



Devon Preparatory School's Class of 2016

(Left to Right: Barry Mulhern ('72), Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Father Fernando Negro, Sch.P., Provincial Superior of the Piarist Fathers, Dr. Colin Phoon ('81), Honorable Mark Tunnell ('68) and Father Francisco Aisa, Sch.P., Headmaster



Devon Prep's Class of 2016 graduated during a Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, June 4 in the school's athletic facility. Father Fernando Negro, Sch.P., who is the Provincial Superior of the USA – Puerto Rico Province of the Piarist Fathers, presided over the ceremony.

Collectively the 50 members of Devon Prep's 57th graduating class earned over \$9.3 million in college scholarships. They received more than 200 acceptances to 83 colleges and universities, including Cambridge, Cornell, Georgetown, Lehigh, Case Western Reserve, Duke, Northwestern, Purdue, Fordham, Temple and Penn State.

Nearly half (23) of the Class of 2016 were named AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor or AP Scholar with Distinction. Two were named National AP Scholars. The National Merit Scholarship Program recognized 11 graduates, five as Commended Students, three as Finalists and two as Scholarship Winners. Six of these young men achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and five plan to participate in collegiate athletics at Division I and III schools.

In addition, this senior class performed more than 1,500 hours of community service doing such things as collecting and distributing food and clothing to needy families and raising more than \$25,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This year's guest speaker was Honorable Mark L. Tunnell ('68), a judge on the Chester County Court of Common Pleas. Also Dr. Colin Phoon ('81), an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at NYU School of Medicine, received Devon Prep's Alumni Achievement Award, presented annually to an alumnus who has significantly influenced and benefited his profession.

On the following Wednesday, Devon Prep's 13 Eighth Graders graduated from Middle School during an Advancement Ceremony in the school's athletic facility. Parents, grandparents, siblings and friends attended the ceremony. Father Francisco Aisa, Sch.P., who is the Headmaster, was the principal celebrant of the Mass.

Barry Brazunas, who is the Middle School Director, presided over an Awards Ceremony, which followed the Mass. In addition to academic awards, students were recognized for activities they participated in throughout the school year.

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