



# SAINTS SCENE

## GOD SPEED, CLASS OF 2025



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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Weatherwise it was a splendid day to celebrate St. Augustine High School's 101st Commencement Ceremonies. Per a distinguished tradition, the Class of 2025—166 strong—proudly saluted closure of its high school years in the honored presence of guests and speakers, Augustinians, alumni, family members, faculty/administrators and friends. See Page 4.



## Art and the Wisdom of Pope Leo XIV

What a sunny van Gogh painting of 'The Sower' tells us about Pope Leo's message of hope

By Virginia Raguin  
Distinguished Professor of Humanities  
Emerita, College of the Holy Cross

In his first general audience in Rome, Pope Leo XIV referred to Vincent van Gogh's painting "Sower at Sunset" [1888] and called it a symbol of hope. A brilliant setting sun illuminates a field as a farmer walks toward the right, sowing seeds.

Leo referred to Christ's *Parable of the Sower*, a story in the Gospel that speaks to the need to do good works. "Every word of the Gospel is like a seed sown in the soil of our lives," he said, and highlighted that the soil is not only our heart, "but also the world, the community, the church."

He noted that "behind the sower, van Gogh painted the grain already ripe," and Leo called it an image of hope which shows that somehow the seed has borne fruit.

Van Gogh painted "Sower at Sunset" in 1888, when he was living in Arles in southern France. At the time, he was creating art alongside his friend Paul Gauguin and feeling very happy about the future. The painting reflects his optimism.

### Van Gogh's inspiration

In November 1888, van Gogh wrote to his brother Theo, in whom he frequently confided, about "Sower at Sunset." He described its beautiful colors: "Immense lemon-yellow disc for the sun. Green-yellow sky with pink clouds. The field is violet, the sower and the tree Prussian Blue."



Vincent van Gogh's 'Sower at Sunset' painting. Vincent van Gogh/ Kroller-Muller Museum via Wikimedia Commons.



'The Sower,' by Jean-Francois Millet. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston via Wikimedia Commons

Van Gogh's painting was inspired by French artist Jean-Francois Millet's 1860 painting, "The Sower." But he transformed Millet's composition, in which a dark, isolated figure dominates and deliberately set the Sower in the midst of a landscape transformed by the sun.

### What it says about Leo

Van Gogh's painting corresponds to many of the ideas the new pope expressed in the first days of his papacy. Leo observed: "In the center of the painting is the sun, not the sower, [which reminds us that] it is God who moves history, even if he sometimes seems absent or distant. It is the sun that warms the clods of the earth and ripens the seed."

The theme of the dignity of labor is also inherent in the image of the sower being deeply engrossed in physical labor, which

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St. Augustine High School's

# Hundred & First Commencement Ceremonies

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2025





**GOD SPEED, CLASS OF 2025.** St. Augustine High School proudly celebrated its Hundred & First Commencement Ceremonies, May 23, 2025 with honored guests, Augustinians, graduates, alumni, family members and fond memories.

# Class of 2025

Sean Joseph Abrom  
Owen Patrick Adams  
Caelyb Jones Aguirre  
Emilio Aizpuru  
Jacques Alexander Allende  
Jose Manuel Alvarez Vidal  
Riley James Anderson  
Wilford Robert Anderson  
Victor Agustin Angeles  
Owen Keats Arnauduy  
Gino Attisha  
Samuel Lorenzo Placides Ayana  
Dominic James Bartel  
Andres Leon Behar  
Fernando Beltrán  
Stephen Michael Berggren  
Charles Hewson Berkley  
Christopher Reilly Black  
Grayson Elam Boles  
Cameron Joseph Bonanno  
Derek John San Agustin Borja  
Anthony Michael Bravence  
Nathan Michael Brosnan  
Adam Emilio Camarena  
Adan Guillermo Cardona  
Kaponon Mahoe Carriedo  
Nakanelua  
Carlos Enrique Castan Rico  
Fabián Oliver Castillo Mayoral  
Miguel Arturo Chaquica



Jonathan Scott Chavez  
(pictured above)  
Joshua Adam Chu  
Levi Arthur Clair  
Alexander Martin Clem  
Jude Matthew Gelacio Corpus

Manuel Guadalupe Cortez Ramirez  
Pablo Cosio  
Stephen Michael Cota  
Michael Davalos  
Jonah Neos De Perro  
Carlos Alberto Delgado  
Fernando Delgado-Gallegos  
Nicolas James DeSouza  
Nicholas Michael Dolin  
Alexander Luc DuBreuil  
Raphael James Pratama Dunne  
Luke Duong  
Gabriel Joseph Estrada  
Oliver DeWitt Fendley  
William Robert Fitzpatrick  
Milan Flores  
Dash Benjamin Frazee  
Luke Thomas Friesenhahn  
Emilio Gallego  
William M. Gault  
Ivan Archibaldo Gonzalez  
Trent Thomas Gorsich  
Mason Charles Gossage  
Andres Graniello Mogollon  
Luke Thomas Graulich  
Joshua Gross Jr.  
Elias David Guerrero  
Deryk Ronin Cox Guillermo  
Javier Guillot Reyes Retana  
Ernesto Gutierrez  
Marcelo Hank Canavati  
Reid Eugene Harrison  
Jacob Salomon Herrmann  
Noah Lewis Heuring  
Mason James Higgins  
Matthew Walter Horne  
Malosi Adam Iuli  
Michael Joseph Ivanjack  
Rami Jaibaji  
Jorge Antonio Jimenez  
Jacob Matthew Kajmowicz  
Tanner Kamencik  
Alexander John-Michael Kemp

Nicholas William Kiesel  
Philip Michael Knapton  
Drake Roby Konja  
Teo Nicholas Konyyn  
Juan Marco Kruer  
Preston Robert Domingo Lavarez  
Maxwell Steven Leadley  
Christian David Ledesma  
Henry Michael Lenore  
Gregory Ray Leong  
Christopher Matthew Lindgren  
Nicholas Francesco Lupinacci  
Michael Gabriel Luzi  
Alfonso Martin Macandog  
Noah Elijah Magat  
Isaac Shamaya Monsour  
Cristian Enrique Mares  
Santiago Martin del Campo Sanchez  
Nicolas Martin Ruvalcaba  
Mario Gael Martinez Cota  
Killian Erastus Kibet McGinnis  
Geno McKenna  
Marcelo Mier y Teran Leon  
Max James Miller  
Matteo Roderick Minford  
Thomas Blake Moore  
Aaron Isaiah Morgan  
Michael Ames Morton  
Marco Antonio Mouritzen  
Declan Mullins  
Ezekiel Musni-Davis  
Matthew Vincent Naccari  
Elias Isamu O'Hallaren  
Luke Brennan O'Leary  
Jon-Matthew Mota Oliveros  
Joshua Brian Padilla  
John Paul Parada  
Jackson W. Pawl  
Henry Ershat Oswalt Payne  
Evan Raúl Pérez  
Oscar Plasencia II  
Ryan Duke Kalani Popkins  
Emiliano Postlethwaite  
Santiago Postlethwaite

Johnathan Paul Putrus  
Joe Nathan Rascon  
Achai Kingston-Chae Reddy  
Diego Ruiz  
Ryan Michael Sablan  
Christian Anthony Salem  
Alexander David Samo  
Simon Jack Sanders  
Joseph Peter Sbuttoni IV  
Emiliano Serrano  
Aaron Kenyon Simmons  
Clayton James Staylor  
Braeden Joseph Steele  
James Willem Steiner  
Marcus Stokely  
Johnny Daniel Stone  
Owen McCrea Sullivan  
Antonio Gabriel Tamayo  
Dillon Aleksandar Tar  
Spencer Thomas Pablo Taylor  
Anthony Maurice Tompkins  
Juan Pablo Torres Molina  
Trent Neil Torres  
Diego Turner  
Francisco Leopoldo Uribe  
Jacob David Valdez  
Carson Arthur Van Nort  
Kendrick Alexander Vazquez Diaz  
Liam Siddhartha Veeramallu  
Jose Velasco Celaya  
Jonah Jerome Villafaña  
Kelvin Vu  
Edward William Moore Wakefield  
Derek Brock Weber  
Luke Jonathan Weinpel  
Wyatt James Weldon  
Tyler William Wick  
Parker Warren Wickstrand  
Charles Anthony Wiese  
Ian Woods  
Maximiliano Yee Rodriguez  
Lucas Michael Younes  
Enrique Angel Zamudio



# Honors & Awards

## Celebrating the Blessings of a Remarkable School Year

### The St. Augustine Medal

is awarded to the student who, from the viewpoint of academic achievement, citizenship, and leadership, is regarded as the most representative graduate this year. He must be a four-year Saintsman. The key quality is leadership. Selection is by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.

**Simon Sanders**

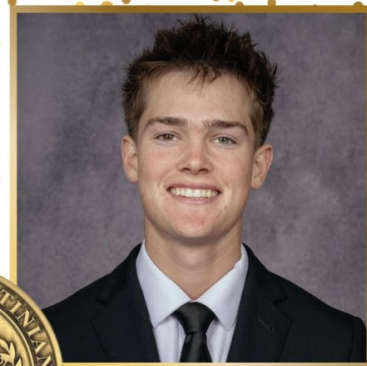


**Recipient of the  
Saint Augustine Medal**

### The Christian Conduct Medal

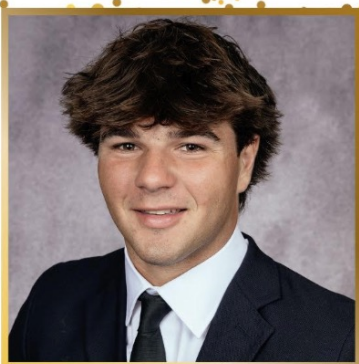
is awarded to the senior student whose citizenship record has been of the highest excellence and who is judged to have shown positive evidence of those attributes befitting a Christian gentleman. Selection is by faculty vote. Honorable mention is also awarded.

**Christopher Black**



**Recipient of the  
Christian Conduct Medal**

**Stephen Cota**



**Honorable Mention for the  
Saint Augustine Medal**

**Anthony Tompkins**



**Honorable Mention for the  
Christian Conduct Medal**

### **The Gold Medal for Excellence in Athletics**

is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled preferable in at least two sports for two years, and exhibits the attributes befitting a Saintsman. Honorable Mention is also awarded.

**Emiliano Postlethwaite**



**Recipient of the Gold Medal  
for Excellence in  
Athletics**

**Charles Berkley**



**Honorable Mention for the  
Gold Medal for Excellence in  
Athletics**

### **The Gold Medal for Excellence in Visual and Performing Arts**

is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled in the Visual and Performing Arts, preferably in at least two disciplines for at least two years. The senior must have exhibited creative and intuitive thinking and exhibits the attributes befitting a Saintsman. Selection is confirmed by faculty vote. Honorable Mention is also awarded.

**Jon-Matthew Oliveros**



**Recipient of the Gold Medal  
for Excellence in  
Visual & Performing Arts**

**Maxwell Leadley &  
Anthony Tompkins**



**Honorable Mention for the  
Gold Medal in Excellence in  
Visual & Performing Arts**

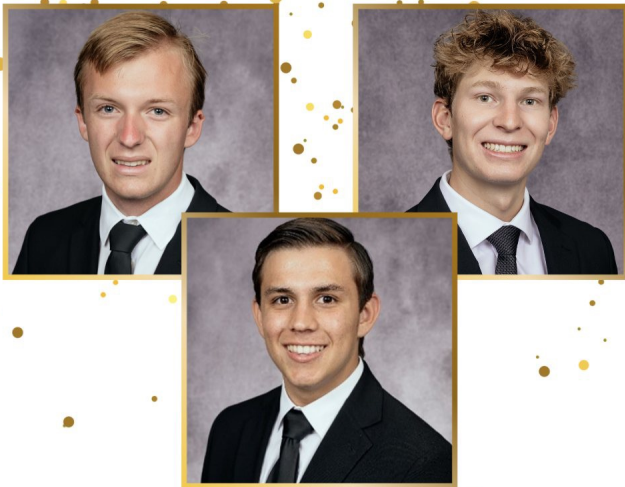


## Principal's Trophy

Principal's Trophy, awarded for Excellence in studies over four years. The award is bestowed annually by the administration of St. Augustine High School. For 2025, the top awardees (tie) were Trent Thomas Gorsich; Luke Brennan O'Leary and Jonah Jerome Villafana.

**Honorable Mention:** Nathan Michael Brosnan

## Trent Gorsich, Luke O'Leary & Jonah Villafana



## Recipients of The Principal's Trophy

## Principal Celebrant Baccalaureate Mass & Benediction

Very Reverend Barnaby T. Rowett Johns, O.S.A., Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Augustine.



## The Austins

The "Austins" are rigorous oral examinations in the fields of English, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, and visual and performing arts are given to seniors selected from among the top 10% of the class in academic rank.

## Luke O'Leary & Simon Sanders



## Austin Scholar Summa Cum Laude

## Graduating Austin Scholars Summa Cum Laude

Awarded to: Luke Brennan O'Leary  
and Simon Jack Sanders

## Graduating Austin Scholars Magna Cum Laude

Awarded to: Nathan Michael Brosnan;  
Trent Thomas Gorsich and Jonah  
Jerome Villafana

## Graduating Austin Scholars Cum Laude

Awarded to: Nicholas Michael Dolin  
and Kevin Vu



## Cum Laude Honors

Graduating Cum Laude based on a 3.6 or higher academic weighted cumulative grade point average after seven semesters.

Sean Joseph Abrom  
Emilio Aizpuru  
Wilford Robert Anderson  
Owen Keats Arnaudy  
Samuel Lorenzo Placides  
Ayana  
Dominic James Bartel  
Stephen Michael Berggren  
Charles Hewson Berkley  
Christopher Reilly Black  
Derek John San Agustin Borja  
Nathan Michael Brosnan  
Adan Guillermo Cardona  
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Joshua Brian Padilla  
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Ryan Duke Kalani Popkins  
Emiliano Postlethwaite  
Johnathan Paul Putrus  
Achai Kingston-Chae Reddy  
Ryan Michael Sablan  
Alexander David Samo

Simon Jack Sanders  
Joseph Peter Sbuttoni, IV  
Clayton James Staylor  
Braeden Joseph Steele  
James Willem Steiner  
Owen McCrea Sullivan  
Antonio Gabriel Tamayo  
Dillon Aleksandar Tar  
Anthony Maurice Tompkins  
Trent Neil Torres  
Carson Arthur Van Nort  
Liam Siddhartha Veeramallu  
Jonah Jerome Villafaña  
Kelvin Vu  
Luke Jonathan Weinpel  
Parker Warren Wickstrand  
Lucas Michael Younes  
Enrique Angel Zamudio



# Love is the quiet architect of our legacy

## Saints Salutatorian Address

By Simon Jack Sanders (right)

Good morning, faculty, families, friends, and most importantly, my brothers.

Today is more than a celebration; it is a crossroads of past and future, a singular moment where all of us stand between what we have built and what we are about to become. In this space, we recognize that legacy is not just what we leave behind; it is what we carry forward. It is not simply etched in banners or engraved on trophies but woven into the very fabric of who we are. Our community believes in a type of legacy that lives, one that grows and develops with us, that can be planted as a seed for future generations of saints to enjoy.

Many would describe the Class of 2025's legacy as the countless banners on the walls of our gym or the continued soaring of Saint's academic profile, but those are only echoes of something deeper. Our true legacy lives in the moments that won't be recorded on the walls of the gym or in the prestige we have earned, but rather in the brotherhood we have built.

This brotherhood is built upon our unity, our unity in our collective "domestication" of the freshman, our unity in bringing opposing players to tears in the Pit, and our unity in shared love and pain on our interwoven journey of teenage life. Any conversation with Mr. Cudal, or the Da Luz brothers, or any alumni faculty will point you to the idea that the legacy of their classes isn't tied to their rings or their GPAs or their AP scores, but rather the unity between their brotherhood, or in Mr. Cudal's case, the supposed game they all had with OLP at their monthly dances in the old gym. The way that alumni remember the warm unity between brothers will be how I, and I hope all of you, look back upon your Saints days, a living legacy of both accomplishments and the laughs we've shared.

The living legacy of the class of 2025 is also a story of perseverance and development. One cannot appreciate the finished product without seeing the labors of the artist. We were a class that missed out on key middle school experiences and development; we were a class that wore masks for our first few months of high school and suffered from the anxiety of the post-pandemic world. We were a class that set detention records and seemingly had to stay after every mass to get lectured by Mr. O'Beirne. But we are also a class that has overcome. We are a class that became champions and scholars; we are a class that has become socially vibrant and the leaders of this campus.

The mission of St. Augustine High School is to take boys and graduate competent and faithful young men—and the class of 2025 is the perfect reflection of this sacred mission.

And then, there is love. Love is the quiet architect of our legacy. Love for each other is what makes Saints special, it's the adoption of a family of 166 brothers whom I would trust in the darkest of alleys and direst of straits. Love is the reason our school becomes a home, why a group of boys becomes a brotherhood, why four years becomes a lifetime.

Today is not an ending but a passage. We walk across the stage not as individuals breaking away but as brothers moving together. This may be the last time we sit in the same room, but our lives are now forever intertwined. The halls we walked, the traditions we upheld, the values we embodied—these do not belong to the past. They will outlive us, but they will also live within us. Wherever we go, we carry this torch. And as we go forth into the world, let this light not only guide us—let us light the world with it.

So, to the Class of 2025: our legacy is not behind us. It is ahead. It is within. It is forever. **Congratulations, brothers.**



## The Aherne Trophy

Fr. John R. Aherne honor is awarded to a Senior Saintsman from the Varsity Football team with the highest weighted academic cumulative GPA over seven semesters—recognizing excellence in academics and athletics.

### Jonathan Scott Chavez



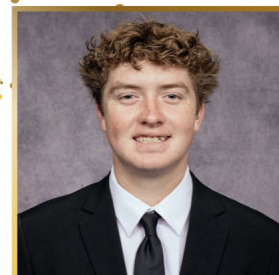
Recipient of the  
Fr. John R. Aherne  
Trophy Recipient



## The Evenson Award

Stephen Cota & Matthew Horne were named recipients of the annual John. D. Evenson Intramural Award presented annually to students who exemplify good sportsmanship, teamwork, enthusiasm for athletics and a commitment to giving 110% to Saints Intramurals program.

### Stephen Cota & Matthew Horne



Recipients of the  
John D. Evenson  
Intramurals Award



**WITH GRATITUDE.** After 19 years of dedicated service as St. Augustine High School's Registrar, Mrs. Jeanne Oliwa has announced her retirement. She was honored with a service award presented by Principal James Horne at a recent awards ceremony. Among her many contributions, she diligently compiled the Saints Honor Roll each semester.







# The Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following listed Saintsmen, who have earned a grade point average of 3.60 or higher ending with the Spring semester 2025 Roster compiled by Mrs. Jeannie Oliwa, School Registrar.

## SENIORS

### Class of 2025

#### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

##### GPA of 4.0 or better

Sean Abrom  
Hector Emilio Aizpuru  
Owen Arnaudy  
Samuel Ayana  
Stephen Berggren  
Christopher Black  
Derek Borja  
Nathan Brosnan  
Carlos Castan Rico  
Jonathan Chavez  
Joshua Chu  
Levi Clair  
Alexander Clem  
Pablo Cosio  
Jonah De Perro  
Nicholas Dolin  
Alexander DuBreuil  
Raphael Dunne  
Dash Frazee  
Trent Gorsich  
Mason Gossage  
Elias Guerrero  
Reid Guhse  
Marcelo Hank Canavati  
Matthew Horne  
Michael Ivanjack  
Ramy Jaibaji  
Jorge Jimenez  
Tanner Kamencik  
Drake Konja  
Maxwell Leadley  
Gregory Leong  
Michael Luzi  
Shane Miranda  
Luke O'Leary  
Jon-Matthew Oliveros  
Joshua Padilla

Jackson Pawl  
Evan Pérez  
Ryan Popkins  
Johnathan Putrus  
Achai Reddy  
Ryan Sablan  
Alexander Samo  
Simon Sanders  
Joseph Sbuttoni  
Braeden Steele  
James Steiner  
Trent Torres  
Liam Veeramallu  
Jose Velasco Celaya  
Jonah Villafaña  
Edward Wakefield  
Luke Weinpel  
Parker Wickstrand  
Lucas Younes

#### FIRST HONORS

##### GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Jacques Allende  
Jose Alvarez Vidal  
Dominic Bartel  
Charles Berkley  
Grayson Boles  
Cameron Bonanno  
Adam Camarena  
Adan Cardona  
Miguel Chaquica  
Jude Matthew Corpus  
Manuel Cortez Ramirez  
Stephen Cota  
Carlos Delgado  
Nicolas DeSouza  
Luke Duong  
William Fitzpatrick  
Milan Flores  
Luke Friesenhahn  
Emilio Gallego  
Andrés Graniello Mogollón  
Luke Graulich

Javier Guillot Reyes Retana  
Jacob Herrmann  
Jacob Kajmowicz  
Alexander Kemp  
Nicholas Kiesel  
Teo Konyn  
Juan Marco Kruer  
Preston Robert Lavarez  
Alfonso Macandog  
Killian McGinnis  
Matteo Minford  
Thomas Moore  
Michael Morton  
Marco Mouritzen  
Declan Mullins  
Ezekiel Musni-Davis  
Elias O'Hollaren  
John Parada  
Emiliano Postlethwaite  
Diego Ruiz  
Marcus Stokely  
Johnny Stone  
Owen Sullivan  
Anthony Tompkins  
Diego Turner  
Francisco Uribe  
Carson Van Nort  
Wyatt Weldon  
Enrique Zamudio

## JUNIORS

### Class of 2026

#### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

##### GPA of 4.0 or better

Gebreegizbher Amare  
Callum Arnaudy  
Antonio Atallah  
Cruz Badillo  
Tom Battaglia  
Kristofer Bautista  
Benjamin Bayless  
Turner Bronson

Nathan Bui  
George Burrell  
James Burrell  
John Cook  
Matthew Cramp  
Parker Cresswell  
Dominic Cresto  
Ruben Pablo Curiel  
Romero  
Kekoa da Luz  
Alec Daniels  
Payton Del Toro  
Santiago Garay Escobedo  
Joshua Garcia Pederson  
Jamison Gerding  
Diego Rodolfo Gonzalez  
Tapia  
Mateo Ibs Gonzalez Tapia  
Jameson Grohman  
Alberto Guerrero  
Jonathan Haskett  
Alan Hernandez  
Michael Hoag  
Liam Hodson  
Carter Jones  
Peter Jordan  
Ezra LaCoursiere  
Karl Laffaye  
Ryan Mary  
Nathan McDonald  
Ian McMahon  
Kenneth Michalowski  
Guillermo Morales  
Benjamin Nault  
Garrett Nering  
Liam Olds  
Rodolfo Perez-Velazquez y  
Almada  
Carson Prah  
Diego Reyes  
Marcelo Rodriguez  
Gonzalez  
Diego Rosas-Luken  
Carlos Rubio-Lopez

Michael Ruiz  
Julius Salem  
Benet Salmon  
Kieron Scanlan  
Maximilian Schwarz  
Kyle Shaeffer  
Cristiano Shores  
Connor Stowell  
Peter Thorne  
Lorenzo Toma  
Patrick Ward  
Gianni Yousif

#### FIRST HONORS

##### GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Dylan Alkatib  
Kurt Ambrosius  
Jaden Attisha  
Julius Audish  
Nathan Balkenbush  
John Banzhof  
Emilio Barreto  
Nicolas Barreto  
Henry Barwick  
Mason Bautista  
Kirin Beckhaus  
Brock Benson  
Nicholas Boeh  
Jameson Brown  
Julian Bustos  
William da Luz  
Georges Daniel  
Juan Francisco De La Lama  
Anthony Di Giovanni  
Santiago Diaz  
Xavier Escobar  
Nathan Gaston  
Santos Gonzalez  
Matthew Gosling  
Kelley Gross  
Cruz Antonio Guevara  
Victor Gutierrez  
Peter Hanna

Kioshi Hina  
 Luke Huelskamp  
 Padraig Jensen  
 Austin Lambeth  
 Florencio Ledesma  
 Archie Lee  
 Christopher Lindgren  
 Gavin Lowe  
 Devin Manns  
 Jose Martinez-Robles  
 Aidan McKerring  
 Fintan McMahon  
 Patrick McNamara  
 Simon Moss  
 Luke Parker  
 Alexander Paz y Puente  
 Charles Platt  
 Joseph Ramirez  
 Joshua Ryan  
 David Sabaga  
 Aram Salum  
 Fernando Santillana De  
 Soto  
 Vincent Smith  
 Spirit Soonthornnon  
 Hudson Taylor  
 Thiago Valagao  
 Galo Villalobos  
 Carlos Villarreal  
 Matthew Wampach  
 Julian Warter

## SOPHOMORES

Class of 2027

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Blake Abbo  
 Caleb Bailey  
 Benito Bayona  
 Grayson Bell  
 Cooper Brosnan  
 José Pablo Carrillo Aguilar  
 Victor Castan  
 Iason Chang  
 Teddy Kimo Crisostomo  
 Roberto Datiles Jr.  
 Cole Dolin  
 Yabet Gebrelu  
 Michael Gomez  
 Charles Gorman  
 Joseph Gormly  
 Gannon Hayes

Miles Hess  
 Declan Higgins  
 Forrest Higgins  
 Tim Huschke  
 Erik Johanson  
 William Kennedy  
 Ian Kunde  
 Lorenzo Leal  
 Bryson Morris  
 Angel Munoz  
 Justin Murigu  
 Nathaniel Murphy  
 Gabriel Myers  
 Nikola Pandza  
 Dominic Perry  
 Paisios Polamalu  
 Charles Pruter  
 Nolan Reyes  
 Luke Rhea  
 Chase James Riley  
 Emiliano Rodriguez  
 Sebastian Rodriguez  
 Jacob Ruiz  
 Brandon Salmu  
 Andrew Samarkos  
 Nicholas Sanchez  
 Lorenzo Simon  
 Noah Steele  
 Giovanni Troisi  
 Elijah Villafaña  
 Joseph Walker  
 Cullen Watts  
 Bennett Wilson  
 Oliver Winn  
 Jack Wisniew  
 James Zumwalt  
 Alexander Zwolinski

### FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Alexander Abbouna  
 Augustin Attar  
 Anthony Berardino  
 David Cancel  
 Santino Cervantes  
 Xavier Cooke  
 Jack Crowley  
 Moises Diaz  
 Max Escalante  
 Edgar Esquivel  
 Lazlo Garcia  
 Michael Gonzales  
 Sebastian Gutierrez

Jacob Hanna  
 Christian Ho  
 Arturo Infanzon  
 Diego Izidoro  
 Calahan Kirsner  
 Mauricio Lopez-Hodoyan  
 Guillermo MacFarland  
 Owen Marcinkowski  
 Joaquin Moore  
 Jonathan Morrill  
 Maximo Piancone  
 Rommel Quintana  
 Justyn Rademaker  
 Mauricio Razo  
 Landon Salem  
 Griffin Steiner  
 Aidan Toma  
 Matteo Toriello  
 Jesse Trujillo  
 Johnny Vattuone  
 Mario Vitale  
 William Caleb Wagner  
 Matthew Weinpel  
 Noah Westfall

## FRESHMEN

Class of 2028

### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

GPA of 4.0 or better

Daniel Amare  
 Alfred Atallah  
 James Botz  
 Dominic Burgos  
 Matias Cardenas-Luque  
 Philip Cesena  
 Mason Choi  
 Nils Clark  
 Ryan Clem  
 Miguel Covarrubias  
 Jack Coyle  
 Louis Dalton  
 Xavier Davis  
 Luke Deorsola  
 Phillip Di Giovanni  
 Micah Ee  
 Luciano Fiorentini  
 Sean Fitzpatrick  
 Xavier Flippin  
 Juan Camilo Gallego  
 Owen Garcia  
 Jeronimo Gomez-Ibarra  
 Mateo Gonzalez

Peter Graves  
 Evan Greene  
 Hugo Hunt Amézquita  
 Dylan Jensen  
 David Jimenez  
 Sotirios Kanakaris  
 Evan Kliber  
 Nathaniel Lee  
 Juan Letayf Lazo de la  
 Vega  
 Bosco Lujan  
 Asher McDonald  
 Callen Moore  
 Anthony Moyad  
 Colt Neubrand  
 Luke Penick  
 Paul Putris  
 Nicolas Ramirez  
 Carlos Emilio Ruiz  
 Plascencia  
 Olympio Salgado  
 Devon Samo  
 Marco Santillan Quintanilla  
 Alvin Shao  
 Landon Smith  
 Saul Smith  
 Nolan Stempel  
 Logan Tran  
 Andrew Vela  
 Brandon Williams

### FIRST HONORS

GPA OF 3.60 TO 3.99

Geren Anderson  
 Henry Baez  
 Jack Bergener  
 Daniel Bojorquez-Chaidez  
 Carlos Bon  
 Paolo Capua  
 Rafael Carrillo  
 Maximiliano Castillo  
 Benjamin Crachy  
 Gavin da Luz  
 Ayven Desai  
 Luciano Fiorentini  
 Nicholas Goode  
 Julius Gorou  
 Tanner Graulich  
 Gastón Gutiérrez Trave  
 Cooper Hamric  
 Lucas Hanna  
 Steven Haskett  
 Jake Henrick

William Samuel Holcomb  
 Nathan Jacobs  
 Conner Jarvis  
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 Sotirios Kanakaris  
 Dylan Laffaye  
 Sebastian Lutteroth  
 Nolan Mathy  
 Joaquin Mendoza  
 Leo Moss  
 Andres Pacheco-Santana  
 Mason Potter  
 Joseph Quinn  
 John Robinson  
 Leonardo Rosas-Luken  
 Ronin Rush  
 Chase Russo  
 Dominic Sabaga  
 Michael Shamoun  
 Gavin Shaw  
 Lucius Thomas  
 Thatcher Thomas  
 Lukas Weyde  
 Kaleb Winter  
 Emilio Ybarra  
 Oliver Ye  
 JuanPablo Zaragoza  
 Kayden Zimmerman



# God Bless the Class of 1975



**GOLDEN SAINTS RETURN.** Members of the Class of 1975 were welcomed back to St. Augustine High School to celebrate their 50th reunion during the 2025 graduation ceremonies. A proud campus tradition, each year's golden anniversary class is invited to be honored alongside the newest graduates—bridging generations of Saints with shared brotherhood and spirit.

Herbert Eugene Abell  
Alvin Apolinario Abiva  
Mark Giandoni  
Keith Vincent Glenn  
Kevin William Moon  
Henry Anthony Moore  
Hector Hugo Amezcua  
John Charles Glynn  
Charles Richard Myers  
Fernando Hugo Amezcua  
Philip Gomez  
Dave Nelsen  
Robert Alton Andrews  
Jerome William Goodridge  
Bruce John Olmscheid  
Anthony John Asaro  
Raymond Paul Gros  
Dennis Edward Parra  
Alfred Thomas Barrack  
Leo Joseph Hamel  
Matthew Roy Peters  
Patrick George Barry

Kurt Michael Hauser  
Steven Louis Poulos  
Robert Anthony Benson  
Raymond John Helton  
Paul Anthony Principe  
Robert John Bigelow  
Charles Joseph Hetu  
Kenneth Cruse Quirk  
Paul Mark Biner  
Robert Christopher Houze  
Anthony Frank Radick  
Gregory J. Bixby  
Francisco Javier Hueso  
Arthur Munoz Ramirez  
William Francis Black  
John Louis Hunyadi  
Gordon Leslie Ringwald  
Michael John Busalacchi  
Hector Gustavo Ibarra  
Steve Brian Rodriques  
Armando Rene Camacho  
John Joseph Jerez

James Russell  
Stephen Mark Camarata  
Dennis James Johnson  
Daniel Russell  
Jack Joe Carrasco  
Joseph Dean Joyner  
Walter William Saborio  
Davi



Michael Todd Kennedy  
(pictured above)  
David John Castagnola  
Guy Donald Karlson  
John Panfilio Sanchez  
John David Castellanos

Joseph John Scala  
Mark Frederick Catone  
Michael Lawrence Kisc  
John Scarborough  
Mark Chinnis  
Matthew Manuel  
Kitchingham  
Gary Joseph Schulte  
Louis Michael Conforti  
David Martin Knoll  
Raymond Phillip Sequin  
Brad Louis Cote  
Edward Francis Knowlton  
Richard John Sharp  
Henry Curiel  
Timothy Michael Koller  
Raymond Joseph Shultz  
John Brian Cushman  
John Robert Kuglen  
Timothy Francis Smith  
Jeffrey Michael Cushman  
Timothy Jamison Kuhn

Mark Barto Strickland  
Roc Michael Cutri  
James Keith Langlois  
Patrick John Swain  
Mark Lee Devine  
Rick Dale Leach  
Mark Tajalle  
Victor Monwell Doria  
John Stanley Levendosky  
Timothy Albert Thayer  
John Noe Doria  
Frank John LoCoco  
John Leslie Thom  
Donald Clayton Eklund  
Robert Joseph Logomasini  
Freddie Stewart Thomas  
Raymond Benito Fernandez  
Michael John Lopez  
George Spencer Tuttle  
Richard Anthony Ferreira  
Frank Peter Lopez  
Gilbert Larry Valasquez

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Terrance Patrick Fischer	Carey Stephen Martinez
Michael Andrew MacLaird	Robert Andrew Wells
Arthur Valdivia Valdivia	Guillermo Heriberto
Gregory James Fitzmaurice	Jorge L. Medina
Thomas Aquinas Malloy	Che Ping Wong
Michael David Virissimo	Friederichsen
Paul Richard Fleck	Jose Mario Mejares
Jesus Benner Martin del Campo	Thomas James Yetman
Michael Francis Wade	Eduardo Garcia
Steven Joseph Forsythe	Patrick Lee Garrison
Henry Martin del Campo	Peter Jude Miller
Duane (Dan) Daniel Warren	Mark Fredrick Mills
James Michael Frick	Joseph Francis Zellmer



## Fr. Max in Motion

**"It's been a joy being your chaplain for the past six years."**

I will not be with the Saints Community next fall. I am off on a new adventure. Life as an Augustinian is much like life at Saints, it is full of adventure, and it is never boring. While my next steps to our parish in Los Angeles comes with a lot of new unknowns for me, I know that if I stay true to myself, and continually pursue unitas, veritas, and caritas in all things, that I will be just where I need to be, and doing what God wants me to be doing.

Thank you, Saintsmen for many things. For your exuberant joy, your playful tricks, your sometimes obliviousness, your inquisitive questions, and your witness to the faith. Being a chaplain is a privilege, and to accompany you as Saintsmen growing in your faith was and is an absolute honor.

Special blessings to all of you dear Saintsmen, and blessings to the class of 2025.

When the last big game is over  
and the last roll call is heard.  
When the oldest pedagogue  
Has had his final word  
We shall come to Alma Mater  
In our dream again  
With a prayer to St. Augustine  
and a strong Amen.





# Leadership

## Administration



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## Faculty



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- Mr. Christian Yoakum**

## Art and the Wisdom of Pope Leo XIV

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relates to the pope's choice of his name. The pope stated that he took on the name Leo XIV "mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution."

Leo XIII was referring to the social question of economic injustice in the meager rewards for workers even as owners made great profits from the Industrial Revolution.

The pope saw Van Gogh's image of the sower as a message of hope. That message, to him, fits with the theme of hope of The Jubilee Year proclaimed by Leo's predecessor, Francis. Leo also expressed hope that humans listening to God would embrace service to others

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Technologico de Monterrey (Mexico, campus library)

## College Bound

Of 2025's 166 graduating seniors, an impressive 99% will be attending college this fall. Here is a look at where many of them will be heading next.

**Alfred State College**  
Alexander DuBreuil

**Art Institute /  
Chicago**  
Dominic Bartel

**Baylor Univ.**  
Nicholas Kiesel

**Boston College**  
Simon Sanders

**Bucknell University**  
Carson Van Nort

**Cal State/ Fullerton**  
Deryk Ronin Guillermo

**Cal State / Long  
Beach**  
William Fitzpatric

**Cal State /Northridge**  
Aaron Morgan

**Cal State Polytechnic  
/ Pomona**  
Luke Duong

**Cal State Polytechnic  
/ San Luis Obispo**

Nathan Brosnan  
Jackson Pawl  
Alexander Samo

**Cal State / San  
Marcos**

Victor Angeles  
Ezekiel Musni-Davis  
Joseph Sbuttoni  
Maximiliano Yee

**Chapman Univ.**  
Braeden Steele

**Citadel**  
Matthew Naccari

**City College /  
San Diego**  
Riley Anderson  
Manuel Cortez Ramirez  
Joe Rascon

**Cornell Univ.**  
Mason Gossage

**Cuyamaca College**  
Isaac Mansour

**Embrey-Riddle  
Aeronautical /  
Prescott AZ**  
Christopher Black

**Emmanuel College**  
Archie Gonzalez  
**Grand Canyon Univ.**  
Caelyb Aguirre  
Jacob Valdez

**Grossmont College**  
Fabian Castillo  
Declan Mullins  
Marcus Stokely

**John Paul the Great  
Catholic Univ.**  
Oscar Plasencia

**Lewis & Clark**  
Jonah DePerro

**Liberty Univ.**  
Joshua Chu

**Louisiana St.**  
John Stone

**Loyola Univ. /  
Chicago**  
Jacob Kajmowicz



Santiago Martin del Campo  
Adan Cardora

**Loyola Marymount Univ.**  
Marcelo Hank Canavati  
Diego Turner  
Francisco Uribe

**Mesa College / San Diego**  
Jacques Allende  
Gino Attisha  
Fernando Delgado  
Elias Guerrero  
Ernesto Gutierrez  
Reid Harrison  
Jacob Hermann  
Juan Maco Kruer  
Nicholas Lupinacci  
Marcelo Mier y Teran Leon  
Jack Prada  
Emiliano Serrano  
Anthony Tompkins  
Kendrick Vazquez-Diaz  
Wyatt Weldon

**Miami Univ.**  
Reid Guhse

**MiraCosta College**  
Stephen Berggren  
Spencer Taylor

**Miramar College / San Diego**  
Wilford Anderson  
Tanner Kamencik

**Montana State Univ.**  
Charlie Berkeley

**New York Univ.**  
Owen Arnaudy

**Orange Coast College**  
Jose Alvarez Vidal

**Penn State Univ.**  
Liam Veeramallu

**Point Loma Nazarene Univ.**  
Oliver Fendley  
Luke Fiesenhahn

**Purdue Univ.**  
Derek Borja

**Regis Univ.**  
Kapon Nakanelua

**Rome City Institute [Italy]**  
Owen Adams

**San Diego State Univ.**  
Sean Abrom  
Miguel Chaquica  
Milan Flores  
Matthew Horne  
Drake Konja  
Ryan Popkins  
Cameran Bonanno  
Preston Lavarez  
Marco Mouritzen  
Johnathan Putrus  
Diego Ruiz  
Ryan Sablan  
Jose Velasco-Celaya  
Lucas Younes  
Enrique Zamudio

**San Jose State Univ.**  
Ian Woods  
Edward Wakefield

**Southwestern College**  
Andres Behar

**St. Ambrose Univ.**  
Elias O'Hollaren

**St. Norbert College**  
Samuel Ayana  
Killian McGinnis  
Dillon Tar

**Suffolk Univ.**  
Joshua Gross

**Technologico de Monterrey (Mexico, campus library, above).**  
Carlos Castan  
Emilio Gallego  
Andres Graniello Mogollan  
Santiago Postlethwaite



Villanova University's 260-acre campus is 16 miles outside of Philadelphia. Three Saintsmen will be attending this 183-year-old Augustinian institution in the Fall.

**Texas Christian**  
Jonahan Chavez  
Nicolas DeSouza  
Michael Morton

**United States Naval Academy**  
Trent Torres

**Universidad Panamericana**  
Juan Pablo Torres Molina

**Univ. Alabama**  
Thomas Moore

**Univ. Arizona**  
Adam Camarena  
William Gault  
Alexander Kemp  
Nicholas Ruvalcaba  
Eugene McKenna  
Max Miller  
Derek Weber

**Univ. California / Berkeley**  
Emilio Aizpuru  
Luke Weinpel

**Univ. California / Irvine**  
Ramy Jaibaji

**Univ. California / Los Angeles**  
Jorge Jimenez

**Univ. California / Merced**  
Aaron Simmons  
Antonio Tamayo

**Univ. California / Riverside**  
Noah Magat

**Univ. California / San Diego**  
Raphael Dunne  
Kelvin Vu  
Javier Guillot Reyes Retana

**Univ. California / Santa Barbara**  
Michael Luzi  
Parker Wickstrand

**Univ. California / Santa Cruz**  
Jon-Matthew Oliveros  
Evan Perez  
Clayton Staylor

**Univ. Idaho**  
Teo Konyr

**Univ. Michigan**  
Maxwell Leadley

**Univ. Mississippi**  
Philip Knapson

**Univ. Notre Dame**  
Shane Miranda

**Univ. Oklahoma**  
Charles Wiese

**Univ. Oregon**  
Noah Heuring  
Mateo Minford  
Henry Payne  
Tyler Wick

**Univ. San Diego**  
Levi Clair  
Alexander Clem  
Pablo Cosio  
Carlos Delgado  
EmilianoPostlethwaite

**Univ. Texas/Austin**  
Grayson Boles

**Univ. Utah**  
Anthony Bravence  
Stephen Cota  
Gabriel Estrada  
Dash Frazee  
Luke Graulich  
Mason Higgins  
Michael Ivanjack  
Joshua Padilla

**Vanderbilt Univ.**  
Nicholas Dolin

**Villanova Univ.**  
Luke O'Leary  
James Steiner  
Jonah Villafana

**Virginia Polytechnic Univ.**  
Achai Reddy

**William and Mary College**  
Owen Sullivan



# Graduation Gallery

## Beautiful Day, Bling & Beautiful Families

Traditional line up of post-graduation family portraits Class of 2025.



Saintsman Ramy Jaibaji and Family.



Saintsman Aaron Morgan and Family at 2025 Graduation Ceremonies.



Saintsman Grayson Boles and Family.



Saintsman Achai Reddy and Family





Saintsman Sammy Ayana and Family.



Saintsman James Steiner and Family.



Photo of Saintsman Jacob Valdez and Family taken on campus sports field.





# AROUND CAMPUS

## Honoring Dedicated Parent Volunteers



At this year's St. Augustine High's Senior Awards Assembly, Principal Mr. James Horne recognized four outstanding members of the Austin Parent Association whose years of dedicated service have made a lasting impact on the Saints community. Each honoree has their youngest son graduating this year, marking the close of a meaningful chapter in their Saints journey.

Pictured L-R: Mary Kathleen Lindgren, Brenda O'Leary, Stephanie Kiesel, Nicole Mullins and Saints Principal James Horne.



**UP IN THE AIR.** We've all wondered where the tradition of tossing a hero(ine) in the air originated. Two answers: Roman times honoring a battle victory or just having fun at a medieval festival. In more modern times like this year's Saints graduation, tossing a student or professor in the air can symbolize appreciation, success, or farewell. It's often spontaneous, driven by newly minted grad enthusiasm and the ceremonial nature of the event. Above, Saints Physics/Engineering teacher Mr. Jordan Adams is the honored one.



**SAINTS PLEBE.** U.S. Navy Captain Dustin T. Lonero recently visited campus to officially congratulate and welcome Saintsman Trent Neil Torres on his appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Captain Lonero currently serves as commanding officer of the Littoral Combat Ship Training Facility in San Diego. Torres will begin his freshman year (plebe year) at the Academy this fall.



**LAURELS FOR LEADERS.** The Kiwanis Club of San Diego held its annual High School Scholar Luncheon recently presenting six San Diego area students with scholarships:

Left to right: Eliana Daood, OLP; Mattie Gosling, Saints; Tommy Battaglia, Saints; Any Nguyen, OLP; Dylan Thomas, Steele Canyon High and Aaron Valle, San Diego High.





# AROUND CAMPUS



**ACE.** Grayson Boles was named by the San Diego Section CIF to its All-CIF Baseball Team. Pitcher Boles will be attending the University of Texas/Austin campus in the fall.

## Spike Action



Owen Adams ('25), standout middle blocker for the Saints' varsity volleyball team, has been named to the San Diego Section All-CIF Division I Volleyball First Team. The Saints swept Mission Vista High (Oceanside) 3-0 to capture this year's CIF championship. Saints Volleyball also secured the top spot in the Western League—adding two Varsity Volleyball banners to the John Sanders Gymnasium wall. Well done, gentlemen!

# The

# Sports Pages

## Saints Scene's year-end updates

### Saints Strike Gold in 2025 Track Meet

#### Winners of the Western League 4x100 Boys Relay

St. Augustine High School's varsity boys' track squad capped a remarkable 2025 season with a triumphant victory at the Western League Championships, capturing first place in the Men's 4x100-meter relay. Their explosive speed, baton work and seamless handoffs stunned the field and clinched the league title—cementing Saints' growing reputation in track and field.

With seasoned sprinters and rising talent, Saints' 4x100 relay team overcame deep competition from rivals like Cathedral Catholic and Steele Canyon. After their win at the Western League meet the team captured 2nd place finishes at both the CIF divisional and sectional track meets qualifying them for this year's CIF State Championships held in Clovis.

While Saints did not finish in the near the top at the state level, merely qualifying for California's elite high school relay event is an accomplishment few schools attain. Competing in the fastest 4x100 CIF field in recent memory, the Saints team held their own among heavyweights like Servite High, who clocked a State record-breaking 40.27 seconds to win the state title.

Saint Augustine's top 2025 relay time 42.08 is the second fastest time in school history and is being compared with Saints 4x100 school record time of 41.9. Interestingly, the teams coach Chris Erpelding was a member of the team who set the school record.

A 4x100 relay race in track and field is a sprinting event involving four runners per team, each running 100 meters. Together, they complete a full lap (400 meters) around a standard outdoor track. Each runner (leg) runs 100 meters and must pass a baton to the next runner within a designated 20-meter exchange zone.



**SWIFTIES.** The Saints 2025 4X100 relay team medaled gold in the Western League track and field finals held recently. Left to right): Junior Kelly Gross, and Seniors Aaron Morgan, Matt Horne and Charlie Berkley with Coach Chris Erpelding (center).



## 2025 Division 1 CIF Volleyball Title Belongs to Saints



In a match that lasted just over 70 minutes, St. Augustine High School delivered a championship performance that had been brewing for 70 days.

Fueled by a blend of veteran leadership and freshman firepower, the Saints representing the Eastern League swept Oceanside's Mission Vista 25–21, 25–13, 25–23 to win the 2025 CIF San Diego Section Division I boys volleyball championship recently at Mira Mesa High. It marked the program's fifth section title overall, but more significantly, its first at the Division I level.

"This group had something to prove," said Coach Janene Palafox, who guided the Saints through a challenging schedule and into the history books. "They've grown up in front of our eyes—every single one of them committed to this vision."

Freshman Noah Pabarcus, playing like a seasoned veteran, recorded 11 kills—seven in the opening set—along with two key aces during an eight-point surge in the second set that broke a 6–6 tie and shattered Mission Vista's momentum.

Senior middle blocker Owen Adams also tallied 11 kills, while junior Nick Boeh contributed nine, giving the Saints a consistent offensive edge. Ryan Reichenberg and middle blockers Caleb Swenson and Robert Hege added support on both sides of the net.

The Timberwolves (23–14), last year's Division II champion, tried to rally in the third set, overcoming a seven-point deficit to tie it at 18–18 and again at 23–23. But the Saints closed the door with confident net play and a roaring student section behind them.

The victory caps a long comeback arc for the Saints, who were winless at the Best of the West Invitational in March—including a painful three-set loss to Mission Vista in pool play. "That tournament was a turning point," said Coach Palafox. "We stopped playing as individuals and started playing for each other."

With this title, St. Augustine has now won section crowns in four different decades across three divisions:

- Division III – 1996, 2004
- Division IV – 2011, 2012
- Division I – 2025



**FROSH FORWARD.** St. Augustine High freshmen Noah Pabarcus (left) and Hugo Hunt proudly wrap themselves in the 2025 victory banner alongside teammates after the Saints clinched the CIF San Diego Section Division I boys volleyball title with a sweep over Mission Vista High of Oceanside.

# Visited by a Pope

## A Moment of Mercy, a Memory of Grace

By Thomas Shess, current *Saints Scene* newsletter coordinator and former editor of *PSA Inflight Magazine*, 1972–78

In the long history of St. Augustine High School, few events are as solemnly remembered as the tragic crash of PSA Flight 182 on September 25, 1978. The midair collision claimed 144 lives and left an indelible mark on San Diego. Though the accident occurred several miles from campus, its impact was felt deeply throughout the Saints community.

In the hours following the crash, city authorities reached out to Saints leadership on campus in urgent need. The school's gymnasium, then a central structure on campus, was offered as an act of mercy. It became a temporary holding site where first responders brought victims' remains, offering a respectful and sheltered space until they could be identified and returned to their families. It was a somber duty—one quietly carried out by the school in solidarity with the grieving city.



Years later, that same gymnasium became the site of a very different kind of gathering—a celebration of faith and continuity. During the 2012–2013 academic year, St. Augustine High School marked its 90th anniversary with a special Mass. The presider was none other than Fr. Robert Prevost, then Prior General of the Order of St. Augustine, who had come to San Diego to help commemorate the milestone occasion.

Fr. Prevost's presence that day lent a spiritual resonance to the campus. His deep ties to the Augustinian mission and his pastoral wisdom were evident to all in attendance. What no one could have known then was that this humble servant would go on to become Pope Leo XIV—elected on May 8, 2025—the first U.S.-born pontiff in the history of the Catholic Church.

That now-repurposed gymnasium (the Raymond Performing Arts Center), which once offered mercy in the face of tragedy, also bore witness to grace. It stands in memory as a place where a future Pope celebrated Mass with students, faculty, and the Saints community. In its final days, it was not just a building of brick and beam—but a place where sorrow and sanctity briefly intersected.

May the memory of both events remind us of the power of sacred spaces and the quiet strength of compassion shared.



## SAINTS SCENE

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