WE PROUDLY PRESENT:

THE 65TH GRADUATING CLASS OF MONROE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL





Last Friday, 23 members of the Senior Class walked across the stage at the Davis Concert Hall, crossing the threshold from high school student to graduate. We are incredibly proud to add the following individuals to our list of Catholic Schools Alumni:

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Gabriel Douglas Ilanaq Angaiak Jonathan Larry Bauer Emma Adell Bradshaw Eliana del Carmen Caballero Guzmán LaRee Alexandria Culbertson **Grace Odette Dowdy** Stefan T.A. Felix Miles Alexander Fowler Nelson Wayne Hays Cayla Yumi Hernandez Ashton Henry Huntington Trever James Mahler Jack Hayden Mavencamp Jane M. Menard Maxwell Brian Oravec **Delaney Noel Ott** Oliver Berkeley Pender Naomi B. Pfister Kaleiney Rivera-Ramirez Mattea Grace Snow Sophia Elizabeth Stepovich Isabella Renee Stewart Maggie Zaverl

It should be noted that the Class of 2023 was offered a combined total of \$5,669,566 in scholarships-wow!

Class President Gabriel Angaiak assured the graduating class that "We have prepared, supported, and loved each other to get to this point, this pivotal moment in our lives, and because of that, we are ready...We are ready to not move on from one another, but to move with each other, keeping one another deep in our hearts and minds, while simultaneously going on our own separate paths."

Days later, I continue to be struck by this idea of **moving on** versus **moving with**, particularly during the Spring Matching Fundraiser. Our focus of honoring the past, celebrating the present, and investing in the future speaks directly to his sentiment.

We do not simply move on from one year to the next, or one class to another; we forge relationships and walk with one another, even on separate paths. The history of our schools is incredibly important; where we came from continues to help guide where we are going, but it is not the only factor that defines us. Each student, each class that comes through our doors adds that to this richness.

Salutatorian Naomi Pfister reminded us Friday night that, "[the] value of a class isn't determined by being the most memorable, grand or flashy class to ever exist, it's determined by the relationships we've grown with the short time we had together."

We celebrate those relationships now, past and present, while we continue to prepare for the relationships to come.

Thank you for walking with us on our journey, for keeping us deep in your heart and mind, regardless of where your path takes you.

All donations will be doubled. Thanks to the generosity of Skip and Linda Johnson, Bert and Becky Bell, Judi and Mike Grahek, Jim and Sandra Haselberger, the Ken Lund Trust, Cheryl and Rick Schikora, and the Jesuits West, your donation will be doubled up to \$75,000. \$25 will become \$50, \$50 will become \$100, and \$100 becomes \$200. It's another opportunity for us to truly celebrate our strength and resilience while ensuring the mission continues.

With gratitude,

Amanda B. Angaiak President, Monroe Foundation, Inc.