

St. Mary's Academy grads led by Gorden, Joseph

Fifty-five students received diplomas from Sister of the Holy Family Eva Regina, congregational leader, and Sister of the Holy Family Jennie Jones, principal, in ceremonies marking the 124th graduation of St. Mary's Academy May 14 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church. Divine Word Father Alfred Ayem, chaplain of St. Mary's Academy, celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass that preceded the graduation ceremonies.

National award-winning speaker and author Dr. Joe Martin served as the Commencement speaker.

The members of the Class of 2009 have been accepted to more than 35 elite colleges and universities and have garnered more than \$3.2 million in scholarship awards.

Brittany M. Gorden, daughter of Charlie and Cabrini Gorden of New Orleans, was valedictorian. She served as a eucharistic minister and vice president of the senior class. She was awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarship offers from Agnes Scott College, Dillard University, Fordham University, Loyola University, Milliken University, Newman University, Spring Hill College, Stillman College, St. John's University, Tulane University, Tuskegee University, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Xavier University of Louisiana. She will attend Xavier University of Louisiana on a full academic scholarship and will major in either pre-med or pharmacy.

The salutatorian was Montrelle N. Joseph, daughter of Cheryl Joseph Smothers and Errol Joseph of New Orleans.

She was secretary of the Pre-Alumnae Association and co-captain the SMA Cougarette Dance Team. She also participated in Maryites 4 Maryites, Friends of Henriette Delille and Key Club.

Joseph, a TOPS Performance and Board of Regents Scholar, consistently maintained Principal's Honor Roll and Renaissance Star status throughout her years of study at SMA. She earned the highest average awards in mathematics and art.

She was awarded scholarships to Dillard University, Tuskegee University and Xavier University of Louisiana. She will study pharmacy at Xavier

University on an academic scholarship.

Honor graduates were Jasmine M. Brooks, Kristine E. Wilson, Sydni C. Lipps, Angell M. Luter, Paige M. Huntsberry, Nicole M. Ancar, Kyrean C. Bowens, Justina S. Smith, Ayo F. Davis, Jeanne J. Thompson, Deonka S. Crayton, Arielle S. Aubry, Diorre G. Johnson,



GORDEN

Melissa D. Foy, Chervon L. Hilliard, Elizabeth J. Porter, Taelor



JOSEPH

E. Young, Rian A. Duronslet and Helen S. Adams.

Other graduates were Sylenthea G. Bagneris, Monique P. Baptiste, Natascia A. Bickham, Rickia T. Bolden, Shari D. Brown, Oriana G. Durden, Arionne B. Edwards, Ainsleigh D. Fontenette, Quianté M. Green, Brianca C. James, Jana J. James, LaChaune A. Jenkins, Kendra M. Johnson, Kiera J. Johnson, Noelle J. Johnson, Diana E. Jones.

Jasmin N. Jones, Elizabeth S. King, Brittany C. Knighten, Lauren F. Lewis, Darrineka C. Mathieu, Brittany A. Mc Keel, Dominique N. Melancon, Courtney E. Metoyer, Cody L. Morgan, Taylor A. O'Connor, Tempestt A. Roché, Randi M. Smith, Jasmine N. Tyson, Raven S. Washington-Moses, Dominique M. Watson, Ashley S. Williams, Charisse D. Williams and Kelly J. Williams.

JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Recently held its 162nd Commencement Exercises

VALEDICTORIANS OF THE CLASS OF 2009



Nicholas R. Chedid



Leon A. Flettrich IV



Ryan M. Gupta



Taylor E. Hillburn



Kanwal S. Matharu



Harold M. Plauché



Christopher B. Reuter

Congratulations to all 243 graduates of the Class of 2009!

MEN OF FAITH MEN FOR OTHERS

Peter J. Flores received the *Reverend Father President's Spiritual Leadership Award*, which is presented to the senior who has exerted the greatest spiritual influence on others by living a life exemplifying his Catholic faith.

Matthew J. Landrieu received the *Harry McEnemy, Jr. Memorial Plaque*, which is awarded to the senior who has a good scholastic record, actively participated in extracurricular activities, and possesses those qualities which symbolize the most representative student of Jesuit High School.

Christopher "C.J." Marshall was the recipient of the *Very Reverend Father Pedro Arrupe Award*, given to the senior who has exemplified the spirit of being a man for others by his participation and excellence in service.



Award recipients Peter Flores, Matthew Landrieu, and C.J. Marshall

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