St. Thomas Aquinas High School holds graduation in Hammond

The St. Thomas Aquinas High School Class of 2012 graduation ceremony was held Saturday, May 19 at Holy Ghost Church in Hammond. Named as valedictorian was Maria Alicia Alphonso and salutatorian as Philip John DiBenedetto Jr.

Also graduating were Ana Maria Arnone, Brooke Neely Balser, Matthew Becnel, Tristan Madison Bland, Seth Christian Bleakley, Jordan Joseph Bonfiglio, Hailey Norcellle Boutwell, Taylor Michael Bradley, Tyler Michael Bradley, Scott Thomas Brame, Thomas Francis Brothers III, Modestas Bukauskas, Sarah Jeanine Calabresi, Brandon James Cancienne and Diontae Jamal Cannon.

Also, Jacob Jerome Cordes, Blake Andrew Cordoba, Marissa Catherine Cotton, Kaitlin Alexa Didier, Corey Patrick Drell, Amy Lynn Dugas, Lionel B. Duhe III, Nicholas Paul Duvic, Emily Ann Egan, Blake Michael Elliott, Catherine Elizabeth Faust, Victoria Marie Ferrara, Brennan Scott Flores, Caitlyn Christian Garner, Brady Barsley Gatlin, Benjamin Joseph Gex IV, Nicholas Gerald Gibson III, Kristina Cecile Givens, Joelle Celeste Griffin, Raegan Catherine-Corinne Hebert, Mark Russell Holt, Lawrence Joseph Ingrafia, Jensine Kallivelil Joseph, Emily Frances Koppler, Kenneth Lane Kropog, Jennifer Rae LaBarre, Michael Logan LaMarca, Leon Vincent Latino III, Landon Foster Lauderdale, Christian Andrew Loving, Ryan Benjamin Magee, Kurt Michael Mihalik and Mara Geneva Milazzo.


Also, Tyler Tad Scott, Fede Ashton Smith, Wade Emile Smith Jr., Devin Philip Sondes, Kevin Lucas Sumner, Brindley Jeannine Tallia, Chase Paul Tassin, Garrett Rodney Taylor, Clifton L. Trahan III, Morgan Ashley Trapen, Ellison Kemp Travis, Erica Morgan Tricou, Michael Cade Trufant Jr., Andrew Anthony Truxillo, Courtney Elizabeth Viola, Scott Garrett Wheat Jr., Sarah Jayne Faith Whittle, David Lee Williams Jr., Jesse Nicole Willis, Garrett Overton Woodall, Steven Reid Wronkoski and Jonah Jolon Zieske.

St. John graduates in Plaquemine on May 17

On Thursday, May 17, St. John High School celebrated Mass and held their graduation ceremony at St. John Church in Plaquemine. Named as valedictorian was Denny Uong and as salutatorian was Nathan Kirk Voisin.


First row, from left: Reverend Cleo J. Milano, Taylor Canella, Jared Naquin, Kaleb Campesi, Blane Palazzo (Monsignor Robin Recipient), Morgan Oliver, Katy Blanchard, Megan Gremillion, Natalie Orcino, Devin Dugas, Most Reverend Robert W. Muench; second row: Denny Uong (Valedictorian), John Landry, Terryn Simon, Anna Roy, Jessica Lee, Abby Wille (Monsignor Robin Recipient), Kaycie Hudson, Christian Primeaux, Quinton Alexander; third row: Dustin Comeaux, Tyler Himel, Dakota Richard, Brenton Sansoni, Da’Vante Williams, Connor Case, Christopher Bordelon, Nathan Voisin (Salutatorian)

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Redemptorist seniors graduate May 11

Redemptorist High School’s graduation was held on May 11 at St. Gerard Majella Church in Baton Rouge.

Bria Marchelle Jarrell was named valedictorian and Lisa Trang Vu was salutatorian.

Other members of the class of 2012 include William Matthew Acosta, Taylor Christopher Armstrong, Hunter Wade Arnett, Garrett Heath Aymond, Julian Edward Bell, Maggi Elizabeth Bjornsdahl, Lindsay Michelle Blanchard, Krysta Danee Boarner, Kaitlyn Analise Bourgeois, Nicholas James Bravata and Ja’Leesa Sheriff Brazier.

And, Robert Lane Breland Jr., Grant Matthew Brown, Daniel Stephen Bueche, Bellie Boudreaux Burns, Angelle Renée Cain, Ashley Nicole Cavalier, Jordin Elizabeth Colombe, Scott Anthony Comeaux, Raushiera Kashonda Cooks, Joshua Lane-Neall Courtney, Timothy Lance Crawford, Alan Christopher Davis, Ian Joseph Decuir, Bryant Joseph Dugas, Avery Justin English, Hannah Elizabeth Filardo, Charles Ellis Fitzgerl, Samantha Lane Geautreaux.


Ascension Catholic High School held its graduation ceremony at Ascension of Our Lord Church in Donaldsonville on Friday, May 18.

Macy Raelyn Esneault and Nicholas Gerard Wild are the valedictorians for the class of 2012 and Haley Nicole Capello and Lauren Theresa Oubre are the salutatorians.


Deacons graduate from Notre Dame

Father Matthew Lorrain, vocation director for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, announced the names of the diocesan semina-rians who graduated from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans this year.

Deacon Peter Ai Dang and Deacon Matthew Edward Mc-Caughy received a master’s of divinity and Deacon Al Michael Davidson received a master’s of arts in theological studies on May 11. These deacons were ordained to the priesthood for this diocese on Saturday, May 26 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

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2012 Graduates Ascension Catholic High School


Anticipated TOPS Four Year Awards to 68% of Graduates

$367,376 Anticipated TOPS Awards Total

$647,568 Other Scholarships
Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

Nearly 54 percent of the Class of 2012 received scholarships totaling $12.8 million (does not include TOPS scholarship information. TOPS data is not yet available for the Class of 2012).

Sixty Eight seniors dedicated 50 or more hours to service during each of their four years.

SJA received the Golden Achievement Award for the 23rd consecutive year for college credits earned at LSU Spring Testing.

The Class of 2012 was offered admission to 82 colleges and universities.

Recognized three times as a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

SJA has a non-discriminatory admissions policy.
St. Joseph's Academy held graduation for the class of 2012 May 20 at the Baton Rouge River Center Arena.

Named as valedictorian was Caroline Taylor Morganti and as salutatorian was Morgan Leigh DeCuir.

Also graduating were Jennifer Ellen Adair, Anna Marie Pierce Aguilard, Alise Kristine Alexander, Christina Lexie Allain, Taylor Ann Allan, Raven Chantel Anderson, Rebecca Catherine Andries, Caroline Elizabeth Avera, Ashlyn Elizabeth Avery, Elizabeth Jude Babin, Nicole Agnes Babin, Natalie Elizabeth Bailey, Brooke Anne Barisich, Rachel Rose Barnett, Anna-Marie Barone, Sara Elizabeth Bell, Emma Annelise Bergeron, Kathryn America Bienvenu, Ashlyn Grace Blanchard, Andrea Elaine Bodin, Helen Ann Bone and Victoria Elizabeth Bonnecaze.

And, Kendall Rayne Booth, Rachael Catherine Borek, Olivia Jayne Bradberry, Tori Michele Brown, Alexis Kathryn Burruss, Virginia Grace Butler, Kayla Marie Caffarel, Alyssa Michelle Cagle, Mary Margaret Calandro, Julie Michelle Capps, Brooke Adrienne Carney, Elizabeth Yvonne Cassisa, Helene Engel Chastain, Sarah Taylor Chenevett, Madison Elizabeth Childers, Morgan Elise Clement, Madeleine Marie Cockerham, Kristi Lynn Condon, Maria Katherine Connolly, Victoria Marie Conti, Susan Brooke Contois, Anne Elizabeth Cooper, Katherine Butler Countryside, Kristen Renee Courville, Caroline Catherine Covillion, Erin Renee Duigle, Lauren Grace Duigle, Victoria Hoang Dung, Sara Grace Daniel, Courtney Ann David, Madilynn Rebecca DeAngelo and Meagan Elizabeth Delatt.

Also, Clare Alexandra DePaul, Taylor Ashley Deranger, Jessica Renee Dismukes, Amanda Karolyn Doran, Elise Catherine Doran, Alexandra Susan Doyle, Sara Elizabeth Ducote, Katherine Marie Dugas, Grace Elizabeth Duhe, Olivia Lauren Dumestre, Morgan Elizabeth Dupeire, Kate-lyn Angelle Dupre, Danielle Kathryn Dupuis, Sarah Christine Ellis, Megan Theresa Erwin, Adeline Lauryn Eubanks, Haley Helen Fike, Laura Flandez, Meaghan Elizabeth Flechas, Mary Lynn Fontenot, Amy Elizabeth Francioni, Allison Claire Franklin, Katherine Blake Fresina, Jeni Caroline Frick, Molly Elizabeth Garrett, Abigail Jean-Marie Gaudin, Alexandria Frances Gaudin, Chandler Elizabeth Gauthreau

And, Ryn Elise Gautreau, Alexandria Nicole Gautreaux, Elizabeth Frances Gonzalez, Megan Elizabeth Goodrum, Jenna Noelle Gourgaux, Caroline Elise Grand, Margaret Ann Granier, Emily Anne Guarisco, Amanda Elise Guiraud, Margaret Louise Gunn, Gabriela Marie Gutierrez, Linda Nicole Hall, Margaret Elizabeth Hardman, Stephanie Renee Hathorn, Ashlyn Nicole Haycook, Amanda Grace Hebert, Emily Sue Heitman, Catherine Janice Helm, Katherine Leigh Heroman, Abigail Cecilia Hodges, Alise Catherine Hodges, Sophia Elizabeth Holland, Allison Grace Honeycutt, Rachel Hunter Hopkins, Brooke Marie Hotard, Madeline Grace Hunt, Darby Jane Jarratt, Laura Claire Johnson, Sarah Megan Jones, Maria Moonkee Karam, Devin Aaron Kelly, Tiffany Marie Kelly and Brenna Renee Kleinper.

Also, Hannah Louise Knight, Julianne Michelle Krouse, Meghan Michelle Kurz, Katelyn Jeanelle Lamy, Jennifer Louise Landry, Brittini Marie Lanoux, Katherine Alexis Lea, Lauren Michelle Leggett, Lacyln Elizabeth LeMaire, Blake Ashlyn Lemoyne, Alaina Claire Lofaso, Catherine Elizabeth Mann, Tiffany Leigh Manno, Rachel Margaret Marsh, Brook Marie Martin, Frances Jordan Mathies, Rebecca Leigh Mayeux, Kathryn Elizabeth McDuff, Meghan Elizabeth McGinty, Camille Agnes Mendon, Katherine Elizabeth Mechwart, Laura Madison Miles, Olivia Catherine Miller, Brittany Michelle Mitchell, Maggie Elizabeth Mitchell, Lunden Claire Mouton, Gabrielle Nicole Murphy, Abby Elise
St. Michael holds graduation May 18

St. Michael the Archangel Diocesan Regional Catholic High School held commencement exercises for its class of 2012 on Friday, May 18, at the Baton Rouge River Center Arena.

Meghan Rae Woodard was named valedictorian and Chase Michael Krause salutatorian.

Other members of the class of 2012 are Lawrence Guy Adams IV, David Gerard Albano, Kelli Ann Albert, Maggie Summer Allain, Joshua Louis Ambeau, Jenna Elise Anders, Margaret Marie Augustin, Justin Patrick Vincent Avill, Brandon Kayne Babin, Laine Alexandra Beadle, Blake Russell Bellefontaine, LeeAnne Rivault Bennett, Megan Grace Bernard, Brooke Ashley Bethoe, Matthew Robert Binns, Margaret Carole Wilkins, Brittany Nicole Bonin, Jacob Webster Bordelon, Chandler Grace Bourgeois, Rebecca Marie Bourque, Taylor Danielle Broussard and Ryan Matthew Brown.

And, Caitlin Alise Baeche, Adam Philip Cagnina, Christopher Jordan Cain, Eden Elizabeth Camp, Lauren Elizabeth Campbell, Michael Frederick Cane, Thomas Andrew Carbon, Alexis Marie Carlson, Garrison Seth Carville, Rainey Noel Carville, Jamison Alexander Cascio, Claire Anne Cavell, Matthew Ethan Cavell, Francesca Amand Chacon, Jordan Matthew Chauvin, Austin William Chester, Peter Louis Chol, Cameron Michael Cochran, Elizabeth Aird Coll and Blake Elizabeth Constant.

Also, Amber LeAnne Constantine, Michael Glenn Cormier, Dylan Michael Cosentino, Amanda Michelle Crump, Shelby Renee Daugher, Austin Joseph Dixon, Jessica Claire Donald, Christopher Dash Duncan, Nena Marie Eddy, Laura Noelle Farrow, Grant Joseph Fazio, Trent Joseph Fazio, Gabrielle Terese Feld, Kolbe Francis Fletcher, Emily Marie Frederickson, Ann Blair French, James Allen Golden, Brittnay Nicole Gosserrand, Maci Allain Greenblatt, Michelle Renee Gremillion, Eugenia Berry Grodner, Eulalie Tessier de Ville Au Champ Grodner and Lauren Irene Guirard.


More than 190 Our Lady of the Lake College students received master’s, bachelor or associate degrees during the college’s commencement exercises May 16 in the Baton Rouge River Center Arena. Bishop Robert W. Muench delivered the commencement address.

School of Arts, Sciences and Health Professions

Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Science
Sarah Surber

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies
Tara Maclnnes and Kelsea Roubique

Bachelor of Science in Biology
Kendall Duet, Crystal Duplichan, Kalyn Guedry, Laurenitia Hall, Lori Morgan and Elizabeth Saurage

Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Tiffany Dawson and Holly Koerbitz

Bachelor of Science in Gerontology
Laura Tate

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
Angela Boudreaux

Bachelor of Science in Health Service Administration
Courtney DiBenedetto and Teresa Roberts

Bachelor of Science in Human Medicine
Mera Durgapersad, Bridget Meche, Keisha Rochester and Lanisha Turner

Associate of Science in Arts and Sciences
Joshua Koepp and Tiffany Patterson

Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assisting
Daniel Allemond, Jennifer Bell, David Brennan, Joseph Broggi, Jennifer Champagne, Mary Cook, Amon Craig, Angela Crockett, Michael Dinh, Joanne Doan, Joshua Fredieu, Ashley Gann, Erica Hall, Rebecca Lahasky, Britni Lasseigne, Chad Lofton, Heather Matte, Bobby Spurlock, Anthony Tipton, Lindsay Veron and Stephanie Wheeler

Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology

Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy
Brian Hebert, Heather Louque, Melissa O’Daniel, James Rester, Michelle Savoie, Stephanie Singleton, April Smith, Breia Smith and Christi Villar

Associate of Science in Surgical Technology
Amanda Dyess, Roxane Fletcher, Lindsey Landry, Maci Matherne, Amanda Moran, Kristina Shumate, Amanda Spell, Kristina Sulik and Selen Varhan

School of Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing
Barbara Griffin and Andrea Murdock

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Associate of Science in Nursing
Seven from Diocese of Baton Rouge receive degrees from Loyola

A priest and six members of the laity from the Diocese of Baton Rouge received a master’s degree from Loyola University’s extension program Loyola Institute of Ministry (LIMEX) during commencement services May 12 at the New Orleans Superdome.

Those receiving a master’s degree in pastoral studies (MPS) include Father Ayo Emmanuel Efodigbue MSP, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Donaldsonville; three staff members of the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization: Brigitte Burke, associate director for youth and young adults; Julie Ginther Ci-lano, project coordinator; and Mila Chutz Gernon, operations manager; and diocesan Office of Human Resources assistant Stephanie J. Moore.

Wendy Enloe, director of religious education for Holy Rosary Church in St. Amant, and Tammy Vidrine, director of youth ministry at Holy Rosary, each received a master’s of religious education (MRE).

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