2024 SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY May 15, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Welcome.....

Dr. Jeffrey Budz, President/Principal

Introduction of Readers by Dr. Jeffrey Budz, President/Principal The readers for this evening will be:

Mrs. Christine Scheibe, English Department Chairperson, and

Mrs. Jacqueline Cherwin, English & Academic Resource Center Faculty

PAX CHRISTI AWARD:

At this time, we would like the following student who has been recognized for outstanding accomplishments by associations and agencies related to secondary schools to come forward when your name is read.

The Presenter is: Mrs. Missy Ferro

ALANA SCHERTZ is the recipient of the Pax Christi "Instrument of Peace Award" for actively incorporating the principles of Catholic social teaching in her life.

PLEASE GIVE HER A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

IHSA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM AWARDS

The following students have been recognized as Class 4A All-State Academic Players for the 2023-24 season by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association. Students, please come forward when your name is read.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mrs. Christina Kinsella, Girls Athletic Coordinator

IHSA ACADEMIC ALL STATE:

GRIFFIN ALESSIO - FOOTBALL, WRESTLING PATRICK DURKIN - FOOTBALL DILLAN JOHNSON - FOOTBALL, WRESTLING

ESCC AWARDS

Special recognition is given to the recipients of the EAST SUBURBAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD. The ESCC pays tribute to the following student athletes. Please come forward when your name is read.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mr. Jim O'Brien, Athletic Director

ESCC SCHOLAR ATHLETES:

CLAIRE BLOTNIK - CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK
MAXWELL CORRAL - WRESTLING

MILES CZERKIES - SOCCER. VOLLEYBALL

WRIGLEY FANTER - SOFTBALL

CASSIDY GRAY - TENNIS

KATHRYN HAMMEL - CROSS COUNTRY

JESSICA HORN - VOLLEYBALL

JACK MOBERG - TENNIS

ASHLEY MURRAY - TENNIS

CONNOR NEVILLE - GOLF, TENNIS

NATHAN NOVAK - TENNIS

JACK OSWALT - CROSS COUNTRY, TENNIS

SAMANTHA PATRICK - SOFTBALL

TRISTAN PAUL - CROSS COUNTRY

JORDAN REEVES - CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK

GRAHAM ROESEL - BASEBALL

JOHN RYAN - BASEBALL

ANNIE TIBBOTT - GOLF, CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK

DREW WILLS - FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL

EMERSON ZIESMER - DANCE

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

NATIONAL FRENCH CONTEST

The National French Contest is an annual competition. Students in all 50 states and abroad compete against students of similar backgrounds. We are pleased to announce that the following JCA students received these awards. Please come forward when your name is read.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mrs. Florence Austrums, French National Honor Society Moderator.

Medals of Honor were awarded to the following students:

SARAH WILLIAMS received a SILVER MEDAL

JACK MOBERG received a BRONZE MEDAL

Certificates of Honor were awarded to the following students:

KATHRYN ANN ARANETA

ELIZABETH MARTINEZ

TRISTAN PAUL

NICHOLAS PAZ

ERIK RAMOS-LORENZO

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL- DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

FR. NORMAN G. WERLING SCHOLARSHIP AND THE SCHMIDT/KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

The FR. NORMAN G. WERLING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP was established at Joliet Catholic Academy with a generous gift from Mr. James J. Korst, JCHS Class of 1949. The interest from this fund is used to assist graduates of JCA to attend college full time. The recipient of this award must have good academic credentials, evidence of involvement in school activities, and a plan to major in a scientific discipline in college.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mr. Cory McDermott, Theology Chairperson

Recipients of the Fr. Norman G. Werling Scholarship are:

FAITH PIETRAS

ALANA SCHERTZ

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

The MR. & MRS. FREDERICK W. SCHMIDT, SR., and MINNIE KUHN SCHOLARSHIP represent the dedication to education by Frederick Schmidt who provided the scholarship funds through his Will. It was his intention that recipients be academically qualified, and that the scholarship be used for advanced education. It is our pleasure to

announce that Mr. & Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt, Sr. and Minnie Kuhn Scholarships have been awarded to the following students:

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mr. Cory McDermott, Theology Chairperson

LYNDSAY BLACK

CLAIRE BLOTNIK

CASSIDY GRAY

CONNOR NEVILLE

JACK OSWALT

JORDAN REEVES

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Award in recognition of the highest ideals of character and citizenship.

The Presenter is: Mrs. Peg Stoiber, Fine Arts Chairperson

The recipient of the Sons of the American Revolution Award is:

NATHAN NOVAK

PLEASE GIVE HIM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

AT THIS TIME, WE WILL DISTRIBUTE CERTIFICATES AND MEDALS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE JCA 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR IN ONE FIELD OF STUDY

The following students have achieved outstanding academic honors in ONE FIELD OF STUDY, and therefore are awarded a CERTIFICATE OF HONOR in that field. When your name is called, please come forward to receive your certificate.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Ms. Annie Mihelich, Senior Class Moderator
THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

CLAIRE ADAMSON - Certificate - Broadcasting

MARCELLO AGUILAR - Metal Fiber 2

TYLER ALCAZAR - Certificate - U.S. Government

KATHRYN ANN ARANETA - French

CHEYA BISHOP - Certificate - Pottery

ANTOINETTE COLLOFELLO - Studio Art

CHRISTOPHER DVORAK - Certificate - Economics

ALESSANDRA GARIBAY - Certificate - Economics

JACOB GIMBEL - Certificate - Athletic Training

AIDAN HAYSE - Certificate - Physics

JESSICA HORN - Certificate - English

OLIVIA KARNEZIS - Certificate - U.S. Government

OLIVIA LAMONTANA - Certificate - Pre-Calculus

AVA PASSEHL - Certificate - Pottery

TRISTAN PAUL - Certificate - AP English

MITCHELL RAGUSA - Certificate - Current Issues

AUDREY REDELL - Certificate - Statistics

ADRIAN SARTE - Certificate - AP U.S. Government

TAI SESTA - Certificate - Algebra

CALLIE STREITZ - Certificate - Marketing

ANNIE TIBBOTT - Certificate - Theology

OWEN WIERS - Certificate - Human Anatomy & Physiology

DANIEL WROBLEWSKI - Certificate - Physical Education

ELIJAH ZELINSKI - Certificate - Robotics & Engineering

EMERSON ZIESMER - Certificate - General Business

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

CERTIFICATES OF HONOR IN SEVERAL FIELDS OF STUDY

The following students have achieved outstanding academic honors in SEVERAL FIELDS OF STUDY, and therefore are awarded CERTIFICATES OF HONOR in these fields. When your name is called, please come forward.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mrs. Jackie Pullara, College/Career Counselor

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

JOSEPH AUGUSTYNIAK

Certificate - Computer Science

Certificate - English

Certificate - Economics

Certificate - Algebra

TESSA BEBAR

Certificate - Psychology 1

Certificate - Psychology 2

AMELIA CAMERON

Certificate - Theology

Certificate - Human Anatomy & Physiology

MILES CZERKIES

Certificate - AP Statistics

Certificate - Computer Science

ANTHONY D'AMICO

Certificate - Graphic Design

Certificate - English

TYLER DIXON

Certificate - AP Chemistry

Certificate - AP Microeconomics

Certificate - AP Computer Science

ERIK RAMOS-LORENZO

Certificate - Algebra

Certificate - French

CONNOR NEVILLE

Certificate - AP Microeconomics

Certificate - Robotics & Engineering

SAMANTHA PATRICK

Certificate - Precalculus
Certificate - Economics

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

MEDAL OF HONOR IN ONE FIELD OF STUDY AND ONE OR MORE CERTIFICATES

The following students have achieved the HIGHEST ACADEMIC STANDING IN ONE FIELD OF STUDY and therefore are awarded the MEDAL OF HONOR in that field. These students may also have earned ONE OR MORE CERTIFICATES OF HONOR. When your name is called, please come forward.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mr. Jason Midlock, Social Studies Department Chairperson

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

GRIFFIN ALESSIO

Medal - English Certificate - Statistics

JOHN BALTZ

Medal - Statistics

LYNDSAY BLACK

Medal - Athletic Training

THOMAS DVORAK

Medal - AP Computer Science Certificate - AP Spanish

WRIGLEY FANTER

Medal - Pottery

CASSIDY GRAY

Medal - Studio Art

MICHAEL HOBBS

Medal - Current Issues

KAMIL MOTYKA

Medal - AP Microeconomics

Certificate - Theology

Certificate - English

ASHLEY MURRAY

Medal - U.S. Government

OLIVIA NEWELL

Medal - Metal Fiber

CONNER O'DONNELL

Medal - AP Algebra

ALEC OSBURN

Medal - Band

THOMAS RZASA

Medal - Business Law

Certificate - Sociology

Certificate - Economics

ALANA SCHERTZ

Medal - AP Statistics

LEILA SEBAHAR

Medal - U.S. Government

LAYTON SENKO

Medal - Physical Education

JACQUELINE STARY

Medal - General Business

Certificate - Theology

Certificate - English 101

Certificate - English 102

ALYSSA TROHA

Medal - Sociology

MARGARET WILLIAMS

Medal - Statistics

Certificate - Business Law

OLIVIA ZELINSKI

Medal - Pottery

Certificate - Precalculus

Certificate - Pottery

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

MEDALS OF HONOR IN SEVERAL FIELDS OF STUDY AND CERTIFICATES

The following students have achieved the HIGHEST ACADEMIC STANDING IN MORE THAN ONE FIELD OF STUDY and therefore are awarded the MEDALS OF HONOR in those fields. These students may also have earned ONE OR MORE CERTIFICATES OF HONOR. Please come forth when your name is called.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Terri Barrett - ARC Coordinator

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

JOHANNA BRUMUND

Medal - Psychology

Medal - Anatomy & Physiology

Certificate - U.S. Government

ALEXANDER DALACH

Medal - English

Medal - Economics

MADISYNNE GURA

Medal - Precalculus

Medal - Economics

Medal - Marketing

Medal - Accounting

Certificate - U.S. Government

Certificate - English

MAURA HIBNER

Medal - Precalculus

Medal - U.S. Government

Medal - Economics

JORDAN REEVES

Medal - AP Calculus

Medal - Theology

Medal - AP U.S. Government

Medal - English

Certificate - Anatomy & Physiology

SARAH WILLIAMS

Medal - AP English

Medal - French

Certificate - AP U.S. Government

Certificate - Theology

DREW WILLS

Medal - Computer Science

Medal - Physical Education

Certificate - U.S. Government

Certificate - English

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

PERFECT RECORD AWARDS

The Perfect Record Award is presented to students who, through their four years at JCA, never received a detention, referral, or disciplinary action from the Dean's Office. Perfect Record Awards will be distributed at Graduation practice.

PLEASE STAND WHEN YOUR NAME IS READ

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

ADAMSON
ALESSIO
ARANETA
ARTEAGA
AUGUSTYNIAK
BARANOSKI
BEBAR
BISHOP
BLACK

CLAIRE	BLOTNIK
ALVIN	BOFAH
MADISON	CASFORD
EMMA	COGLEY
ANTOINETTE	COLLOFELLO
LILY	CONN
MILES	CZERKIES
ALEXANDER	DALACH
TYLER	DIXON
CHRISTOPHER	DVORAK
THOMAS	DVORAK
NATALIE	EVANS
WRIGLEY	FANTER
DAMIEN	FLORES
CASSANDRA	GORSKY
CASSIDY	GRAY
MADISYNNE	GURA
KATHRYN	HAMMEL
MAURA	HIBNER
MICHAEL	HOBBS
JESSICA	HORN
REESE	HUDETZ
DILLAN	JOHNSON
OLIVIA	KARNEZIS
JACK	KELLY
OLIVIA	LAMONTANA
ELIZABETH	MARTINEZ
JACK	MOBERG
KAMIL	МОТУКА
NATHAN	NOVAK
JOHN	O'BRIEN
JACK	OSWALT

AVA	PASSEHL
NICHOLAS	PETER
FAITH	PIETRAS
MIA	PUGLIESE
MITCHELL	RAGUSA
AUDREY	REDELL
JORDAN	REEVES
ALEX	RODRIGUEZ
GRAHAM	ROESEL
THOMAS	RZASA
ALANA	SCHERTZ
LEILNA	SEBAHAR
MATTHEW	SOJKA
JACQUELINE	STARY
CALLIE	STREITZ
ANNIE	TIBBOTT
SYDNEY	WALKER
OWEN	WIERS
LAINE	WILHELMI
MARGARET	WILLIAMS
SARAH	WILLIAMS
ELIJAH	ZELINSKI
OLIVIA	ZELINSKI
EMERSON	ZIESMER

MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS

The moment has arrived to present THE HIGHEST HONORS OF ACHIEVEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2024. Your hard work and dedication have been an inspiration to the Joliet Catholic Academy school community.

HONORS PROGRAM AWARD

The purpose of the JCA Honors Program is to challenge academically gifted students, provide them with a demanding program to meet their needs, and encourage them to reach their full academic potential.

We are proud to recognize the following students who have completed four years of honors curriculum as members of the JCA Honors Program. These young men and women have also earned the privilege of receiving an Honors Diploma.

When your name is called, please come forward.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Mrs. Jackie Pullara - Jr/Sr College/Career Counselor

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

KATHRYN ARANETA KATHRYN HAMMEL

TESSA BEBAR JESSICA HORN

CLAIRE BLOTNIK DILLAN JOHNSON

ALVIN BOFAH ELIZABETH MARTINEZ

NATHAN CIARLETTE ASHLEY MURRAY

MILES CZERKIES CONNOR NEVILLE

TYLER DIXON NATHAN NOVAK

THOMAS DVORAK JACK OSWALT

PATRICK FARRIS TRISTAN PAUL

CONNOR FLANAGAN FAITH PIETRAS

CASSIDY GRAY JAMES PILAPIL

JORDAN REEVES ALANA SCHERTZ

JOHN RYAN ANNIE TIBBOTT

THOMAS RZASA SARAH WILLIAMS

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT have been awarded for their Outstanding Academic Achievement by the ILLINOIS STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS to the following ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS:

When your name is called, please come forward.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Ms. Laura Pahl, Associate Principal

LYNDSAY BLACK CONNOR NEVILLE

CLAIRE BLOTNIK NATHAN NOVAK

AMELIA CAMERON JACK OSWALT

MILES CZERKIES MADISON PATRICK

TYLER DIXON SAMANTHA PATRICK

WRIGLEY FANTER TRISTAN PAUL

CASSIDY GRAY AUDREY REDELL

KATHRYN HAMMEL JORDAN REEVES

AIDAN HAYSE ALANA SCHERTZ

MAURA HIBNER ANNIE TIBBOTT

JESSICA HORN SYDNEY WALKER

OLIVIA KARNEZIS SARAH WILLIAMS

GRACE KORBAR DREW WILLS

JACK MOBERG EMERSON ZIESMER

ASHLEY MURRAY

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

At this time, I would like to announce the recipients of MEDALS in THREE SPECIAL CATEGORIES. Please come forward when your name is called.

Please hold your applause until all names have been read.

The Presenter is: Dr. Jeffrey Budz, President/Principal

OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS

The JCA OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR award is given by the faculty to students who have demonstrated excellent academic performance during their four years at JCA.

The recipients are:

MILES CZERKIES

TYLER DIXON

KATHRYN HAMMEL

JESSICA HORN

ALANA SCHERTZ

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

The JCA OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP award is given by the faculty to students who have given of themselves in leading, organizing, and participating in school-related activities during their four years at JCA.

The recipients are:

KATHRYN ANN ARANETA FAITH PIETRAS

WRIGLEY FANTER JOHN RYAN

DILLAN JOHNSON CALLIE STREITZ

JACK MOBERG ANNIE TIBBOTT

ANDRES MUNOZ SARAH WILLIAMS

ASHLEY MURRAY

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The JCA OUTSTANDING SERVICE award is given by the faculty to students who have, during their four years of high school, faithfully served the student body of JCA, and whose spirit of life and dedication exemplifies Christian Living.

The recipients are:

DARIAN ARTEAGA MADISYNNE GURA

LYNDSAY BLACK MICHAEL HOBBS

MADISON CASFORD ELIZABETH MARTINEZ

THOMAS DVORAK CONNOR NEVILLE

PATRICK FARRIS GRAHAM ROESEL

CASSIDY GRAY SYDNEY WALKER

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Each year the Joliet Catholic Academy Athletic Department honors students who demonstrated both academic and athletic achievement. This award is given to the top male and female athletes who have earned the highest GPA and have participated in two or more sports.

Please come forward when your name is called.

The Presenter is: Mr. Jim O'Brien, Athletic Director

The JCA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD is presented to:

JACK OSWALT - Cross Country, Tennis

JORDAN REEVES - Cross Country, Track

JCA SPIRIT AWARD

The JCA SPIRIT AWARD recognizes students who have displayed academic excellence, school spirit, cooperation, loyalty, and service to the Joliet Catholic Academy community.

Please come forward when your name is read.

The Presenter is: Ms. Laura Pahl, Associate Principal

The recipients of the JCA SPIRIT AWARD are:

TESSA BEBAR

JACOB GIMBEL

JCA ANGEL OF THE YEAR AND THE JCA HILLMAN OF THE YEAR

THE JCA ANGEL OF THE YEAR AND THE JCA HILLMAN OF THE YEAR are Joliet Catholic Academy's most prestigious awards. These awards recognize the two students who have upheld the highest standards of the following: honesty, reliability, courtesy, and concern and respect for others. They have carried out their accepted responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication, influenced their peers by their positive attitudes, and have given witness to the Gospel values.

The recipient of the JCA ANGEL OF THE YEAR AWARD is:

CLAIRE BLOTNIK

The recipient of the JCA HILLMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD is:

NATHAN NOVAK

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE PRESENTATION OF CLASS SALUTATORIAN AND VALEDICTORIAN

Each year the Administration of Joliet Catholic Academy awards the most prestigious academic awards to the Salutatorian and Valedictorian of the Senior class.

The Presenter is: Dr. Jeffrey Budz, President/Principal

SALUTATORIAN: TRISTAN PAUL

VALEDICTORIAN: JORDAN REEVES

We are extremely proud of these Seniors and congratulate them and their parents on this great honor and accomplishment. They join the select few of previous recipients.

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

The Speaker is: Laura Pahl, Associate Principal

On behalf of the Administration, Faculty, Staff, Board of Members, and Board of Directors of Joliet Catholic Academy, we offer our heartfelt congratulations TO ALL RECIPIENTS, and THEIR FAMILIES. We are proud of you and your accomplishments. Thank you for sharing this evening with us.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel!

St. Francis of Assisi!

Recessional