



JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith

2022 SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY
May 11, 2022 – 6:00 pm

Dr. Jeffrey Budz, President/Principal
Welcome.....

INTRODUCTION OF READERS BY DR. JEFFREY BUDZ, PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the names to be read this evening. Please forgive us if your name was not read or is misspelled on your certificate and inform us of the error.

As a reminder, please silence all cell phones and pagers so that there will be no distractions during this ceremony.

The readers for this evening will be:

Mrs. Christine Scheibe, English Faculty, and
Mrs. Jacqueline Cherwin, English & Academic Resource Center Faculty

SPECIAL NON-SCHOOL AWARDS:

Presenter: Mrs. Amy Douglas, Academic Resource Coordinator

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

MARIE DVORAK received the **Pax Christi “Instrument of Peace Award”** for actively incorporating the principles of Catholic social teaching in her life.

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

IHSA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM AWARDS

Presenter: Mrs. Christina Kinsella, Girls Athletic Coordinator

JOSHUA JONES, TAJHAUN MCCLELLAN AND MICHAEL ROUSE have been recognized as Class 4A All State Academic Players for the 2021-2022 Season by the **ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION. STUDENTS PLEASE COME FORWARD.**

ESCC AWARDS

Presenter: Mr. Jim O'Brien, Athletic Director

Special recognition is given to the recipients of the **EAST SUBURBAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD.** Please hold your applause until all names have been read. The ESCC pays tribute to the following student athletes:

THE RECIPIENTS ARE:

MATTHEW ARDAUGH	TENNIS
ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS	GOLF & TRACK
ALEXANDER BROWN	BASKETBALL
DANIELA CHAVEZ	TRACK
PAUL CHOVANEC	FOOTBALL
GAVIN CORCORAN	BASEBALL
ALEJANDRO ESPINO	TENNIS
KATE GERDES	SOCCER
EMMA GRUBER	SOCCER
SAMANTHA LEAHY	TENNIS
ALEXIS MIKUSKA	SOCCER
DANIEL O'BRIEN	FOOTBALL & BASEBALL
CLAIRE O'DONNELL	SOCCER
CHARLES O'NEILL	FOOTBALL
CAROLINE PENDER	TENNIS
JASON PILAPIL	BASKETBALL & LACROSSE
LILLIAN RAY	VOLLEYBALL
MICHAEL ROUSE	FOOTBALL
LUKE SELINGER	SOCCER
OLIVIA WESTBERG	VOLLEYBALL

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL- DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

NATIONAL FRENCH CONTEST

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

DANIELA CHAVEZ received a **BRONZE MEDAL** in French V-AP.

The following students received a **HONORABLE MENTION CERTIFICATE** in French V-AP.

ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS

NINA FUNK

GRACE LEEDERS

SYDNEY YATES

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL- DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

FR. NORMAN G. WERLING SCHOLARSHIP AND THE

SCHMIDT/KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

Presenter: Mrs. Jackie Pullara, College/Career Counselor

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 will be 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. Recipients of the **Fr. Norman Werling Scholarship** are:

ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS

LEILANY PERALTA

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:

MATTHEW ARDAUGH

DANIELA CHAVEZ

GAVIN CORCORAN

ALEJANDRO ESPINO

CAROLINE PENDER

LUKE ZIESMER

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL- DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

AT THIS TIME, WE WILL DISTRIBUTE CERTIFICATES AND MEDALS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE JCA 2021-2022 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.

Presenter: Ms. Annie Mihelich, Senior Class Moderator

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

NAME.....	AWARD.....
ALEXANDER ALLGOOD	Certificate – Theology IV
ABIGAIL ARDAUGH	Certificate – AP English IV
MICHAEL ASCENCIO	Certificate – Physical Education
ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS	Certificate - Economics
ZACHARY BEBAR	Certificate – English IV
NOAH BENTON	Certificate – Pottery Design III
JENNA BOLEK	Certificate – Pottery Design II
ETHAN BRUMUND	Certificate – Economics
JOSEPH CASADO	Certificate – Graphic Design
GAVIN CORCORAN	Certificate - U.S. Government
EMY DIAZ	Certificate - Band
ALEJANDRO ESPINO	Certificate – General Business
ALEXANDER FERRO	Certificate – Metalsmithing/Fiber Art II
ALEC GALYON	Certificate – Robotics & Engineering I
LEAH GRIFFITH	Certificate – Human Biology
BRENNAN LUZ	Certificate – Economics
DANIEL O'BRIEN	Certificate – U.S. Government
ABIGAIL PASTERNAK	Certificate – Studio Art
RACHEL PAWLUK	Certificate – Literature of the Holocaust
GABRIEL GEORGE TROMPETA	Certificate – U.S. Government
AIDAN VOSS	Certificate – Physical Education
JAMESON WIDLOE	Certificate – French IV
LUCAS YANKE	Certificate – English IV

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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.

Presenter: Mrs. Kristin Horn, Counseling Chairperson

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

NAME.....	AWARD(S).....
ISABELLA DIXON	Certificate – Journalism/Yearbook Certificate – Current Issues
NINA FUNK	Certificate – AP French Certificate – Human Anatomy & Physiology
SAMANTHA HORN	Certificate – Introduction to Athletic Training Certificate – Multimedia Design
MADELINE KOPMAN	Certificate – English 101 Certificate – English 102
MORGAN LAKOTA	Certificate – Statistics Certificate – U.S. Government
ELIZABETH LEGG	Certificate - Band Certificate – Economics
OLIVIA REDELL	Certificate – Theology IV Certificate – Economics
MICHAEL ROUSE	Certificate – Theology IV Certificate – Statistics

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

I would now like to call forth the students who 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 have also earned **ONE OR MORE CERTIFICATES OF HONOR**.

Presenter: Mr. Jason Midlock, Division Chairperson

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

NAME.....	AWARD(S).....
MATTHEW ARDAUGH	Medal – AP U.S. Government & Politics
DANIELA CHAVEZ	Medal – AP French IV Certificate – English IV
PAUL CHOVANEC	Medal – U.S. Government
DOMINIC CODA	Medal – Statistics
DAVID CONNERS	Medal – Human Biology
JACKSON CULLEN	Medal – Statistics Certificate – AP Chemistry
ALYSSA DOCKENDORF	Medal – English 102
MARIE DVORAK	Medal – Sociology Certificate – English IV Certificate – Pre-Calculus Certificate – U.S. Government
PHOENIX FANTER	Medal – Pottery Design III Certificate – Pottery Design II Certificate – U.S. Government
BRANDON FERRO	Medal – Pottery Design II Certificate – Band

JAKE FIELDMAN	Medal – Physical Education
TEAGAN FISCHER	Medal – French IV
RYAN HEARNE	Medal – Studio Art
BRYNN HIGGINS	Medal – U.S. Government
NICOLE KAMINSKI	Medal – Human Anatomy & Physiology Certificate – Creative Writing Certificate – AP Spanish V
NATALIE KENT	Medal – Journalism/Yearbook
CHARLES O’NEILL	Medal – AP Spanish V Certificate – AP Statistics
ELLA PFANENSTIEL	Medal – Business Law
PAUL RAGUSA	Medal – English IV
LUKE SELINGER	Medal – English 101 Certificate – English IV
JACOB SPOTOFORA	Medal – Metalsmithing/Fiber Art III
ERIK TROHA	Medal – AP Microeconomics Certificate – General Business
ABIGAIL WEISS	Medal – Metalsmithing/Fiber Art II
REGAN WILLIE	Medal – Creative Writing Certificate – English IV

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MEDALS OF HONOR IN SEVERAL FIELDS OF STUDY AND CERTIFICATES

I would now like to call forth the students who 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 have also earned **ONE OR MORE CERTIFICATES OF HONOR**.

Presenter: Mr. Tyler Eakle, Division Chairperson

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

NAME.....	AWARDS.....
MORGAN BRUNO	Medal – Precalculus Medal – Multimedia Design Certificate - Economics
JUSTIN BUDZ	Medal – Band Medal – General Business Certificate – Theology IV
RILEY HUNGATE	Medal – Current Issues Medal - Economics Certificate – English IV
CEARA JOHANSSON	Medal – Drawing Media I Medal – Drawing Media II Medal – AP English IV Certificate – Theology IV Certificate – AP Biology
CONNOR JURICIC	Medal – Strength Training Medal – English IV

ALEXIS MIKUSKA

Medal – Theology IV

Medal – AP Biology

Medal – AP Statistics

Medal – English IV

Certificate – AP Microeconomics

Certificate – AP U.S. Government & Politics

MARY SCHULER

Medal – Economics

Medal – U.S. Government

LUKE ZIESMER

Medal – Marketing

Medal – Economics

Certificate – Robotics & Engineering

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL- DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

PERFECT RECORD

The Perfect Record Award is presented to students who through their seventh semester of their four years at JCA, never received a detention, referral or even a gum fine from the Deans Office.

PLEASE STAND WHEN YOUR NAME IS READ.

**MATTHEW ARDAUGH
ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS
RACHEL BELL
JENNA BOLEK
ETHAN BRUMUND
MORGAN BRUNO
JUSTIN BUDZ
DANIELA CHAVEZ
PAUL CHOVANEC
ANDREW CIARLETTE
DAVID CONNERS
GAVIN CORCORAN
JACKSON CULLEN
ISABELLA DIXON
ALEJANDRO ESPINO
PHOENIX FANTER
ELLA FARRIS
ALEXANDER FERRO
BRANDON FERRO
TEAGAN FISCHER
NINA FUNK
ALEC GALYON
WILLIAM GIMBEL
EMMA GRUBER
SAMANTHA HORN
RILEY HUNGATE
CEARA JOHANSSON
NICOLE KAMINSKI**

**JACOB KANIVE
ELIZABETH KENNEDY
MORGAN LAKOTA
ELIZABETH LEGG
CATHERINE MCGINNIS
OLIVIA MIHELICH
ALEXIS MIKUSKA
ABIGAIL PASTERNAK
CAROLINE PENDER
ELLA PFANENSTIEL
JASON MICHAEL PILAPIL
ABIGAIL POWERS
ROBERT PURCHASE III
LUKA RADICEVICH
PAUL RAGUSA
LILLIAN RAY
TERESA RODRIGUEZ
MICHAEL ROUSE
SAMUEL SALAIZ
MARY SCHULER
LUKE SELINGER
DRAKE SINGLETARY
ERIK TROHA
GABRIEL GEORGE TROMPETA
CALLI TURNER
AIDAN WATKINS
OLIVIA WESTBERG
JAMESON WIDLOE
LUKE ZIESMER**

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MAJOR SCHOOL AWARDS

The moment has arrived to present **THE HIGHEST HONORS OF ACHIEVEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2022.** Your hard work and dedication have been an inspiration to the Joliet Catholic Academy school community.

HONORS PROGRAM AWARD

Presenter: Dr. William Pender, Vice Principal of Faculty and Operations

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.

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO STEP FORWARD:

ALEXANDER ALLGOOD	SAMANTHA LEAHY
MATTHEW ARDAUGH	GRACE LEEDERS
ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS	ALEXIS MIKUSKA
ANDREW BIRSA	CLAIRE O'DONNELL
ALEXANDER BROWN	CHARLES O'NEILL
JUSTIN BUDZ	ABIGAIL PASTERNAK
PAUL CHOVANEC	CAROLINE PENDER
GAVIN CORCORAN	LILLIAN RAY
RYAN COX	MICHAEL ROUSE
BLAKE DARCY	LUKE SELINGER
EMY DIAZ	KYLE SIMON
ISABELLA DIXON	DRAKE SINGLETARY
ALEJANDRO ESPINO	ABIGAIL WEISS
TEAGAN FISCHER	OLIVIA WESTBERG
KATE GERDES	
WILLIAM GIMBEL	
EMMA GRUBER	
MAXWELL HAMMEL	
RYAN HEARNE	
CEARA JOHANSSON	
NICOLE KAMINSKI	

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ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

Presenter: Mrs. Jackie Pullara, College/Career Counselor

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 students:

PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN YOUR NAME IS READ.

**MATTHEW ARDAUGH
ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS
ALEXANDER BROWN
DANIELA CHAVEZ
PAUL CHOVANEC
GAVIN CORCORAN
MARIE DVORAK
ALEJANDRO ESPINO
NINA FUNK
WILLIAM GIMBEL
CEARA JOHANSSON**

**NICOLE KAMINSKI
ALEXIS MIKUSKA
DANIEL O'BRIEN
CLAIRE O'DONNELL
CHARLES O'NEILL
LEILANY PERALTA
LILLIAN RAY
MICHAEL ROUSE
LUKE SELINGER
ERIK TROHA
ABIGAIL WEISS**

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:**

Presenter: 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:

**PAUL CHOVANEC
GAVIN CORCORAN
CEARA JOHANSSON
NICOLE KAMINSKI
LILLIAN RAY**

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:

**ALEXANDER ALLGOOD
ANDREW BIRSA
JUSTIN BUDZ
DANIELA CHAVEZ
ANDREW CIARLETTE
ALEJANDRO ESPINO
PHOENIX FANTER
ELLA FARRIS
ALEXANDER FERRO
WILLIAM GIMBEL**

**EMMA GRUBER
SAMANTHA HORN
CHARLES O'NEILL
ABIGAIL PASTERNAK
CAROLINE PENDER
LUKE SELINGER
ABIGAIL WEISS
LUKE ZIESMER**

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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:

**EMY DIAZ
JAMES DVORAK
MARIE DVORAK
BRANDON FERRO
ELIZABETH KENNEDY**

**GRACE LEEDERS
LEILANY PERALTA
JASON M. PILAPIL
SAMUEL SALAIZ**

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SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

Presenter: Mr. Jim O'Brien, Athletic Director

Each year the Joliet Catholic Academy Athletic Department honors students who demonstrated both academic and athletic achievement.

The **JCA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD** is presented to:

ANNE-CLAIRE AUSTRUMS & DANIEL O'BRIEN

JCA SPIRIT AWARD

Presenter: Ms. Laura Pahl, Vice Principal of Curriculum and Technology

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

The recipients of the **JCA SPIRIT AWARD** are:

MATTHEW ARDAUGH and MOLLY O'CONNELL

JCA ANGEL 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:

ALEXIS MIKUSKA

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

MICHAEL ROUSE

PLEASE GIVE THEM A WELL-DESERVED ROUND OF APPLAUSE

PRESENTATION OF CLASS VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Presenter: Dr. Jeffrey Budz, President/Principal

Each year the Administration of Joliet Catholic Academy selects the **Valedictorian** and **Salutarian** of the Senior class. This year's outstanding academic students are:

SALUTATORIAN: CHARLES O'NEILL

VALEDICTORIAN: ALEXIS MIKUSKA

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

Speaker - Dr. William Pender, Vice Principal of Faculty and Operations

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!**

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