

PARTY IN NEW YORK

Students travel to celebrate anniversary of first Marist school



Becky Boyd stands with six juniors at the Marist Brothers Center. Photo by Name 'XX

By August Santin '25

On Thursday May 24, five Marist juniors traveled to the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, New York for a three day celebration. They, along with students from almost 130 other Marist high schools from all across North America met to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the creation of the Brothers Hermitage in La Valla, France. As well as celebrating the anniversary the students attended classes. “I attended three classes which helped me be more creative as a leader,” said junior Lillian Foerstler. “It was interesting to see all the different schools ... by the third day we felt like a big community.” said junior Maya Williams.

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-Will Barsotti, Taylor Murphy and August Santin



Seniors throw up their caps at the end of the 2024 Graduation Ceremony. Photo by Erika Arteaga-Bocanegra '25

2024 GRADUATION

The Class of 2024 ends their Marist chapter with Mass and outdoor Graduation

By Taylor Murphy '26

Saturday, June 8, marked the end of a chapter for the Class of 2024. Senior family and friends gathered that morning on the Kevin Teller field at Marist to celebrate the senior class and to recognize them for all that they have accomplished during their time at Marist.

Graduation is the day that most high school students look forward to, they all say it goes by fast, but you don't really feel that way until you are done said senior valedictorian Christina Nguyen.

President David Welch, Principal Bob Fraley, and Senior Student Body President Haley Ross shared a warm welcome to start off the ceremony before senior Andrew Forsyth gave a recap of the last four years.

The ceremony included honoring the Class of 2024 scholars and four-year academic

award winners also the four unique awards given out at every Marist graduation were announced: Peyton Tyner was awarded the Thomas Kerns Award for Excellence in Boys Athletics, Clotine Chase was awarded the Gloria Schreiber for Excellence in Girls Athletics, Haley Ross was awarded the Most Rev. Francis P, Leipzig Award for School Involvement and Elizabeth Tucker was awarded the Monsignor Edmund Murnane Award for Christian Development.

The awards were followed by speeches from the valedictorian and salutatorian. Nguyen shared words expressing her gratitude towards Marist and encouraged her classmates to not feel constrained by other's definition of themselves like the bee in the Bee Movie. Instead of offering advice, salutatorian Claire Saxman offered three wishes for her classmates: passion, belonging and resilience – three things Marist also

hopes for every graduate.

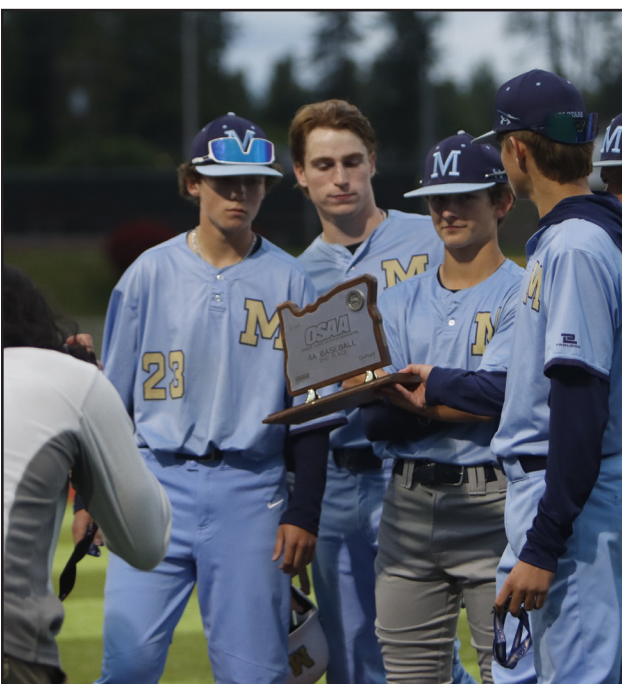
Much of the ceremony was spent watching each senior crossing the stage to receive their diploma from assistant principals Stacey Baker and Andy Oldham while staff members Becky Boyd and Jake Copley read out loud each graduate's final thank you. Graduation was wrapped up with a closing prayer said by Dr. Rick Martin before the seniors moved their tassels from the left to the right indicating their official graduation.

“It feels so surreal. My favorite part was throwing our caps up in the air, knowing that we are officially done. I still find it hard to believe that this chapter came to a close and that I am about to open a new one,” senior Emma Bridgens said.

The evening before Graduation, Marist celebrated the baccalaureate mass which included a tribute song for Dr. Rick Martin by current and alumni Proclaim members.

Baseball Competes in 4A State Championship

Baseball knocked off the No.1 seed Henley in the state semifinals before losing a close game in the finals to Scappoose.



The boys baseball team receive their second place trophy. Photo by Abigail Schombert '24

By Will Barsotti '25

On Saturday, June 1, the No.4 seed Marist baseball team lost 4-5 in a tight battle to the No.3 seed Scappoose Indians in the OSAA 4A final at the massive Volcano Stadium in Keizer, Oregon.

The championship game started as a defensive battle, but once the scoring started, Scappoose was hard to stop. They scored all five of their runs in the third and fourth innings. Then, led by senior righty Drew Wooten's stellar pitching, Marist shut them out the rest of the game. Out of the 28 pitches Wooten threw, 20 of them were strikes.

Marist responded in the top of the fourth with two outs and with senior Peyton Tyner on first base, junior Raith Huffman tattooed a ball into right-center field for the RBI triple. “He threw it right where I wanted it,”

said Huffman. “It was a nice triple. I celebrated, and got my teammates hyped.” This at-bat, along with good defense through the game, was what earned Huffman the Player of the Game for Marist.

Junior Cash Andrus had the play of the game in the bottom of the fifth according to the large student section. With a runner on third, a ball was hit into left-center field. Andrus ran after it and made a diving catch to stop the Indians from scoring. “That was an incredible catch,” Huffman said. “Whenever Cash dives he somehow always catches it. In practice or in games.”

That catch sparked momentum in the offense. In the top of the sixth, Marist scored three runs but left the bases loaded. “One more hit away and you might be talking to me as a state champion. But I'm proud of our guys” said head coach Noah Breslaw.

The Tuesday before, Marist beat the No.1 seed Henley in the semifinals after being down 3-6 in the top of the 7th with two outs. Junior Niko Leyba was down to his last strike but three pitches later, the game was tied thanks to hits by Leyba and junior Tanner Mullens and a three-run home run by Tyner. “At that point, the momentum had a full shift, and we weren't going to lose,” Breslaw said.

In the 8th inning of the semifinal game, Marist was yet again down to their last out but took the lead and held on in the bottom of the inning to advance. “Our team did a good job of staying together, staying up. Spirits up and just fighting to the last out. I'm so proud of us for that,” said Huffman.

“Everyone there was just playing for the team, we had a whole lot of unselfish guys,” Tyler said when reflecting on what made their run possible.