

## Holy Redeemer High School



**Heidi Williams**

WILKES-BARRE — Holy Redeemer High School was the first Diocesan secondary school to hold spring commencement exercises when graduation ceremonies were staged on May 31 at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre.

A total of 133 Holy Redeemer seniors, led by Principal Doreen S. Dougherty, were conferred their diplomas by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also addressed the graduates and offered benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 30 at Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Wilkes-Barre, by Father J. Duane Gavitt, school chaplain.

The 2023 Holy Redeemer class valedictorian is Heidi Williams, daughter of Scott and Amy Williams of Shavertown. Earning salutatorian honors was Jillian DelBalso, daughter of Patrick and Leane DelBalso, who reside in Plains.

Of the total number of graduates, 125 will be enrolling in colleges or universities to further their education, including 45 who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The 2023 Holy Redeemer senior class merited a total of 788 scholarship awards worth \$41.6 million.

“At the center of all of (our) high school experiences has been our faith and spiritual development.

Holy Redeemer has stressed selfless servitude toward others, as our Catholic education has played a significant role in shaping who we are today. We have learned to value compassion, humility, kindness and forgiveness.”



— Heidi Williams  
 Valedictory Address  
 excerpt

“Take a moment to consider where you will go now. Remember we are called to do everything *Omnia per Christum*, or ‘All things through Christ.’ Our Holy Redeemer education has instilled in us the fundamental truths needed to serve our world, and it is our duty to go forth and do so. We are all called to a higher standard, to live in a way that spreads love in our communities.”

— Jillian DelBalso  
 Salutatory Address excerpt



**Jillian DelBalso**

## Saint John Neumann Regional Academy

WILLIAMSPORT — Graduation ceremonies were conducted for the Saint John Neumann Regional Academy Class of 2023 on June 1 in the George S. Klump Center at the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport.

Saint John Neumann Principal Alisia McNamee presided over the presentation of diplomas to the 14 members of this year’s graduating class, which were conferred by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered remarks and the closing benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 30 at Saint Ann Church in Williamsport, where Father Bert Kozen, school chaplain, served as principal celebrant and homilist.

This year’s Saint John Neumann valedictorian is Lily Reid, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Reid, residents of Linden. Salutatorian honors were bestowed upon Jaden Nixon, daughter of Alicia Faulkner and Cleavon Nixon of Williamsport.

The entire Saint John Neumann 2023 graduating class will be pursuing further education on the university/college level, including six graduates who plan to attend Catholic institutions of higher learning. As a class, the Saint John Neumann seniors amassed 11 academic scholarships worth more than \$252,000.

“I know my classmates are going to go out into the world and do amazing things. I want you all to know how proud I am of each and every single one of you, and that I will be supporting you on the sidelines. Thank you for the endless memories and making my high school years worth every homework assignment.”



— Lily Reid  
 Valedictory Address  
 excerpt

“Over the past four years we have shared memories together and we have seen each other grow into the young adults we are now. We have made memories that we will carry with us throughout life. And though every one of us will leave here today and eventually go our separate ways, these last 1,371 days made a huge impression on our lives.”

— Jaden Nixon  
 Salutatory Address  
 excerpt



**Lily Reid**



**Jaden Nixon**

# 270

*The total number of young men and women who graduated from the four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese*

# \$76 million

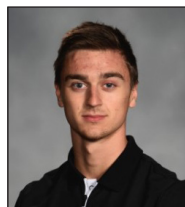
*Graduates merited more than 1,450 scholarships, cumulatively earning this much toward their future schooling*

# 96%

*The percentage of seniors who will continue their education in college. Nearly 100 graduates will attend Catholic institutions of learning*



**Janin Apreku**



**David Jankowski**



**Jacob Muth**

## Notre Dame High School

EAST STROUDSBURG — Commencement exercises were held June 3 for Notre Dame High School, during which 39 graduates received their diplomas from Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also offered the principal address and closing benediction.

The high school theater set the stage for the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2023 at Notre Dame, led by the school's longtime principal Jeffrey Lyons.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 30 in the school's theater by Father Ryan Glenn, chaplain of Notre Dame High School.

This year's Notre Dame graduating class hailed a trio of valedictorians: Janin Apreku, daughter of Joe and Nana Apreku, East Stroudsburg; David Jankowski, son of Mariusz and Aleksandra Jankowski, Bushkill; and Jacob Muth, son of Michael and Margaret Muth, East Stroudsburg.

All 39 graduates of the 2023 Notre Dame senior class will continue their education at the university/college level, including ten students who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The class received a total of 73 scholarship awards valued at nearly \$4.5 million.

*"We have learned to be individuals who value courage and perseverance. With these characteristics, I am fully confident that each and every one of you will build upon your current self and tackle every task which approaches you."*



*— Janin Apreku  
Valedictory Address  
excerpt*

*"We cannot discover new oceans unless we have the courage to lose sight of the shore. Congratulations to the Class of 2023. May God's grace be with us all as we embark on the next phase of our lives."*

*— David Jankowski, Valedictory Address excerpt*

*"We now must leave the friends with whom we have shared so many memories and good times. May we find friends like the ones we have now in our coming years and do what we love completely and fully."*

*— Jacob Muth, Valedictory Address excerpt*

## Holy Cross High School

DUNMORE — The Sette La Vergetta Center for Performing Arts at Marywood University was the setting for the annual commencement of Holy Cross High School.

Graduation ceremonies for the 84 members of the 2023 Holy Cross senior class were held on June 2, led by school Principal Benjamin D. Tolerico.

Presiding over the commencement exercises and conferring the high school diplomas was Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who addressed the Holy Cross graduates and offered the benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated June 1 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, with Father Cyril D. Edwards, school chaplain, serving as principal celebrant and homilist.

The 2023 Holy Cross valedictorian is Carsyn Cole, daughter of Bob and Donna Cole of Duryea. Class salutatorian is Sarah Lyons, daughter of Mark and Eileen Lyons, Moosic.

Nearly 98 percent of the Holy Cross graduating class will be attending institutions of higher learning, with 32 graduates planning to enroll at Catholic colleges or universities. As a whole, the class earned 583 post-secondary scholarship awards totaling approximately \$30 million.

*"I, along with my fellow graduates, embody a Catholic education's values and its impact on creating the next generation of leaders modeling Christ. We have exemplified what it means to serve those around us. So to my fellow graduates...you are always a Crusader and a member of the Holy Cross Family."*



*— Carsyn Cole,  
Valedictory Address  
excerpt*

*"If my years at Holy Cross have taught me anything, it is the meaningfulness of kind acts. The rest of the world needs to see the kindness of the Holy Cross Class of 2023... We need to take what we have experienced during our time at Holy Cross to the world, wherever we go. My fellow classmates, we are the ones who represent sparks of kindness. Let us come together to start a fiery inferno of compassion."*

*— Sarah Lyons, Salutatory Address excerpt*



**Carsyn Cole**

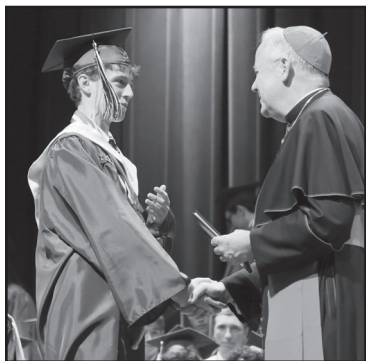


**Sarah Lyons**



# Congratulations Catholic High School Graduates!

## Class of 2023



### HOLY CROSS

Michael Cavanaugh Allardyce  
Dhiraj Baniya  
Julianne Marie Barrett  
Alicia Rose Bellagamba  
Alix P. Benjamin  
Anna Marie Brundage  
Ryan Matthew Burda  
Samera Paige Burrier  
Nicholas C. Calciano  
Nicholas George Carpentier  
Kaeden Thomas Carr  
Alec Gregory Cherundolo  
Corey Cicci  
Carsyn Leigh Cole ✱  
Mia Catherine Cornall  
Christian Cutrona  
Kiaya Louise Daubee  
Spencer M. Decker  
Margaret Lee Dolphin  
Kayleigh Rose Farrell  
Nora Elizabeth Flannery  
Kylie Gallagher  
Ashley Anne Gentile  
Emma Rose George  
Gabriel Max Gonzales  
Jake Grodack  
Daniel Ryan Haikes  
Sydney Marie Hartland  
Rylie Margaret Heusner  
Evan Joseph Hofsommer  
Hayden Daniel Hosie  
Johnathan Paul Jones, Jr.

Owen Matthew Jumper  
Jacque André Kakareka  
Norah Elisabeth Kennedy  
Maura Elizabeth Kosek  
Aidan Matthew Krieger  
Manpreet Kaur Lahl  
Sarah Ann Lyons †  
Anthony James Mack  
Karli Marissa Mahasky  
Grace E. Mangan  
Alina Margaret Marcinkus  
Olivia Ann Marinelli

### ✱ Valedictorians

Kaitlyn Prynkiewicz  
Connor Joseph Rasimovich  
Aidan Joseph Romanchick  
Katie Elizabeth Romanski  
Logan Matthew Rotell-Tierney  
Keith Anthony Rowlands  
Shannon M. Ryan  
Brielle Avery Scheland  
Cody Schoonover  
Gabriel Lawrence Sczesniak  
Sadie Shedlauskas  
Andrew William Smith

### † Salutatorians

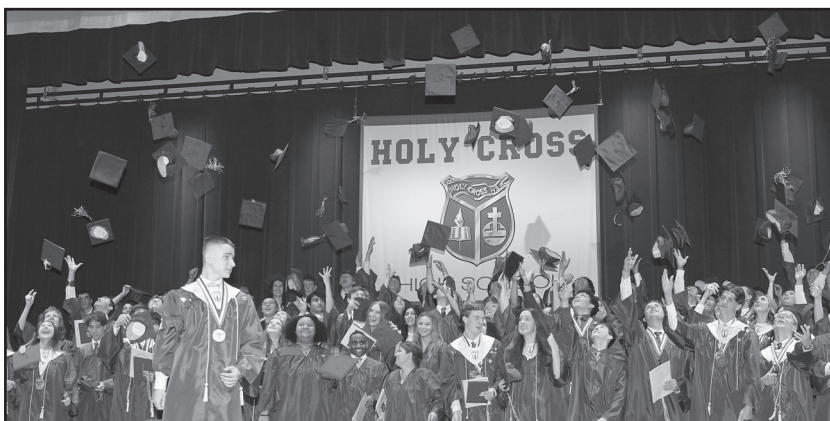
#### HOLY REDEEMER

Connor Michael Albert  
Mia Alexandra Ashton  
Hunter John Austr  
Andrew Michael Bender  
Haider Zia Bhatti  
Hallie Ellen Block  
Anna Catherine Brennan  
Mackenzie Lyric-Marie Burk  
Gianna Rose Carone  
Dylan Robert Cassetori  
Michael Andrew Cicon  
Avery Cole  
Christopher Robert Coyne  
Morgan Alyssa Crake  
Abigayle Ann Cryan  
Claire Elizabeth Cunningham  
Abigail Maria Davitt  
Jillian Leane DelBalso †  
Elizabeth A. Derolf  
Olivia Pellegrina DeSena  
Dino Joseph Di Mauro  
Kaitlyn Dotzel  
Jessica Rose English  
Jaden James Evanowski  
John Joseph Evans  
Jenessa Alexandra Ferro  
Marcus Christian Fiedorczyk  
Kristen Marie Finnegan

Mia Grace Fino  
Michael Fino  
Nicholas Franchetti  
Cassandra Rose Gdovin  
John James Gillespie  
Brooklyn Marjorie Giovinazzo  
Julia Kay Girman



Lauren Ann Granteed  
Ethan E. Gribble  
James Kevin Griffin  
Kevin John Gryboski, Jr.  
Steven M. Ha  
Hailey Lynn Halagarda  
Ayden S. Harfoush  
NyAsha Aiyanna Heckstall  
Hillary Anne Hoda  
Jacob Ollie Hunter  
Mary Johns  
Emily Marie Kane  
Irelyn Karnes  
Maxx Thomas Kebles  
Jacob William Koons  
Kayla Rae Kovalleski  
Sydney Angelina Kozden  
Jeffrey John Kozerski  
John Wayne Anthony Kravitz  
Paige Jordan Kroptavich  
Ayden Langdon  
Phillip Blase Latinski, III  
Natalie Lynn Legge  
Emily Anne Lehman



Christopher James Martinez  
Giuliana Marie Mazza  
Aiden Gaetano McCoy  
Mary Aniyah McHugh  
Joshua D. Mease  
Mary Katherine Mellody  
Mary Kathryn Melnikoff  
Andrew Josef Naim  
Theodore Francis Dominic Novak  
Shannon Elizabeth O'Malley  
Cecelia Erin Otis  
Jessica Lea Pavlowski  
Alexis Ashleigh Phillips  
Ronald Michael Prislupski

Douglas Joseph Smith  
Robert James Staples, II  
Frederick Alfonso Strein  
Cassandra J. Suchecki  
Shamus Connor Sullivan  
Marie Dolores Takach  
Vincent Pio Tanana  
Joseph Brandon Trichilo  
Dominick Franko Verdugo  
Avianna Mercedes Voglino  
Dante Lorenzo Warhola  
Tyler Jeffrey Williams  
Katie Elizabeth Wywoda  
Alexander Joseph Yankowski





Ethan David Licari  
 Luke James Litchkofski  
 Louis E. Lussi  
 Tim Ly  
 Christopher William Maciejczyk  
 Matthew Joseph Maciejczyk  
 Matthew J. Magda  
 Kendall Makowski  
 Yansheng Mao  
 Lexie Kristine Marcinkowski  
 Christopher J. Taylor Marriott  
 Ryan R. Martinelli  
 John Vincent Matlock  
 Jayla Alexis Noel McCloe  
 Talia Lynn McHugh  
 Nathan Menent-Quinonez  
 Evelyn Ann Migatulski  
 Aiden Michael Morgan  
 Cody H. Nguyen  
 Madeline Michele Nguyen  
 Aiden Michael O'Haire  
 Payton Victoria Parker  
 Dominic Augustino Pasone  
 Olivia Rhea Paulukonis  
 Nicholas Pawlowski  
 Zachary Alexander Perta  
 Jessica Marie Phares  
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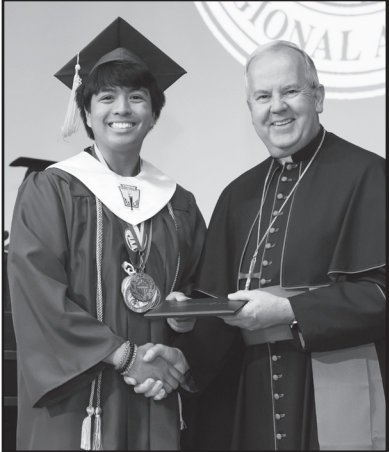
Sarah Rose Pugliese  
 Kathryn Camille Quinn  
 Jay Zhongjie Ren  
 Joyce Judith Renfer  
 Charles William Revitt III  
 Sorrenta Anne Riley  
 Isabella Rose Roback  
 Cody Daniel Rood  
 Henry Michael Rosen  
 Coltin Carl Rosencrance  
 Owen Charles Sack  
 Jillian Faye Sando  
 Kendra Santuk  
 Kathryn Schell  
 Antonette Scotto D'Abusco  
 Brendan Thomas Shubzda  
 Paige Lauren Skibitsky  
 Lily Catherine Smith  
 Nathan David Smith  
 Samantha P. Smith  
 Caden Richard Sparich  
 Nickolas John Spiccioli  
 Bailey Stavridis  
 Nina E. Stillarty  
 Nathan John Stilp  
 Donovan Joseph Stone  
 Khushi Syed  
 Ryan Michael Tarreto, II  
 Aryan Tolani

John Paul Tondora III  
 Joshua David Van Pelt  
 Ryan James Walton  
 Stan Charles Wateski, Jr.  
 Joshua Wesneski  
 Kenneth John White  
 Cole Patrick Whitman  
 Colin Jeffrey Whitman  
 Lauren Catherine Whitman  
 Cally Dalys Williams  
 Heidi Anne Williams \*  
 Lakota Williams  
 Darryl Tamond Wright  
 Ariela Yolie Wyand  
 Madison Morgan Wylie  
 Paige Elizabeth Yastremski  
 Matthew R. Zekus



**NOTRE DAME**  
 Antonia Bella Antonucci  
 Janin A. Apreku \*  
 Lizzette Badillo  
 Dominique Simone Bridgeforth  
 Jake Brett Chamberlain  
 Naomi Naigwe Wankiiri Craig  
 Rodolph S. Fils-Aime  
 Dina Marie Florentino  
 Gina Marie Florentino  
 Meagan Christine Fornataro  
 Anastasia Sativa Gonzalez

Michael O. Horan  
 Mena Jo Horvath  
 David Mariusz Jankowski \*  
 Julianna Elizabeth Kirk  
 Paraskevi Matté Kourakos  
 Ethan David Loncki  
 Jeremy Roger Ealdama Manabat  
 Rocco Martincic  
 Andrew Steven Matrisciano  
 Owen Q. Mc Grath  
 Brianna E. Melchor  
 Jacob Wallace Muth \*  
 Malcolm Marshall Naughton  
 Olivia Anne Niestepski  
 Taylor Nicole Pansy  
 Roman Sebastian Parris  
 Natalie Kayla Pompeo  
 Nikolas Mikel Porter  
 Omar Khalid Qureshey  
 Michael Francis Rodriguez  
 Jakob M. Schroder  
 Jayden Anthony Silver  
 Andrew G. Smith  
 Joshua Romel Tineo  
 Brian Juergen Van de Loecht  
 Diana Lydia Vergara  
 Lynnea Elizabeth Vitaletti  
 Olivia Marlene Vojtash



**ST. JOHN NEUMANN  
 REGIONAL ACADEMY**  
 Corey Kendel Agnew  
 John Matthew Brann  
 Diego Cuevas Murillo  
 Angelo Ray Fernandez  
 Davion Nasif Hassan Hill  
 Brianna Maureen Lisi  
 Elliott Caldwell McKelvey  
 Andrew David Mitchell  
 Jaden Denae Nixon †  
 Lily Grace Reid \*  
 Mark Christopher Roman  
 Sheiana Nicole Tutler  
 Romee Marlo Woodring  
 Kane Sterling Wright



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# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

The Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Office recognizes these Seton Award recipients. The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award is recognition of 8th grade students who are enrolled in one of our Catholic high schools for the 2023-24 school year and exemplify the traits of Saint Seton: devoutness to faith, compassion, and desire to help others. This award is also given to students in 5th Grade at St. John Neumann Elementary School, and students in 6th Grade at Notre Dame Elementary, Epiphany and St. Agnes Schools, who meet criteria determined by their principal. Families of these individuals are commended for their commitment to Catholic education, and the students are congratulated for this distinguished honor. For these students and for all young people in our Catholic schools, Catholic education impacts their formation by incorporating a strong emphasis on the spiritual that is evident in all components of the learning process. Our vision for these students is to provide them an educational experience that promotes a lifelong learning in the faith, and one that prepared them to be responsible, competent, and confident persons as citizens of our country and world. In addition, our schools are dedicated to providing a loving, safe and nurturing environment where the young learn respect for themselves and for all persons.



Thomas Gavin  
All Saints Academy



Joshua Trichilo  
La Salle Academy



Monica Shattuck  
St. Agnes School



Antonina Myronyuk  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



Ella Valentine  
St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



Charles Schaffer  
Good Shepherd Academy



Claire Helring  
All Saints Academy



Liza Froncek  
La Salle Academy



Evan Griffin  
St. Agnes School



Cartrick Thompson  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



Riley Brady  
Good Shepherd Academy



Gavin Zola  
Holy Family Academy



Lylah Carissa Foley  
Epiphany School



Gage Moran  
Our Lady of Peace School



Elijah Keating  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



Anna Polishan  
St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



Alan Stout  
Good Shepherd Academy



Derek Yurkanin  
Holy Family Academy



Michael Sutryk  
Epiphany School



James Kennedy  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



Adam Pokrifka  
Good Shepherd Academy





To the students who have benefited from a Catholic education, and to those who  
continue their educational journey in a Catholic environment,  
we salute you and pray that God, through the intercession of  
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, guides you in

*Faith, Hope and Love.*



Leesha Chludzinski  
Holy Rosary School



Benjamin Shupp  
Holy Rosary School



Emily Conway  
St. Jude School



Steven Rowlands  
St. Jude School



Lina Ho  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Katie Genovese  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



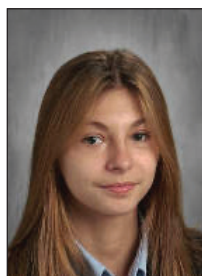
Austin Rood  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Emma Grochal  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Connor Pribula  
Wyoming Area Catholic School



Samantha Renfer  
Wyoming Area Catholic School



Sarah Angelucci  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



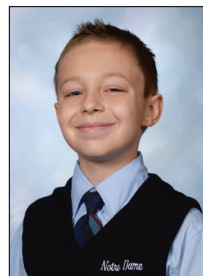
Heber Lopez-Morales  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Naiandra Lorenzo  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



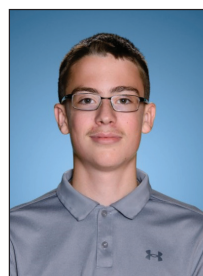
Rory Malone  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Nicholas Angelucci  
Notre Dame Elementary School



Charles Nugent  
Notre Dame Elementary School



Justin Crosby  
St. John Neumann Jr./Sr. High School



Alivia Shadd  
St. John Neumann  
Jr./Sr. High School



Madelyn Weigle  
St. John Neumann  
Elementary School



Quillen McPherson  
St. John Neumann  
Elementary School