, along with our talented Senior competitors Nate Butler, Annie Hammes, Maggie Holcomb, Harry McCue, Carsan Sahd, Mitchel Sanford will all be greatly missed. We wish all our Grads well and we are looking forward to another great season next year with the team,” said Coach Mekrut.



**TEAM WIN.** Saints/OLP Surf Team poses after a win against La Costa Canyon at South Ponto Carlsbad. Final score La Costa Canyon - 45, Saints & OLP - 47.



**FLYING.** Sophomore Jack Bingham flying down the line in his shortboard heat.



**BOARD WALKER.** Senior Nate Butler walking his board with style in his longboard heat.



**CHAIRMAN OF THE BODYBOARD.** Senior Ethan Pinon Larkin making it to State Championships in Bodyboard and placing 5th overall in the state.



**ON THE NOSE.** Senior Harry McCue making his way to the nose in his longboard heat.

# Alma Mater of St. Augustine High School

When the twilight shadows gather  
Out upon the campus green.  
When the blue and purple night  
Comes stealing on the scene:  
Loyal sons of St. Augustine  
Sing a hymn of praise  
To our dear old Alma Mater  
And our high school days.

St. Augustine, St. Augustine  
When we leave your sheltering walls.  
We shall leave an echo ringing  
Through your treasured halls.  
We will leave an echo ringing  
In the starlight cold  
While our memories are singing  
“Purple and the Gold”.

When the last big game is over  
and the last roll call is heard.  
When the oldest pedagogue  
Has had his final word  
We shall come to Alma Mater  
In our dream again  
With a prayer to St. Augustine  
and a strong Amen.

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