

SENIOR HONORS CONVOCATION SCRIPT MAY 2, 2008

Good morning and welcome, parents and guests of the Class of 2008, students, faculty and staff and, especially, seniors. At this time, I would ask our chaplain, Fr. Tim Kenney, to come forward and open our assembly with a prayer.

PRAYER—Fr. Tim Kenney, S.M., Chaplain

Today we begin the celebration of the graduation of the Class of 2008 which will culminate on May 17 when we gather in this room again for the graduation ceremony. The senior honors convocation is held annually to honor, both individually and as a group, the members of the graduating class. This morning the members of the class of 2008 will receive an impressive number of awards in both academic and co-curricular areas. These awards are an indication of the variety of interests and the dedication that this class has demonstrated over the past four years. These awards do not come easily and are not bestowed without due consideration. Today the class of 2006 adds its contribution to the reputation and success of previous graduates.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors, we appreciate your attention to this ceremony honoring the seniors. In time, all of you will be here being honored in a similar assembly. Seniors, when your name is called to come forward to receive your award, come to the stage via the side stairs and return to your seat via the center stairways.

We will begin this morning by giving special recognition to the members of the National Honor Society. The members of the society are wearing the white pendants that signify scholarship. Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon scholarship, service, leadership, and character. A 3.75 cumulative academic average or above is necessary to become eligible for membership in the society. The following members of the graduating class have consistently met the rigid standards demanded by the national honor society. Please stand when you name is called and remain standing until all the members of the society have been introduced. (Please hold your applause until all members have been introduced)

SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (please stand)

Allen	Michael
Bommarito	William
Book	Sean
Braun	Gregory
Cammarata	Jeffrey
Cristel	Robert
Delbert	Joshua
Duff	James
Eveker	Steven
Hacker	Matthew
Higgins	Kenneth
Horn	Michael
Jankowicz	Patrick
Kehoe	Seth
Keller	Michael
Koeper	Stephen
Krueger	Benjamin
Neyer	Brian
Oliger	Nicholas
Overy	Brett
Petrovic	John
Ringwald	Anthony
Rolwes	Daniel
Schallom, III	Robert
Schoor	Jeremy
Smith	Brett
Sneed	Michael
Thoele	Joseph
Vandermus	Ryan
Young	Ryan

Two of our seniors are recipients of Certificates of Merit from the National Honor Society as nominees for the NHS Scholarship. Please stand and be recognized:

Michael Allen and Michael Keller

National Merit Scholarship Foundation

Each year out juniors take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which predicts their ability to do well on the Scholastic Aptitude Test for college admission. The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students who score among the top juniors taking the test each year. This year, we have one senior who has been notified that he received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Would the following senior please stand to be recognized:

Michael Allen

The Modern Foreign Language and Math Honor Societies have inductions for students at the beginning of the junior year. A student of good character who has maintained an A average in language study during his second year and continues on into the third year is eligible for admission.

Spanish Honor Society

Bill Bommarito, Sean Book, Rob Cristel, Ken Higgins, Mike Horn, Mike Keller, Sean Kelly, Ben Krueger, Brian Neyer, Nick Oliger, Anthony Ringwald, Mike Telker & Ryan Vandermus

German Honor Society

Michael Allen, Greg Braun, Matt Hacker, Dan Rowles, and Joe Thoele.

French Honor Society

Nicholas Beshel, Jeff Cammarata, James Duff, John Petrovic, Michael Sneed & Ryan Young

Mu Alpha Theta—Math Honor Society

Michael Allen, Gregory Braun, Rob Cristel, Michael Horn, Michael Keller, Brian Neyer, Nicholas Oliger, Anthony Ringwald, Michael Sneed, Ryan Vandermus

The following seniors are honored for having demonstrated consistent effort and success throughout their senior year by being on the honor roll this school year. Please stand when your name is called.

First Honors

Mike Allen
Billy Bommarito
Sean Book
Greg Braun
Jeff Cammarata
Kevin Connors
Rob Cristel
Mat Dale
James Duff
Steve Eveker
Kevin Frigerio
Matt Hacker
Josh Hewitt
Mike Horn
Steve Koeper
Ben Krueger
Brian Neyer
Nick Oliger
Brett Overy
John Petrovic
Anthony Ringwald
Dan Rolwes
Robert Schallom, III
Jeremy Schoor
Brett Smith
Mike Sneed
Matt Soer
Mike Telker
Joe Thoele
Ryan Vandermus
Nick Weber
Ryan Young

Second Honors

Ken Alonzo
Jordan Armbruster
Nick Beshel
Dan Borders
Josh Brennan
Mike Brudek
Michael Carlin
Andy Costello
Josh Delbert
Dominic DeVasto
Clayton Dickmann
Chris Dirnberger
Justin Fahs
Ryan Felling
Charlie Feltmann
Mike Flatley
Dan Fuchs
Brad Gault
John Geisler
Mark Goldkuhl
Stephen Greaves

Brad Grellner
T. J. Gross
Derek Grzywa
Kenny Higgins
Dan Highley
Tomas Hlavaty
James Hoel
Kevin Hurst
Pat Jankowicz
Chase Kaczmarek
Seth Kehoe
Mike Keller
Sean Kelly
Michael Klotz
Dan Logush
Steve Massie
Jordan May
Matt McCarthy
Jeff Nowak
John Parlow
Zach Pestka
Adam Pizzitola
Charlie Randolph
Rick Redington
Dan Rehagen
Dan Ringkamp
Nick Santangelo
Matt Schloessman
John Schweitzer
J. P. Sharp
Sean Sickles
Jason Smith
Andrew Spradlin
Jesse Tierney
Ryan Tierney
Mike Walsh
Kevin Willner
Kenny Young

Each year awards are given for superior performance in particular subject areas & co-curricular activities. Students must also demonstrate satisfactory citizenship. This year, the following graduates are being recognized for their superior performance in various courses and co-curriculars. Please come forward to receive your awards when your name is called.

At this time it is customary to introduce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class of 2008. I will ask Mr. Keller to come forward to introduce these senior who rank # 1 and 2 in their class.

Valedictorian	Nicholas Oliger	4.739
Salutatorian	Michael Horn	4.682

Another form of academic recognition for a senior is the reception of scholarships from various colleges and universities. This year, I would like to ask Mr. Kevin O'Toole, the Head of the Guidance Department, to come forward and recognize this year's scholarship recipients. The following academic and/or athletic scholarships have been accepted, please stand when your name is called and remain standing until all names are read.

Missouri College Preparatory Certificate

The following seniors have earned the Missouri College Preparatory Certificate by taking a specific series of courses within our curriculum, earning a minimum GPA of 3.0 and at least a score of 21 on the ACT. Please stand when your name is called and remain standing until all members of the group have been recognized.

Michael Robert Allen
Patrick L. Amrhein
Jordan R. Armbruster
Nicholas John Beshel
William C. Bommarito
Sean E. Book
Gregory J. Braun
Jeffrey Thomas Cammarata
Kevin A. Connors
Robert T. Cristel
Mathew C. Dale
Joshua S. Delbert
Clayton Alexander Dickmann
James M. Duff
Steven J. Eveker
Justin R. Fahs
Ryan Joseph Felling
Charles R. Feltmann
Kevin M. Frigerio
Stephen Thomas Greaves
Matthew D. Hacker
Joshua D. Hewitt
Kenneth J. Higgins
Daniel C. Highley
Michael A. Horn
Kevin M. Hurst
Patrick M. Jankowicz
Jeromey R. Johnson
Seth Joseph Kehoe
Michael C. Keller
Sean Thomas Kelly
Timothy R. Kilper
Stephen J. Koeper
Ben Krueger
Jordan Steven May
Christopher Michael Morgan
Brian J. Neyer
Andrew Ryan Nienkamp
Jeffrey M. Nowak
Nicholas James Oliger
Brett M. Overy
John J. Parlow
John W. Petrovic
Anthony R. Ringwald
Daniel R. Rolwes
Nicholaus J. Santangelo
Robert R. Schallom
Matthew Joseph Schloessman
Jeremy E. Schoor
Brett D. Smith

**Michael R. Sneed
Matthew L. Soer
Mike J. Telker
Joseph E. Thoele
Ryan M. Vandermus
Nicholas C. Weber
Kenneth W. Young
Ryan D. Young**

Just as the diploma is the award for the successful completion of the academic program, so the **Gold Circle Awards** are given for participation in the program of activities. It is awarded to those who acquire a minimum of 300 activity points by the end of their junior year. This is the highest award that a person can receive from Vianney. Would the following please stand in recognition of receiving this award:

**Michael Allen
William Bommarito
Sean Book
Daniel Borders
Christopher Dirnberger
Joshua Hewitt
Michael Horn
Seth Kehoe
Ben Krueger
Brian Neyer
Adam Pizzatola
Robert Schallom, III
Matthew Soer
Michael Walsh
Ryan Young**

The **Black Circle Award** is the second highest award a student can earn for participation in school activities. It is awarded to those seniors who have accumulated 400 activity points by the end of their senior year. The following should come forward to receive their award:

**Jeffrey Schoor
George Sullens**

The Campus Ministry Program has created a series of awards to recognize students who perform Christian Service above and beyond the expected minimums of the program. The young men who received Vianney Service Awards, named in honor of Blessed Father Chaminade and the Marianist Martyrs.

They all performed a minimum of 130 hours of Christian Service while they were students here at Vianney. Would you please come forward to receive your service pin:

Sean Book
Dan Borders
Ernie Brooks
Derek Grzywa
Kevin Jackson
Patrick Jankowicz
Seth Kehoe
Nick Oliger
Adam Pizzitola
Matt Simonson
Michael Sneed
Matt Soer

At this time, it is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Larry Keller, principal of Vianney High School, who will present the next series of awards.

Principal's Leadership Award

The next award is the Principal's Leadership Award. It is presented through the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This goes to an individual who displays leadership traits as well as academic excellence throughout his high school years. Would **Mike Horn** please stand to be recognized at this time.

POST-DISPATCH SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD: Mike Horn

BRO. JOSEPH LANFER AWARD: Josh Hewitt

US ARMY SCHOLAR ATHLETE

The United States Army Reserve Scholar-Athlete award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has consistently demonstrated the very highest of academic achievement in his course work and has exhibited exceptional athletic talent and contribution to his team. The United States Army Reserve is comprised of career and specialty personnel who are called up from civilian jobs and families in order to help maintain the mission of the U.S. Army in times of national need. **Mike Keller**

US Army ROTC Scholarship: Presented by Lt. Col. Mike Bamber to
Steve Koeper

US Marine Corps Special Awards

U.S. Marine Corps Athlete-Citizen-Leadership Award: Mike Allen

U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award: Mike Allen

US Air Force Presentation: It is now my privilege to introduce Col. Edward Kuntz, an Air Force liaison officer who will make special presentations this morning.

Ryan Young
Seth Kehoe

Mr. Kevin O'Toole, Director of Guidance, will announce the recipients of special awards given by the state of Missouri and the White House.

The State of Missouri awards the **G.W. CARVER AWARD** for the top 10% of the class is given by the State Department of Education. These are the top 13 students in the senior class this year. Please stand as your name is called.

Nick Oliger, Mike Horn, Mike Allen, Ryan Young, Rob Cristel, Ryan Vandermus, Anthony Ringwald, Michael Sneed, Greg Braun, Ben Krueger, Brian Neyer, Joe Thoele and Mike Keller

The President has also established awards recognizing Academic Excellence and Outstanding Achievement for high school students. These students have attained an academic average of at least 90%, scored at the 85th percentile on standardized reading or mathematics tests, been involved in school activities and have shown high motivation, initiative, integrity, intellectual depth, leadership and exceptional judgment. The following students met the criteria established by the Department of Education and have earned the award. Please stand as your name is called and remain standing until all names are called.

Michael R. Allen

Nicholas John Beshel

William C. Bommarito

Sean E. Book

Gregory J. Braun

Joshua Michael Brennan

Jeffrey Thomas Cammarata

Kevin A. Connors

Robert T. Cristel

Clayton Alexander Dickmann

James M. Duff

Steven J. Eveker

Ryan Joseph Felling

Kevin M. Frigerio

Matthew D. Hacker

Kenneth J. Higgins

Michael A. Horn

Patrick M. Jankowicz

Seth J. Kehoe

Michael C. Keller

Sean T. Kelly

Stephen J. Koeper

Benjamin Ross Krueger

Brian J. Neyer

Nicholas James Oliger

Brett M. Overy

John W. Petrovic

Anthony R. Ringwald

Daniel R. Rolwes

Robert R. Schallom, III

Jeremy E. Schoor

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Michael R. Sneed

Matthew L. Soer

Mike J. Telker

Joseph E. Thoele

Ryan M. Vandermus

Nicholas C. Weber

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