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Family, friends and graduates fill St. Joseph's Church in Hammonton for the local Catholic high school's 69th commencement Thursday evening.

St. Joseph graduates encouraged to focus on goals

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TOP GRADUATES: ST. JOSEPH

HAMMONTON — One hundred twenty-two VIPs in red and white gowns swaggered up Third Street toward their high school graduation ceremony, hooting and hollering. They quieted in a hurry as they approached the waiting crowd. "Oh my God, there's people all over the place," marveled one St. Joseph High School graduate-to-be.

Family and friends jammed St. Joseph Church on a fair Thursday evening, hearing the 2008 class' top finishers urge a focus on goals.

Salutatorian Tiffany DeVries fired off a line she attributed to professional baseball player Derek Jeter: "If you're frightened, you're probably going to stop yourself from succeeding."

Valedictorian Daniel Errera said he decided to eschew famous quotes for one of his own: "No matter what path you take, lead."

Many Catholic universities are destinations for the graduates, as are many state schools and a few far-flung exceptions such as the University of Kansas and the University of Tampa.

Bishop Joseph Galante of the Diocese of Camden presided over the ceremony.

The graduates are:



Daniel Errera
Rank: 1
Hometown: Hammonton
College: Rowan University
Major: Business/Accounting



Tiffany DeVries
Rank: 2
Hometown: Hammonton
College: Richard Stockton College
Major: Biology



Elizabeth Higgins
Rank: 3
Hometown: Egg Harbor City
College: Richard Stockton College
Major: Biology



Michael Santora
Rank: 4
Hometown: Hammonton
College: Rutgers University
Major: Pre-med



Kasi Gifford
Rank: 5
Hometown: Egg Harbor City
College: University of Delaware
Major: Political science

Ryan Ackerman, Charlie Adomanis, Matthew Angerstein, Paul F. Balsamo, Lauren Joyce Bariglio, Jillian Brianna Belli, Tara Lyn Bencivenga, Martin Joseph Brennan III, Joshua Burman, Andrew Joseph Burns, Robert V. Burton IV, Stephen Michael Calascione, Michael John Calvarese, Brian Michael Capoferri Jr., Matthew T. Capone, Catherine M. Capozzi, Louis Anthony Casadia, Abigale K. Cassetta, Peter Howard Chinnici Jr., Michael Consalvi, Keith Corcoran, Jared James Cummings, Justin Michael Cusick, Annamaria D'Adamo, Jillian Rose Daniels, Amanda Nichole Danks, Karen Juanita Davis, Evan Andrew Day, Gina Lee DeAnnuntis, Patrick William Maximus DeMarsico, Tiffany DeVries, Zachary Taylor DiGerolamo, Cherish M. DiSante, Brian M. Dixon, Alyssa Nicole Domenico, Alicia Marie Earley, Kelsi Lynn Eastman, Jessica Michele Eme, Daniel A. Errera, Joseph F. Farina,

Foresman, Gerald A. Furgione Jr., Gabrielle Amanda Gagliardi, Rebecca Grace Geisenhoffer, Michael A. Germano, Nicole Marie Giapoutzis, Kasi Marie Gifford, Joseph Dalmis Giordano III, Michael S. Giordano, Mark Grabowski, Jason Michael Grochal, Daniel Justin Haber, Nicholas M. Hancock, Devon J. Hausmann, Colton F. Heffner, Martha Anne Henshaw, Elizabeth Ann Higgins, Melissa Susan Humphreys, Nicholas Anthony Ingarciola, Christopher Ryan Johnson, Tricia Lynne Keller, Joseph Paul Kirchon IV, Katrina Ann Krafchigs, Kori Lynn Kraus, Christine M. Linden, Danielle Lee Ludovich, Daniel Michael Lutz, Nicholas Joseph Mackara, Kristina Marie Maggi, Anthony J. Marella, William Lawrence Martorano, Alyssa Renae Mascioli, Daniel J. Mazza, Michael McQueen, Nina Rochelle Mitchell, Emily Jane Monte, Jessica Nicole Murray, Michael J. Myers, Aliyah Nicole Nelson, Zachariah Eamon Ezekiel Nelson, Allison Mary Nickels,

Perez, Jonathan Jeremy Pistone, Katharine Marie Pluta, Nicholas Peter Parreita, Thomas Puentes, Cori Elizabeth Purvis, Megan Patricia Francine Rapisarda, Roman Raubertas, Timothy Charles Reed, Antonio Regalbutto, Jessica Lynn Rodio, John R. Santilli III, Michael Daniel Santora, Stephanie Elizabeth Santora, Jane Elizabeth Saunders, Mark Timothy Senese, Brandon W. Sharp, Danielle Erin Silipena, Kevin Ian Simon, Alexis Alyse Simone, Kirstian Ann Skinner, Patrick S. Slinka, Gabrielle Megan Steeb, Kelly Alynn Sullivan, Gabriel Marie Suriano, Anthony F. Tavalario III, James Ray Taylor III, Shawn A. Theno, Brittany Danielle Tirro, Richard J. Treen, Stephanie Anne Trotz, Jason Wayne Veach, Devin Louise Walsh, William C. Watkins, Mark Weaver, Norman E. White Jr., Christofer William Wilhelm.

Lists of graduate names are provided by the school. Any discrepancy, omission or misspelling should be brought to the attention of the school.