



Christian Academy in Japan
67th Commencement Exercises

Class of 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022
2:30 p.m.
Gymnasium

Program

Processional	<i>Pomp and Circumstance March, No. 1</i> Sir Edward William Elgar
* Alma Mater	<i>Hail, Alma Mater!</i> CAJ Concert Choir Scott Ponzani, conductor
Welcome.	Anda Foxwell
Invocation	Gerald May
Presentation of Senior Awards	Tanya Hall
Senior Address	Hikaru Hayano
Scripture Reading (Psalm 62:5-8)	Tom McGlothlin
Commencement Address	Nate Gibson
Presentation of Diplomas and Bibles	Anda Foxwell
* Scripture Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)	Mr. Ronald Julian (Tagalog) Mrs. KyoungSoon Kim (Korean) Mr. Naoki Kinoshita (Japanese) Mrs. Madhuri Reddy Konda (Telugu) Mr. Gbenga Mosaku (Yoruba) Mr. Chee Yee Pao (Cantonese) Mr. Joel Peterson (English)
Announcement	Anda Foxwell

* Please stand

The ceremony is being broadcast live over the internet. Photos from this evening and a video file of the ceremony will be available at <https://www.caj.ac.jp/divisions/hsgraduation/>

Hail, Alma Mater!

1. Hail, Alma Mater, raise high thy gold and blue!
Colors reflecting our loyalty to you.
Strong and enduring, in Christ you ne'er shall fail.
Hail, Alma Mater, all proudly we hail!
2. Hail, Alma Mater, beneath the towering pines!
Christian Academy stands beloved through time.
God hath ordained thee to blaze a truth-sod trail.
Hail, Alma Mater, all proudly we hail!

Senior Music Awards

Yunkyung Baik
Lydia Byun
Shawn Gallagher
Kento Gray
Akari Hirayama
Mua Hirose
Megumi Johnson
Mina Johnson
Matt Julian
Taiyo Kano
Jiwoo Kim
Charis Kinoshita
Yuki Koshio
HoJeong Lee
Hannah Park
Megumi Parsons
Tabitha Sexton
Charlotte Sonnenberg
Amy Yamaguchi

Senior Medallion Awards

Sophie Bin
Hikaru Hayano
Mua Hirose
Megumi Johnson
Mina Johnson
Peter Junker
Charis Kinoshita
Yuki Koshio
Koji Matsuoka
Kiara McLain
Mari Mosaku
Joy Peterson
Tina Walker

Career Knights Roll of Honor

Sumika Aoyama
Yunkyung Baik
Ty Hall
Luna Hata
Akari Hirayama
Mua Hirose
Megumi Johnson
Mina Johnson
Yuki Koshio
Koji Matsuoka
Mari Mosaku
Joseph Pao
Joy Peterson
Elijah Shew
Tina Walker

Please check the CAJ high school handbook on our website for more details about these awards, including past recipients.

PTA Departmental Awards

The recipient of each award is an outstanding student who has demonstrated one or more of the following:

- A deep understanding and appreciation for the subject.
- A mature proficiency in the use of the tools of the subject.
- The ability and willingness to contribute to the learning of others.
- The ability to do useful, independent study in the subject.

Art: Kento Gray

Bible: Yuki Koshio

Creative Arts: Charlotte Sonnenberg

English: Yunkyung Baik

Mathematics: Elijah Shew

Music: Akari Hirayama

Physical Education: Kenshin Noguchi

Science: Elijah Shew

Social Studies: Tate Kaya

World Languages: Joseph Pao (Spanish)

Fitzgerald Career Athletic Awards

These awards go to a male and a female senior athlete for the positive impact that they have had on CAJ's athletic program over their entire high school career. The recipients have demonstrated excellence in their achievements in sports and are recognized for their consistent level of leadership. Seniors are compared based on the total number of varsity letters they have received over the course of their time at CAJ, the individual successes they have experienced during their careers, the total number of awards, and the opportunities they have had to emerge as leaders.

Recipients: **Joy Peterson, Peter Junker**

Habbestad Award

The Habbestad Fine Arts Award was endowed as a tribute to Ms. June Habbestad, who was active as a sponsor of fine arts activities for many years. Senior students are nominated for this award by either a staff member or fellow student and are then asked to submit an application outlining their artistic achievements, which includes a statement on the role they foresee the arts playing in their lives after they leave CAJ.

Recipients: **Akari Hirayama, Kento Gray**

Howard Blair Award

This award is endowed as a tribute to Mr. Howard Blair, who was active as a teacher of English at CAJ for many years. This award is presented to a senior who has consistently demonstrated talent, dedication and excellence in the study of literature and who has maintained a high standard of communication in writing and speaking. The student is remarkable for developing skills and for presentation abilities.

Recipient: **Yuki Koshio**

The Joan Johnston Senior Comprehensives Awards

These awards honor Joan's lifetime of service, many years of which were dedicated to the care and nurturing of CAJ students, staff and parents. Joan's life exemplified what we desire to train our students to do: serve the world for Christ. This was something she did one class, one student, one conversation, sometimes one cookie, at a time. The awards are presented to seniors who have engaged with the senior comprehensives process in a manner that has made a lasting impact on their lives and the world around them. These awards are not necessarily selected based on the highest marks but by the passion and manner in which the students seek practical solutions to a significant problem.

Recipient: **Yunkyung Baik**

Les Johnston Biblical Perspective Award

This award is presented to a student who has shown exceptional ability to apply a biblical perspective across disciplines and issues. This student not only has mastered the academic skills involved, but also has made a personal commitment to embracing a Christian worldview.

Recipient: **Joseph Pao**

Ron and Carolyn Hardy Discipleship Award

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated and expressed a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and who has been involved in discipling others within CAJ or the wider community, encouraging them in their faith journey and helping them move from where they are toward where God desires them to be.

Recipient: **Lydia Byun**

Academic Achievement Awards

There are so many excellent and hard-working scholars at CAJ that these awards are often determined by their academic performance in the last quarter, or even in the final days of their high school career. They are based on the students' cumulative grade point averages (GPA), calculated from all their grades in high school at CAJ.

Recipients: **Valedictorian: Elijah Shew; Salutatorian: Yuki Koshio**

Kidron Valley Award

The Kidron Valley Award is funded by a donor who desires to assist missionary kids, or MKs, with the costs of going to college. This award, the only one we present that is restricted to MKs, is given to the MK with the highest GPA after the Academic Achievement Awards are presented.

Recipient: **Joseph Pao**

Alvey Leadership Award

This award is given to a senior who has demonstrated the highest degree of leadership qualities over his or her high school career. The donor for this award asked the man for whom it is named what leadership trait he thought was most important. This very successful businessman, at the sunset of his life, stated, "Humility." Humble leadership is one of the defining traits to qualify an individual for this award.

Recipient: **Megumi Johnson**

Judy Amos Distinguished Service Award

Mrs. Judy Amos served CAJ as a teacher, board member, board secretary, board vice-chair and board chair. This award honors her service, and the recipient, in like manner, is a student who has selflessly served the CAJ community.

Recipient: **Tabitha Sexton**

Samuel Public Speaking Award

This award is named after a dynamic and exceptionally well-prepared preacher who was also a mentor for others. It should also be noted that the talents of the biblical Samuel included ministry, speaking and teaching.

Recipient: **Shawn Gallagher**

CAJ Honor Award

The criteria for this award, considered the most prestigious of our awards, are as follows: "One member of the senior class who is respected as a leader and outstanding role model of what CAJ desires its students to become spiritually, academically and socially. Some qualities that are exemplified and looked for include: interest in helping others, attitudes of genuine friendliness, a daily lifestyle that brings honor to the Lord, and faithfulness."

Recipient: **Tina Walker**

Dear Class of 2022,

One of my favorite children's books that I have read to my kids and to the kindergarten class each year is called *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Maybe some of you remember it as well. The story is about a family who decide to go on a bear hunt one day and face many obstacles along the way. You may recall the famous lines, "We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to catch a big one. What a beautiful day! We're not scared.... oh-oh... (insert the obstacle here)... We can't go over it. We can't go under it. Oh no! We've got to go THROUGH (my emphasis here) it!"

After they go through several obstacles, they find the bear hidden in a dark cave. When they face it, however, they get scared and run all the way home (going back through all the obstacles again) to hide under the covers in their bed. This story has come to mind as I think about all the obstacles you have faced during the last three years. You've journeyed through pain, disappointments, sorrow, hardships, and discomfort from everything life and the world put in your path. And yet, here you are.... because you chose to not go over it or under it but to go THROUGH it. GOOD JOB for not giving up!

But, there may come a time, like the family when they finally came face-to-face with the bear, when you may need to turn and walk – or run – away back to your safe place. That will be fine, because, by that time, you would have actually overcome many obstacles. But it's always a good thing to have a safe place to run to. Where is your safe place? Have you found one? Maybe it's under the covers in your bed, or with your family, your teammates, your friends, your teachers, your church, or your school. Please know that people here at CAJ will continue to be here for you if you need a place to turn to!

I also know that, because you have gone through this high school journey already, you are also ready for the next journey you're about to embark on, and you are even ready to face the "bear." Have confidence in yourself, remembering the obstacles you've already gone through, and take that next step confident that you will surround yourself with people to help you reach that bear you're going to catch! Now go get 'em!

You're going on a bear hunt and you're going to catch a big one! Have fun along the way!

Congratulations!

Mrs. Hall

High School Principal

"May all that is un-lived in you blossom into a future graced with love." - John O'Donohue

Other Accepting Institutions

In addition to the institutions our graduates have chosen to attend, the following have accepted one or more of our students

Albion College	Kyoto University of Advanced Science	University of Bristol
Arizona State University	Lake Forest College	University of Calgary
Asbury University	Linfield College	University of California, Santa Cruz
Bentley University	Masaryk University	University of Chichester
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	Michigan State University	University of Debrecen
California State University, Long Beach	Minnesota State University, Mankato	University of Guelph
Calvin University	Missouri State University	University of Kent
Carleton University	Oxford Brookes University	University of Manchester
Central Christian College of Kansas	Pensacola Christian College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Charles University in Prague	Queen's University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Denison University	Royal Holloway, University of London	University of Pécs
Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising	Ryerson University	University of San Francisco
George Fox University	Seton Hall University	University of Waterloo
Hult International Business School	Simon Fraser University	Washington State University
Indiana Wesleyan University	Sophia University	Western University
Kansas State University	The University of Edinburgh	Western Washington University
Keio University	Trent University	Whitworth University
	University of Alberta	Willamette University
		York University

Plans for the Future

Hugo Abe	gap year	Jiwoo Kim	gap year
Sumika Aoyama	Kenyon College	Charis Kinoshita	university in California
Yunkyung Baik	International Christian University	Satvik Reddy Konda	Ritsumeikan University
SeoYeon Bin	gap year	Yuki Koshio	Northeastern University
Lydia Su Hyun Byun	undecided	HoJeong Lee	International Christian University
Gabriel Cantero	Penn State University	Ken Marcianti	San Diego State University
Shawn Gallagher	University of Massachusetts, Boston	Koji Matsuoka	gap year
Kento Gray	Temple University Japan	Kiara McLain	gap year
Ty Hall	gap year	Koko Mohri	university in the UK
Luna Hata	Semmelweis University	Mari Mosaku	gap year
Hikaru Hayano	Seattle University	Kenshin Noguchi	DePauw University
Akari Hirayama	Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts	Joseph Pao	Gordon College
Mua Hirose	Fashion Institute of Technology	Hannah Park	Abilene Christian University
Junshi Iida	Monash University, Malaysia	Megumi Parsons	university in Australia
Mina Johnson	South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	Joy Peterson	University of Oregon
Megumi Johnson	Hope College	Tabitha Sexton	gap year
Matt Julian	Trinity Western University	Elijah Shew	Case Western Reserve University
Peter Junker	Trinity Western University	Charlotte Sonnenberg	University of Toronto
JiSung Kang	gap year	Yuta Tsukahara	University of California, Davis
Taiyo Kano	Hosei University	Tina Walker	University of Toronto
Tate Kaya	University of British Columbia	Amy Yamaguchi	Glion Institute of Higher Education

The Class of 2022

Hugo Abe	Mina Johnson*†	Ibukunoluwa Mosaku†
Sumika Aoyama	Matt Julian	Kenshin Noguchi
Yunkyung Baik	Peter Junker	Joseph Pao
SeoYeon (Sophie) Bin*	JiSung Kang	Hannah Park*
Su Hyun (Lydia) Byun*	Taiyo Kano†	Megumi Parsons
Gabriel Cantero*	Tate Kaya	Joy Peterson†
Shunsuke (Shawn) Gallagher‡	Jiwoo Kim	Tabitha Sexton
Kento Gray‡	Charis Kinoshita*‡	Elijah Shew*†
Ty Hall	Satvik Reddy Konda	Charlotte Sonnenberg
Luna Hata	Yuki Koshio†	Yuta Tsukahara
Hikaru Hayano†	HoJeong Lee†	Christina (Tina) Walker†
Akari Hirayama	Ken Marcianti†	Amy Yamaguchi
Mua Hirose	Koji Matsuoka	
Junshi Iida	Christiana McLain	
Megumi Johnson*‡	Koko Mohri	

*National Honor Society member †Senior Council member ‡Student Council member

Senior Home Room Teachers

Shani Mutenda, Ryan Potter ('98), Morris Yaegashi ('98)

Senior Comprehensives Shepherds

Anda Foxwell, Tom McGlothlin, Nate Gibson, Tanya Hall ('91),
David Marshall, Keith Kelleth, Morris Yaegashi ('98)

Administration

Anda Foxwell (Head of School)	Bryan Lewis (Business Manager)
Tanya Hall ('91) (High School Principal)	Pam Kumate (Human Resources Manager)
Winnie Langelaar (Middle School Principal)	Nate Rudd (Information Technology Director)
Jean Hino (Elementary School Principal)	David Marshall (Director of Development)
Jacque Willson ('84) (Director of School Support Services)	Stephen Willson (Facilities Manager)

Board of Directors

Pauline Carlson (ECC)
Lawrence Spalink (CRJM)
Jaine Yeong Yueh Chung (Jaine Loh)
(JBF)
Karen Stoesz (SEND)
Daniel Sexton (OMS)
Gerald May (TEAM)
Joel Peterson (member-at-large)
Jeremy Seminoff (member-at-large)
Anda Foxwell (Head of School)
Akira Endo (supervisor-auditor)
Takahito Iwagami (supervisor-auditor)

Board of Councilors

Jeong Gho (CRJM)
Grant Buchholtz (ECC)
Heidi Skipper (JBF)
James (Jim) May (SEND)
Pamela Duhrkoop ('91) (OMS)
Kathy Trim (TEAM)
Mark Roberts (member-at-large)
Kenichi Shinagawa (member-at-large)
Yoshiya (Joshua) Matsumaru (member-at-large)
Hiroaki Tada (staff representative)
Nelle Potter ('98) (alumni representative)
Poppy Roberts (educator)