



# DELONE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## DELONE CATHOLIC CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATES OFFERED MORE THAN \$6.2 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

McSHERRYSTOWN, Pa. – The Delone Catholic High School Class of 2018 made a lasting impression on the school and in the community. Over the last four years, its members have performed more than 13,400 hours of service. The graduating class includes 22 members of the National Honor Society, 2 members of the National Art Honor Society, 14 members of the National English Honor Society, 13 members of Mu Alpha National Math Honor Society and 12 members of Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society. More than two-thirds of the class graduated with a career grade point average of 3.0 or above. Ninety percent will move on to higher education, one percent will enter military service and nine percent will go directly into the workforce. Colleges, universities and other organizations have offered more than \$6.2 million in scholarships and other monetary awards to the Class of 2018, and more than half of the students in the graduating class earned scholarship offers.

In celebration of these admirable accomplishments, Delone Catholic High School proudly graduated 103 students at the 78th commencement in school history on Friday, May 18, in the Lawrence B. (Sonny) Sheppard, Jr. Memorial Gymnasium.

The school also continued a tradition begun in 2003 by recognizing members of the graduating class with their grandparents who graduated 50 years ago. Gloria (Cole) Ernst '68 was honored with her granddaughter, Makenna Alexandria Martin; Christine (Price) Schuhart '68 was honored with her grandson, Brody Charles Neiderer, and Ed Leonard '68 and Carol (Gotwalt) Leonard '68 were honored with their grandson, Seth Alexander Leonard.

Mackenzie B. Russell, Salutatorian, is the daughter of Brian and Nikkie Russell of Littlestown, Pa. In her graduation address, Russell welcomed honored guests, family members, friends, teachers, staff and classmates. In her speech, she urged her fellow graduates to surround themselves with a support system of "positive people who motivate you, challenge you, and make you laugh."

Very Rev. Edward J. Quinlan III, Secretary for Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg and fifth Principal of Delone Catholic High School, was on hand to present diplomas.

Catherine Teresa Apgar, Valedictorian, is the daughter of Robert and Christa Apgar of Hanover, Pa. In her graduation address, quoted one of her favorite authors, Jonathan Sun. "We internalize traits we observe in others as a way to honor and remember them. We are all walking memorials." She then explained to fellow graduates how important it is to recognize how much certain people have changed them and how they have potentially changed where their future will take them. She concluded by stating

that it is important to take advice and input, but ultimately it is time for graduates to rely on themselves and their own experiences.

Prior to graduation, the Class of 2018 along with family, friends and teachers, joined principal celebrant Rev. Timothy D. Marcoe, Homilist Rev. Ryan Fischer, Chaplain of Delone Catholic, and concelebrants of priests of the Adams Deanery for a Baccalaureate liturgy and Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening, May 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hanover, Pa. In his homily, Fr. Fischer spoke of hospitality and how the graduates should open themselves to seeing Christ in those that may need them the most.

Following the Mass, members of the Class of 2018 received awards for excellence in academics, extracurricular activities and service. Among the awards presented were the Bishop Joseph T. Daley Catholic Faith Award, Principal's Award, Father Allwein Memorial Award and the Loyalty & School Spirit Award. Several guests were also on hand to present awards made possible through the generous contributions of Delone Catholic supporters.

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