



# MATER DEI

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## CLASS OF 2023

*We congratulate our graduates and pray they are blessed with continued success!*

### VALEDICTORIANS

The following seniors earned a 4.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale:  
Rachel Boehning, Marley Jansen, Julia Korte,  
Josie Lampe, Mitchell Mannhard, Megan Melone,  
Benjamin Miller, Luke Pingsterhaus, Avery Rahden,  
Shyanne Thompson, and Eden VanDorn.

### ACADEMIC HONORS

Forty-two members (49%) of the Class of 2023 earned academic honors, as follows:  
twenty-six summa cum laude (3.9 to 4.0 GPA, blue cord),  
nine magna cum laude (3.8 to 3.89 GPA, red cord),  
seven cum laude (3.7 to 3.79 GPA, white cord).

### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (NHS)

Fifty-three members (62%) of the Class of 2023 were National Honor Society members (GPA of 3.6 or higher).

### ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The following seniors, representing 20% of eligible members of the Class of 2023, earned recognition as Illinois State Scholars:

Rachel Boehning, Madison Bonner, Jack Heimann,  
Marley Jansen, Julia Korte, Josie Lampe,  
Mitchell Mannhard, Megan Melone, Benjamin Miller,  
Ellen Nuxoll, Luke Pingsterhaus, Avery Rahden,  
Carson Rickhoff, Brendan Strieker, Shyanne Thompson,  
Eden VanDorn, and Cohen Wiegers.

*(International students are ineligible for this recognition.)*

### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM COMMENDED STUDENT

Cohen Wiegers earned recognition as a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

*(Approximately 50,000 students in the nation earn recognition as a commended student, a semifinalist, or a finalist).*

### SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

Sixty-four members (75%) of the Class of 2023 reported receiving scholarship offers, which totaled over \$7 million.

### COLLEGE CREDIT HOURS EARNED

Through enrollment in our dual credit courses, the Class of 2023 earned nearly 1,500 hours of college credit.



**LOVING THEIR FAITH** The Class of 2023 included six catechists, who served Youth Faith Formation and Parish School of Religion (PSR) programs at local parishes, and fourteen extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

**LIVING THEIR FAITH** The Class of 2023 provided nearly 12,500 hours of service related to the Works of Mercy, donated to orphanages in Haiti and Venezuela as their class mission, and funded a \$712 Pay It Forward Scholarship for the Class of 2027.

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### MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023 WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS

Ball State University  
Blackburn College  
Earlham College  
Eastern Illinois University  
Emory University  
Illinois College  
Illinois State University  
Kaskaskia College  
Lindenwood University  
Maryville University  
McKendree University  
Missouri State University  
Missouri University of Science & Technology  
Murray State University  
North American Lineman Training Center  
Northern Illinois University

Oklahoma State University  
St. Louis University  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Southeastern Illinois College  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Southwestern Illinois College  
University of Alabama  
University of Arkansas  
University of California Berkeley  
University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy  
University of Illinois  
University of Kentucky  
University of Missouri  
University of Tampa



**CHRISTIAN  
DISCIPLESHIP**  
Madison Eversgerd



**LADY OF THE YEAR AND  
STEVE BECKER SCHOLAR-ATHLETE**  
Julia Korte



**KNIGHT  
OF THE YEAR**  
Benjamin Miller