



# MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL



COMMENCEMENT 2024





**GRADUATION MASS  
AND COMMENCEMENT**

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

**CELEBRANT**

Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B.

**HOMILIST**

Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B.

**FIRST READING**

Rocco Zimmerman, Student Body President

**SECOND READING**

Henry Stanek, Senior Class President

**PETITIONS**

Andrew Tselentis, Senior Class Vice President  
Ricky Kmiecik, Day Student Class Representative  
Ryan Lin, 7-Day Boarder Representative

**VALEDICTORIAN**

Rocco Zimmerman

**SALUTATORIAN**

Nick Halpin

**HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Dr. David J. Peters

**PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS**

Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B.

Dr. David J. Peters

Mr. Dave Cormier

# SENIOR PLANS

**\*Matthew Jacob Adam** is the son of Michael and Melissa Adam of Omaha. Matthew has received offers of admission from Benedictine University, Creighton University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of St. Thomas. Matthew will attend Creighton University to study Exercise Science.

**\*Luke Steven Albers** is the son of Steven and Erin Albers of Valley. Luke has been accepted to Iowa State University, Kansas State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Luke plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Biology on a Pre-Med track.

**Gianni William Anzalone** is the son of Sebastiano and Amy Anzalone of Omaha. Gianni has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Gianni will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Construction Management.

**Andrew Joseph Balch** is the son of Eric and Jayne Balch of Elkhorn. Andrew has been accepted to Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Andrew will attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where he plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

**\*Alex Joseph Broderick** is the son of Tom Broderick of Elkhorn and Tracy Broderick of Omaha. Alex has been accepted to the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Alex will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Microbiology.

**William Connor Bruggeman** is the son of Nicholas and Lisa Bruggeman of Elkhorn. William has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. William plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Business.

**\*Andrew Paul Busenbark** is the son of Brian and Megan Busenbark of Valley. Andrew has received offers from admission from Indiana University-Bloomington, Ohio State University, University of Kansas, University of Mississippi, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Andrew plans to attend the University of Kansas to study Business.

**\*Nicholas James Coldiron** is the son of Eric and Emily Coldiron of Omaha. Nicholas has received offers of admission from Iowa State University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Nicholas will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Computer Engineering with a double minor in Computer Science and Business.

**^\*Daniel Sawyer Collins** is the son of Charles and Kara Collins of Omaha. Daniel has been accepted to Benedictine University, Concordia University, Dakota Wesleyan University, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Daniel plans to attend Dakota Wesleyan University to study Biology while playing baseball.

**Max John Coover** is the son of John and Sharifa Coover of Omaha. Max has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Business Administration and Marketing.

**\*Austin Michael Danahay** is the son of Michael and Jill Danahay of Omaha. Austin has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Austin plans to attend Creighton University to study Biology.

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**\*Callaway Richard Wittman** Deffenbaugh is the son of Mathew Deffenbaugh and Dimitria Wittman of Omaha. Callaway has received offers of admission from Kansas State University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Callaway will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Biological Systems Engineering.

**Kume Gatkuoth Duop** is the son of Nyachuol Chan of Omaha. Kume has been accepted to Grand Canyon University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kume plans to attend the University of Nebraska - Lincoln to study Business.

**Ayden Francis Earl** is the son of Timothy Earl and Angela Mancuso of Omaha. Ayden has received offers of admission from Concordia University, Iowa Western Community College, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Ayden plans to play baseball while attending Concordia University and is undecided on a major.

**\*Aidan James Farrell** is the son of Patrick Farrell of Omaha and Christine Neuharth of Omaha. Aidan has been accepted to Creighton University, Marquette University, University of Loyola-Chicago, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of St. Thomas. Aidan plans to attend Marquette University to study Biomedical Science.

**Luke James Frohardt** is the son of Eric and Lea Frohardt of Omaha. Luke has received offers of admission from Auburn University, Creighton University, University of Kansas, University of Mississippi, University of Montana, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Luke will attend the University of Mississippi to study Business.

**\*Andrew Rene Gates** is the son of Lonnie and Kimberly Gates of Omaha. Andrew has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Andrew will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance.

**\*Gower Samuel-Thomas Gillispie** is the son of S.Douglas and Holly Gillespie of Omaha. Gower has been accepted to Clemson University, College of the Holy Cross, Creighton University, Iowa State University, University of Arkansas, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Gower plans to attend the University of Arkansas to study History with a Pre-law track.

**\*Adam Michael Glow** is the son of Richard and Kathleen Glow of Elkhorn. Adam has received offers of admission from Iowa State University, University of Indiana-Bloomington, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Adam plans to attend Iowa State University to study Business.

**^+\*Nicholas Richard Halpin** is the son of Thomas and Mary Kay Halpin of Omaha. Nicholas has been accepted to Kansas State University, Marquette University, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame. Nicholas plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study Chemical Engineering.

**Nathan Michael Hovey** is the son of Michael and Carrie Hovey of Waterloo and Dawn Hovey of Omaha. Nathan has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Iowa, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Nathan plans to attend the University of Kansas and is undecided on a major.

**\*Richard Francis Kmiecik III** is the son of Rick and Sandy Kmiecik of Omaha. Richard has received offers of admission from Benedictine College and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Richard plans to attend Benedictine College to study Mechanical Engineering while playing baseball.

**Ryan Anthony Kremer** is the son of Tim and Rene Kremer of Elkhorn. Ryan has received offers of admission from Grand Canyon University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and the University of South Dakota. Ryan will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is undecided on a major.

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Matthew Adam



Luke Albers



Gianni Anzalone



Andrew Balch



Alex Broderick



Will Bruggeman



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Ayden Earl



Aidan Farrell



Gower Gillespie



Adam Glow



Nicholas Halpin



Martin Kuhn



Obadiah Laa



Chaz Larsen



Henry L'Heureux



Connor McLain



Jack McMahon



Joseph McNeil



Jonathan Montour



Finn Murphy



Leo Ramsey



Sebastian Regan



John Rogers



Aiden Ronk



Zach Sall



Nadir Sarmin



Ryan S



Owen Stricklett



Kale Sykora



Joseph Trautman



Andrew Tselentis



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# Mount Michael Class of 2020





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Luke Frohardt Andrew Gates

# Benedictine School

## of 2024



Nathan Hovey Ricky Kmiecik Ryan Kremer



MingYao Ryan Lin Harrison Long Micah Lytle Ian McGrane



Alexander Nieto William Nihsen Liam Ostrander Glen Joshua Palmer Carter Pearson



Saxby Ashton Schroder Samuel Schwartz Noah Seward Jack Skahan Antonio Stanco Henry Stanek



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**\*Martin Emmanuel-Che Kuhn** is the son of Elmer and Ellen Kuhn of Omaha. Martin has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, University of Dallas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Martin plans to attend Creighton University to study International Studies with a minor in Spanish and an emphasis in Pre-Law.

**Obadiah Brian Laa** is the son of Aban and Jenty Laa of Omaha. Obadiah has received offers of admission from Creighton University, University of Arizona, Loyola University-Chicago, University of Kansas, University of Oregon, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Obadiah will attend Creighton University to study Finance.

**Charles James Larsen** is the son of John Larsen of Bellevue and Kathy Larsen of Papillion. Charles has been accepted to Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Charles will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Marketing.

**\*Henry Alexander L'Heureux** is the son of Brent and Katrina L'Heureux of Elkhorn. Henry has received offers of admission from Butler University, Purdue University, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Henry will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to study Political Science.

**MengYao Lin** is the son of Zhi Yong Lin and Zi Xia Hu of Shanghai, China. MengYao has received offers of admission to New York University and Pennsylvania State University. MengYao will attend New York University where he plans to study Economics and Math.

**Harrison Keith Long** is the son of Dewayne Long and Heidi Heiss of Omaha. Harrison has received offers of admission from Point Loma Nazarene University, Southern Indiana University, Rider University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Harrison plans to attend Point Loma Nazarene University where he will study Business Management and Entrepreneurship.

**\*Micah John Lytle** is the son of Jason and Linda Lytle of Omaha. Micah has received offers of admission to Kansas State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Micah will attend South Dakota State University where he plans to study Interior Design.

**Ian Terrance McGrane** is the son of Daniel and Jill McGrane of Bennington. Ian has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is currently undecided on a major.

**Connor Michael McLain** is the son of George and Amy McLain of Elkhorn. Connor has been accepted to the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Connor will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Business.

**\*Jack Ryan McMahan** is the son of Timothy and Wendy McMahan of Valley. Jack has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Kansas State University, South Dakota State University, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of South Dakota. Jack plans to attend Kansas State University to study Biology.

**\*Joseph Patrick McNeil** is the son of Jeffrey and Kimberly McNeil of Omaha. Joseph has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Joseph will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha where he plans to study Aviation.

**Jonathan Shalom Montour** is the son of Jacob and Odile Godlewski of Omaha. Jonathan has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Grand Canyon University, Kansas State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jonathan plans to attend Grand Canyon University to study Business.

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**\*Finn Patrick Murphy** is the son of Daniel and Danielle Murphy of Omaha. Finn has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Loyola University-Chicago, Marquette University, University of Notre Dame, Texas Christian University, and Villanova University. Finn will attend the University of Notre Dame to study Political Science with an emphasis in Pre-Law.

**Alexander Emilio Nieto** is the son of Emilio and Paola Nieto of Des Moines. Alexander has been accepted to Iowa State University, Linden University, Milligan University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Alexander will attend Iowa State University to study Civil Engineering with a minor in Spanish.

**William Edward Nihsen** is the son of Dustin and Sarah Nihsen of Gretna. William has been accepted to Midland University, Montana State University, Southeast Community College, University of Wyoming, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. William plans to participate in Trapshooting while attending Midland University. William is currently undecided on a major.

**Liam James Ostrander** is the son of James Ostrander of Pompano Beach, Florida and Elizabeth Ostrander and Andrew Labs of Omaha. Liam has been accepted to Grand Canyon University, Northwest Missouri State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Liam plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is undecided on a major.

**Glen Joshua Palmer** is the son of Glen and Victoria Palmer of Omaha. Glen has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Gonzaga University, Loyola University-Chicago, Saint Louis University, Seattle University, University of Denver, University of Saint Thomas, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Glen will attend Gonzaga University where he plans to study International Studies.

**Carter James Pearson** is the son of Trevor and Shaina Pearson of Omaha. Carter has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Broadcast Journalism.

**Leo Robert Ramsey** is the son of Matthew and Kimberly Ramsey of Omaha. Leo has been accepted to Metropolitan Community College and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Leo will attend Metropolitan Community College and plans to study in the T-10 Toyota Master Mechanics Program.

**\*Sebastian Thomas Regan** is the son of Thomas and Obdulia Regan of Elkhorn. Sebastian has received offers of admission from Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Trinity University, University of Dallas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Sebastian plans to attend Southern Methodist University to study Economics.

**John Robert Rogers** is the son of Kirk Rogers of Omaha and Jack and Kimberly Marshall of Omaha. John has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Drake University, Loyola University-Chicago, Marquette University, St. Thomas University, Saint Louis University, and the University of Kansas. John will attend Saint Louis University where he plans to study Political Science with an emphasis on Pre-Law.

**\*Aiden Alexander Ronk** is the son of Gabriel and Janell Ronk of Gretna. Aiden has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Eckerd University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Xavier University. Aiden plans to attend Xavier University to study Biomedicine.

**Zachary David Sall** is the son of Craig and Molly Sall of Omaha. Zachary has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Alabama, and the University of Kansas. Zachary will attend Creighton University and plans to study Sports Marketing.

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**Nadir Dafaalla Nasrall Sarmin** is the son of Dafaalla Sarmin and Hassania Lanraiga of Omaha. Nadir has received offers of admission from Nebraska Wesleyan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Nadir will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha to study Pre-Dentistry.

^~\***Ryan Steven Saxby** is the son of David Saxby of Omaha and Erin Saxby of Omaha. Ryan has received offers of admission from Cornell University, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and University of Nebraska-Omaha. Ryan will attend the University of Colorado-Boulder and plans to study Physics.

\***Ashton Daniel Schroder** is the son of Andrew and Maree Schroder of Omaha. Ashton has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Biochemistry.

\***Samuel Eugene Schwartz** is the son of Travis and Meg Schwartz of Elkhorn. Samuel has received offers of admission from the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Samuel plans to attend the University of Kansas to study Marketing.

**Noah Charles Seward** is the son of Robert and Julie Seward of Bennington. Noah has received offers of admission from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Wichita State University, and William Penn University. Noah will attend William Penn University to study Business Administration while playing baseball.

\***John Robert Skahan** is the son of Robert and Kathaleen Skahan of Bennington. John has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. John will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Accounting.

\***Antonio Gabriele Stanco** is the son of Vincenzo and Anne Stanco of Omaha. Antonio has received offers of admission from Florida State University, University of Indiana, University of Iowa, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Antonio plans to attend Florida State University to study Information Communication Technology.

\***Henry Thomas Stanek** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Amy Stanek of Omaha. Henry has received offers of admission from Doane University, Montana State University, Mount Marty University, South Dakota State University, University of St. Thomas, and the University of Sioux Falls. Henry will attend Creighton University to study Finance and Technology in Business Analytics.

**Owen Michael Stricklett** is the son of Ted and Rachel Stricklett of Omaha. Owen has been accepted to Creighton University, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Wyoming. Owen plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he will major in Business with an emphasis on Pre-Law.

**Kale Joseph Sykora** is the son of Dave and Helen Sykora of Omaha. Kale has been accepted to Benedictine College, Drake University, Grandview University, Northwest Missouri State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Kale will attend Drake University to study Journalism.

\***Joseph Leo Trautman** is the son of Todd and Angela Trautman of Omaha. Joseph has received offers of admission from Benedictine College, Drake University, South Dakota State University, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Joseph will attend South Dakota State University to study Exercise Science.

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**\*Andrew Gregory Tselentis** is the son of Alex and Jenifer Tselentis of LaVista. Andrew has been accepted to Kansas State University, Mount Marty University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, South Dakota State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and the University of South Dakota. Andrew will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Biology on a Pre-Med track.

**\*Jacob Laurence Vandenack** is the son of Joseph and Christine Vandenack of Yutan. Jacob has received offers of admission from Benedictine College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Washburn University. Jacob will attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to study Mechanical Engineering.

**^~\*Thaden John Wewel** is the son of John and Lindsay Wewel of Elkhorn. Thaden has been accepted to Doane University, Rockhurst University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Thaden will attend Doane University to study Biochemistry while playing baseball.

**\*Zachariah John Wooten** is the son of David and Teresa Wooten of Papillion. Zachariah has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Zachariah will attend Creighton University to study Pharmacy while participating in ROTC.

**Tiet Jal Yual** is the son of Peter Yual and Nyakuoth Chany of Omaha. Tiet has received offers of admission to Luther College, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Tiet will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha to study Accounting.

**^+\*Rocco Wilbur Zimmerman** is the son of Robert and Kathleen Zimmerman of Elkhorn. Rocco has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Colorado School of Mines, Marquette University, Saint Louis University, The Catholic University of America, University of Texas-Dallas, University of Tulsa, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Rocco will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Biomedical Engineering.

## CLASS OF 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The class of 2024 earned over 11 million dollars in scholarships.

They will be attending school in 16 different states.

57% of the Class of 2024 is staying in Nebraska.

(\* ) An asterisk beside a name signifies students who are members of the National Honor Society.

(+ ) Signifies a National Merit Finalist - Top .5% out of 1.5 million student test takers.

(~ ) Signifies a National Merit Commended Student – Top 5% of 1.5 million student test takers.

(^ ) Signifies a Recommended World Herald Scholar.

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