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Sweet Success: An intro to your Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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In terms of success at Christian Brothers High School, Shawn Richardson and Sary Stefanki have achieved phenomenally. Shawn, the class valedictorian, and Sary, the peer-chosen salutatorian are two members of the soon to be newest alumni, who truly exemplify Lasallian educational ideals.

The 2003 valedictorian, Shawn, is by no means a reclusive bookworm with extracurricular solely limited to Mathletes and Science Club. Although he is indeed a Mathlete, and a very good one, he also manages a full athletic schedule. Shawn is a valuable Falcon football player, battling as an offensive and defensive lineman. In fact, in his own words, he "plays all over the field." This stellar athlete is also a choir member, and German Club President. He

regularly weight lifts, and could probably bench press Sary with no trouble.

Speaking of her, Sary was voted salutatorian by the senior class. Chosen from a ballot composed of the top 2 through 11 Grade Point Averages in the class, Sary triumphed against tough competition. "I was surprised I won," Sary said, "I thought it would be somebody else!" She truly considers her speech an honor, particularly because she was selected by her peers. Sary was an essential part of the CB volleyball and basketball teams until she tore her ACL playing basketball during her sophomore year. Since then, she has dedicated herself to YMCA Youth and Government. She too, is a choir member, and holds one of the sweetest alto voices in the school. As one of 2002-2003's ASB Publicity Historians, Sary also wields considerable influence on student government.



Valedictorian Shawn and Salutatorian Sary lean in up for the camera. Shawn is such a gentleman that when Sary forgot her contacts, he lent her his favorite glasses.

Shawn plans to take a year's deferment for a foreign exchange in Austria before attending Harvard University as an undeclared major in... you guessed it, math or science. Sary, a strong believer in the absence of wet, East Coast weather plans to attend UC Berkeley in the fall as a Liberal Arts major. As the *Talon's* News Editor, Sary expects to keep journalism in her future, and also takes interest in political science.

The two featured students have differing views on the most enjoyable part of education. While Shawn is an advocate

for math and science, Sary goes "Libert Arts ALL THE WAY!" As the two discussed about whose opinion was superior, it was clear that each is assertive and articulate. "Words depict ideas, and feelings! Numbers and theories are not tangible!" Sary cried with gusto.

Certainly, these two honored students are great examples of the brilliance that is the Class of 2003. Congratulations are due, they've "been quietly humbled about their success for 4 years," and now they expect to finally receive acclaim for their accomplishments.

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A Friend in Life . . . A Love in Memory . . . An Angel Forever

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We can't begin to describe the effect that Sharmelia Jeffries had on our lives. She was so beautiful and loving, and it still seems like yesterday she sent us a goofy text message, that said "Nice girlie" with some sort of picture.

"Sharmy," as we knew her, was always laughing. No matter how good or bad the joke was, she would laugh. She was good for that, just ask her friend Jenny Lee. We loved her smile which showed all her bright 32 teeth and we'll miss seeing that in class everyday. Her smile would always warm our hearts regardless of our mood. In a way, her smile brought us closer together, and we'll never forget that gift she gave us.

Sharmelia moved many people in different ways. One of the people that she moved was senior Natalie Franklin, who states, "Sharmelia was a natural beauty

absolutely beautiful and I couldn't believe the things that were coming out of her mouth. If people could only love their friends the way I love Sharmelia, then they too could be there for their friends in their time of need to help them triumph over obstacles the way Sharmelia and I guided each other through that difficult night.

She will be truly missed by lots of people. She had one of the purest souls I've ever known and I am certain that she's still here watching over us and building our stairways to Heaven. Sharmelia lives on in my heart and I know that her love still lives in the hearts of the hundreds of people that she graced with her presence.

During the Kairos I retreat, Sharmelia was one the student rectors. She did an amazing job. While on retreat, I seized the opportunity to open up to her and share my darkest secrets with her. I told her literally all my problems and was like "Sharmi, can you fix them." I threw her all of my baggage but she handled it

