



THE 174th COMMENCEMENT

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Burlington City, NJ – **June 10-11, 2011** – Doane Academy's 174th Commencement will send the **Class of 2011** off to college and recognize all of the school's top students. The 25 members of the Class of 2011 will be attending more than 20 different colleges and have been offered \$4.2 million in merit scholarships over four years.

This year's Valedictorian is **Stephanie Piscitelli** (Lumberton, NJ), who will attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute [WPI], and the Class Speaker is **Eric Blow** (Edgewater Park, NJ), who will attend The College of New Jersey [TCNJ].

Entrepreneur **Howard Yermish** will deliver this year's Commencement Address.

Commencement at Doane Academy is a two-day affair. **Class Night** (Friday, June 10) features the bulk of awards for the high school division (such as Ranking Student), and culminates in a dinner for parents and students.

Graduation (Saturday, June 11) puts traditions old and new on display. Girls walk in white gowns and boys in blue. All graduates receive a numbered medal with the image of St. Mary on a blue and white ribbon as part of their induction into the **Society of Graduates**, a rite of passage dating back to the 19th century. **The Head Boy Cup** and the **Ivy Pin** will honor the graduating boy and girl, respectively, who have personified the best Doane Academy has to offer. After the chapel bell rings once for each graduate, the Class of 2011 will process through the campus gates and the ceremony will continue with speeches on Riverfront Field (Varsity Soccer pitch), a popular new tradition begun with the Class of 2007.

About Doane Academy

Doane Academy, est. 1837, is an independent, college preparatory school located in Burlington, NJ, next to the Burlington-Bristol Bridge. Founded in the Episcopal tradition, our liberal arts curriculum, Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade, challenges students to develop leadership and character. At Doane Academy students are known, loved and encouraged to reach their full, unique potential.



The Campus Gates

Schedule for Commencement 2011

Friday, June 10, 6:00pm
Class Night

Saturday, June 11, 10:00am
Graduation

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