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Meet the Seton Catholic Preparatory Class of 2019: *Seton Grads Earn \$11.8 Million in Scholarships Over Four Years*



2019 Commencement photo courtesy of Cindi Friedl

CHANDLER, Ariz., May 15, 2019—Seton Catholic Preparatory celebrated 135 graduates Tuesday during commencement at the Mesa Arts Center.

There was plenty to celebrate: 79 of the

graduates—more than half the class—received 209 scholarships from 76 different colleges and universities. The scholarships total \$2.9 million next year or about \$11.8 million over four years. The first-year total represents an increase of three-quarters of a million dollars over the 2018 graduating class.

Seton Catholic graduates will be well-represented at Arizona colleges and universities, including Barrett, the Honors College at ASU, as well as such private and public institutions as Loyola Marymount University, Gonzaga University, John Hopkins University, Saint Louis University, Saint Benedict & St. John's University and Baylor University.

At the recent Seton Catholic Prep Senior Awards Ceremony, scholarship recipients were lauded for their outstanding achievements. In addition, seniors were presented with a variety of academic, athletic and campus ministry awards.

“We are very proud of the accomplishments of the class of 2019,” Seton Catholic Principal Victor Serna said. “We are confident they will go on to achieve even greater things in college and beyond.”

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The class valedictorian is Alexander Bellin of Ahwatukee (*left*); the salutatorian is Leila Hamilton of Chandler (*right*).

Assistant Principal David Sorkin said both “worked tirelessly to achieve success in the

classroom, and their recognition is well-deserved. They are outstanding representatives of what it means to be a Seton Sentinel.”

A National Merit Scholarship finalist, Bellin plans to attend Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles where he will major in business and finance. Bellin is a straight-A student who excels in all academic areas and has many extracurricular interests, including volleyball, band and orchestra.

Hamilton, who plans to major in biophysics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, was Arizona’s alternate for the U.S. Senate Youth Program for students interested in public service careers. She is president of the Math National Honor Society, a member of the Sentinel Ambassador Society and a volunteer with Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

About Seton Catholic Preparatory

A 2017 National Blue Ribbon School, Seton Catholic Preparatory is a diocesan, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. For more than 60 years, Seton Catholic has served the East Valley of Phoenix as the only Catholic college preparatory high school, serving young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds. Seton Catholic graduates have earned scholarships to and attend an array of selective colleges and universities, including state, private and Ivy League schools as well as service academies. Seton Catholic is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. www.setoncatholic.org.