

## Saint John Neumann Regional Academy

WILLIAMSPORT — Graduation exercises were conducted for the Saint John Neumann Regional Academy Class of 2026 on May 28 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 11 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 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Montoursville, where Father David Bechtel, high school chaplain, served as principal celebrant and homilist.

This year's Saint John Neumann valedictorian is Harrison Carnicom, son of Scott and Marla Carnicom, who reside in Lock Haven. Salutatorian honors were bestowed upon Breanna Nixon, daughter of Alicia Faulkner and Cleavon Nixon of Williamsport.

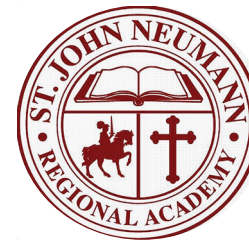
Ten members of the senior class will be pursuing further education on the university/college level, including three graduates who plan to attend Catholic institutions of higher learning. As a class, the Saint John Neumann graduates earned eight academic scholarships worth more than \$326,000.



**Harrison  
Carnicom**



**Breanna  
Nixon**



**“The skills that Neumann has taught us are exactly the kinds of skills that we need, not only to survive, but to adapt, succeed and prosper in an ever-changing world. It was challenging for all of us, but there was a reason for it.”**

— *Harrison Carnicom*  
*Valedictory Address*  
*excerpt*

**“May all of you find the future that fits you best. Tonight, take time to appreciate your accomplishments. Celebrate as we close this chapter of our lives (and) reflect with great confidence in ourselves...knowing that we are prepared to draft the next pages of our future letters to ourselves.”**

— *Breanna Nixon*  
*Salutatory Address*  
*excerpt*

## Holy Redeemer High School

WILKES-BARRE — Holy Redeemer High School was the first Scranton Diocesan secondary school to hold spring commencement exercises when its graduation ceremony was staged May 27 at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts in Wilkes-Barre.

A total of 112 Holy Redeemer seniors, led by Principal Colin Martinson, were conferred their diplomas by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, who also addressed the graduates and offered benediction.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 26 at Saint Nicholas Church, Wilkes-Barre, with Father Richard Cirba, V.F., serving as principal celebrant.

The 2026 Holy Redeemer class valedictorian is Ian Finnegan, son of William and Jody Finnegan of Edwardsville. Earning salutatorian honors was Brandon DelBalso, son of Patrick and Leane DelBalso, who are residents of Plains.

Of the total number of graduates, 108 will be enrolling in colleges or universities to further their education, including 33 who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The 2026 Holy Redeemer senior class merited a total of 749 scholarship awards worth more than \$45 million.



**Ian  
Finnegan**



**Brandon  
DelBalso**



**“Fellow classmates, we arrived here four years ago as a blank canvas. Today, we leave as a vibrant tapestry of shared lessons, cultivated friendships, great laughter, and tremendous growth. As we step away from Holy Redeemer, remember that our greatest asset won't just be the education we received, but the bonds we forged together.”**

— *Ian Finnegan*  
*Valedictory Address*  
*excerpt*

**“Holy Redeemer's motto, *Omnia per Christum* ('All Things Through Christ'), became more than words for us. It became a way of life, shaping our faith, strengthening our compassion, and building a family that carried us through every accomplishment and challenge we shared along the way.”**

— *Brandon DelBalso*  
*Salutatory Address excerpt*

# 242

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

# \$85.9 million

*Graduates merited more than 1,360 scholarships, cumulatively earning this much toward their future schooling.*

# 97%

*The percentage of seniors who will continue their education in college. Nearly 80 graduates will attend Catholic colleges or universities.*

## Holy Cross High School



**Claire Polishan**



**Kayleigh Shelp**

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

Graduation ceremonies for the 75 members of the 2026 Holy Cross senior class were held May 29, 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 May 28 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton, with Father Cyril Edwards, high school chaplain, serving as principal celebrant and homilist.

The 2026 Holy Cross valedictorian is Claire Polishan, daughter of Timothy and Kristyn Polishan of Dunmore. Class salutatorian is Kayleigh Shelp, daughter of Richard and Susan Shelp of Scranton.

Seventy-four seniors in the Holy Cross graduating class will be attending institutions of higher learning, with 28 graduates planning to enroll at Catholic colleges or universities. As a whole, the class earned 507 post-secondary scholarship awards totaling nearly \$33 million.

*“No matter where each of us goes, we’ve all gained a little bit more experience with learning and celebrating why we were born: to be the hands of Christ in the world. So, as we enjoy tonight, let us cherish the past, live in the present, and walk without fear into the future.”*

*“All of us on this stage are truly blessed to have received a Catholic education, because the values that have been instilled in us will truly take us far. We have learned so much more than just ‘be nice to each other.’ We learned what being kind really means, how to care for the common good, and have hope for something greater than this life can give.”*



*— Claire Polishan, Valedictory Address excerpt*

*— Kayleigh Shelp, Salutatory Address excerpt*

## Notre Dame High School



**Matt Jankowski**



**Georggel Bioh**

EAST STROUDSBURG — Commencement exercises were held May 30 for Notre Dame High School, during which 44 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 2026 at Notre Dame, led by school Principal Bryan Scotton.

The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated May 26 in the school’s theater by Father Brian J.T. Clarke, chaplain of Notre Dame High School.

Achieving valedictorian honors for Notre Dame High School this year is Matt Jankowski, son of Mariusz and Aleksandra Jankowski of Bushkill. The 2026 class salutatorian is Georggel Bioh, daughter of George and Magdalene Bioh, residents of East Stroudsburg.

Forty-three graduates from the Notre Dame Class of 2026 will continue their education at the university/college level, including 15 students who will be attending Catholic institutions of higher learning. The class received a total of 98 scholarship awards valued at more than \$7.6 million.

*“I know for a fact that this class is more than capable of creating incredible futures. With all of us having been shaped and molded over the years by our Catholic education, we are prepared not only to chase success, but to live with purpose and integrity. I believe the most important lesson we have been taught is how community is the key to success.”*

*“Friends, it is time for us to rise, not allowing the sky to be the limit. In life, too many times we say, ‘I was going to do this’ or ‘I was going to do that.’ But when do we ever take the initiative? The time is now.”*



*— Matt Jankowski, Valedictory Address excerpt*

*— Georggel Bioh, Salutatory Address excerpt*

# Congratulations Catholic High School Graduates!

## Class of 2026



### HOLY CROSS

Angelica Antonova  
 Kathryn Mary Apolinario  
 Natalia Marie Archangeli  
 Smriti Basnet  
 Benjamin Ross Bellagamba  
 Alexis Elena Bilski  
 James Bordo  
 Ariana Lee Cabelly  
 Marena Anne Caravelli  
 Henry Ryan Chilewski  
 Elizabeth Ann Coval  
 Grace Noel Donohue  
 Branden Michael Fadl  
 Bridget Jean Fay  
 Addison Grace Flannery  
 Emelia Franceski  
 Giada Gaidula  
 Angela Ghalley  
 Trystan Thomas Gilroy  
 Peyton Alexandra Graboske  
 Grady Xavier Grill  
 Joseph Daniel Hanley  
 Alexander Ryan Harrison  
 Shelby Marie Hartland  
 Alyssa T. Hartman  
 Noelle Lois Sophia Hunter  
 Margaret Elizabeth Jones  
 Noah Karzenoski  
 Cameron Kelly

### ★ Valedictorians

Matthew Alexander Kennedy  
 Savanna Killino  
 Madison Ellen Knight  
 Ava Lynn Kochmer  
 Luke Gregory Kristyniak  
 Aidan John Lalley  
 Jael Lema  
 Cole Lipinski  
 Matthew John Liuzzo  
 Alessandra Rita Lynn  
 Simon Everest Madore

### 🎓 Salutatorians

HOLY REDEEMER  
 Tia Marie Achuff  
 Matthew Antinnes  
 Bardia Belabadi  
 James Joseph Bonczek Jr.  
 Kaia Grace Bonham  
 Isabella Boylan  
 Arden Noelle Brunn  
 Joshua Matthew Cackowski  
 Tessa Marie Cegelka  
 Kyra Isabelle Chepolis  
 McKenzie Jean Chimock  
 Michael Connolly III  
 Gabriella Brynn Conston  
 Sebastian John Cooney  
 Mia Irene Correa  
 Maryn Elizabeth Cosgrove  
 Olivia Grace Davis  
 Brandon Patrick DelBalso 🎓  
 Marissa Kathryn D'Elia  
 Brian Aiden DeMellier  
 Dylan Joseph DiTrani  
 Rylie Grace Domashinski  
 Quron Bishop Drayton  
 Daniel Haruto Dudrick



Nina Louise Dunleavy  
 Gavin Joseph Evanoski  
 Anthony A. Falcon  
 Ian Christopher Finnegan ★  
 Alyse Marin Forster  
 Isabella M. Franchetti  
 John Andrew Fredericks  
 Ariana Grace Fumanti  
 David Jenno Geskey  
 Julia Michelle Gilchrist  
 Aaron Bernard Glaser  
 Alex James Gordon  
 Michael F. Grandzol  
 Gracie Lynn Griffin  
 Andrew Charles Grove  
 Ayden Thomas Hannigan  
 Joseph Edward Holocheck  
 Brendan Jan Kane  
 Rebecca Carlene Kasmark  
 Anthony Kinsella  
 Frank Edward Klimovitz  
 Kyla Lee Kon



Evan Mark McCoy  
 Keira McGurgan  
 Jonathan Ryan Mills  
 Eugene Christopher Musto  
 Elizabeth Diane Myers  
 Avianna J Natale  
 Gregg Joseph Novak, Jr.  
 Grace Catherine O'Malley  
 Sadie Mae Pappas  
 Briana Perez  
 Giuseppe Pilone  
 Claire Elizabeth Polishan ★

Eric Anthony Smith  
 Dylan David Steinmetz  
 Anusha Thapa Magar  
 Kevin Bradley Vincent  
 Robert James Wallace  
 McKenzie Walsh  
 Alexa Lynne Waltman  
 Lola Wilding  
 Drew G. Wozniak  
 Leland Theodore Wudarski  
 Aiden John Wudarski  
 Ray Zhang





Casey Edward Kovaleski  
 Connor Michael Krakosky  
 Evangelina Rose Kroposky  
 Marlee Lapinski  
 Taran Robert Lawrence  
 Cole Lisowski  
 Kyle Ly  
 Joseph Christian Mackesy  
 Cole Anthony Makarewicz  
 Alex L. Mandoza  
 Lilit Alden Marcincavage  
 Quinn Marien  
 Jude Joseph Matlock  
 Kyaire Anthony Mclean  
 Timothy Michael  
 Madelyn Grace Miller  
 Jazzlynn Moore  
 Megan Marie Moore  
 Ryan John Murray  
 Lily Kathryn Nguyen  
 Tyler P. Nguyen  
 Eric Anthony Orlando  
 Nathan Michael Orlando  
 Elizabeth Ann Papciak  
 Richard Allen Partington, Jr.  
 Xander Richard Pascoe

Jennifer Grace Passeri  
 Ava Marie Pate  
 Arav Sanjay Patel  
 Zoe Elizabeth Pecuch  
 Cody Joseph Quaglia  
 Kearney Helene Quinn  
 Crescenzo Ramon Reedy  
 Aurora Madeline Roote  
 Theresa Elizabeth Rudloff  
 Lukas Adan Runde  
 Mateo Ian Runde  
 Lillian Quinn Russin  
 Caleb James Sabulski  
 Mattea Selene Santos  
 Cayden Michael Sartori  
 Samuel Anthony Shovlin  
 Isabel Raina Sikora  
 Charlotte Kane Smith  
 Patrick Eric Smith  
 Pierce Robert Sparich  
 Aubrey Dawn Spearing  
 Grace A. Stetz-Madden  
 Matthew Jacob Stilp  
 Jessica Lynne Stochla  
 Chase Logan Swoboda  
 Madeline Grace Szura

Daniel Lam Tang  
 Stephen Phillip Timchack  
 Loretta Pearl Troxell  
 Julia Bella Vitali  
 Nevaehmarie D. Voytko  
 Meredith M. Walting  
 Jack Francis Wasiakowski  
 Annalie Jane Werner  
 Isabelle Wilk  
 Isabel Christine Williams  
 Sean David Williams  
 Alexander Johnathon Worrall  
 Reese Katherine Woytowich  
 Conner Joseph Zera



NOTRE DAME  
 Aidan Julian Acosta  
 Rafael Andino, Jr.  
 Matteo Thomas Antonucci  
 Isabella Arias  
 Enku G. Assegid  
 Georggel Bioh  
 Winniva Blain  
 Daniel Alexander Bordas  
 Peyton Deron Carter  
 Constanza Helide Collao

Gabriella J. Connors  
 Roderick Santos DelaPaz, Jr.  
 Theodore Lucas Dilmohamed  
 Kacy Ann Farrell  
 Melodie Michelle Fierro  
 Logan Michael Fish  
 Tyler Patrick Frederick  
 Brandon Josiah Garry  
 Jacob Thomas Gillon  
 Christian Louis B. Gonzales  
 Rachel Ella Graham  
 Xzavier Guadalupe  
 Bryan Paul Hannis  
 Alana Morgan Jackson  
 Matt Dominic Jankowski  
 Levi D. Joseph  
 Rizos Katranis  
 Jacob Connor Loncki  
 Bryn Rachel Medina  
 Cassidy R. Medina  
 Christian David Merle  
 Sean C. Miller  
 Julissa Marisol Mizhirumbay  
 Martin William Musgrave II  
 L'oreal XuXu Newallo  
 Cardin D. Nguyen  
 Isabella M. Oliveira

Olivia Rose Protheroe  
 Gabryella A. Rios  
 Matthew Robert P. Vispo  
 Kayla Mychele Vitaletti  
 Brady Vincent Wickenheiser  
 Oscar Alan Woods  
 Morgan Mary Wurz



ST. JOHN NEUMANN  
 Jahki Jeremiah Brister  
 Harrison Prescott Carnicom  
 Nina Marie Cox  
 Connor Stephen Haswell  
 Kallee Ann Johnson  
 Emiley Nicole Moyle  
 Breanna Nevaeh Nixon  
 Savana Lynn Smith  
 Nahmir Yasin Thomas  
 Daiton Carter Thompson  
 Selene Marvel Vasquez



## **Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton**

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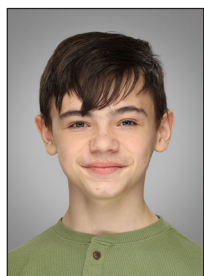
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# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

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 2026-27 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.



David Bowen  
All Saints Academy



Diane Idhaw  
La Salle Academy



Jonathan Novak  
Our Lady of Peace School



John F. Shattuck  
St. Agnes School



Elizabeth Marx  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



Ella Dunleavy  
Good Shepherd Academy



Annaleigh Coyle  
All Saints Academy



Sofia Roman  
La Salle Academy



Patrick Donohue  
Our Lady of Peace School



Kristian Anzures  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



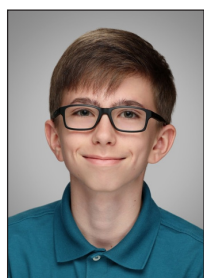
Ethan Murray  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



Brandon Rogers  
Good Shepherd Academy



Lilia Rossette  
Epiphany School



Mason Burt  
Our Lady of Peace School



Stefan Tolerico  
Our Lady of Peace School



Madison Kreidler  
St. Clare/St. Paul School



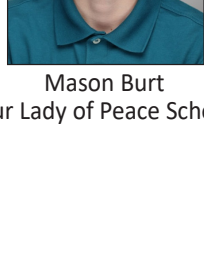
Kira McCoy  
St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



Shepard Smith  
Good Shepherd Academy



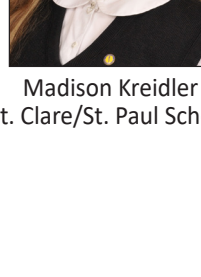
Andrew Howey  
Epiphany School



Madelyn E. Cox  
St. Agnes School



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St. Agnes School



Traigh Sottile  
St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



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St. Mary of Mount Carmel School



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.*



Sophia Matys  
Holy Rosary School



William Conklin  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Frank Pacelli  
Wyoming Area Catholic School



Rose Malone  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Brielle Spearing  
Good Shepherd Academy



Troy Papiercavich  
Holy Rosary School



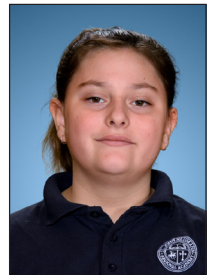
Ella Klein  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Matthew Shemo  
Wyoming Area Catholic School



Caitlin Nappa  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Bella Long  
St. John Neumann  
Regional Academy



Todd Houseknecht  
Holy Family Academy



Elizabeth Decowski  
St. Jude School



Yarmerys Diaz Ramos  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



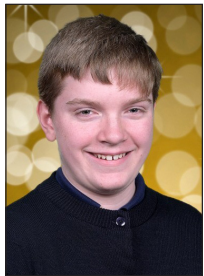
Hanna Brzuzan  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



McKenna Schnatter  
Notre Dame Elementary School



Quillen McPherson  
St. John Neumann  
Regional Academy



Jude Rayno  
Holy Family Academy



Lilly Holtz  
St. Jude School



Sisilia Steransky  
St. Nicholas/St. Mary School



Brayden Hardy  
Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School



Anthony Sorto  
Notre Dame Elementary School



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## Notre Dame community celebrates passage of Greg Moyer Law

EAST STROUDSBURG – For more than 25 years, Rachel and John Moyer carried a mission born from heartbreak.

On Dec. 2, 2000, their 15-year-old son, Greg, a student at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in East Stroudsburg, died after suffering sudden cardiac arrest during halftime of an away basketball game. There was no automated external defibrillator (AED) available.

For the last quarter century,

the Moyers have dedicated themselves to ensuring other families would not experience the same tragedy.

On May 22, 2026, surrounded by students, educators, lawmakers, and supporters inside the same Notre Dame gymnasium where Greg once played basketball, the family celebrated the passage of Act 17 of 2026 in Pennsylvania, commonly known as the Greg Moyer Law.

The legislation requires AEDs at all PIAA-sanctioned athletic practices and competitions and mandates emergency action plans and training for sudden cardiac arrest situations in schools.

“I’m feeling ecstatic because there was no way that I was going to do anything else until this legislation was passed,” Rachel Moyer said. “But I didn’t think it was going to take 25 years. We kept thinking, ‘This is going to be the session,’ and we’d get this close and something would happen. But it is a no-brainer law.”

Returning to Notre Dame brought back memories of Greg, whose photograph and basketball jersey still hang in the school hallway.

“It’s bittersweet, in a way, because he loved it here,” Moyer said. “The love and the spirit are still here.”

Former Notre Dame Principal Jeff Lyons vividly remembers the night Greg died and the impact it had on the school community.

“It was the greatness of the Catholic community that kept us together,” Lyons recalled. “We could get together, we could pray together, we felt like we were doing something. Greg was a great kid.”

Lyons said he was never



The Moyer family, seated, celebrate the passage of the Greg Moyer Law at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School on May 22, 2026. (Photo/Eric Deabill)

surprised that Rachel Moyer continued the fight despite repeated setbacks.

“Most people would have ended it after hitting roadblock after roadblock after roadblock,” he said. “Rachel is tenacious.”

State Senator Rosemary Brown, who authored the legislation, credited the Moyer family for making the law a reality.

“As your senator and the author of the Greg Moyer Law, I am truly proud to stand alongside the Moyer family today,” Brown said. “They – and Greg – have been the driving force behind this legislation from the very beginning.”

For John Moyer, the law’s significance extends beyond requiring AEDs. He feels the training this new law mandates will be just as critical.

“Sadly, we’ve encountered dozens of parents who have lost kids to cardiac arrest even when an AED was present simply because nobody knew where it was or how to use it,” he said.

While the law represents the end of one journey, the Moyers insist that their work is not finished.

“We’re not going to stop,” Rachel Moyer said. “We’re going to let everyone know, from age four and up, what to do in an emergency and how to get assistance.”

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