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Union Catholic High School Celebrates the Special Bond of Eleven Graduates

On May 30th Union Catholic High School (Scotch Plains) had the distinct honor of celebrating the graduation of eleven members of the Class of 2009 who had been in school together since the first grade. Edison residents Ryan Carr, Connor Dick, Richard Fuchs, and John Szilagy, Metuchen residents Amanda Dalton, Spencer Davis, Frances Nesi, Joseph Roberts, Kevin Van Buskirk and Christopher Wolff, and Plainfield resident Caitlin Scherer began attending school together in the first grade at St. Francis Cathedral School in Metuchen and shared their high school careers as students at Union Catholic High School. While this situation may often be found in a public school setting it is unique for a regional Catholic School, with students coming from over 52 communities, to have this many students from one sending school who have traversed time together.



In attendance at the Commencement was their first grade teacher Michelle Racavich who actually began her teaching career with this group of students. “I cannot believe that these students from my first teaching year thought enough of me to invite me to their high school graduation, these are the moments I teach for”, said Mrs. Racavich. Spencer Davis stated, “The

St. Francis- Union Catholic connection for me began with my brother Zach, a 2006 UC graduate. When I saw what a great experience he had, there was really no other choice for me. The positive word about UC spread quickly, and here we are! St. Francis taught us to make good choices. Union Catholic was a great choice!”

For some of these graduates their journey together will not end with high school. A few of the students will be attending the same college or university beginning in the fall: Ryan Carr will be attending The College of New Jersey; Amanda Dalton, The University of Scranton; Spencer Davis, The College of New Jersey; Connor Dick, Pennsylvania State University; Richie Fuchs, Pennsylvania State University; Frances Nesi, Hartwick College; Joseph Roberts, University of Steubenville; Caitlin Scherer, Cuyamaca College; John Szilagyi, Fordham University; Kevin Van Buskirk, The College of New Jersey; and Christopher Wolff, Rutgers School of Pharmacy.