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More Than 4,500 Catholic High School Seniors Graduate Across the Archdiocese of New York, Earning Over \$1 Billion in Scholarships

NEW YORK — More than 4,500 students graduated this Spring from Catholic high schools across the Archdiocese of New York, marking an extraordinary year of academic excellence, service, and faith. Collectively, the Class of 2025 earned over \$1 billion in college scholarships.

This year's graduates achieved a 99% college acceptance rate, with 83% receiving scholarships to the college or university of their choice. Many were accepted into some of the nation's most prestigious institutions, including Ivy League universities and top-tier Catholic colleges and universities as well as U.S. service academies such as the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD), the United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY), and the United States Military Academy at West Point (NY).

Beyond academics, these students made a powerful impact through service—volunteering more than 300,000 hours in their schools, parishes, and neighborhoods. Their efforts reflect the Gospel values that are the cornerstone of Catholic education.

"This year's graduates inspire us with their resilience, faith, and courage," said Sister Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York.

"Whether achieving academic excellence or dedicating themselves to service, they embody the very best of Catholic education."

The Archdiocese remains deeply committed to nurturing students not only intellectually, but spiritually, emphasizing compassion, character, and a strong Catholic identity.

"Our schools are more than places of learning—they are communities where students grow in both knowledge and their relationship with Christ," said Linda Dougherty, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools and Catholic Identity. "We are proud to graduate

young men and women who are intellectually prepared, spiritually grounded, and ready to serve the world with integrity, faith, and love.”

Among this year’s graduates are students who arrived in the United States as refugees, learned English while in high school, and still graduated with honors, underscoring the diversity, inclusivity, and life-changing mission of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

Below is a snapshot of the **valedictorians and salutatorians** from each high school in the Archdiocese:

School	Valedictorian	Salutatorian
Academy of Mount St. Ursula	Kayla Montano	Alexa Ynfante
Albertus Magnus High School	Olivia Michelle Pastina	Molly Ann Roff
All Hallows High School	Anthony Moina	Isaac Rivera
Archbishop Stepinac High School	James Lyons	Dylan Adorno
Cardinal Hayes High School	Ricardo Joaquin Burgos Padilla	Christian Luis Florentino
Cardinal Spellman High School	Violet Provencher	Rehema Ojwang
Cathedral High School	Leah Valasquez	Karis Liu
Convent of the Sacred Heart	Hailey Sullivan	Grace Harris
Cristo Rey New York High School	Arame Gueye	Emily Betances
Dominican Academy	Nicole Lee	Annie McGraw
Fordham Preparatory School	Matthew Herlick	—
Iona Preparatory School	Allen Sojan Paul	Quin James O'Grady
John F. Kennedy Catholic Prep	Erin E. Lavelle	John K. Urbanowicz
John S. Burke Catholic	Savannah Cabrera	Colleen Prokopchak
LaSalle Academy	Matthew Yu	Matthew Wu
Loyola School	—	—
Maria Regina High School	Melissa DeLuise	Leonora Hutaj
Marymount School of New York	Ellen Chan and Muguet Murat	Hannah Yang
Monsignor Farrell High School	Matthew Harrington	Vincenzo Rapacciuolo
Monsignor Scanlan High School	Talia Dixon	Timothy Geelall
Moore Catholic High School	Christian Comodo	Justin Nelson
Mount St. Michael Academy	Ethan Crespo	Stephen Williams
Notre Dame Academy	Alea Belkin	Sofia Nielsen
Notre Dame School	Madeleine Alderson	Margaret McCabe
Our Lady of Lourdes High School	Erin Adair O'Donnell	Julia Ann Gigliotti
Preston High School	Rachael Trosa	Kailey Siegmund
Regis High School	—	—
Sacred Heart High School	Ruya Dennis	Savanah Lopez DaSilva
Saint George Academy	Katya Fitzpatrick	Anna Danyliouk
Salesian High School	Bilal Malik	Nikhil Ghose
School of the Holy Child	Mia McCormack	—
St. Catharine Academy	E'Manna Evans	Abigale Murphey

St. Jean Baptiste High School	Maria King	Scarlett Collins
St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School	Louis Guastamacchia	Robert Marciante
St. Joseph Hill Academy	Sarah Fong	Isabella Gassoso
St. Peter's Boys High School	Alex Vargas	Anthony Macaluso
St. Raymond Academy for Girls	Amira Salcedo	Amanda Hiciano
St. Raymond High School for Boys	Brad Mora	Pablo Aguilar
St. Vincent Ferrer High School	Morgan Lin	Lucia Fraga
The Montfort Academy	Shiena Doherty	Ketevan Zhgenti
The Ursuline School	Katherine Miller	Anjali Shafiee
Xavier High School	Dominic Alino	Nirvaan Pal

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