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SGA Class of 2021 Bids You A Fond Farewell

On June 12, Saint George Academy held an in-person graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 at Saint George Ukrainian Catholic Church in the East Village in NYC.



SGA Class of 2021 with Principal Stasiw Bishop Chomnycky and Pastor Bronovskyy

In attendance were Most Reverend Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM who delivered the keynote address, and Saint George UCC Pastor, Father Illja Bronovskyy, OSBM, who concelebrated the divine liturgy with the Bishop and offered the opening prayer during the graduation ceremony.

SGA Principal Andriy Stasiw also delivered a warm and inspirational address lauding the graduates on their exceptional strength and courage during the past year, and congratulating them for their academic achievements. He reminded the graduates that they will always have a home at SGA.

The graduation ceremony was both beautiful and moving, offering a feeling of much-anticipated reunion for students and faculty members alike after a long year of online learning and isolating quarantine. Many

were moved to tears as they greeted each other, listened to heartfelt addresses from the SGA Valedictorian, Yana Andreychuk, the SGA Salutatorian, Josephine Pabon, as well as the Valedictorian, Precious Mann and Salutatorian, Alexandra Pabon from the SGA Class of 2020, who did not have the opportunity to have an in-house graduation. Many students also achieved awards for academic excellence and outstanding community service.

The ceremony was followed by a lively and enjoyable reception for students, faculty and guests in the school gymnasium.



Graduates pose with Bishop Chomnycky, Principal Stasiw and SGA alumni at the reception

Due to the outbreak of Covid 19, this year's SGA graduates spent their entire senior year of high school – one of the most momentous years in a teenager's life – in the virtual world. Yet despite the challenges, they persevered. And thankfully, current circumstances allowed for an in-house graduation where, together with faculty and family, students could celebrate their achievements and success together as one SGA family!

**[And so, let us present to you
the Saint George Academy
Class of 2021!](#)**

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Yana Andreychuk
Valedictorian

"I'm going to college to become a surgeon. In the near future I would like to take a tour around Europe. I will miss SGA. I will miss the teachers, the classes, the friends I've made, and the feeling of a safe, homelike environment that the school has provided. One of the most important things I have learned is to be very careful who you trust."



Josephine Pabon
Salutatorian

"After graduation, I will attend St. John's University and major in Biomedical sciences. I hope to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. I plan on saving money and traveling to various parts of the world, including Singapore and Iceland. I will miss SGA for the community it has given me, for the CYM trips, the late-night concerts, the parties, and all the sports games. In these 4 years Saint George has taught me to keep my head up no matter how many times I've been knocked down and to just be patient because there is something greater waiting for me if I keep pushing forward."



Chelsea Brothers

"I will attend Binghamton University and major in English. One of my career goals is to go to law school. I want to be a lawyer. I also want to grow as a dancer. Of course, I'll miss SGA; the bonds that I've created, the teachers that have been so patient and kind to me, and the environment overall. One of the most important things that I've learned in life so far is that you can't get where you want to be if you're not putting in the effort. I've also learned that when you do get certain opportunities and start to excel, that doesn't mean to stop, to get conceited, or complacent. In everything that I do and have, I want to give God all of the glory for it and remain humble. He's my motivation and I wouldn't be here if it weren't for Him!"



Abel Castellon

"I will work for a short while then go onto trade school, and then maybe college. I plan on doing a lot of things, particularly in the fields of business and designing. I would like to be a musician, but I would like to do a lot more than music, although I'm very passionate about it. Eventually, I would like to make soundtracks for movies or games. I also would like to travel. Of course, I will miss SGA. I made some great friends, and it's sad to see that it's coming to an end. I will miss the music classes, and the funny stuff that always happened

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there. I've learned that life isn't fair, and nobody is going to hold your hand through it. Do it yourself and don't be jealous of others who are successful, because jealousy is a loser's mentality. Reality is the best motivation you can have."

Taras Ivanuts



Eriq Ellis

"My plan after graduation is to go to college. In the future, I would like to get into animation. I would like to skydive at least once in my life. I will miss SGA, especially music class. One of the most important things I have learned so far is "Stay ready so you don't have to get ready"."



Alex Pavlykivskyy

Kassandra Hickman



"After I graduate, I plan to move upstate with the rest of my family. I really like cooking so maybe I'll be a chef. One wish I have is to see the northern lights. I will most definitely miss SGA, especially the kindness from the teachers. The most important thing that I have learned in life so far is that time really does go fast. It feels like yesterday I was a freshman."

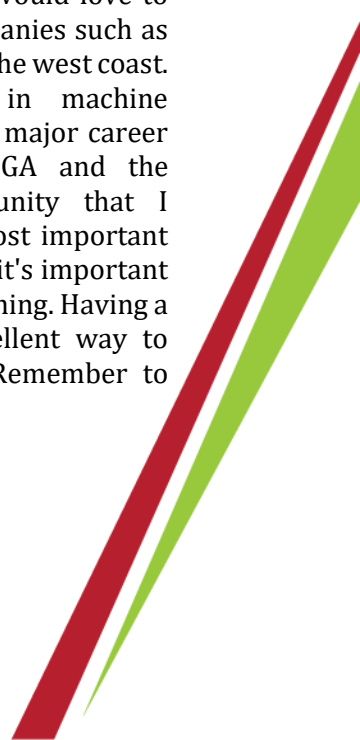


Danylo Hnatyshyn

"I plan to attend the University of Washington to attain a statistics degree. During this time, I hope to find an internship in computer science through which I can further pursue a career in that field. I would love to work for one of the larger companies such as Microsoft, Amazon, or Apple on the west coast. Becoming a lead scientist in machine learning/computer vision is my major career goal. I will certainly miss SGA and the welcoming, tight knit community that I associate with it. One of the most important things I've learned in life is that it's important to have proper pacing for everything. Having a plan ahead of time is an excellent way to distribute your work evenly. Remember to take initiative."

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Ralph Lozano

"I'm going to college to study real estate and law. I want to be a lawyer, and hopefully one day to be a Senator or Congressman. I want to go to Egypt and see the pyramids. I will definitely miss the

people and friends I've met at SGA. One thing I've learned is that hard work pays off."



Catherine Mills

"My plan after graduation is to attend SUNY New Paltz and major in Business. I will be concentrating on international business,

so hopefully, I can

work for a company that I need to travel for. I would like to move to Ireland or England for some time. I will absolutely miss SGA. I will miss my friends the most, Joseph screaming down the hall, laughing with Josie and David, and singing with Chelsea. I will miss lunch with them and hanging out after school. I have learned to stop overthinking and enjoy life as it is happening. It is important to focus on yourself and not let anyone bring you down. Your mental health should always be put first."



Joseph McBain



Emely Peralta

"I will be attending college to earn a bachelor's degree. I am not exactly sure what I want to be in the future, but definitely someone successful. I would like to travel the world. I will

definitely miss SGA and miss all the memories I created with my friends and, just overall, miss high school. One of the most important things I have learned is to always stay true to yourself and do what feels right for you."

Evan Zenar



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Lidiia Polyvyana

“I am going to Baruch college to be an Economics major, and will probably become a financial advisor. I want to buy my dream car - a Range Rover - and live for a bit in Miami.

I will definitely miss SGA due to incredible people I met and all the memories we shared. All the lunch breaks with best friends and interesting classes and SGA retreats with friends - I will never forget them. I have learned that you have to be willing to change your life for the better, do everything before the deadline and enjoy life to the fullest.”



David Kadage



Bryan Sampa

“I will be moving to Los Angeles to attend LMU for my bachelor's degree. My goal is to become a veterinarian. In the coming years I would like to grow mentally, travel, gain new skills, and enjoy life.

Of course, I will miss my life at SGA. What I will miss the most is the people and community we had, and the good times/memories I have had with these people. The most important lesson I have learned in life so far is similar to the "schedule your lazy" lesson Mr. Stasiw constantly reminded us of. Simply getting your work done without thinking about it; this can build good habits and get you a long way in life.”



SGA Class of 2021 in Central Park



Presenting the SGA Cass of 2021

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! We are so proud of you! May God Bless You and help you to achieve your dreams!

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