SAINTS SCENE

Great Time to Get Involved

Dear Parents and Friends,



Principal James Horne

Is your student bored? Looking for a new challenge?

At Saints he can participate in athletics (15 athletic teams,

4 intramural offerings), the arts (jazz band, symphonic band, ceramics, acting, set design) and a multitude of club and leadership groups (ASB, French club, IRC, chess club, newspaper, Key Club, yearbook, Loyal Sons of St. Augustine, art club, music ministry, Orphanage club, and more).

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Honoring Accomplishment and Service

2025 Augustinian Achievement Awards



President Edwin Hearn

By Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School

For those who have long been associated with St. Augustine

High School, you already appreciate the transformative power of a four-year Saints education. Our admiration for the school is

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VATICAN VISIT. As part of St. Augustine High's Intersession International Travel program Saintsmen and faculty chaperones pose in St. Peter's Square in front of St. Peter's Basilica. Left to right: Mr. Steven Bier, Preston Lavarez, David Sabaga, Liam Hodson, Brock Benson, Kapono Carriedo, Max Miller, Jacob Valdez, Wyatt Weldon, Preston Lavarez, Joshua Garcia-Pederson, Thomas Moore, Jacob Washington, and school Chaplain Fr. Max Villeneuve, O.S.A.



TRUE GRIT. Coach Mike Haupt and the Saints
Basketball team captured another CIF title, this time
Division 1. The team was lead throughout the playoffs
by the inspired and tough play of Jaden Bailes ('26)
and Anthony Etheridge ('27) and Lincoln Grogan ('26).

A Tale of Two Seasons

Saints Varsity
Basketball CIF
Champs: Hard Way

With a tough February in the rearview mirror, the Saints Varsity Basketball team scratched and clawed its way into the San Diego Section CIF Playoffs—overcoming a rough start in 2024 to finish strong in 2025.

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The Legacy of Leadership

The Story of Marine Corps Colonel Gerald Turley (Saints Class of 1949)

By Edwin Hearn, President, St. Augustine High School

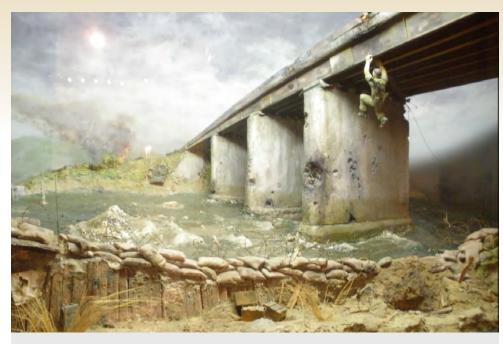
At the Augustinian Achievement Awards dinner on January 18th, the final honoree of the evening was Leo Sullivan '63.

Anyone who knows Leo knows he never delivers the expected. While most recipients would take a moment to thank the committee and reflect on their own journey, Leo did something different.

He told a story—one that left the entire room spellbound.

He spoke of another Saintsman, one from the class of 1949. And in true Leo fashion, he didn't just mention him in passing. He leaned in, unfolding a tale of courage, duty, and an impossible choice made in the chaos of war. It was the story of Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Turley, a Marine who found himself standing at the edge of history—not by chance, but by the unwavering conviction that when called to lead, you step forward.

After the event, I couldn't shake the story. My curiosity got the best of me, so I dug deeper. I thought back to conversations I'd had with alumnus Julius Zolezzi, a legendary San Diego tuna fisherman and a classmate of Gerry's. Julie spoke of Gerry often, but never in the way Leo had that night. Never with the weight of a decision that could have changed the course of the Vietnam War.



THE BRIDGE WAS BLOWN. The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) was closing in fast, with their eyes set on a critical objective: the Dong Ha Bridge. If they captured it, South Vietnam's defenses would crumble. In March 1972, Marine Corps Lt. Colonel Gerald Turley, a Saintsman Class of 1949, requested permission to destroy the bridge, but headquarters, 80 miles away, refused. They needed it for a counteroffensive. But Turley had been on the ground. He saw the truth. If the bridge remained standing, the enemy would roll through like a flood, crushing everything in its path. So, despite orders, he made the call. The bridge was blown.



Lt. Col. Gerald Turley, USMC

The Moment of Decision

March 31, 1972. The war in Vietnam had reached a critical juncture. The North Vietnamese, sensing the tide turning in their favor, were surging southward with 30,000 troops and 200 tanks. The pressure was unrelenting, and on the front lines of the battle, the commander of a key South Vietnamese compound reached his breaking point. Overwhelmed by the chaos, suffering from combat fatigue, he made a decision—he could not lead.



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COMMAND PERFORMANCE. Saints Drama performing a 10-minute scene from *Trap* on the CETA Main Stage, in front of an audience of 1200 theater students and teachers.

The St. Augustine High School Drama Department's production of Trap, a suspenseful horror-genre play by Stephen Gregg, recently earned third place in the San Diego region of the California Educational Theatre Association (CETA) competition—marking a historic milestone as the program's first top-three finish. This achievement highlights the exceptional talent and dedication of the cast and crew, who worked tirelessly to bring this uniquely engaging production to life.

In recognition of their outstanding performance, the cast and crew of Saints Drama's Trap—composed of both Saintsmen and OLP Pilots—were invited to attend the CETA SoCal Festival in Fullerton this January. During the three-day festival, they had the honor of performing a scene from their production on the main stage. This distinguished opportunity placed them among the top twelve high school productions selected from a competitive pool of 75 shows across Southern California. It also allowed the students to perform alongside some of the region's most talented young actors and designers, while attending workshops and building connections with their theatrical peers.

The accolades didn't stop at the production level. Laura Allen (OLP '25) and Pablo Romero (Saints '27) earned Director's Medals for their contributions to the production, and Max Leadley (Saints '25) received an Adjudicator Award, the highest individual honor from CETA. Additionally, Evan Perez (Saints '25), Laura Allen (OLP '25), and Sophia McKay (OLP '27) were awarded scholarships to attend the Stand Up for Arts Education advocacy conference this April in Sacramento. There, they are invited to perform and meet with California legislators to discuss how arts education has impacted their lives.

As Saints Drama continues to build on this momentum, they are proud to announce their spring musical production of *She Loves Me*. From the creators of *Fiddler on the Roof*, this beloved romantic comedy will run from April 4 to April 13 at the Raymond Center for the Performing Arts. Ticket sales and the full cast list will be announced soon, and the department warmly invites the community to join them for this enchanting production.



TOP DIRECTORS. Laura Allen and Pablo Romero (center) accept their Director's Awards for their outstanding work on *Trap*.



CAST & CREW. The Saints delegation comprised of cast and crew members of *Trap* meet on the steps of the Fullerton Union High School Theater before accepting the 3rd Place Trophy for the San Diego Area of CETA.



Cast of upcoming spring show: 'She Loves Me'

First Name	Last Name	Role
Anna	Jacobsen	Amalia
Braeden	Steele	Georg
Laura 4/11 thru 4/13	Allen	llona
Izzy 4/4 thru 4/6	LaFalce	llona
Max	Leadley	Kodaly
Evan	Perez	Sipos
Jon-Matthew	Oliveros	Mariczek
Sebastian	Rodriguez	Arpad
Xavier	Flippin	Male ensemble
Benjamin	Nault	Det. Keller/ male ensemble
Clare	Farrell	Headwaiter
Stephanie	Galvan	Fem ensemble
Marlet	Carillo	Fem ensemble
Addy	Evans	Fem ensemble
Mia	DiMarino	Fem ensemble
Estela	Vasquez	Fem ensemble
Sophia	McKay	Fem Ensemble



The

Sports Pages

Saints Scene's updates on:

- Wrestling
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Surf

Wrestling

Saludos!

Clever tribute to graduating Saints seniors from Wrestling team parents.



Soccer

Three Peat!

SOCCER STANDOUTS. Seniors Emi Postlewaite (left) and Archie Gonzalez (right) were key in the Saints Championship win. With just 10 minutes remaining, down 1-0, Emi scored to tie the match 1-1, forcing overtime. Neither team scored in OT and so Archie went to work in the penalty kick shootout. Archie saved 3 of 4 shots taken, securing the Championship victory. Coach Brendan Johnston and the Varsity Saints Soccer team finish the season CIF Open Division Champs. Johnston's recent success is amazing -7 consecutive league titles, 3 consecutive open division championships and now a chance to defend last year's State title. Go Saints! Photo: James Horne.

Stay tuned—next month, *Saints Scene* dives into Varsity Soccer championship highlights!



Basketball



Left to Right: Head Coach
Michael Haupt; Pai Polamalu
('27); Kai Blue ('28); Drew
Parker ('27); Luciano
Florentini ('28); Lincoln
Grogan ('26); Grayson Bell
('27); Anthony Etheridge ('27);
Peter Hanna ('26); Tanner
Kamencik ('25); Gustavo
Tellez ('27); Jaden Bailes
('27); Manny Cortez ('25); and
Johnny Stone ('25).

Champions!

Proud members of St. Augustine High School Varsity Basketball team 2024-2025. Western League Champions 2024-2025.

Participants CIF San Diego Section Playoffs.

Surf



Surf City

It's the middle of winter in San Diego, time for Saints/OLP Co-ed Surf team to listen to pre-competition pep talk from Head Coach Julia Mekrut. [OLP, left to right]: Makenna Fatta, Adelaide Evans, Sarah Ivanjack, Maya Smallwood, Gemma Quinn and Emilia Martinez-Tajonar. Saints (L-R): Josh Ryan, Nick Dolin, Nick DeSouza, James Steiner, Carter Jones and Wil Fitzpatrick.



Re-registration for 2025–26 School Year

Parents/guardians of students in grades 9-11 should have received an electronic copy of the contract for enrollment for the 2025–26 school year. MySchoolApp has emailed families that tuition contracts are available for next year. To complete the registration click the link in the email or log on to your MySchoolApp account and click on the banner at the top of the page.

Tuition contracts and re-registration is to be completed by March 19, 2025.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Mr. Daniel Hauk in the Finance office. dhauk@sahs.org



Holy Bowl on Hardwood

Collection of action photos from the recent Saints/Cathedral game by Saints Dad, Mr. Bill Hill



SWEET SHOT. Sophomore Anthony Etheridge [above] is poetry in motion as he scores against Cathedral Catholic in the game that cinched the Western League championship for Saints 69-65.



E-PIT-OME. There's nothing quite like a Cathedral vs. Saints rivalry to ignite the roar of the crowd. Here's THE PIT—home of the Saints' cheering section—in action as Varsity Basketball defeated the Dons twice this season in Western League play.

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SLEEK SOPH. Hard charging Sophomore Pai Polamalu has had a terrific season as part of a remarkable collection of underclassmen on the varsity roster.



SAINTS RULE. On that point no one argues with Mrs. Lucile Madruga.





KEY PLAYER. Drew Parker has emerged as an ace off the bench for Coach Mike Haupt. He secured one of the season's biggest rebounds against Mission Bay, and with seconds remaining, this standout sophomore turned a missed MB free throw into a gamewinning basket.

SCRAPPY. Four-year player, Tanner Kamencik rounds out the trio of feisty Saints seniors on the team along with Manny Cortez and Johnny Stone.



STAR POWER. Junior Jaden Bailes is Saints top scorer and a solid candidate for Western League Player of the Year.





NEW KID. Junior Lincoln Grogan earned a slot on Saints stating five after transferring from Mater Dei.



HERE'S JOHNNY. Known for his clutch 3-point shooting, Senior Johnny Stone on this play has turned his opponent into a pillar of stone with this silky layup. BTW: Those shoes will be missed.

MANNY BEING MANNY. No stopping this drive to the basket by Senior Manny Cortez during Saints action vs. archrival Cathedral Dons.



2025 Augustinian Achievement Awards

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reflected in the lives of its alumni. At the recent Augustinian Achievement Awards Banquet, three alumni and one Honorary Alumni joined a distinguished group whose lives continue to embody the St. Augustine Experience and the values we hold dear.

It was inspiring to witness how each inductee has embraced the unique gifts bestowed upon them, sharing these blessings with others. As someone deeply rooted in education, seeing our alumni live out the core values of Unitas, Veritas, and Caritas fills me with renewed hope for our world. Although the award winners represent only a small fraction of their graduating class, the ceremony powerfully showcased how these values can profoundly impact a St. Augustine alumnus's life and those around him.

It is my honor to highlight the newest inductees to the Augustinian Achievement Award fraternity: Tim Powers ('73); Paul Greer ('83); Karene Evenson (Honorary Graduate, '01); and Leo Suillivan ('63).

Tim Powers '73

Tim Powers graduated from Saints in 1973 before continuing his education at UCLA, where he rowed competitively for four years and earned distinguished honors at graduation. He then pursued his legal studies at Southern Methodist University. After law school, Tim joined the esteemed firm of Haynes and Boone LLP, where he not only ascended to the role of CEO but also revolutionized subscriptionsecured credit facility law—a market now exceeding \$700 billion annually.

Tim's unique spirit has always set him apart. Whether mentoring the next generation of lawyers or advising global financial leaders, his unwavering commitment to truth and ethical leadership shines through. Alongside his wife, Joni, Tim has dedicated his life to service. Together, they have provided scholarships, funded healthcare initiatives, and supported the arts, museums, and cultural programs. Additionally, Tim has chaired the Dallas Ethics Advisory Commission and served as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations for the city.

Paul Greer '83

Next to the podium was Paul Greer '83– a runner who found his vision for his life in the annual running of the Saints Turkey Trot. As a freshman Paul finished 5th in this annual event and from there went on to be one of the greatest runners in the history of St. Augustine High School. He has run a sub-four minute mile, set the 1500-meter record for San Diego State that still exists today, and competed on the European track and field circuit as a post-graduate athlete.

Past his achievements, Paul has dedicated his life to the running community. He has



Tim Powers '73



Paul Greer '83

served on the boards of many different running organizations while fulfilling his duties as a professor of Health and Exercise Science at San Diego City College for the past 37 years. His mentorship of runners and his support for community running events such as Rock 'N' Roll full and half marathon training programs for the past 25 years of all ability levels that is an inspiration to the community.

For four decades Paul has been that mentor—a beacon of perseverance, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to his craft. Teachers and coaches never know the full weight of their work, but the countless accolades and heartfelt gratitude of his athletes are a testament to his life.

Karene Evenson, Honorary Graduate '01

The third Augustinian Achievement
Awardee was Karene Evenson, a graduate
of OLP in 1956. As is off-repeated,
Karene was the first Saints cheerleader
from OLP, but it was not until her son
Tony was accepted into Saints, that she
became involved at Saints. Her time in
service to the community spanned 6
decades. It started with her involvement
in the Booster's Club and the Austin
Guild. Interestingly, when both of these
organizations existed almost all parents
either volunteered in just one of them.
Even with three daughters at OLP, Karene
immersed herself in both organizations.

It was during Fr. Jack Pejza's principalship at Saints that he asked Karene to volunteer for the just-formed Board of Trustees. She readily jumped into that work to help develop the Board into what it is today. In 1995, Fr. John Sanders the principal at the time, asked Karene to work directly for him and take the minutes of the board meetings. This began a 25-year stint as the Assistant to the Principal. As it turned out she worked for Fr. Sanders until he died in 2000 then Fr. John Keller during his principalship and finally with James Horne until she retired in 2020. As a wedding planner, Karene executed the thousands of details that had to be just right for all of the different events that emanated from the Office of the Principal. When she retired she was named an Augustinian Affiliate and was asked to continue working for the Augustinians which she has done to this day. It can be said that Karene is the ultimate behindthe-scenes person. With an engaging smile and quiet demeanor, she has always made Saints shine.

Leo Sullivan '63

The final recipient of the Augustinian Achievement Award is Leo Sullivan '63. Leo by his very nature deflects any praise that comes his way with a smile that suggests he is not worthy of this type of attention. As he came from the humblest of beginnings and simply had no way of paying tuition, he had an annual meeting with the principal who told him just to go to class. Leo stated that "Saints saved his life." During his senior year, he was elected ASB President just as his brother Joe '61 had served a few years before him. After graduation, he attended the University of San Francisco and after graduation went on to serve as a Captain in the Army's First Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War. For his bravery and dedication, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Air Medal, honors that reflect his deep commitment to service and leadership.

After his commitment was completed, Leo enrolled at the Law School at the University of California, Davis. Upon passing the bar he was a founding member of Sullivan, Wertz, McDade, and Wallace, a law firm that became one of the most highly respected firms in San Diego specializing in real estate and business law.

Leo served on the St. Augustine Board of Trustees as a Trustee and Chairperson of the Finance Committee from 2001 to 2008. It was a time of great change that slowly moving forward. Leo's leadership, quick wit, and ability to get to the heart of the matter helped to forge an engine of change that has been ongoing since his time on the board. When the Saints By-laws did not include a President's role, it was Leo who formed a committee to re-write the By-Laws for both Saints and Villanova Preparatory School, in Ojai. With Saints set up to succeed, Leo continued working with the Augustinians as a board member of Casa Hogar La Gloria, an Augustinian orphanage in Tijuana. Additionally, Leo was also an original board member of the St. Augustine Foundation.



Karene Evenson



Leo Sullivan '63



The Legacy of Leadership

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In desperation, he turned to Lieutenant
Colonel Gerald Turley. Turley, a U.S. Marine
sent as an advisor, resisted at first. His
orders were clear—he was not
in ommand. The next highest-ranking
officer should take charge. But the
desperate commander pushed back,
insisting that Turley was the only one
who could save them.

Turley paused, looked the man in the eye, and asked for his name and Social Security number. A simple but symbolic moment—it was his way of making it official, of acknowledging the weight of what he was about to do. With those few words, he took command.

At that instant, Colonel Gerald Turley, Saintsman from the class of 1949, became responsible for the defense of the five northernmost provinces of South Vietnam.

Leading Against the Odds

The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) was closing in fast, with their eyes set on a critical objective: the Dong Ha Bridge. If they captured it, South Vietnam's defenses would crumble.

Turley requested permission to destroy the bridge, but headquarters, 80 miles away, refused. They needed it for a counteroffensive. But Turley had been on the ground. He saw the truth. If the bridge remained standing, the enemy would roll through like a flood, crushing everything in its path.

So, despite orders, he made the call.

The bridge was blown.

That single act shifted the battle. Furious, the NVA pivoted westward, targeting another key bridge. But Turley was ready. He called in naval fire support from the USS Buchanan in the Gulf of Tonkin.

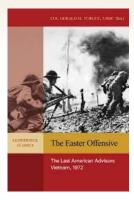
At the same time, he coordinated with a U.S. Air Force Lieutenant General to unleash a wave of B-52 airstrikes. For four relentless days, American firepower pounded the enemy.

What had once been an overwhelming force was now a fractured, desperate army.

Defying Orders to Win the War

Then, just as the tide was turning, a new crisis emerged.

An American electronic intelligence aircraft had been shot down. The



survivor was no ordinary soldier, he was a ballistic missile expert with top-secret clearance. If captured, the consequences would be catastrophic.

Orders came down from command: Halt all attacks. Every bombing run, every artillery strike, every naval barrage had to stop to allow for the soldier's rescue.

But Turley saw the bigger picture. The battle was at a turning point. If they stopped firing, the North Vietnamese would regroup, regain strength, and press forward once more. It was a moment of impossible choice: follow orders and risk losing the war or defy them and save both the soldier and the battlefield.

Turley found a third way.

He issued a direct command—cease fire in a three-mile radius around the downed airman, ensuring his safety. Everywhere else, the fight continued. The North Vietnamese never recovered.

This battle—what history now calls the Easter Offensive—should have been a disaster for the South Vietnamese. Instead, it became a testament to the power of leadership under fire.

Many fought bravely, but it was Colonel Gerald Turley's willingness to step forward, to defy orders when necessary, and to put his men first that made the difference.

Class of 1949

At the
Augustinian
Achievement
Awards
banquet, Leo
Sullivan made a
bold statement:
"The Marine



Corps likes to

take the credit for Colonel Turley's actions that day. But I believe it was his Saints education that led him to take charge of a failing defense of the DMZ."

The following Monday, I called Gerry Turley, now 95 and living in South Carolina. His daughter answered. When I began to tell her what Leo had said, she stopped me mid-sentence.

"I believe that too," she said. "Saints gave my dad the moral compass and the confidence to step forward when it mattered most."

There's no doubt that the Marine Corps made Gerry Turley a great warrior. But Saints made him a great leader.

Because at Saints, brotherhood is more than just a word. It's a commitment—a duty to stand for something greater than yourself.

On that battlefield, Gerry Turley saw the South Vietnamese soldiers not just as

allies, but as brothers. He fought for them as he would have fought for himself. He led not for glory, but out of love. And when the moment came to make the impossible decision, he followed his conscience.

For that, St. Augustine High School salutes this remarkable Saintsman.



North Vietnam, 1972

A Lifetime of Service

Colonel Turley's impact did not end in Vietnam. He went on to become a military author, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Consultant to the Under Secretary of Defense, and advisor to the Secretary of the Navy. He earned the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, and numerous other commendations.

But perhaps his greatest distinction is this: When duty called, he answered. And because he did, history changed.

Great Time to Get Involved

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Participating in extracurricular activities helps him in other ways, too: It looks good on college and job applications and shows admissions officers and employers he is well-rounded and responsible. But wait there is more...

Research has shown that participation in extra-curricular activities has a beneficial effect on academic performance (Marsh, 1992) and promotes greater academic achievement (Gerber, 1996). Additionally, it suggests a positive relationship between structured non-academic activities and self-esteem (Coladarci & Cobb, 1996). Lastly, extracurricular activities are closely linked to prosocial peer relations and lower rates of drug use and teen pregnancy (Borden, Donnermeyer, & Scheer, 2001).

Although Saints is a small school environment we offer a huge array of opportunities for students to explore their physical, creative, social, faith, leadership, and career interests with like-minded people.

With the second semester underway get those boys off the couch and away from the tube! Encourage your son to try a new activity! It may bring him in contact with people he didn't know shared his interests and curiosity and it will surely contribute to his full development.

In the Spirit of Catholic Education,

James Horne Principal



A Tale of Two Seasons

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High school basketball is known for slow starts and big finishes, but not necessarily for young teams. This Saints squad, made up predominantly of underclassmen, defied expectations. Credit a veteran coaching staff, led by Michael Haupt, for staying patient through the early-season blues.

Not many would have looked at the Saints' "could be better" record at New Year's and boldly channeled Nostradamus to predict, "No problem, we'll be in the playoffs."

But Coach Haupt and his team didn't dwell on the past. They threw away the old calendar. Most squads with a 3-11 record at the start of the year play mainly in front of the faithful. And at an all-boys Catholic school, there's plenty of faith to go around—something that clearly spilled over onto the court.

Enter Houdini Haupt, who reached into his bag of talent and grit to orchestrate a stunning turnaround, leading the Saints to 13 wins and just two losses in 2025. Their January/February surge clinched a Western League title with an unblemished 8-0 run, leveling their overall record to 14-14.

Before their playoff push, the Saints delivered some of the season's most thrilling moments. In a pair of nail-biters, they defeated Cathedral Catholic twice, sealing the final win over their archrivals with a 69-64 victory. They followed that up with a heart-stopping 52-51 win over Mission Bay, when Drew Parker tipped in the game-winning layup off a missed Buccaneers free throw.

Once again, the Saints proved that teamwork triumphs over individual star power. With a cohesive, determined squad, they outplayed highly touted opponents through sheer resilience and unity. Their home-court dominance played a key role, averaging an impressive 68.6 points per game during a seven-game home winning streak.

Riding this momentum, they confidently entered the CIF playoffs, where they continued their winning ways by overwhelming Lincoln 80-39 in the first Div. I match.

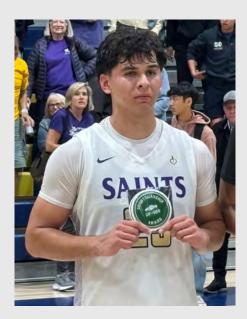
Next, they overwhelmed a tough El Camino team 69-48 before recording a revenge win over Sage Creek 62-39 in the Semi-Final game. Sage Creek topped Saints earlier in the season 62-53.

BREAKING NEWS: Season Ends with a Crown

Played at Mater Dei, the CIF Division I final game saw St. Augustine High win the CIF San Diego Section Division 1 championship game 59-42 over Victory Christian Academy. The long season ended with a championship. Sweet indeed. It fully demonstrated how winning varsity basketball programs are built. One game at a time.

For now, it's off to the CIF regional and state playoffs.

Stay tuned for next month's Saints Scene for a full local, regional and state recap, including a season ending playoff photo gallery.



SPORTSMANSHIP. Senior Manny Cortez was honored with the CIF sportsmanship award at the conclusion of the game. Photo: James Horne.



PURPLE REIGN: CIF CHAMPS. Saints Varsity Basketball outscored Victory Christian Academy 59-42 to claim the 2024-25 San Diego Section CIF Division I Championship! The future looks bright as underclassmen Lincoln Grogan (17 pts), Pai Polamalu (16), and Jaden Bailes (15) led the charge. Next stop: State Regional CIF playoffs!

CIF Hoopla!

Wins & Losses

- November 21: Lost to La Jolla Country Day, 50-68
- November 23: Lost to Olympian, 63-75
- November 26: Lost to Mission Hills, 66-73 (Double Overtime)
- November 29: Won against Madison, 76-52
- November 30: Lost to Coronado, 61-65
- December 4: Won against Steele Canyon, 64-48
- December 13: Lost to Carlsbad,
 54-77
- December 18: Lost to Roosevelt, 36-79
- December 19: Lost Tarkanian Classic in Las Vegas to SPXSMA 45-77
- December 20: Lost Tarkanian Classic to Campbell Hall 64-75
- December 21: Lost Tarkanian Classic to Centennial 53-70

- December 26: Won Torrey Holiday
 Classic vs. Louisville High 52-46
- December 27: Lost Torrey Holiday
 Classic vs Archbishop Riordan 58-64
- December 28: Lost Torrey Holiday
 Classic vs. Windward High 64-68
- January 7: Won vs Santa Fe Christian, 77-69
- January 10: Won vs Victory Christian Academy, 67-54
- January 14: Won vs University City, 68-56
- January 17: Won vs Cathedral Catholic, 93-86.
- January 21: Won vs Mission Bay, 60-56
- January 24: Won vs. Scripps Ranch, 80-47
- January 25: Lost Nike Extravaganza vs Centennial, 60-76
- January 28: Won vs Patrick Henry, 59-52.

- January 30: Lost vs Sage Creek, 53-62
- February 4: Won vs. University City, 60-48
- February 7: Won vs. Cathedral Catholic, 69-64
- **February 11:** Won vs. Mission Bay, 52-51
- February 13: Won vs. Scripps
 Ranch, 77-58. [8-0 Western League
 Champions]
- February 18: Won vs Lincoln 80-39 CIF PLAYOFF Div.1
- February 21: Won vs. El Camino 69-48 CIF
- February 26: Won vs. Sage Creek
 62-39 CIF Semi-Finals
- March 1: Won vs. Victory Academy
 59-42 CIF Championship Final



BREAKING NEWS. Saints Varsity
Basketball triumphed over Victory
Christian Academy to win the 2024-25
San Diego Section Division I title 5942. Top scorers were Lincoln Grogan
(17 pts), Pai Polamalu(16) and Jaden
Bailes(15). Saints finished the season
with 18 wins and 13 losses. Top Scorer
(pictured left) in the CIF title game was
Lincoln Grogan ('26) with 17 points.
Image by Bill Hill.





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