The High School of Saint Thomas More held its Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Bishop Louis Tylka served as celebrant and homilist with chaplain Father Michael Pica and other area vicariate pastors concelebrating. Commencement Exercises were held on Saturday, May 15 at 10 a.m. in the STM Gymnasium for 40 students. Rhea Pinto and Noah Eyman received the St. Thomas More award, the highest award presented by the school. Class of 2021 Valedictorian Maris Green spoke to her classmates about the importance of living a life of service to others and the tight-knit spirit of their class. School Vice Captain Noah Eyman presented the Class of 2021 gift, which are eco-friendly water fountains for the gym area.

Students were recognized at the annual Senior Honors Luncheon on Friday, May 14. Salutatorian Elise Henkel spoke about various memories from STM, particularly the importance of having a rooted faith life. Faculty members presented departmental awards recognizing excellence in the various academic subjects, and seniors received recognition for numerous awards and scholarships related to academics and service.

The 40 graduates completed over 12,100 service hours and received over \$6 million in merit and/or athletic scholarships; 81% of them will attend a 4-year university with 15% attending a 2-year college, and 4% attending a trade school/apprenticeship program/foreign exchange program.

- *Earned College Prep Certificate
- +National Honor Society
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Deadline for submission of individual scholarship awards for printed materials was April 23rd.

Ava Rosemarie Aubry* St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Calum Michael Beckett* St. Patrick Parish, Urbana

Attending Berklee College of Music
World Tour Scholarship, Berklee College of Music
Columbia Faculty Recognition Award, Columbia College Chicago
Columbia Scholarship, Columbia College Chicago
Vincent O. Greene Scholarship,
STM Drama Department Award

Dylan Scot Brandon

Attending Parkland Pathway to Illinois

Lauren Paige Brown* Holy Cross Parish

Attending Iowa State University

College of Design Excellence Scholarship, Iowa State University

Expedition Award, Iowa State University

Quest Award, Iowa State University

Denison Scholarship, Kansas State University

Academic Honors Scholarship, The Savannah College of Art and Design

Academic Honors Scholarship on Campus, The Savannah College of Art and Design

SCAD Achievement Honors Scholarship, The Savannah College of Art and Design

SCAD Achievement Honor Scholarship on Campus, The Savannah College of Art and Design

National Outreach Award, University of Cincinnati

Vic Shaul Scholarship Kiwanis Club of Champaign

Emma Marie Brunson* Holy Cross Parish

Attending the University of Kentucky Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship

Anna Catherine Corapi*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending Parkland College

Bridget Lynn DeLorenzo*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending Parkland Pathway to Illinois
Athletic Scholarship, Parkland College
Distinguished Merit Scholarship, Eastern Illinois University
Redbird Academic Scholarship, Illinois State University
Illini Prairie Conference Student Award
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Tatum Kimberly DeVriese St. Matthew Parish

Attending Belmont University Loras Endowed Award, Loras College St. Clare Scholarship, Loras College

Abigail Harlan Ewing*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Cornwell, R. E. Memorial Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Commitment Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Legacy Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Dean's Scholarship, Indiana University
Père Marquette Award, Marquette University
Catholic High School Award, Saint Louis University
Vice Presidents' Scholarship, Saint Louis University
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award
STM English Department Award

Noah Jason Eyman*+® St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Redbird Academic Scholarship, Illinois State University Champaign West Rotary Scholarship Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship Illini Prairie Conference Student Award IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award The Male Saint Thomas More Award

Samuel Cristian Garcia* St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign President's Award Candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sarah Elizabeth Gibas Holy Cross Parish

Attending Arizona State University
Arkansan Non-Resident Award, University of Arkansas
Achievement Scholarship, Seattle University
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Emily Louise Goad St. Patrick Parish, Urbana

Attending Richland Community College Father Charles Martell Scholarship St. Patrick Parish Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship

Maris Adeline Green*+®

Attending the University of California, Los Angeles
Dean's Scholarship, Indiana University
Parkland College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Parkland College
University Scholarship, University of Southern California
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award
Illinois State Scholar
STM Valedictorian
STM Spanish Department Award

Paige Mackenzie Halcomb*+

Attending Saint Louis University
Catholic High School Award, Saint Louis University
Vice Presidents' Scholarship, Saint Louis University
Presidential Excellence Scholarship, Bradley University
Academic Scholarship, Butler University
Presidential Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
Père Marquette Award, Marquette University
Illinois State Scholar
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Margaret Joan Hall* St. Matthew Parish

Attending Parkland College Busey Bank Scholarship for Parkland College IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award STM Theology Department Award

Carolyn Danielle Hege*+ Holy Cross Parish

Attending Saint Louis University
Catholic High School Award, Saint Louis University
Housing Scholarship, Saint Louis University
Vice Presidents' Scholarship, Saint Louis University
Aim High Scholarship, Illinois State University
Redbird Academic Scholarship, Illinois State University
Presidential Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
Illinois State Scholar
STM Science Department Award

Elise Anne Henkel* St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Academic Scholarship, Butler University

Trustee's Scholarship, Calvin University

Presidential Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago

Parkland College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Parkland College

Vice Presidents' Scholarship, Saint Louis University

Presidential Diversity Scholarship, University of Alabama

National Scholarship, University of Minnesota

George Beade MSEP Commitment Scholarship, University of Nebraska

College Board National Recognition Programs Rural and Small Town Scholar

Illinois State Scholar

IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

STM Salutatorian

STM Math Department Award

Wilson Todd Hoerner*+

St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Engineering

Parkland College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Parkland College

Merit Scholarship, Trine University

Illinois State Scholar

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Scholar

Maurice Graham Scholarship, Knights of Columbus, Rantoul Council, No. 4450

Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship

IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

STM Technology Department Award

Reese Caroline Hogan+

St. Thomas Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

MIA/POW Scholarship

Illinois Sheriff's Association Scholarship

IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship

Kylie Marie Hopper*+

St. Patrick Parish, Urbana

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Aim High Scholarship, Illinois State University

Redbird Academic Scholarship, Illinois State University

Jerry McArthur Memorial Scholarship, St. Patrick Parish

Junior League of Champaign-Urbana Scholarship

St. Patrick Parish Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship

IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Averi LaMari-Irvin Hughes*

Undecided Academic Scholarships, Eastern Illinois University STM Music Department Award

Joyson Tiko Kakinga* St. Patrick Parish, Urbana

Undecided

Mia Bella Kirby*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Volunteer Scholarship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Academic Scholar – Distinction Award, University of South Carolina
Illinois State Scholar
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Flynn Mallory Marquart*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Emerald Scholarship, Eastern Michigan University Academic Distinction Scholarship, Indiana State University Illinois Student Scholarship, Indiana State University Midwest Achievement Scholarship, Indiana State University Expedition Award, Iowa State University Journey Award, Iowa State University Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Academic Excellence Award, Iowa State University Quest Award, Iowa State University National Scholar Award, University of Iowa Dean Scholarship, University of Denver DU Educational Grant, University of Denver Residence Hall Grant, University of Denver IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award STM Art Department Award STM Theatre Tech Award

Ashley Renee Mills*+ Holy Cross Parish

Attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Beacon Scholarship, University of Tennessee Arizona Excellence Award, University of Arizona Provost Scholarship, University of Denver IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Molly Michele Moomaw*+ Holy Cross Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Institutional Gift Aid, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Impact Award, Coe College Distinguished Merit Award, Eastern Illinois University Expedition Award, Iowa State University Journey Award, Iowa State University

William Isaac Moore* St. Patrick Parish, Urbana

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign President's Merit Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Grace Ann O'Mahoney*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Academic Achievement Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
James Scholar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Parkland College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Parkland College
Illinois State Scholar
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award
STM Social Studies Department Award

Chioma Okolo*

St. Matthew Parish

Attending Howard University HU Achievers Scholarship, Howard University Academic Scholarship, Ambrose University Academic Scholarship, Butler University

Butler Grant, Butler University

Academic Distinction Scholarship, Indiana State University Midwest Achievement Scholarship, Indiana State University

Student Scholarship, Indiana State University

Dean's Scholarship, Mount Mary University

Provost Scholarship, Murray State University

Catholic High School Award, Saint Zavier University

Presidential Scholarship, Saint Zavier University

Residence Hall Award, Saint Zavier University

Sukuma Scholar, University of Illinois at Chicago

William C. Parker Scholarship, University of Kentucky

IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Joviane Vapo Pembele* St. Patrick Parish, Urbana

Attending Texas Southern University

Rhea Merle Pinto* St. Matthew Parish

Attending Saint Louis University
Catholic High School Award, Saint Louis University
Vice Presidents' Scholarship, Saint Louis University
MSU Non-resident Scholarship, Michigan State University
National Scholars Award, University of Iowa
Mark Twain Nonresident Scholarship, University of Missouri
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award
Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award
The Female Saint Thomas More Award

Mercedes Elizabeth Angela Rentschler*+ St. Thomas Parish

Attending Parkland College
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Arianna Caroline Roessler* St. Malachy Parish

Attending Parkland College National Society of High School Scholars STM Physical Education Department Award

Olivia Joyce Shields+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending the University of Kentucky
Bluegrass Spirit Scholarship, University of Kentucky
UK Futures Award, University of Kentucky
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award
Vincent O. Greene Senior Scholarship

James Garrett Sobeski* Holy Cross Parish

Attending Purdue University

Jacob Daniel Studer*+ Holy Cross Parish

Attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Parkland College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Parkland College
National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Scholar
College Board National Recognition Programs Rural and Small Town Scholar
Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award
Illinois State Scholar
STM Latin Department Award

Sarah Katherine Tangen* St. Matthew Parish

Attending Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Athletic Scholarship, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Academic Scholarship, Illinois State University Academic Scholarship, University of Minnesota Dean's Scholarship, Murray State University

Tessa Marie Tomaso*+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending Indiana University
Dean's Scholarship, Indiana University
Expedition Award, Iowa State University
Journey Award, Iowa State University
National Scholars Award, University of Iowa
Mark Twain Scholarship, University of Missouri
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

Maci Elisabeth Walters+ St. Matthew Parish

Attending Millikin University
Merit Scholarship, Millikin University
Momentum Scholarship, Millikin University
Presidential Scholarship, Augustana College
Merit Scholarship, Carthage College
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award
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