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**McAuley Honors Class of 2008**

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School said goodbye to the Class of 2008 on Saturday, May 24 as 367 students received their diplomas at the outdoor ceremony. Among the Class of 2008 there were 58 Illinois State Scholars, 2 National Merit Scholars, 1 National Achievement Scholar, 6 National Merit Commended Students, 1 National Hispanic Scholar, 86 President's Award for Academic Excellence Recipients. Over \$17.2 million dollars in scholarships were awarded to the McAuley Class of 2008.

Christine Kazlauskas (Chg., Midway) was the Valedictorian. Christine will be attending Illinois Institute of Technology in the fall. In addition to having the highest GPA in her class, she is a talented artist who won the McAuley Math Mural Design Contest. Christine received the President's Academic Excellence Award and is an Illinois State Scholar.

The salutatorian was Amy Maslar (Lemont). Amy is the president of the Junior Classical League, Student Ambassador Leader and vice-president of the Writing Club. She is an AP Scholar with honors, an Illinois State Scholar and a recipient of the President's Academic Excellence Award. She is a member of the Varsity Tennis team, Model Un and National Honor Society. Amy also serves as a Eucharistic Minister. In the fall, Amy will be attending Notre Dame University.

The Class of 2008 chose Patty McNamara (Oak Lawn) as their student speaker. Patty is a little school teacher and has competed on the water polo team for three years and the swim team for two years. An honor student all four years, Patricia will be attending Saint Xavier in September.

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Each year, the graduating class selects one faculty member to speak at their commencement ceremony. This year the students chose Mr. Greg Gardner. Mr. Gardner has been a member of the Art Department faculty for 5 years. He also coaches the shot put team.

Photo caption: McAuley Graduation speakers; Mr. Greg Gardner, Faculty Speaker; Patty McNamara, student speaker; Christine Kazlauskas, Valedictorian; and Amy Maslar, Salutatorian addressed the McAuley Class of 2008 at their commencement.