

***SIXTY-SECOND
ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS***



***MONDAY EVENING, JUNE SEVENTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE***

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PROGRAM OF GRADUATION, JUNE 7, 2021

<i>INTRODUCTION</i>	<i>Mrs. Anne Gregory</i> <i>Director of Student Services</i>
<i>PROCESSIONAL</i>	<i>“Pomp and Circumstance” – Elgar</i> <i>Mr. Andrew Monticello</i>
<i>SALUTE TO THE FLAG</i>	<i>Jason Agnoli</i> <i>Student Council President</i>
<i>NATIONAL ANTHEM</i>	<i>Sandra Held</i> <i>Kasey Olechowski</i>
<i>PRAYER SERVICE</i>	
<i>PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME</i>	<i>Mr. Russell D. Petrocelli</i> <i>Principal</i>
<i>MESSAGE TO THE SENIOR CLASS</i>	<i>Dr. Robert Stickles</i> <i>President</i>
<i>REMEMBERING THE PAST</i>	<i>Mia Nguyen</i> <i>Salutatorian</i>
<i>ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS</i>	<i>Mrs. Anne Gregory</i>
<i>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</i>	<i>Mr. Russell D. Petrocelli</i>
<i>PRESENTATION OF DAWN DE STEFANO AWARD</i>	<i>Sr. Jeanne Agans, S.C.</i> <i>Vice Principal of Academics</i>
<i>DREAMING THE FUTURE</i>	<i>Dana Tagliaferro</i> <i>Valedictorian</i>
<i>ADDRESS TO GRADUATES</i>	<i>Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney</i> <i>Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson</i>
<i>PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS</i>	<i>Sr. Jeanne Agans, S.C.</i>
<i>BENEDICTION</i>	<i>Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney</i>
<i>RECESSIONAL</i>	<i>“Ode to Joy” — Beethoven</i> <i>Mr. Andrew Monticello</i>

THE CLASS OF 2021

Valedictorian

Dana Tagliaferro

*Jana N. Abbiati
Jason Agnoli
Joseph A. Amodeo
Laila Aponte
Alejandra D. Arevalo
Xavier Baker
Drew Beebe-Clark
Tiffany M. Benevenga
Bridgeth G. Benites
Emily A. Beshada
Luke M. Bianchi
Shaylyn M. Bradley
Alexander Brodsky
Alexander Brogan
Zachary Brogan
Andrew Butler
Dylan J. Cabri
Yarumi Carhuallanqui
Malik Carrette
Eric Checinski
Gia T. Cifalino
Nicholas Comotto
Owen T. Corbutt
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Conrad Czarnecki
Michael E. D'Arco
Aimee L. Decker
Matthew Delgado
Skylar DiFabio
Hope Downs
Maxwell J. Enze
Jonathan L. Ericksen
Joseph F. Fano
Grace E. Farrell
Nicholas A. Federici
Jesal P. Gandhi
Brianna A. Garcia
Jared A. Goodman
Teresa E. Haggerty
Katelyn J. Heaney
Sandra Held
Reed Karsen
Aidan T. Kennelly
Gregory Klepacki*

Salutatorian

Mia Nguyen

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Jeremiah Lindsay
Nuccio T. Lisitano
Pauline Lombardo
Gianna Lopez
Matthew C. Luehs
Makayla S. Lusk
Michael J. Marmo
Michael J. Matsakis
Alejandro Medina
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Jaime C. Roberts
Matthew J. Romero
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Alex X. Rosario
Santiago Ruiz
Michael J. Russo
Julian Sanchez
Isabella Sardina
Dominic S. Scelba
Annabelle A. Schmidt
Vincent Sciacca
Jordan D. Sellers
Ja'Shone Sellers
Catherine E. Serek
Ingyu Song
Michael Soto
Rashon Spotwood
Carmen E. Sullivan
Charles F. Szumita
Vincent C. Tan*

Lilly Tea
Sofia Tea
Evan J. Thomas
Marcela I. Toledo
Nathan Tortos
Christopher T. Villon
Pingxin (Grace) Wang

Mekhi D. White
DeMere White
Matthew T. Wilderson
Alyssa Winkler
Camryn Wolf
Keira M. Wood
Slater Zevallos

HONOR SOCIETIES

National Honor Society (Gold Sash and Tassel)

Jason Agnoli	Jesal Gandhi	Ingyu Song
Drew Beebe-Clark	Brianna Garcia	Dana Tagliaferro
Emily Beshada	Katelyn Heaney	Vincent Tan
Shaylyn Bradley	Katherine Lencsak	Lilly Tea
Andrew Butler	Matthew Luehs	Sofia Tea
Dylan Cabri	Mia Nguyen	Evan Thomas
Gia Cifalino	Maria Rizio	Marcela Toledo
Aimee Decker	Alex Rosario	Matthew Wilderson
Jonathan Ericksen	Annabelle Schmidt	Camryn Wolf
Joseph Fano	Catherine Serek	

Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society (Blue and Gold Cords)

Luke Bianchi	Katherine Lencsak	Ingyu Song
Jonathan Ericksen	Maggie Meng	Dana Tagliaferro
Jesal Gandhi	Mia Nguyen	Vincent Tan
Katelyn Heaney	Catherine Serek	

National Science Honor Society (Green, Purple, and Gold Cords)

Drew Beebe-Clark	Brianna Garcia	Annabelle Schmidt
Gia Cifalino	Katelyn Heaney	Dana Tagliaferro
Jonathan Ericksen	Katherine Lencsak	Evan Thomas
Jesal Gandhi	Mia Nguyen	

Alexander Hamilton History Honor Society (Maroon Cords)

Jason Agnoli	Kris Lara	Catherine Serek
Luke Bianchi	Katherine Lencsak	Dana Tagliaferro
Gia Cifalino	Matthew Luehs	Vincent Tan
Drew Beebe-Clark	Mia Nguyen	Evan Thomas
Aimee Decker	Alex Rosario	Camryn Wolf
Brianna Garcia	Isabella Sardina	
Katelyn Heaney	Annabelle Schmidt	

World Language Honor Society (Green, White, and Gold Cords)

<i>Beebe-Clark, Drew</i>	<i>Lindo, Victoria</i>	<i>Tagliaferro, Dana</i>
<i>Carhuallanqui, Yarumi</i>	<i>Medina, Alejandro</i>	<i>Tan, Vincent</i>
<i>García, Brianna</i>	<i>Nguyen, Mia</i>	<i>Tea, Lilly</i>
<i>Cifalino, Gia</i>	<i>Romero, Matthew</i>	<i>Tea, Sofia</i>
<i>Heaney, Katelyn</i>	<i>Rosario, Genesis</i>	<i>Toledo, Marcela</i>
<i>Wood, Keira</i>	<i>Schmidt, Annabelle</i>	
<i>Lencsak, Katherine</i>	<i>Serek, Catherine</i>	

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

<i>Shaylyn Bradley</i>	St. Joseph Health Foundation Scholarship
<i>Dylan Cabri</i>	The DeStefano Family Scholarship
<i>Kris Lara</i>	Wayne Police Benevolent Association Scholarship
<i>Jaime Roberts</i>	Wayne Police Benevolent Association Scholarship
<i>Isabella Sardina</i>	Wayne Rotary Scholarship via Interact
<i>Dana Tagliaferro</i>	Lakeland Bank Scholarship
<i>Katelyn Heaney</i>	The Kathleen Walsh Scholarship
<i>Evan Thomas</i>	James Lacava '85 Memorial Scholarship
<i>Keira Wood</i>	Wayne Lions Edward A. Lenzak Memorial Scholarship

National African American Recognition Program

This honor is given to those students who are African American, have scored in the top 10% on their junior year PSAT and maintained a cumulative grade point average of a 3.5 or higher by the middle of their junior year.

Drew Beebe-Clark

PSAT/NMSQT Commended Student

The following student has been named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. This honor is given to those students whose PSAT/NMSQT Selection index scores fall within top 50,000 out of the 1.5 million entrants.

Jesal Gandhi

Advanced Placement Scholars

Every fall, the Advanced Placement Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP exams.

AP Scholar status is granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more exams.

AP Scholar with Honors status is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Advanced Placement Scholars

<i>Jesal Gandhi</i>	<i>Annabelle Schmidt</i>
<i>Katelyn Heaney</i>	<i>Catherine Serek</i>
<i>Katherine Lencsak</i>	<i>Dana Tagliaferro</i>

Advanced Placement Scholars with Honors

Jesal Gandhi
Mia Nguyen

Academic Awards were presented to the following graduates for Four Years of Excellence

English Department
Shakespeare Award.....*Mia Nguyen*

Fine & Performing Arts Department
Picasso Award*Emily Morillo*

Mathematics Department
Delta Award.....*Mia Nguyen*

Theology Department
St. Vincent DePaul Award *Luke Bianchi*

Science Department
Thomas Alva Edison Award..... *Katherine Lencsak*

Social Studies Department
Thomas Jefferson Award.....*Mia Nguyen*

World Language Department
Amelia Fletcher Awards..... *Gia Cifalino*
Vincent Tan

***Graduation Awards are presented to the following for
their Contributions to the DePaul Catholic Community***

Msgr. John P. McHugh Awards Katelyn Heaney and Evan Thomas
Father Geno Sylva Awards Jason Agnoli and Annabelle Schmidt
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards Katherine Lencsak and Charles Szumita
Sr. Patricia Flarity Awards Reed Karsen and Victoria Lindo
William F. Martin, '64 Awards Reesa Passeri and Matthew Wilderson
Outstanding Athletes Laila Aponte and Andrew Butler
NJSIAA Scholar Athlete Katelyn Heaney
National Association of Girls and Women in Sports Award . Catherine Serek
The Passaic County Football Scholar Athlete Award Joseph Fano

The Class of 2021 Looks to the Future

Jana N. Abbiati
Jason Agnoli
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Xavier Baker
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Bridgeth G. Benites
Emily A. Beshada
Luke M. Bianchi
Shaylyn M. Bradley
Alexander Brodsky
Alexander Brogan
Zachary Brogan

William Paterson University
Pennsylvania State University
The University of Tampa
Post University
Montclair State University
Wagner College
Davidson College
The University of Tampa
Seton Hall University
University of Miami
Stevens Institute of Technology
Rhodes College
Montclair State University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Seton Hall University

The Class of 2021 Looks to the Future

<i>Andrew Butler</i>	Boston College
<i>Dylan J. Cabri</i>	University of New Haven
<i>Yarumi Carhuallanqui</i>	Seton Hall University
<i>Malik Carrette</i>	Pennsylvania State University—Altoona
<i>Eric Checinski</i>	Broward College
<i>Gia T. Cifalino</i>	Elon University
<i>Nicholas Comotto</i>	The University of Tampa
<i>Owen T. Corbutt</i>	Clemson University
<i>Jayden M. Correa</i>	Fairleigh Dickinson University
<i>Conrad Czarnecki</i>	Montclair State University
<i>Michael E. D'Arco</i>	Sussex County Community College
<i>Aimee L. Decker</i>	Bryant University
<i>Matthew Delgado</i>	Caldwell University
<i>Skylar DiFabio</i>	Fairleigh Dickinson University
<i>Hope Downs</i>	Iona College
<i>Maxwell J. Enze</i>	Sussex County Community College
<i>Jonathan L. Ericksen</i>	Stevens Institute of Technology
<i>Joseph F. Fano</i>	Bryant University
<i>Grace E. Farrell</i>	Sacred Heart University
<i>Nicholas A. Federici</i>	Purdue University-Main Campus
<i>Jesal P. Gandhi</i>	Stevens Institute of Technology
<i>Brianna A. Garcia</i>	University of Connecticut
<i>Jared A. Goodman</i>	Wilkes University
<i>Teresa E. Haggerty</i>	University of Rhode Island
<i>Katelyn J. Heaney</i>	Wake Forest University
<i>Sandra Held</i>	Sacred Heart University
<i>Reed Karsen</i>	Montclair State University
<i>Aidan T. Kennelly</i>	County College of Morris
<i>Gregory Klepacki</i>	Community College of Baltimore County
<i>Kris Lara</i>	Caldwell University
<i>Katherine Lencsak</i>	Quinnipiac University
<i>Victoria D. Lindo</i>	Rutgers University-New Brunswick
<i>Jeremiah Lindsay</i>	Hampton University
<i>Nuccio T. Lisitano</i>	Bluefield State College
<i>Pauline Lombardo</i>	Lynn University
<i>Gianna Lopez</i>	Seton Hall University
<i>Matthew C. Luehs</i>	Marist College
<i>Makayla S. Lusk</i>	Seton Hall University
<i>Michael J. Marmo</i>	Florida State University
<i>Michael J. Matsakis</i>	County College of Morris
<i>Alejandro Medina</i>	New Jersey Institute of Technology
<i>Robert Mehnert</i>	University of Massachusetts-Boston
<i>Xiaotong (Maggie) Meng</i>	Pennsylvania State University
<i>Emily E. Morillo</i>	Pratt Institute-Main
<i>Mia Nguyen</i>	University of Richmond
<i>Kasey Olechowski</i>	Fairleigh Dickinson University

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University of Pittsburgh
Auburn University
The University of Alabama
Lynn University
Bergen Community College
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Lehigh University
Saint Joseph's University
The University of Alabama
Seton Hall University
Bryant University
Montclair State University
The University of Tampa
Real Estate School
Sacred Heart University
Weber State University
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Centenary University
Southern Connecticut State University
Elizabeth City State University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Pennsylvania State University
Seton Hall University
Montclair State University
The University of Alabama
Siena College
Vassar College
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Ringling College of Art and Design
Alvernia University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
William Paterson University
Passaic County Community College
Stony Brook University
Robert Morris University
Montclair State University
Boston College
High Point University
Marshall University
DeSales University
Montclair State University



Acceptances

Schools to which the Class of 2021 was accepted.

Adelphi Univ.	Davidson College
Alabama A & M Univ.	Delaware State Univ.
Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham	Univ. of Delaware
Alabama State Univ.	DeSales Univ.
The Univ. of Alabama	Dickinson College
Albright College	Drexel Univ.
Alvernia Univ.	Duquesne Univ.
American International College	East Carolina Univ.
Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Eastern Connecticut State Univ.
Univ. of Arkansas	Eckerd College
Auburn Univ.	Elizabeth City State Univ.
Ave Maria Univ.	Elon Univ.
Averett Univ.	Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.
Com. College of Baltimore County	Fayetteville State Univ.
Barton College	Felician Univ.
Bergen Community College	Flagler College-St Augustine
Bethune-Cookman Univ.	Florida Gulf Coast Univ.
Bluefield State College	Florida Memorial Univ.
Boston College	Florida State Univ.
Boston Univ.	Univ. of Florida
Univ. of British Columbia	Fordham Univ.
Bryant Univ.	Gannon Univ.
Bucknell Univ.	George Washington Univ.
Caldwell Univ.	Georgia Institute of Technology
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Georgian Court Univ.
Catholic Univ. of America	Goldey-Beacom College
Centenary Univ.	Grambling State Univ.
Univ. of Central Florida	Hampton Univ.
College of Charleston	Univ. of Hartford
Chestnut Hill College	Hawaii Pacific Univ.
Christopher Newport Univ.	High Point Univ.
Clark Atlanta Univ.	Hofstra Univ.
Clarkson Univ.	Howard Univ.
Clemson Univ.	Indiana Univ.-Bloomington
Coastal Carolina Univ.	Iona College
Concordia Univ.-Chicago	Ithaca College
Univ. of Connecticut	Jackson State Univ.
County College of Morris	James Madison Univ.
D'Youville College	Jefferson (Phil U & Thomas Jefferson U)

John Jay College of Crim. Justice
Johnson & Wales Univ.
Kean Univ.
Keiser Univ.
King's College
Kutztown Univ. of Pennsylvania
Lafayette College
Lehigh Univ.
Long Island Univ.
Louisiana State Univ.
Loyola Univ. Maryland
Loyola Univ. New Orleans
Lynn Univ.
Univ. of Maine
Marist College
Marquette Univ.
Marshall Univ.
Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore
Univ. of Maryland-College Park
MCPHS Univ.
Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst
Univ. of Massachusetts-Boston
Messiah Univ.
Miami Dade College
Miami Univ.-Oxford
Univ. of Miami
Molloy College
Monmouth Univ.
Montclair State Univ.
Moravian College
Morehead State Univ.
Morgan State Univ.
Mount Marty College
Muhlenberg College
Univ. of New Haven
New Jersey City Univ.
NJ Institute of Technology
The College of New Jersey
New York Institute of Technology
Norfolk State Univ.
North Carolina A & T State Univ.
Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte
Univ. of North Carolina Wilmington
North Carolina Central Univ.
North Carolina State Univ. at Raleigh
Northeastern Univ.
Nova Southeastern Univ.
Otterbein Univ.
Pace Univ.
Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.
Penn State Univ
Penn State Univ.- Altoona
Univ. of Pittsburgh
Post Univ.
Prairie View A & M Univ.
Pratt Institute-Main
Pratt MWP College of Art and Design
Providence College
Purdue Univ.-Main Campus
Quinnipiac Univ.
Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Univ. of Rhode Island
Univ. of Richmond
Rider Univ.
Ringling College of Art and Design
Robert Morris Univ.
Roger Williams Univ.
Rowan Univ.
Rutgers Univ.-New Brunswick
Rutgers Univ.-Newark
Sacred Heart Univ.
Saint Francis Univ.
Saint Joseph's Univ.
Saint Leo Univ.
Saint Louis Univ.
Saint Peter's Univ.
Salve Regina Univ.
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Univ. of the Sciences
Univ. of Scranton
Seton Hall Univ.
Seton Hill Univ.

Siena College
Univ. of South Florida
Southern Connecticut State Univ.
Southern Univ. and A & M College
Springfield College
St John's Univ.-New York
St. Thomas Aquinas College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook Univ.
Sussex County Community College
Syracuse Univ.
The Univ. of Tampa
Temple Univ.
The Univ. of Texas at Arlington
The Univ. of Texas at Dallas
Univ. of Toronto

Trinity College
Tuskegee Univ.
Union College
Univ. at Buffalo
Valparaiso Univ.
Vassar College
VA Polytech Institute & State Univ.
Virginia State Univ.
Wagner College
Wake Forest Univ.
Washington and Lee Univ.
Weber State Univ.
West Virginia Univ.
Western Connecticut State Univ.
Wilkes Univ.
William Paterson Univ. of NJ
Worcester Polytechnic Institute



DePaul Catholic High School is a co-educational diocesan college preparatory high school whose mission is to foster the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social growth of its students.

DePaul Catholic enables all students to deepen their faith by teaching the doctrine and traditions of the Catholic Church; by strengthening their sense of social justice and social responsibility, and by helping students form a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The school community also develops young men and women from varying backgrounds into skilled, compassionate citizens who respect the dignity of all people and leaders who are willing to meet the challenges of a complex global society.