

Mount St. Mary Academy graduates

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Co-valedictorians

• Megan Denery, 18

Parents: John and Sharon Denery

College and major: University of Alabama, majoring in biochemistry

What goals do you want to pursue after college? I plan to continue my education at medical school after college. I ultimately want to be either a medical researcher or an obstetrician-gynecologist.

What is your proudest accomplishment to date? My proudest accomplishment to date is being selected for the Mary Drake Scholarship at Mount St. Mary Academy. I was nominated by my peers for this scholarship, which is awarded annually to a rising junior who embodies the qualities of school spirit, friendliness, commitment, perseverance and spiritual strength. It was an honor to be recognized for these attributes.

How will your faith be a part of your future? My faith has always guided all of my decisions, and I know that in the future it will continue to guide me.

Scholarships: Out-of-State Presidential Scholarship at the University of Alabama

High school honors and awards: AP Scholar with Distinction; AP Capstone Diploma; National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; Mary Drake Scholarship; Wells Pre-Engineering Scholarship, AP Chemistry Award, AP Language and Composition Award; 6A Conference All-Academic Team; All-Conference Team; Varsity Soccer captain; Congressman French Hill Educational Achievement Award; Governor's Scholastic Honors Day Honoree

• Erin Strickland, 18

Parish: Christ the King Church

Parents: Reese Strickland and Julia Strickland

College and major: Rhodes College, majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology with a minor in psychology

What goals do you want to pursue after college? After college, I would love to enter the medical field with a special focus on oncology.

What is your proudest accomplishment to date? My proudest accomplishment is committing to play college soccer. It is exciting knowing that all my hard work throughout the years has paid off as I am able to live out my childhood dream.

How will your faith be a part of your future? My faith will play a huge role in my future as it continues to keep me grounded and gives me the strength to overcome all obstacles.

Scholarships: Cambridge Scholarship at Rhodes College

High school honors and awards: AP Scholar with Distinction; AP Capstone Diploma; Mu Alpha Theta, President; National Honor Society; Beta Club; Link Crew leader; 6A Conference All-Academic Team; two-time varsity soccer captain; Governor's Scholastic Honors Day honoree

Mount St. Mary Academy held its graduation May 22 at Robinson Center in downtown Little Rock. Msgr. Lawrence Frederick, Mount St. Mary Academy chaplain, was the graduation speaker. Co-valedictorians were Megan Denery and Erin Strickland.

The salutatorian was Anna Alyse Patterson, daughter of Cam and Kris Patterson. She is attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in neuroscience with minors in Spanish and political science.

Other graduates are:

Gabriella Christine Angtuaco
Ella Shea Ardoin
Laura Ann Auger
Mackenzie Nicole Bagwell
Madelyn Blair Barnett
Katheryn Ann Bisceglia
Lauren Elizabeth Branson*
Eden Rain Briley
Abigail Elizabeth Brockette
Lillian Nicole Brooks
Julieanne Virginia Brown
Olivia Jaden Bulloch
Olivia Russell Bush
Grace Marie Carman
Yaretzi Quetzalli Carranza
Chloe Michelle Chandler
Alexia Denise Coca
Shelby Marie Coleman
Alexis Jewel Coy
Kendall Grace Cronkhite
Madeline Quinn Dalton
Lilly Grace Davis
Caroline Kelli Dean
Sarah Catherine Dominick
Andi Marie Dunn
Anna Elaine Edwards
Mackenzie Yates Edwards
Olivia Jewell Edwards
Lauren Farris Emerson

Elizabeth Anne Faulkner
Vivian Noel Fischer
Kiley Afton Frost
Ashley Marie Fulmer
Mary James Gann
Catelyn Marie Garcia
Carol Gomez-Rios
Emely Guadalupe Gonzalez
Miriam May Harper
Arantza Itati Harris
Lillian Grace Harrison
Anna Rose Haslauer
Cassidy Elizabeth Hayes
Carley Anne Head
Maya Chapman Henry
Emma Beth Herbold
Abigail Annette Hoover
Emery Elizabeth Horras
Mikah Jo Horton
Riley Grace House
Sophia Frances Hudson
Emily Maria Huerta
Sophia Eileen Jacimore
Jordan Elizabeth James
Elizabeth Carolyn Kehner
Millie Courtney Ketcher
Peyton Elizabeth Lasseigne
Brooke Elizabeth Lee
Katelyn Elizabeth Mabry
Anna Chase Mammarelli
Madigan Marie Marusiak
Moname Efosi Moluwa Matute
Mary Frances Mayo
Grace Elizabeth McKay
Madison Grace McKinney
Catherine Campbell Michaels
Kathryn McCall Morris
Autumn Lily Moss
Summer Patricia Mueller
Marla Sofia Narvaez
Neaven NaSharr Nichols
Grace Elizabeth Parker
Carly Grace Phaup
Hallie Rae Phillips
Anna Elise Polk
Miriam Jane Raborn
Anna Sophia Ratycz
Heather Ashley Rhude
Ellie Rebekah Rockers

Isabelle Rose
Marifer Sanchez
Lauren Clark Satterfield
Ella Marie Schafer
Melody Harper Small
Emma Lauren Smith
Kaylee Jewel Smith
Savannah Nicholas Snape
Eliza Mae Spellins
Anna Grace Stokes
Mya Lanell Straub
Mary Ellis Tedford
Sydney Katherine Thomas
Elizabeth Blair Toland
Sarah Chase Walt
Lauren Elizabeth Walters
Abby Elizabeth Williams
Kayleigh Jane Wynne
Jeslie Alice Yao

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