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**Katalina  
Abreu**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 4th Grade **High School:** West Boca High - Medical Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Hope. It is the only thing stronger than fear. It takes ten times longer to put yourself back together than it does to fall apart." -Suzanne Collins

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Drama Club
- NJHS
- Cantor and Concert Choir
- Choir Officer
- STREAM Club
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Science Night Volunteer

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Anyone can change the world into a better place."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "The medical field, specifically OB/GYN, even though it can be difficult, it is very rewarding and it will fill my heart with joy."

**Teacher Memory:** "Katalina is an unbelievable, incredible soul! I am so forever grateful for the amount of hours and service she has provided to our Science program. She was an integral, founding member of our STREAM Team and helped our school receive its STREAM status. As long as I have been a teacher at SJA, I have always had the pleasure of working with her. Thank you!" -Miss Christian

"Katalina's gift of music has blossomed. She continuously helped others and has been a wonderful asset to our choir. I hope to see her passion for music continue to grow." -Dr. Brown

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**Mia  
Blair**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. "  
Proverbs 11:25

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Peacekeeper
- Student Council Vice President

**Graduates of SJA are known for:** "Hard work, improvement, understanding, humor, and enjoyment of life."

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Attending a Catholic school has taught me to respect and love friends, teachers, and the people around me. It has taught me about the life of Jesus and how strong he wants me to be in life."

**Teacher Memory:** "On the volleyball court, Mia showed leadership mid season on the road against Calvary Christian. Mia held a positive attitude that helped the team come back and win the set and match 3-2." - Coach Sullivan

"Mia is very enthusiastic and always shows a positive attitude. She smiles and is kind."  
- Mrs. Peñaherrera

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**Jackson  
Brahney**

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**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 4th Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

- Activities while at SJA:**
- STREAM Club
  - STREAM Day Volunteer
  - Science Night Volunteer
  - 7th Grade Duke TIP

**My fondest memory at SJA:** "Mrs. DiBetta's class and just talking about what was on our minds."

**Teacher Memory:** "I will never forget the time when Jackson explained what an atom was to kindergarten students. He has an innate ability to really engage younger students and to help them understand the world around them. One of the many reasons he was an important member of STREAM Club!" -Miss Christian

"I will remember Jackson as one of our brightest and most knowledgeable. I expect great things from Jackson." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"Jackson always stopping by with a hello, some good conversation, and a high five!" - Mrs. DiBetta

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**Sophia  
Briggs**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** West Boca High School

**Favorite Quote:** "The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

**Activities while at SJA:**

- NJHS Secretary
- Bells Choir
- Volleyball
- Band
- Soccer

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is that since the class sizes are small, you know everybody in your class. I have been at SJA since Pre-K3 and I am friends with literally everybody in the 8th grade class because I've known them for most of my life."

**Graduates of SJA are known for...** "Graduates of SJA are known for having a Catholic Education, which is a good thing because at SJA we are taught not only the basic subjects, including religion, but we are also taught to have good morals and be kind to one another."

**Teacher Memory:** "Sophia, you began your school years in Pre-K3 as a quiet, kind little girl. You were always a good listener and always willing to help." - Mrs. James

"Sophia is an incredibly responsible student that is dependable and a great friend. She lights up the classroom." -Mrs. Prisco

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**Victoria  
Caronia**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

**Activities while at SJA:**

- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Peacekeepers
- Stewardship

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "I would like to pursue a career in the field of education because I love kids and I love to help people so it is the perfect way to have both!"

**My fondest memory at SJA:** "Doing all the different shows, the Christmas show, the St. Patrick's Day Program, the Stations of the Cross, the Saints Program in 3rd grade, etc."

**Teacher Memory:** "Victoria is always helping her classmates and teachers. She aspires to be a teacher herself and I know that one day she will make an amazing educator! I will miss her dearly."  
-Mrs. Prisco

"Victoria is an amazing teacher's helper. She started when she was in 6B homeroom with TTT, attendance and various other duties. I will miss her help and her smile." Mrs. DiBetta

"I would see Victoria as a toddler, at church, with her family. I can remember her always running up to me for a hug with a big smile. She has a sweet disposition and always eager to help her classmates."  
- Mrs. Harper

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**Mark  
Connor**

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**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten

**High School:** Spanish River High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" - President Ronald Reagan

**Activities while at SJA:**

- LEGO Robotics Club Assistant
- Chess
- Altar Server
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**My fondest memory at SJA:** "My First Communion."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "Electrical engineering. My father was an electrical engineer and has shared his decades of experience."

**Teacher Memory:** "Mark is extremely knowledgeable about world history. In our class discussions, he is quick to respond with interesting facts and stories. Mark keeps everyone engaged through his exhilarating storytelling." -Mrs. Prisco

"Mark knows a lot about many things. He is funny as well. " - Mrs. Navarro

"Mark was extremely helpful in the Spanish class. " - Mrs. Quong

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**Louis  
Corsa**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd grade      **High School:** American Heritage School

**Favorite Quote:** "It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it." - Benjamin Franklin

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Football
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Stewardship
- Altar Server
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Student Council Treasurer (7th)

**The person I admire most is...** "My mom because she studied tirelessly for years and years and she always says 'hard work pays off'. Now she is the best and most successful PT I've ever known."

**Teacher Memory:** "Louis gives of himself in many ways our community. Whether it's through volunteering, altar serving, helping Student Council or other means, he models what Jesus asks of us."  
-Mrs. Prisco

"Louis was always quick to volunteer to read, do a skit, or to help in any other way in social studies class. In the four years that I have known him, what I'll remember most is that he's a great kid with a phenomenal attitude for learning and a love for life." - Mr. D'Alonzo

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**Kevin  
Crowe**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten

**High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

**Favorite quote:** "The best way to predict the future is to invent it." - Alan Kay

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Football
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Baseball
- NJHS Secretary
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Science Olympiad at FAU
- STEM Competition at St. Thomas Aquinas

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is having the enrichment cycle."

**The person I admire most is...** "My cousin, Casey, because he is nice, smart, funny and a good person to look up to."

**Teacher Memory:** "Kevin has a natural gregarious nature that shines through all he does, but do not let that fool you. He also has an amazing scholarly mind, leadership abilities, and a respectfulness to all. He works hard in all he does and carries the St Joan name with honor. " - Mrs. Collado

"Kevin has a natural friend-making ability. He works well with others and makes sure that everyone feels welcome. I always can depend on Kevin as a helpful student and neighborly peer. " -Mrs. Prisco

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**Joseph  
Daemer**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 5th grade

**High School:** West Boca Raton High School

**Activities while at SJA:** • Baseball

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** Did you live a life for me and were you a nice person that supported people or were you the person that brought people down? Did you lead a life of Christ and turn people to God in hard times?

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "I would like to be a professional baseball player because I love the sport and others think I'm pretty good at it."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is Mrs. DiBetta, she was probably the best teacher I've ever had and I really liked her religion class."

**The person I admire most is...** "My mom because she's a very caring person and is always there for me. She also makes me laugh when I'm down and teaches me good attributes to have in life."

**Teacher Memory:** "Joseph has really shined in my classroom this year. He has stepped up as a leader." Mrs. Gray

"Joseph is friendly and always a pleasure to be around." - Mrs. DiBetta

"Joseph lights up the classroom whether it's through his enthusiasm for story telling or motivating others." -Mrs. Prisco

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**Mikayla  
Dennison**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 1st grade

**High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

**Favorite Quote:** "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." - Christopher Robin

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Altar Server
- Drama Club
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Bells Choir
- Student Council Representative

**The quality I admire in others is...** "Kindness, because it is better to be around kind people because they have a better mindset."

**The person I admire most is...** "My grandma because she is patient with people and will help someone even if she doesn't want to."

**Teacher Memory:** "Mikayla gave a memorable performance in the 2019 school play as Matilda's dad, Harry Wormwood. She was enthusiastic and hilarious!" -Mrs. Prisco

"Mikayla was never afraid to ask questions or express her doubts in religion class. She often invoked great discussions. I enjoyed her sense of humor too!" - Mrs. DiBetta

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**Celeste  
Espinoza**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 4th Grade      **High School:** Spanish River High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Just because you can doesn't mean you should." - Sherrilyn Kenyon

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Science Night Volunteer
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- STREAM Club
- Bells Choir

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The kids in my grade. Everyone gets along with everyone and we all have a great time. "

**The person I admire most is...** "The person I admire most is my father because he is one of the most important person in my life. I love him dearly. He is always so enthusiastic and puts a smile on my face which does happen very often. Whenever I want to reach a goal, he helps me and inspires me to do more, because he knows I'm capable of it. He is the heart of my persistence, he's what makes me strive to be better and most importantly feel better about what I'm doing or what I want to do."

**Teacher Memory:** "Celeste is kind and respectful. She acted out as a great "Quinceañera" for a 7th grade project." Mrs. Peñaherrera

"Celeste is an incredible individual who has lead engaging STREAM lessons to all of our younger grades since she was in 5th grade! Students are always excited to be paired with her!" -Miss Christian

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**Nina  
Fernandes**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K4

**High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Things end but memories last forever." -Kumar Milan

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- 7th Grade Duke Tip
- Volleyball
- Stewardship
- Basketball

**My fondest memory at SJA:** "My fondest memory of SJA is our girls soccer team, because it was the best team with the best people. Even though we didn't win the championship game it will always be the number one team, and those memories we made will last forever and ever. "

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "Dentistry, because my first impression in a person is always their teeth, and I think that everyone deserves an amazing smile."

**Teacher Memory:** "Nina played basketball for SJA since 5th grade. She is a determined competitor, always hustling always giving it her best. This year, Nina was chosen as our team's Co- Captain. She won the Best Defensive Player Award. I expect great things in athletics from Nina. In fact, if the track coach at her high school finds her, she'll most likely run the 1/2 mile." -Mr. D'Alonzo

"Nina is always prepared for class. She works very hard and truly cares about her schoolwork. She is a very great, well-rounded young lady ." Mrs. Gray

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**Mia  
Fortugno**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 7th

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Kindness is never wasted."

**Activities while at SJA:**

- NJHS
- STREAM Day Volunteer

**Attending Catholic school has taught me:** "To be kind and loving to others because you never know what they are going through."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Have you done everything I sent you to do?"

**Teacher Memory:** "Mia brings a ray of sunshine with her wherever she goes. She is a respectful and mature young lady who represents the SJA community in a very positive light. Mia is always thinking of others and it shows in her kind demeanor." -Mrs. Prisco

"Mia was a wonderful addition to SJA last year. I wish she would have come sooner. She said, "hello" each morning and "thank you" each day afternoon. What a nice person." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"Mia is a sweet and well-mannered young lady. She is kind, respectful and considerate." - Mrs. Peñaherrera

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**Alex  
Garcia**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 1st Grade

**High School:** Spanish River High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Two things prevent us from happiness; living in the past and observing others."  
-Anonymous

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Running Club

**God put me on this earth to...** "To help out other people and to make other people's days."

**The person I admire most is...** "The person I admire the most is my dad. Without my dad I wouldn't be here right now. My dad is the funniest and makes me really happy. I love you Dad very much and keep being the funniest and best dad ever!"

**Teacher Memory:** "Alex brought creative energy into our classroom writing sessions, especially in this year's Slam Poetry enrichment cycle! He was proud of his work and enthusiastic to share it with the group." -Mrs. Prisco

"Alex always had a way of bringing a smile to the faces of many of us. His great sense of humor and kindness will leave us with fond memories." -Mrs. Wachowiz

"Alex understands people. He was very respectful and always quick to say hello with a smile. "  
- Mr. D'Alonzo

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**Molly  
Gentile**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "I don't have to be so afraid because goodbye doesn't have to be forever."  
- Jenny Han

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- Stewardship

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "To never give up on anything you do because God is always with you."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Meeting my friends."

**Teacher Memory:** "Molly has a kind heart and a sweet disposition. She cares for her friends and is a hard worker." - Mrs. DiBetta

"It has been a pleasure watching Molly mature into the well-rounded student. Thank you for always supplying us with stationary, we will never miss a note ." - Mrs. Harper

"I'll remember Molly for always pushing herself to do better. That's a great quality that will pay dividends down the road." - Mr. D'Alonzo

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## Jacob Giffin

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**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." -George Santayana

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Geography Bee Finalist
- Boy Scouts
- Band

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Be kind to others."

**Graduates of SJA are known for their...** "Perseverance"

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "Medicine, because I want to help further research for cancer and others things like ebola."

**Teacher Memory:** "Jacob always tries and never gives up." - Mrs. Quong

"Jacob has such a great smile that when he comes to the library he always makes me smile."  
—Ms. Novoa

"Jacob was always friendly, kind and well-mannered whenever I saw him." - Mr. Wayne

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**Kaya  
Glamoclija**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K4

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Aspire to inspire before we expire." -Unknown

**Activities while at SJA:**

- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Stewardship

**One great thing about SJA is...** "SJA is a small Catholic school where everyone knows each other and that we always come together to help those in need by participating in many events and working hard to donate things to others. "

**Teacher Memory:** "Kaya played basketball for SJA the last two years and made lots of improvement. Kaya is tough and her determination made her a force on the court. Kaya's spirit and grit helped the team to another winning season." -Mr. D'Alonzo

"Kaya, you arrived in Pre-K4 knowing exactly what you liked. You announced that you did not like junk food and that your Mommy made the best lunches! You always made me smile." - Ms. Acuna

"Kaya is such a well-rounded student.. She has a very kind spirit and truly cares about the issues in our world. She has great character!" - Mrs. Gray

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**Alexander  
Grieco**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Sometimes you do the hard work and set the table and somebody else eats the meal." -Brian Burke

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Flag Football
- Band

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Mrs. DiBetta's religion class."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Have you lived the life I would have wanted you to?"

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The staff and administrators."

**Teacher Memory:** "Alex is a good student and always willing to help, from the lighting in Stations, to helping me get things off of high shelves!" - Mrs. DiBetta

"Alex walked into Pre-K3 an active little boy, ready to go. You loved our block area. It was fun to see what you would create!" - Mrs. James

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**Carlo  
Guasch**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 2nd Grade

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "You can't just beat the person who never gives up." - Babe Ruth

**Activities while at SJA:**

- NJHS—Vice President
- FAU Science Olympiad
- St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Student Council
- Soccer
- Stewardship

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "8th grade Field Day."

**Teacher Memory:** "Carlo consistently demonstrates great character. As a class representative in 6C and 8B homerooms, I always could count on him to be a good leader. He includes others and respects their opinions." -Mrs. Prisco

"Carlo is a great leader and scholar. From Science Olympiad to NJHS, he has served our school with honor and commitment. He demonstrates the tenants of what St. Joan of Arc wants in our graduates." -Mrs. Collado

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**Elaini  
Guenova**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 8th Grade      **High School:** Cardinal Gibbons High School

**Favorite Quote:** "There's always a way—if you are committed." - Tony Robbins

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Track

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is playing for the girls soccer team and almost winning the championship. "

**The person I admire most is...** "My mom. I admire my mom a lot because she is always very caring and loving no matter what the situation is. My mom is very hard-working and dedicated in anything she does. She always believed in me daily and never gave up. "

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The feeling of family between all classmates."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "Physical therapy because I enjoy helping other people get better from injuries. I also enjoy watching them get better and grow stronger."

**Teacher Memory:** "Elaini has a strong work ethic." - Mrs. Navarro

"I'm always impressed with Elaini's willingness to put herself out there. She never gives up." - Mrs. Brown

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## Robert Haber

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**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 4th Grade **High School:** American Heritage

**Favorite Quote:** "Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do." -Rob Siltanen

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Cardinal Gibbons Brain Brawl
- Flag Football
- St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
- Soccer
- Science Night Volunteer
- FAU Science Olympiad
- Baseball
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Student Council
- Boy Scouts
- NJHS
- Stewardship
- SJA Super Writers

**The person I admire most is...** "My mother because she is always there for me in times of need. She always has my back, no matter what. She will do anything for me out of love, and is my #1 supporter."

**Teacher Memory:** "Challenging me to participate in the FAU ropes course in good fun. He knew I would take the challenge. His smile when I attempted the feat was enough to know he was proud. Seeing him just jump into different categories in the Science Olympiad and work his hardest made me proud to have him on our team. With his gregarious personality, his amazing intelligence, and kind heart, he will carry the St. Joan name with honor." - Mrs. Collado

"Robert is responsible and dependable, I could always count on him to handle the soundboard and screens for the school Masses. I appreciate all his efforts and without any hesitation." - Mrs. Harper

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## Tyler Hanlon

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**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten

**Favorite Quote:** "Nobody is gonna hit as hard as life, but it ain't how hard you can hit. It's how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. It's how much you can take, and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done." -Rocky Balboa

**Activities while at SJA:**

- NJHS
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Baseball
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**My favorite memory at SJA:** "My favorite memory at SJA is Field Day. I love going out and having fun with everybody."

**The person I admire most is...** "The person I admire most is my dad. Since day one, not only have you helped with whatever I needed, but to this day, I can always turn to you for anything and everything."

**Attending Catholic School has taught me...** "Attending Catholic School has taught me that there is more to life than Math, Science, etc. God should always be present in our lives."

**Teacher Memory:** "Tyler was a quiet and conscientious student who was always willing to offer support to his classmates." - Mrs. Brown

"After three years of teaching Tyler, I will remember him as a friendly, kind, and mature young man, as well as a hard-working and respectful student." - Mr. D'Alonzo

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**GRADUATES!**

**Santino  
Gibbs**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 1st Grade

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Homeschool

**Favorite Quote:** "Life's not about how hard of a hit you can give... it's about how many you can take, and still keep moving forward." — Sylvester Stallone, Rocky Balboa

**Graduates of SJA are known for their...** "Graduates of SJA are known for their abilities to do good no matter what and to always be the best that they can be and to never give up."

**The person I admire most is...** "The person that I admire the most is my mom. My mom does everything for me and my siblings. She shows me the proper ways to achieve goals and get things done. If she were not in my life I would not be the person I am today. My mom teaches me to be strong when I'm feeling down. She always cheers me up even when she is not in a cheerful mood. So for these reasons I want to thank you for all the that you have done for me and my siblings."

**The quality I admire others is...** "The quality I admire in others is friendship. Friendship is a powerful concept. Friendship should not be taken for granted and it should never be broken. If you have friendship in your heart, you will become caring, loving and trustworthy. Your friends will believe in

**Teacher Memory:** "Santino is a great kid with a big heart. I enjoyed teaching him." - Mrs. Bricker

"Santino was always a very polite young man." - Mrs. Navarro

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**GRADUATES!**

**Claudia  
Hammes**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 1st Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton Community High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Love the life you live. Live the life you love." - Bob Marley

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Bell Choir
- Cantor Choir
- Choir Officer
- Concert Choir
- Drama Club
- Honor Choir Pueri Cantores
- Student Council
- Irish Step Dancing
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- 2nd Place Geography Bee (7th)

**The person I admire most is...** "My mom and dad because they are successful hard workers who had to learn a new language to be successful."

**Teacher Memory:** "Claudia has been an incredible leader in choir and drama. She is always ready to sing for any occasion, even with no notice. She is conscientious and dependable and passionate about music and drama. I hope she will continue to share her beautiful gift of music." - Dr. Brown

"Claudia is very sociable and natural when acting in Spanish role plays." - Mrs. Penaherrera

"Claudia is funny and very easy to work with." - Mrs. Navarro

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**GRADUATES!**

**Audra  
Hankey**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K4

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job." - Zig Ziglar

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Bell Choir
- Irish Step Dancing
- Stewardship
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Softball

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is meeting my best friends that I hope to stay in contact with throughout high school."

**God put me on this earth to...** "God put me on this earth to spread positivity by telling humorous jokes and being kind."

**Teacher Memory:** "I will always remember Audra as sharing her insightful thoughts in Religion class. She is also an excellent speaker and always willing to lector at Mass." - Mrs. DiBetta

"Audra is a spirited young lady with a gentle and warm heart." - Mrs. Licata

"Audra is always willing to share in class, I appreciate her candor and willingness to be vulnerable." - Mrs. Gray

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# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

## Guillermo Herrera

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade      **High School:** American Heritage School

**Favorite Quote:** "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing" - Walt Disney

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Video Production
- FAU Science Olympiad
- Spelling Bee 2nd place (8th)
- Spelling Bee 1st place (5th)
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Coding
- Soccer
- Tech Club
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Winning the Spelling Bee in 5th grade."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "High school level classes."

**God put me on this earth to...** "Carry out His work and ministry."

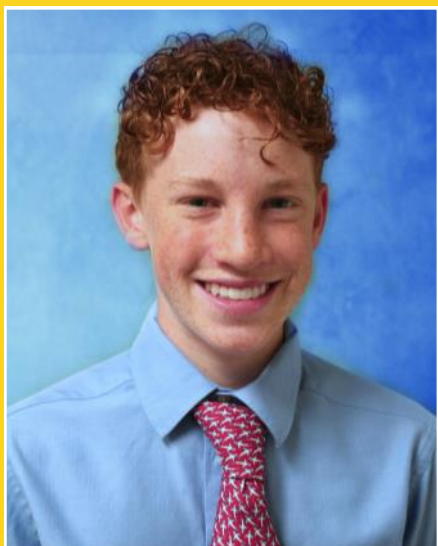
**Teacher Memory:** "Having Guillermo in Video Club was comical. The students never knew what he had up his sleeves, he also kept us entertained. He is very intelligent and a well-rounded student, he will excel in his future endeavors." - Mrs. Harper

"Guillermo has an amazing knack at picking something up, learning something new, and just going with it. He has an infectious and jovial nature, natural curiosity, and intelligence to back it all up." - Mrs. Collado

"Guillermo had a way of bring joy to our class and always made our days fun." - Mrs. Wachowiz

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Julian  
Hurst**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 8th Grade      **High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Do or do not, there is no try." - Yoda

**Activities while at SJA:**

- NJHS
- Chess
- Coding

**The person I admire most is...** "My dad, because he is very hard working and I hope I can be just like him."

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "A deeper understanding of my faith and a stronger moral character. "

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The Catholic faith and education."

**God put me on this earth to...** "Spread joy."

**Teacher Memory:** "It was great to have Julian join SJA this year. He was very helpful to me in 8A homeroom with a variety of tasks, for which I am grateful." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"I am impressed with Julian and his Spanish. He is an excellent student." - Mrs. Quong

"Julian exemplifies the power of a positive attitude." - Ms. Chiles

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**Chad  
Keys**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "You're going to have ups and downs, I think It's just making sure you work that much harder and push through it, just making sure you can make an impact in whatever way possible."  
- Auston Matthews

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Mrs. DiBetta's 6B class."

**The person I admire most is...** "The person I admire the most is my mom, the reason I admire my mom the most is because of how she lives her life. She is always there for me and my brothers all the time no matter what. She is so nice and caring to people that she doesn't even know. Another reason is because how hard she works, my mom never stops, everyday she has three million things to do in a very limited amount of time, but somehow she still finds a way to get it done."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgement Day?** "If I fulfilled the mission He put me on Earth for, and if I lived my life as much as I could like Jesus."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "A professional hockey player because I am very passionate about playing hockey, and I always strive to be the best player I can be. Another reason is because how much I love the game. If I could have a professional career in doing my favorite thing to do that would be amazing."

**Teacher Memory:** "Chad was very responsible and a good helper in my classroom." - Mrs. McConnell

"Chad is 'Mr. Hockey.' Well liked by his classmates, he's always a team player in everything he does."  
- Mr. Shapiro

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**GRADUATES!**

**Bevin  
Kubach**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 6th Grade      **High School:** Cardinal Gibbons High School

**Favorite Quote:** "If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow." - Beyonce

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Stewardship
- La Belle Toy Drive
- Girl Scouts

**The person I admire most is...** "My sister because she has always been there for me she is kind and honest."

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "To be kind, respectful, generous and nice."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA was making really good friends."

**God put me on this earth to...** "God put me on this earth to be kind to others."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "I would like to peruse a career in the medical field because I love to help others."

**Teacher Memory:** "Evi is very friendly and has a kind smile." - Mrs. DiBetta

"Evi marches to the beat of her own drum, often entering class dancing and smiling." - Mrs. Bricker

"When Evi received the "Student of the Month" award featuring the Fruit of the Holy Spirit "Love", I thought that described her perfectly. She is very loving, joyful, and kind toward others." - Miss Bryant

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**GRADUATES!**

**Isabel  
Mayen**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time." - Marthe Troly-Curtin

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Bell Choir
- Cantor Choir
- Choir Officer
- Concert Choir
- Drama Club
- Science Night Volunteer
- STREAM Club
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Girl Scouts
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Were you the best version of yourself during your time on Earth?"

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA was going to choir with my favorite people in the school."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "The arts, because I can express myself without being limited by judgement from the people around me."

**Teacher Memory:** "Isabel is passionate about many subjects including her love of Harry Potter books. She is always enthusiastic to talk about them and how much she loves reading. I can always count on Isabel to share a great conversation about books." - Mrs. Prisco

"Our choir co-president and drama clown. Isabel has been an absolute joy to have in choir and drama. I hope to see those talents continue to blossom." - Dr. Brown

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**GRADUATES!**

**Patrick  
Mazzamaro**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K4

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "I love it when people doubt me. It makes me work harder to prove them wrong." - Derek Jeter

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Altar Server
- STREAM Day Volunteer

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Always trust in God's plan for me."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Playing sports with all my school friends."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The sports teams."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "Athletics."

**The person I admire most is...** "Derek Jeter - because he was a great baseball player and did many good things for people in his life."

**Teacher Memory:** "Patrick is a stand up guy. He tells the truth, he takes responsibility for his mistakes, and he's a young man of good character. I'll remember Patrick for his extraordinary ability to understand and communicate effectively with adults." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"Pat has one of the best sports minds I've seen in all my years teaching. There are things you can't teach as far as instincts go. Coaches will be ecstatic to have him on their team." - Coach Shapiro

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Paige  
Murphy**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** St. Thomas Aquinas High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't be afraid to give up the good for the great."

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Volleyball
- Track
- Soccer
- Stewardship

**Graduates of SJA are known for:** "their amazing personalities."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "How close the students are with each other. SJA feels like a second family."

**Teacher Memory:** "I will never forget the great dance routines Paige and her friends would practice in 6B homeroom. I looked forward to the performance every day." - Mrs. DiBetta

"Paige is a great role-model for kindness. She is also an example of someone who volunteers her time to help others! I really enjoyed teaching her ." - Mrs. Gray

"I'll remember Paige as a great social studies student. She would always take a chance to answer a question, and she'd always do it with a smile and a laugh. " - Mr. D'Alonzo

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Molly  
Murrisson**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "My faith can move mountains." - Matthew 17:20

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Stewardship
- Irish Step Dancing
- Girl Scouts

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Have you lived a faithful, forgiving life and always tried your best?"

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Having fun with my classmates."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The bonds you form at school with your classmates."

**The quality I admire in others is...** "The ability to forgive because although it may be harder for some more than others, it is an important quality to have."

**Teacher Memory:** "Molly came out for the basketball team this year and made lots of improvement. She helped our team finish the year in 3rd place in the 10 team league." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"Molly is proof positive that hard work pays off!" - Mrs. Brown

"Molly was very sweet and soft-spoken." - Mrs. McConnell

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**GRADUATES!**

**Susan  
Newstreet**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: The fear of failure. "  
- Paulo Coelho

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- Softball
- Stewardship
- Student Council (7th)
- NJHS
- Girl Scouts
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Jesus will ask me if He would be proud of the way I lived."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is when I met my best friends. I love them all so much and I don't know what I would do without them."

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Attending Catholic school has taught me valuable life lessons such as how to be the best person I can be, live a holy life, and treat others the way I want to be treated."

**Teacher Memory:** "Susan, I will always remember waking you up from your nap in Pre-K4 and hearing a GRRROWL! It still makes me smile!" - Ms. Acuna

"I will remember Susan for her brilliance, her incredible sense of humor and her kindnesses. And, I almost forgot, her dancing. Susan loved to dance around the room with the rest of the girls in 8A to "All I want for Christmas is you." ...With her personality, I trust Susan will do very well in high school and in life."  
- Mr. D'Alonzo

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**GRADUATES!**

**Matthew  
Nido**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 2nd Grade      **High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine."  
- Isaiah 43:1

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Running Club
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**God put me on this earth to...?** "He put me on this earth so I could be a good person, to do many things, and to make great friends."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "Mrs. DiBetta."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Are you worthy to go to Heaven?"

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA was either playing tag at recess in 4th and 5th grade or socializing with friends at aftercare or during the school day."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "I would like to pursue a career in the field of science or aviation because I have had an interest in that for many years."

**Teacher Memory:** "Matthew works hard to understand the material and do well in math class. He has a quiet sense of humor." - Mrs. Bricker

"Matthew is knowledgeable about Spanish speaking countries. He expresses his ideas clearly in Spanish." - Mrs. Penaherrera

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Calleigh  
Noland**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 1st Grade      **High School:** West Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Do or do not, there is no try." - Yoda

**Activities while at SJA:**

- STREAM Club
- Science Night Volunteer
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Altar Server
- Troop 4323 Girls

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "The fun times with my friends."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The teachers."

**The person I admire most is...** "My grandparents because how much they care for me."

**Teacher Memory:** "I appreciate the way Calleigh has grown in her confidence this year in my class. She has worked hard, and had great success!" - Mrs. Gray

"As an avid Disney fan, I can count on having an engaging conversation with Calleigh's about all things related to it. She is driven by her passions and incorporates them into her school work such as projects." - Mrs. Prisco

"Calleigh is a very kind and considerate young lady. She is respectful and has good values. I enjoyed seeing her serve at Sunday masses." - Mrs. DiBetta

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**GRADUATES!**

**Ruari  
O'Connor**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "It matters not what you've done but what you do with what you've done for others."  
- Noah Centineo

**Activities while at SJA:**

- STREAM Day Volunteer
- NJHS
- Soccer
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Stewardship

**The people I admire most ...** "My parents. They sacrifice a lot to give me a happy life."

**Graduates of SJA are known for:** "kindness and compassion towards others."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "Meeting my friends."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Did you live your life to the fullest?"

**Teacher Memory:** "Ruari puts forth maximum effort every day." - Mrs. Brown

"I'll remember Ruari for her Taylor Swift updates in 6th and 7th grade, and her unique sense of humor. She made me laugh often." - Mr. D'Alonzo

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Alejandra  
Pacheco**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 6th Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** ““Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.” – Bil Keane

**Activities while at SJA:**

- FAU Science Olympiad
- NJHS; Treasurer
- Stewardship
- Science Night Volunteer
- STREAM Club Member
- STREAM Day Volunteer

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** “My fondest memory of SJA was when on field day, the 8th grade had a water balloon fight and we poured buckets of water on top of each other and it was really fun.”

**The person I admire most is...** “My mom because she has and is currently still teaching about life and to take her mistakes and experiences and to turn them into opportunities for me to become the best person that I can possibly be. She is always supporting and giving me advice on how to deal with situations and to turn them into moments that I will remember and learn from and I love her with my whole heart.”

**Teacher Memory:** “Alejandra is a wonderful young scholar, lady, and all around heart. She gives it her all even when it may be hard. She even shows great character in defeat and looks for the silver lining. She will do well in her next pursuits.” --Mrs. Collado

“Alejandra is an example of perseverance and discipline. She is very smart and kind.” - Mrs. Cordero

“Alejandra is a very good student. She is enthusiastic about her work and takes pride on it. “ - Mrs. Penaherrera

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Caterina  
Palermo**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** American Heritage School

**Favorite Quote:** "The best thing to hold onto is each other." - Audrey Hepburn

**Activities while at SJA:**

- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Stewardship
- Student Council Secretary (7th)

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is the friends and memories that you make. I also love how everyone is close."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory at SJA is still being best friends with my first best friend that I met 12 years ago in Pre-K3."

**Teacher Memory:** "Caterina brings school spirit with her whether in the classroom or outside of it. She brought the spirit of Christmas into our 8B homeroom this year through decorations, gift exchanges and prayer leadership. Caterina is always volunteering to lead activities and creates camaraderie among her peers." - Mrs. Prisco

"Caterina, you share your bright smile, good energy and willingness to help everywhere you go." -Ms. Acuna

"Cat is a natural born leader! She is always willing to take the lead and volunteer either her thoughts or answers to the class questions. I always appreciated her input." - Mrs. Gray

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**GRADUATES!**

**Vincent  
Perez**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Cardinal Gibbons High School

**Favorite Quote:** "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Cardinal Gibbons Brain Brawl
- FAU Science Olympiad
- St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
- NJHS
- Soccer
- 7th Grade Duke TIP

**Graduates of SJA are known for...** "SJA graduates are known for their ability to do good."

**The quality I admire in others is...** "The quality I admire in others is knowledge, because when you know yourself and know others, it makes it easier to know God."

**Teacher Memory:** "Vincent always had a way of making us laugh and have fun in the classroom. His thoughtfulness for others always made a difference to his classmates." - Mrs. Wachowiz

"Vincent's ability to think on his feet, be resilient, and creative ability has served him well in representing us for Science Olympiad. It was a pleasure to get to know a fine mind and an engineering spirit. With his ingenuity, academic discipline, and determined spirit, he will excel in all his future endeavors." - Mrs. Collado

"Vincent has an amazing ability to think 'outside the box.' He is extremely creative and capable in all that he does and is always willing to solve problems. I know that he has a bright future ahead of him and it has been great being his teacher and watching him shine." - Mrs. Prisco

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## John Press

### CLASS OF 2020

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't put off tomorrow what can be done today."

**Activities while at SJA:**

- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Stewardship
- Altar Server
- Cardinal Gibbons Brain Brawl
- FAU Science Olympiad
- St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
- 3rd Place Geography Bee
- Student Council President
- NJHS
- Baseball
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Basketball

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is walking in on the first day of school every year. It always had a good feel to it."

**God put me on this earth to...** "God put me on this earth to serve Him by using the talents and gifts He gave me in a way that will please Him."

**Teacher Memory:** "Johnny is not only a kind heart, but an amazing mind. I am proud of his hard work with Science Olympiad and for his gentle nature. He shows great respect, kindness, faithfulness, and hard work to all he meets. I expect Johnny to have a prosperous future." - Mrs. Collado

"Johnny has a wonderful smile and always has a kind comment." - Mrs. Licata

"Johnny's depth of knowledge is nothing short of amazing. He has a curiosity and a memory that enable him to be a walking fountain of knowledge." - Mrs. Bricker

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Jonathan  
Rabbath**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 4th Grade

**High School:** Spanish River High School

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Altar Server
- NJHS
- 7th Grade Duke Tip
- Soccer

**Graduates of SJA are known for...** "Graduates of SJA are known for their wisdom and strength."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "We get a lot of dress down days."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of ...** "Engineering or Technology, because technology is our future, and I want to help invent something huge."

**Teacher Memory:** "Jonathan has a kind heart and is a great friend. In the classroom, he can be counted on as an organized and helpful student and friend. He gives back to our community in many ways such as altar serving and service hours. Jonathan is an great example of what it means to be a Catholic student." - Mrs. Prisco

"Jonathan is a self-motivated student who takes pride on his work. He is kind and a very well-mannered young man. He treats others with respect, fairness and understanding." - Mrs. Penaherrera

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Emma  
Reilly**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "A new command I give you: Love one another, as I have loved you so you must love one another." - John 12:34

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Stewardship
- Girl Scouts

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is meeting my friends. They make each day so much better and always put a smile on my face."

**The person I admire most ...** "The person I admire the most is my grandpa because he is always happy and puts smiles on everyone's face. He also works very hard and is very passionate about his faith. I admire him because of that."

**Teacher Memory:** "Emma has been on the basketball team for 4 years. She always gives it her all and was instrumental to the teams' successes over the past 4 years. Emma has incredible speed and was able to run down opponents on the court with ease, making her a defensive force to be reckoned with. This year, Emma was given the team's Most Improvement Player Award." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"Emma is proof that work and determination pay off!" - Mrs. Brown

"Emma is sweet and has a great smile." - Mrs. Navarro

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# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

## Alessandra Roberts

### CLASS OF 2020

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade **High School:** St. Andrew's High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Speak up for those who can't speak up for themselves." - Proverbs 31:8

#### Activities while at SJA:

- Track
- Tennis
- Video Production Club
- STREAM Club
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- NJHS President
- Concert Choir
- Band
- SJA SuperWriters
- Science Night Volunteer
- Cardinal Gibbons Brain Brawl
- FAU Science Olympiad
- Spelling Bee Participant
- St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
- STREAM Day Volunteer

**The people I admire most...** My mom & dad. My dad kindled in me my love for nature, my drive to save the environment, and to be adventurous. He even co-founded a non-profit -Youth Environmental Alliance. As for my mom, she is the toughest person I know. Through her inspirational pep talks & advice, she encourages me to follow my dreams, to set high goals, and to never give up. She currently runs a beautiful school. No matter how stressful, she always goes above and beyond to make St. Joan's the best school it can be.

**God put me on this earth to...** "God put me on this earth to care for the natural world and inspire others to do the same. He wanted me to invent new ways to preserve the natural resources and beauty of the environment and wildlife."

**Teacher Memory:** "Alessandra is an intelligent and responsible student. Not to mention, dedicated and she perseveres in whatever she sets her mind to do. It has been a pleasure having her in Video Club throughout middle school. I can remember her love for animals, including reptiles and other mysterious creatures. She would demonstrate her passion for them in her video skits. Alessandra will have no limits to excel in her future." - Mrs. Harper

"Alessandra and I shared similar circumstances: We each had a parent who was principal of the grammar school we attended. For the student, that is not always an easy world to navigate... I will remember Alessandra for her precociousness, and her ability to convey what is meaningful to her through her writing. For her final United States History class paper, Alessandra wrote a short story on Westward Expansion. Having worked at the college level for over a decade, I can say unequivocally, Alessandra's paper was college quality. We will be hearing lots more from Alessandra Roberts." - Mr. D'Alonzo

Alessandra has such a giving heart. From the first day I met her and through out the year, she always went out of her way to help the newbie. She has amazing leadership skills and is fearless in all her pursuits (she made it all the way to the top of the FAU Ropes Course). She never lets any obstacles in her way and does it all with such grace.  
--Mrs. Collado

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Alexandra  
Rodriguez**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 4th Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Cantor Choir
- Drama Club
- Science Night Volunteer
- Choir Officer
- NJHS
- STREAM Club
- Concert Choir
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- STREAM Day Volunteer

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is the teachers that support us and have always been here. Whether we are struggling in class, or in our personal lives, they have always welcomed us and made us feel loved."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "Do you finally understand why I put you through it all?"

**Teacher Memory:** "Ally has been such a pleasure to teach. She is a very bright young lady with a kind heart. She sets into action the teachings of Jesus, and is a role-model!" - Mrs. Gray

"Ally has a kind and sweet soul. She is conscious of others in many ways such as supporting and encouraging everyone to be the best that they can be. Ally is a model of Jesus in the friend that she is to her peers and responsible student to her teachers." - Mrs. Prisco

"Ally has truly showed her gift for music through choir. She is also a strong leader and a kind soul." - Dr. Brown

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**Ava  
Rodriguez**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade

**High School:** FAU High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Nobody normal ever accomplished anything meaningful in this world." - Jonathan Byers, "Stranger Things."

- Activities while at SJA:**
- Cantor Choir
  - Concert Choir
  - Drama Club
  - Science Night Volunteer
  - STREAM Club
  - STREAM Day Volunteer
  - St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
  - NJHS: Corresponding Secretary
  - 7th Grade Duke TIP
  - FAU Science Olympiad
  - Spelling Bee Participant
  - SJA SuperWriters
  - Scouts

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is the science class!"

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is going to BizTown, and getting to have a job."

**Teacher Memory:** "Ava is a very determined and scholarly young lady. She is kind heart, respectful, and very driven. She rose to the challenge with Science Olympiad and wore the St Joan name with such grace. She gives of herself to her peers and shows leadership with NJHS. Ava will excel in her future endeavors." - Mrs. Collado

"Ava is a very talented and hard working young lady. She always gives 100 percent to her classwork. I admire her artistic gifts." - Mrs. Gray

"It has been a pleasure seeing Ava grow in her music." - Dr. Brown

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**GRADUATES!**

**Paola  
Rodriguez**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "You were born to be real, not perfect." - Suga

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Altar Server
- Bell Choir
- Drama Club
- NJHS
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- STREAM Day Volunteer

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is the amazing people you meet in your years here."

**The person I admire most is...** "The person I admire most is my oldest sister, Mariana, because she has always been a role model for me. I learn a lot through her and even though she has gone through a lot, she is really strong and kind. She is very supportive and I couldn't ask for a better sister."

**Teacher Memory:** "Paola has always been committed to her academics and to her Catholic faith. Her kind heart and beautiful smile will leave us with many fond memories." - Mrs. Wachowiz

"Paola was a wonderful reading student!" - Mrs. Licata

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**GRADUATES!**

**John  
Rogers**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K4

**High School:** Cardinal Gibbons High School

**Favorite Quote:** "To be it, you have to do it."

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Altar Server
- Flag Football
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Tennis

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is that you get great opportunities where you would nowhere else."

**The people I admire most are...** "The people I admire most are my grandparents because they came to this country with no money and started a new life."

**Teacher Memory:** "Johnny, brings life to the classroom. He has a free; fun spirit that brings joy to those around him." - Mrs. Gray

"I will remember Johnny for becoming a leader this year in 8B social studies class. Having coached Johnny over the years, I will also remember Johnny as an incredible athlete. In terms of service, Johnny ran the score board for our girl's basketball games this year. We are grateful to Johnny for his service and in doing such a great job." - Mr. D'Alonzo

"With his beautiful smile, and joyful spirit, Johnny makes people feel special." - Mrs. Licata

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Isabel  
Romero**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 6th Grade

**High School:** American Heritage School

**Favorite Quote:** "The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand we listen to reply." - Stephen Covey

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Concert Choir
- NJHS
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Cardinal Gibbons Brain Brawl
- St. Thomas Aquinas STEM Competition
- 1st Place Spelling Bee

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Attending Catholic school has taught me that there is always someone there beside you, and that's God."

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is when we dumped water on Mr. D during Field Day this year."

**Teacher Memory:** "Isabel's love for the arts is evident. I hope she continues to pursue her passion for music and dance." - Dr. Brown

"Isabel is a very bright young lady and always has a smile on her face." - Mrs. DiBetta

"I will remember Isabel as a dynamo. She's an insatiable learner who devours knowledge in huge chunks. Her future is bright." - Mr. D'Alonzo

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Ryan  
Schramm**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Cardinal Gibbons High School

**Favorite Quote:** Life opens up opportunities to you, and you either take them or you stay afraid of taking them." - Jim Carrey

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Band
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Basketball

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Attending Catholic school has taught me that God is always with you through the tough and the easy."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is the teachers and how they always help you if you're going through something or you need help with homework, it doesn't matter. They always will help."

**Teacher Memory:** "Ryan is always willing to volunteer in my class. He has stepped up to be a voice when others could not." - Mrs. Gray

"Ryan is quiet, but definitely not shy. When he spoke, he only had meaningful things to say and was well-liked by teachers and classmates." - Mrs. DiBetta

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Amanda  
Shortley**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 2nd Grade

**High School:** West Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "People say nothing is impossible but I do nothing everyday." - Winnie the Pooh

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Bell Choir
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Basketball

**The quality I admire most in other people is...** "The quality I admire in others is loyalty and humor because it's a good feeling when you know someone is always going to be on your side and have your back. I admire humor because, well, who doesn't want to laugh?"

**The person I admire most is...** "My nana because she is a fighter."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is that you meet people that you will become friends with."

**Teacher Memory:** "Amanda is kind and honest." - Mrs. Navarro

"Amanda works hard for her success. Her work ethic is wonderful and her panda is adorable." - Mrs. Bricker

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## Alex Soares Paulino

### CLASS OF 2020

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 6th Grade      **High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Video Production Club
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- SJA SuperWriters
- Toastmasters

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "I would like to pursue a career in film making, cinematography or writing. I've been analyzing films since I was 8, so any one of these would be in my field."

**Attending Catholic school has taught me...** "Attending Catholic school has taught me that there's so much more to the Catholic religion. There's so much more things that God and His son, Jesus, have done and it's really taught me a lot about religion as a whole."

**Graduates of SJA are known for...** "Graduates of SJA are known for their sense of humor."

**Teacher Memory:** "Alex has a great sense of humor and a kind heart. He fills the class with positive energy."  
- Mrs. Cordero

"Alex is known for his people skills. He creates dialogue in our classroom through inventive and creative conversation starters. His passion for Star Wars is evident in his creative writing skills. I always looked forward to reading Alex's stories and watching his memorable presentations." - Mrs. Prisco

"Alex is a respectful and intellectual student. It was a pleasure having him in Video Club for his middle school years. There are no limits for his passion for Star Wars AKA "Mr. Boba Fett." He will go to galaxies and beyond in his future endeavors!" - Mrs. Harper

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Zachary  
Spencer**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade

**High School:** Cardinal Gibbons High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."  
-Michael Jordan

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Altar Server
- Boy Scouts
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Track
- Soccer

**The qualify I admire most in other people is...** "I admire perseverance the most in other people because it shows that no matter what happens you keep going until the end. "

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is that you are prepared for high school."

**Teacher Memory:** "Zachary filled my classroom with happiness and joy. He was so full of kindness and always made us laugh." - Mrs. Wachowiz

"Zach works hard to stay on top of his schoolwork, but he never hesitates to stop and help someone else who needs it." - Mrs. Bricker

"Zachary is always a perfect gentleman in all situations." - Mrs. Licata

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Michael  
Stellmach**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "I don't want to be the next Michael Jordan I want to be the next Kobe Bryant."  
- Kobe Bryant

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Baseball
- Flag Football

**The person I admire the most is...** "The person I admire most is my loving and amazing grandma. "

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is all of the Sisters of Mercy that we have and have had."

**Teacher Memory:** "Michael has been fun to teach this year. He has stepped up to the challenges and proven to himself that when he tries he can do it! He has a bright, fun peronality." - Mrs. Gray

"I was very impressed with Michael's enthusiasm and knowledge in the CPR enrichment class. He has a true gift for taking care of people along with a good sense of humor!" - Mrs. DiBetta

"Michael brings a fun energy into our homeroom. He makes sure that everyone can have a laugh and feel joy. Michael always volunteers to lead presentations for our buddy classes and does an excellent job encouraging the 2nd graders." - Mrs. Prisco

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Ava  
Thomas**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Pre-K3

**High School:** Saint John Paul II Academy

**Favorite Quote:** "If you really look closely, most overnight successes really took a long time."  
- Steve Jobs

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Soccer
- Stewardship

**My fondest memory of SJA...** "My fondest memory of SJA was going on field trips."

**Graduates of SJA are known for...** "Graduates of SJA are usually known for being well-rounded people."

**The people I admire most...** "The people I admire most are my parents. They are such kind people and can always talk to you and relate to you. They always put me first and have given me so many opportunities."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "One great thing about SJA is all of the effort the teachers put in with each individual student. They care about not only your grades, but if you are actually learning the material."

**Teacher Memory:** "Ava has a unique artistic flair." - Mrs. Navarro

"Ava loved to wear all the different outfits in the Pre-K4 dress up area!" - Ms. Acuna

"Ava is quiet and respectful in class. She gets along well with everyone." - Mrs. Gray

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Sarah  
Ternus**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Pompano Beach High School

**Favorite Quote:** "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart... I'll always be with you." A.A. Milne

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Scouts
- NJHS
- Yearbook
- STREAM Day Volunteer
- Peacekeepers
- Bell Choir

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "If you could go back, what is one thing you would do differently?"

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "My fondest memory of SJA is meeting all of my amazing classmates who make me laugh everyday."

**Teacher Memory:** "Sarah is a very good student. She always has a smile on her face and a kind word to say. I will always remember her passion when designing and building her kite." - Mrs. Cordero

"Sarah is a sweet young lady and very good student. She is always kind to others." - Mrs. DiBetta

"The youngest of four siblings who attended St. Joan, I've watched Sarah grown into a sweet and caring student. She always has a big smile and is willing to help her classmates. I can remember her bringing me in the past my favorite chocolates, truffles." - Mrs. Harper

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Brooke  
Wang**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 5th Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future."

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Volleyball
- Track

**God put me on this earth to...?** "Make my parents proud and happy and to do well and succeed in my life."

**The people I admire most are...** "The people I admire most are my grandparents. They lived in China, had my dad and his siblings in Asia, then brought them to America, and they all learned how to speak English and adapt to the new culture very well."

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "Medical field, as a dentist, because I feel I could help others to achieve a healthy, hygienic routine to take care of themselves."

**Teacher Memory:** "Brooke is a very talented young lady." - Mrs. Gray

"Brooke is a kind student and great friend. She brings a unique way of thinking and fun personality to the classroom." - Mrs. Prisco

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Kaitlyn  
Wells**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** Kindergarten      **High School:** Spanish River High School

**Favorite Quote:** "You just go with the flow because life is just all about how you feel." - Post Malone

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Irish Step Dancing

**Graduates of SJA are known for...** "Graduates of SJA are known for their attitude and how they treat others."

**What question will Jesus ask me on Judgment Day?** "How well did I treat others around me and did I treat them the way I would like to be treated?"

**I would like to pursue a career in the field of...** "Medical field, as a dentist, because I feel I could help others to achieve a healthy, hygienic routine to take care of themselves."

**Teacher Memory:** "Kaitlyn very sweet, thoughtful and helpful." - Ms. Adler

"I coached Kaitlyn in SJA basketball since her 5th grade year. She was a three year SJA Varsity Basketball player. This year Kaitlyn captained the SJA basketball team and was the team's Most Valuable Player and Gator Award winner. Kaitlyn had her best year this year, leading her team to a 3rd place finish in the 10 team Gold Coast League." - Mr. D'Alonzo

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CONGRATULATIONS  
**GRADUATES!**

**Grace  
Zenz**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Grade Enrolled at SJA:** 3rd Grade

**High School:** Boca Raton High School

**Favorite Quote:** "It always seems impossible until it's done." - Nelson Mandela

**Activities while at SJA:**

- Altar Server
- 7th Grade Duke TIP
- Creative Culinary

**My fondest memory of SJA is...** "When I met my friends."

**God put me on this earth to...** "Love others."

**One great thing about SJA is...** "The teachers."

**The person I admire most is...** "The person I admire most is my mom because she is my role model."

**Teacher Memory:** "I am delighted to see how much Grace has grown and matured this year especially. Grace has so much potential and such a great laugh." - Miss Bryant

"Grace is an excellent altar server. I enjoyed seeing her serve at school and Sunday masses."  
- Mrs. DiBetta

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