

GRADUATION - 2021

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

JOHN BONINI

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

After the seniors have moved into their seating area, they will remain standing until they are seated by Tom English and Dave Anderson

"PLEASE BE SEATED"

If they are seated then begin with the material below. Wait until they are seated and then begin your formal welcome.

J.B. - Good morning, Ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the One Hundred FORTY-FIFTH Commencement Ceremony of Christian Brothers High School.

Pause for a few moments while everyone settles down and then continue.

J.B. - We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Administration, Trustees, Faculty and Staff of Christian Brothers High School, and guests of the Class of 2021.

We have been thinking about this day ever since our first day at Christian Brothers High School. Today is a day filled with various emotions and feelings: happiness, sadness, pride, nostalgia, apprehension, and anticipation – to name but a few.... Today, is a day to be proud of our accomplishments; this morning we celebrate everything we have done and everything we are going to do. Our graduation is not the end of something great, rather it is the next step in the continuation of our journey clearly stated in our class motto, *From Dusk to Dawn*. Our class banner as seen on the stage created by Racine Strong reflects the artistic creation of the senior mural by fellow senior Audrey Jeffers. We will open our program with an invocation given by Br. Dan Morgan, Member of the Christian Brothers High School Board of Trustees, and a former Principal of Christian Brothers High School.

Brother Dan will come to the center podium. You should move back to your seat.

(Brother Dan Invocation)

When Brother Dan is finished and has returned to his chair, return to the podium.

J.B. - Thank you, Br. Dan., We will now hear a welcome from the PRESIDENT of Christian Brothers High School, DR. CRYSTAL LeROY.

Dr. LeRoy will come to the center podium. You should move back to your seat.

(Dr. LeRoy Short Welcome Speech)

When Dr. LeRoy is finished and has returned to her chair, return to the podium.

J.B. - Thank you, Dr. LeRoy. We will now hear a message from the PRINCIPAL of Christian Brothers High School, Ms. Annemarie Bacich.

Ms. Bacich will come to the center podium. You should move back to your seat.

(Ms. Bacich Speech ~ 4 mins)

When Ms. Bacich is finished and has returned to her chair, return to the podium.

J.B. - The Presentation of special awards will be introduced by Assistant Principal, Mr. David Desmond '94.

Move back to your seat

Commentator (DD) - Dr. Crystal Le Roy, PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL, Ms. Annemarie Bacich, PRINCIPAL OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL, AND MR. STEVE MAHANEY, CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WILL NOW CONFER THE SCHOOL'S HIGHEST AWARDS. THEY ARE ASSISTED BY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, Mr. ALFREDO ACOSTA.

Wait for Dr. Le Roy, Ms. Bacich, and Mr. Mahaney to come to the front of the table to get the award. Mr. Acosta will assist them.

**Commentator (DD) - (STUDENTS WILL SIT IN THE FRONT ROW)
OUR FIRST AWARD IS THE PROVINCIAL'S LASALLIAN AWARD:
THE DE LA SALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OF THE DISTRICT OF SAN FRANCISCO NEW ORLEANS PROVINCIAL'S LASALLIAN AWARD RECOGNIZES TWO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT, CHARACTER, AND COMMITMENT TO THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES OF A LASALLIAN: A SPIRIT OF FAITH, A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY, AND A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE.**

THE PROVINCIAL'S LASALLIAN AWARD FOR 2021 IS PRESENTED TO:

OLIVIA CHANDRA and DESMOND GREER

Wait for students to come forward and receive their awards. Once students have left the stage, the commentator begins reading the following:

Commentator (DD) - THE SECOND AWARD IS THE LA SALLE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD. THE LA SALLE SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD IS GIVEN TO THAT SENIOR WHO HAS A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.5 THROUGH THE END OF THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE SENIOR YEAR. THE RECIPIENT OF THIS HONOR MUST HAVE EARNED A MINIMUM OF 3 VARSITY LETTERS WHILE AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS. THIS PERSON MUST HAVE A SOLID ATTENDANCE RECORD AND AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE CLASSROOM, AND SPORTSMANSHIP ON THE FIELD OF PLAY.

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD IS:

MALIA GAY and NATHAN SMITH

Wait for students to come forward and receive their awards. Once students have left the stage, the commentator begins reading the following:

Commentator (DD) - THE DE LA SALLE MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN RELIGION HONORING ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, FOUNDER OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, IS AWARDED BY MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT TO THAT STUDENT WHO IN THEIR JUDGMENT HAS ATTAINED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE AREA OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, EXEMPLIFIES THIS CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN HIS/HER DAILY LIFE.

THE DE LA SALLE MEDAL FOR 2021 IS AWARDED TO:

MARIANA GARCIA

Wait for student to come forward and receive his/her award. Once student has left the stage, the commentator begins reading the following:

Commentator (DD) - THE JACK WITRY AWARD IS GIVEN TO A SENIOR WHO EXEMPLIFIES MR. JACK WITRY'S SPIRIT – A SPIRIT BEST DEFINED BY THE COMBINATION OF OUTSTANDING CHARACTER, INTEGRITY, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE TO CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL. MR. WITRY SERVED THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL FOR OVER 40 YEARS IN A VARIETY OF ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND ATHLETIC CAPACITIES. THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED BY MR. JACK WITRY. THE JACK WITRY AWARD FOR 2021 IS PRESENTED TO:

BELLA BARBOSA AND JOHN BONINI

Mr. Witry and all three individuals will confer the award. Once the student has left the stage the commentator will read the following:

Commentator (DD) - THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD IS CONFERRED UPON THE GRADUATING SENIOR OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL WHOSE EFFORT AND WORK IN THE CLASSROOM ARE THE ACADEMIC ROLE MODELS FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL. THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT HAS DISTINGUISHED HERSELF WITH FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP REFLECTED IN HIS/HER CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 4.57.

THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR 2021 IS PRESENTED TO:

MARIA MURINOVA

All three individuals will confer the award. Once the student has left the stage the commentator will read the following:

Commentator (DD) - THE BROTHER AMBROSE AWARD FOR LASALLIAN SERVICE AND LOYALTY IS THE HIGHEST AWARD BESTOWED UPON A GRADUATING SENIOR OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL. THIS AWARD IS BOTH THE ADMINISTRATION'S AND CLASS OF 2021'S RECOGNITION AND HONORING OF THE STUDENT WHOSE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE, LOYALTY, PRINCIPLES, AND CHARACTER EMBODY THE LASALLIAN SPIRIT OF BROTHER AMBROSE WHO SERVED THE ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN

**BROTHERS FOR SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS, OVER FORTY OF THEM IN
SACRAMENTO.**

**THE BROTHER AMBROSE AWARD FOR LASALLIAN SERVICE AND LOYALTY IS
PRESENTED TO:**

BELLA (BAY-YA) BARBOSA

*All three individuals will confer the award. Mr. Desmond will sit down and John Bonini will return to the podium.
Once the student has left the stage the John Bonini will read the following:*

**J.B. - At this time, I have the privilege of introducing to you MARIA MURINOVA,
Valedictorian for the Class of 2021, who will address our class.**

Maria will come to the center podium. You should move back to your seat.

(Maria's Speech)

When Maria is finished and has returned to her chair, return to the podium.

**J.B. - It is now time for a special musical presentation. Please draw your
attention to the screen for the choral presentation. Our Honors Chorale
class under the direction of Mr. Christian Bohm will perform "Like a Bridge Over
Troubled Water" composed by Simon Garfunkel.**

*You move off to the side during this performance. Once this performance is over, you go to the center
podium, and then state:*

**J.B. - We will now hear the farewell address from the Salutatorian for the Class of
2021: CLAYTON KETCHER.**

Clayton will come to the center podium. You should move back to your seat.

(Clayton's Speech)

When Clayton is finished and has returned to his chair, return to the podium.

J.B. - It is now time for the conferring of diplomas. We request that you do not use noise making instruments so that all seniors may have their name heard when they are presented to the audience. Thank you.

Clayton and Maria get up with you and go off stage. You all wait in the wings while Mr. English & Mr. Anderson go to the floor and stay standing facing the class. When Mr. Desmond says:

Commentator (DD) - THOSE SENIORS WEARING INTERTWINED RED AND BLUE CORD...

ON THESE WORDS Mr. English & Mr. Anderson give the signal for the last two rows of students to stand up by raising both arms slowly. Silently remind the students it is only the first TWO rows that stand. The FIRST TWO ROWS ONLY will stand on this signal. JOHN BONINI WILL BE THE FIRST STUDENT TO CROSS THE STAGE TO RECEIVE A DIPLOMA. John Bonini will then join his classmates in the bleachers.

Commentator (DD) - Many of the seniors of the graduating Class of 2021 have received various academic honors and awards of achievement. You will find them listed in your program.

Those seniors wearing gold tassels have achieved life membership in the California Scholarship Federation.

Those seniors wearing silver tassels have been nominated for and achieved life membership in the National Honor Society.

Those seniors wearing the INTERTWINED RED AND BLUE CORD have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the school motto "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" by performing between 250 and 1000 hours of service during their years at Christian Brothers High School.

Those seniors graduating with honors, indicated by the single gold cord, have achieved a cumulative grade point average between 3.75 and 3.99.

Those seniors graduating with highest honors, indicated by the double gold cord, have achieved a cumulative grade point average between 4.00 and 4.57.

Those seniors wearing the gold stole are Christian Brothers High School Scholars Program Graduates, that is, they have completed a rigorous academic program with required honors and advanced placement courses.

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Those seniors wearing the single silver cords have distinguished themselves as being an outstanding senior in a particular Christian Brothers High School department and have been specially honored by receiving the department certificate of achievement.

Those seniors wearing the red and blue cords have distinguished themselves as being the outstanding senior in a particular Christian Brothers High School department and have been awarded departmental honors.

Those seniors wearing the double silver chord are National Merit Scholar Finalists or have received National Merit Commendation.

The announcer now introduces the administration who will confer the diplomas upon the Class of 2021. They will move to center stage.

Commentator (DD) - DR. CRYSTALLE ROY, PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL, MS. ANNEMARIE BACICH, PRINCIPAL OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL, AND MR. STEVE MAHANEY, CHAIRPERSON OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WILL NOW PRESENT DIPLOMAS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2021. THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MR. ALFREDO ACOSTA.

Wait for Dr. LeRoy, Ms. Bacich, and Mr. Mahaney to get up and move over to the table where diploma covers are located. Then state:

Commentator (DD) - "And now, in certification of satisfactory completion of the prescribed courses of studies at Christian Brothers High School, the faculty and administration present the Class of 2021..."

Annie Van There are a few seniors who are unable to join us today. We would like to announce their names to recognize their accomplishments as well.

Read the graduates' names from the cards handed to you by the students as they pass by and walk to the podium. When the names have all been read, return to this script.

Commentator (DD) - Graduating Senior Class Officers: John Bonini,

Peter Genus, Mathew Thomas, Clayton Ketcher, Rubi Fernandez, Chloe Decker, Chet Hewitt will now lead the Class of 2021 in the changing of their tassels.

PLEASE DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO SECTIONS 103 AND 104.

All 7 students come to the front of the class and position themselves. They will face the class and give the signal for the class to rise. They will then lead the class in the movement of the tassel from the left to the right side of the mortar board as a symbolic gesture of their graduation. They then seat the class. Wait until they return to their chairs.

Commentator (DD) - Ladies and gentlemen, before we have closing remarks from senior class president John Bonini, there is a special presentation from our senior video class. Please direct your attention to the video screen in center field.

John B.

As our graduation commencement wraps up, I have been blessed to offer the final words to our class, as we transition from students to alumni.

Only one word comes to mind: Amazement.

Amazement at the struggles we have overcome: Whether it be getting a second off your time in the 100 meter dash or nailing down that one play to get the touchdown, staying up late at night to study for that big Mr. English geography test, practicing day and night to get that chord progression down perfectly, and bonding together during COVID through strangely competitive Trivia nights and a freezing movie night.

Amazement at the memories we have had: Cheering on Zeller and his awesome dance move at that one rally, rushing the field after our extraordinary win at Holy Bowl, supporting our fellow classmates at Open Mic, witnessing our spectacular performances in theater and the band, those extra special bus rides to sporting events and retreats, seeing Will Tuschinski wearing a bright, neon yellow outfit to school and many, many other memories.

Amazement that it's over. That we are all done and are moving on to do something great in this world. I'm proud of and excited for all of you as we spread out across all the corners of the earth. But remember, you will always have a family in the Class of 2021.

In the immortal words of Logan Wurm, "We out."

Recessional: Favorite teachers move to center and have class rise. On signal, the class will rise. The graduates will go out first led by favorite teachers followed by the faculty and trustees. The administration will leave last.

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