



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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Hello all,

This week has been a week of celebration. Tonight, we celebrate the graduation of the class of 2024. A few days ago we celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, the senior class nominated, and the seniors and teachers voted on the speakers for Graduation and Baccalaureate. In next week's letter I will share with you the wisdom of our Graduation speaker, **Kate Mikkelsen**. Today, I'd like to do the same with our Baccalaureate speaker, **David Rowberry**.

The purpose of a Baccalaureate speech is to look back and to sum up the previous four years, and David did just that. In fact, he started with his memories of being a shadow visitor in eighth grade. He told us, "I had never experienced high school as anything but what it's like in the movies: cliques, scary upperclassmen, and subjects with a workload I could never tackle. At Duchesne, I can wholeheartedly tell you: that narrative is completely false. Instantly I felt a sense of community." David also reflected on how the pandemic made Freshmen year really difficult: "During this time, it felt like we were being robbed of a bunch of our firsts. Our first freshmen orientation, our first football game, and our first homecoming."

He continued exploring the four years of high school by noting that Sophomore and Junior year began to make up for some of the losses experienced in Freshmen year. Ultimately, however, he noted that the class of 2024 received less time in high school than the kids in the classes before and after them: "We were now experiencing our lasts. It's weird to experience your last when you never really got to experience your firsts. Our last high school homecoming, our last high school football game, and our last prom. It feels as though we didn't get as much time as the grades before and after us." And yet, despite their limited time, David emphasized how much they grew together and fostered a sense of community at our school.

David wrote and delivered a beautiful speech. It touched on the essence of Duchesne's class of 2024 and why they will be dearly missed.

Pax,

Dominic D'Urso



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Announcements

School Survey:

If you haven't already, please complete the school survey found here: [Survey](#)

Golf State Championships: Congratulations to Drew Heischmidt and Eric Greifzu, who competed in the Golf Championships this week.

May 16

Graduation: The ceremony begins at 6:00. Graduates should arrive to school and be in the PAC by 5:30. The doors to the Ted Yeater Athletic Center will also open at 5:00 for the friends and families of our graduates.

Tennis Singles State Championships: Senior Nathan Nickel will compete in the State Singles tournament on Thursday and Friday.

May 17

State Track & Field Championships: Oliver Rothweiler, and our 4x400 team (Alice Hoffmann, Claire Burks, Isabel Rakers, Audrey Hoffmann, and Maria Thornton) will compete in the Track & Field Championships on Friday.

May 21

All School Mass/Reading Day: Students (9th-11th grade) will report to their Communios at 7:45. From there they will be called down to the PAC for mass. After mass, the freshmen and sophomores have reading day. They are not required to stay on campus, but are welcome to meet with their teachers for some last minute finals prep. Teachers will be in their classrooms until noon.

After mass, the juniors will stay in the PAC for a mini-retreat to reflect upon their week of service. Their day will end between 10:30 and 11:00.



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Fr/So Finals

May 22

Period 1 Final 8:00-9:05

Period 2 Final 9:15-10:15

Period 3 Final 10:25-11:25

May 23

Period 4 Final 8:00-9:05

Period 5 Final 9:15-10:15

Period 6 Final 10:25-11:25

May 24

Period 7 Final 8:00-9:05

Period 8 Final 9:15-10:15

