

# Senior Baccalaureate Agenda 16-17

June 1, 2017



## SENIOR MEDALS announced by Jennifer Demert

Medals are being presented by the Senior Class homeroom teachers.

## TOP 10 and VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

#1 – Marissa Kruk

#2 – Hannah Reed

#3 – Julia Tudor

#4 – Claire Zwack

#5 – Mairead Farrell

#6 – Claire Coughlin

#7 – Mia DiFrancesco

#8 – Kristin Kolmetz

#9 – Jill Stachowski

#10 – Camille Bennett

VALEDICTORIAN – Marissa Kruk

SALUTATORIAN – Hannah Reed

## ATTENDANCE

1 YEAR OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE – Grace Albert, Abby Choboy, Julianna Kersten

3 YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE – Diane Gazda

4 YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE – Teresa Simmons, Sharon Stack, Victoria Wiedemer, Claire Zwack

## GUIDANCE

### ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Krieger

### LOCKPORT ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Hansen

### ALI'S RALLY DONATE LIFE BOOK SCHOLARSHIP

Maya Owens

In recognition for her outstanding essay and participation in the Donate Life Club, Maya Owens is awarded this \$250 Book Scholarship. Congratulations Maya Owens.

### AIR FORCE ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Baird

Recognized for her selection as an Air Force scholarship recipient, this student was awarded on a competitive and highly selective basis as a result of meritorious achievement in academic studies and extracurricular activities, and for demonstrating a desire to serve in the United States Air Force. Congratulations Nicole Baird on your superb achievement.

### ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY: GAMMA PHI OMEGA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Jensen Daniels and Maya Owens

Recognized for their academic achievement and vision of responsible citizenship, Jensen Daniels and Maya Owens are awarded the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority: Gamma Phi Omega Chapter Scholarship. Congratulations Jensen Daniels and Maya Owens.

### DAUGHTERS OF ERIN SCHOLARSHIP

Kelly Gramza

Recognized for her hard work and dedication in the classroom and her commitment towards her school and community service, Kelly Gramza is awarded the Daughters of Erin Scholarship. Congratulations Kelly Gramza.

### DEGRAFF AUXILIARY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP

Marissa Kruk and Marissa Polino

Recognized for having met the high standards and having displayed evidence of possessing the qualifications necessary to merit a scholarship award for a medical career, Marissa Kruk and Marissa Polino are hereby named the recipients of the Annual Scholarship Award given by the DeGraff Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Congratulations Marissa Kruk and Marissa Polino.

### ENSSA

Marissa Kruk, Hannah Reed, Julia Tudor

These students have demonstrated hard work and accomplishments and are recognized as being the top three academic seniors. E-NSSA (Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association): the top 3 graduating seniors were honored at this year's Annual Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner. More than 400 students, educators, and business people participated at this event, and the girls were given a specially commissioned crystal bison award and an inspiring message from a guest speaker.

### GENERAL MILLS SCHOLARSHIP

Jill Stachowski

In recognition of her hard work and high achievements in the classroom and her commitment to continue her education post-high school, Jill Stachowski is awarded the General Mills Foundation Post-High School Scholarship. Congratulations Jill Stachowski.

### GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Libby Overfield

The Girl Scouts of Western New York honor high school Girl Scouts from Western New York who have earned the highest achievement in Girl Scouts, the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award. This award challenges girls to change the world. To earn the Gold Award girls must complete two Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador journeys or earn the Silver Award and complete one Senior or Ambassador journey. Girls make a minimum of 80 hours including community service and leadership development curriculum requirements. The leadership skills, organizational skills, sense of community, and commitment to reach this goal set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship as well as inspiring others to take action within their community. Congratulations Libby Overfield in earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.

### GIRL SCOUTS OF WNY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Victoria Bauda

The Educational Scholarship Fund recognizes the achievement and character of graduating Senior Girl Scouts who have achieved their Gold Award. In recognition of her academic achievements, as well as Girl Scout involvement and accomplishments, Victoria Bauda has been awarded the Girl Scouts of Western New York Educational Scholarship. Congratulations Victoria Bauda.

### JOLLY BOYS OF WILLIAMSVILLE SCHOLARSHIP

Victoria Bauda

Recognized for her high efforts and achievements and her work and dedication in the community, Victoria Bauda is awarded the Jolly Boys of Williamsville Scholarship. Congratulations Victoria Bauda.

## **GUIDANCE (continued)**

### INDEPENDENT HEALTH & BUSINESS FIRST COMMUNITY ALL-STAR

Camille Bennett

The 2017 Community All-Star Award recognizes a student who has made a positive difference in the lives of people here at school and in the community. For the ninth consecutive year, Independent Health is recognizing students throughout Western New York who are making a difference. These students will be featured in a special supplement of Business First. Please join me in congratulating Camille Bennett, our 2017 Community All-Star Award recipient.

### MICHAEL J. PERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Claire Coughlin

Recognized for her commitment to serve others, community involvement, and citizenship, this student is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship towards her college education. Congratulations Claire Coughlin.

### MICHAEL KOSTECKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rebecca Sullivan

Recognized for her high academic achievement and commitment to furthering her education, the family of Michael Kostecky is proud to announce that the \$2,000 scholarship for 2017 has been awarded to Rebecca Sullivan, the great-granddaughter of Michael, as she graduates this spring of 2017 and plans to attend Villanova University in the fall. Congratulations Rebecca Sullivan.

### MONSIGNOR MAGUIRE SCHOLARSHIP

Mairead Farrell

Recognized for her outstanding essay submission and academic achievement, Mairead Farrell is awarded the Monsignor Maguire Scholarship. Congratulations Mairead Farrell.

### NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER'S STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Claire Coughlin, Mia DiFrancesco

The New York State Comptroller's Student Achievement Awards are presented each year to students who have excelled academically and have also shown leadership potential by volunteering their time to serve the school or community. Comptroller DiNapoli sends his sincere congratulations to Claire Coughlin and Mia DiFrancesco and his best wishes to the graduating class of 2017.

### TRIPLE "C" AWARD

Mairead Farrell, Clare Lyons, Jill Stachowski

The Attorney General's Triple C Awards program recognizes the Courage, Character, and Commitment of New York State's outstanding students. These certificates are presented to Mairead Farrell, Clare Lyons, and Jill Stachowski in recognition of their tremendous commitment to bettering themselves, their school, and their communities; their strength of character which has helped achieve goals and will guide them in making the right decisions in the future; and their remarkable courage which will aid them in meeting all of the challenges ahead.

### UNITED AIRLINES SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Baird

The United Airlines Scholarship Fund is a private, nonprofit charity that supports the educational pursuits of employees and their dependents. Recognized for her high achievement, commitment to her community, and her passion and pursuit for aviation, Nicole Baird has been awarded the United Airlines Scholarship.

### UNYTS DONATE LIFE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Abby Choboy, Diane Gazda, Maya Owens

Recognized for going above and beyond the call to action for the Sacred Heart Donate Life Club, UNYTS, and their community, Abby Choboy, Diane Gazda, and Maya Owens are awarded the Donate Life Club Scholarship. Thank you for your efforts to raise awareness about the importance of organ, eye, tissue, and blood donation.

## **GUIDANCE (continued)**

### WEGMANS SCHOLARSHIP

Jaleigha Byrd, Madelyne Eastmer, Abigail Evancho, Hannah Mikulec, Vondajai Walker  
At Wegmans, they've long believed that they can only achieve their goals if they fulfill the needs of their people. In this spirit, they created the Wegmans Scholarship Program to assist their employees in their pursuit of higher education. We congratulate Jaleigha Byrd, Madelyne Eastmer, Abigail Evancho, Hannah Mikulec and Vondajai Walker as a 2017 Wegmans Scholarship recipient.

### WESTERN & CENTRAL NEW YORK SAFARI CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Mairead Farrell

In recognition of her hard work and dedication to conservation and wildlife, Mairead Farrell is awarded the Western and Central New York Safari Club Scholarship. Congratulations Mairead Farrell.

### 2017 SERIES SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Marissa Kruk, Hannah Reed, Julia Tudor, Claire Zwack

The New York State Board of Regents congratulates these students on outstanding academic accomplishments.

## **ACADEMICS**

### ART

Ceramics Achievement – Isabelle Cochrane  
Painting Achievement – Mary Rola  
Artistic Achievement – Hannah Laski  
Artistic Dedication – Marina Wittmann  
Artistic Enthusiasm & Achievement – Lily Landi

### ENGLISH

Four Year Overall English Award – Marissa Kruk  
British/World Literature – Rebecca Grey

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Highest Cumulative Average for Four Years of Chinese & Highest Average in Chinese 4 –  
Maison Ross  
Highest Average in Chinese 2 – Emily Gerstenzang  
Highest Cumulative Average for Four Years of French Studies & Highest Average in College French  
– Victoria Bauda  
Certificate of Excellence Allaince Francaise de Buffalo – Victoria Bauda  
Highest Average for Four Years of Latin – Hannah Reed  
Highest Cumulative Average for Four Years of Spanish – Mary Gartland, Grace Lewandowski  
Highest Average in Spanish 4 – Caitlin Tracy  
Highest Average in Spanish 4 Honors – Mary Gartland  
Highest Average in College Spanish – Claire Zwack

## **ACADEMICS (continued)**

### MATH

Highest Average for 4 Years of Math Including AP Calculus AB & BC and AP Statistics –  
Marissa Kruk

Highest Average in Advanced Algebra Applications – Megan Grundtisch, Olivia Hansen

Highest Average in Pre-Calculus – Kaylee Wilcox

Highest Average in Pre-Calculus Honors – Hannah Falk, Kayla McDonald, Madison Szczesniak

Highest Average in Calculus – Victoria Bauda

Highest Average in AP Calculus AB – Camille Bennett, Jill Stachowski

Highest Average in AP Calculus BC – Marissa Kruk, Hannah Reed

Highest Average in AP Statistics – Claire Coughlin

### MUSIC

Outstanding Achievement in Music – Maeve Hawk, Marina Wittmann

Outstanding Achievement in Chamber Singers – Maeve Hawk

Outstanding Achievement in Chorus – Kayla May

Outstanding Achievement in Orchestra – Grace Lewandowski

Outstanding Achievement in Beginning Piano – Sharon Stack

Outstanding Achievement in Piano – Gianella Marciniak

Outstanding Achievement in Strings – Diane Gazda

Outstanding Achievement in Winds – Emily Gerstenzang, Sophia Zacher

Music Dept. Award for Service and Dedication – Nicole Baird, Gianella Marciniak

### RELIGION

Highest Overall Average in Religion over Four Years – Julia Bartels

Outstanding Work in Christian Life Choices – Kaylee Wilcox

Outstanding Work in Womenhood/Adult & Spirituality – Rachel Franz

### SCIENCE

Highest Achievement in Science over 4 Years at SHA, and Highest Achievement in AP Biology –  
Marissa Kruk

Highest Achievement in Exercise Physiology – Mary Rola

Highest Achievement in Forensics – Angelica Priest

Highest Achievement in Introduction to Engineering – Piper Jacobs

Highest Achievement in Conceptual Physics – Jill Stachowski

Highest Achievement in AP Physics – Mary Gartland, Piper Jacobs

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Excellence in Social Studies for Four Years – Marissa Kruk

Achievement in AP Macroeconomics/AP Government and Politics – Kristin Kolmetz

Achievement in AP Government and Politics – Claire Zwack

### STEM

Completion of the SHA STEM Honors Program – Nicole Baird, Claire Coughlin, Mairead Farrell, Rachel Franz,  
Mary Gartland, Rebecca Grey, Kristin Kolmetz, Marissa Kruk, Jessie Miller, Delilah Przybyla,  
Hannah Reed, Julia Tudor, Claire Zwack

## **SERVICE**

### CORDETTE

In Sincere Appreciation for all Your Talents in the Creation of the 2017 Cordette Yearbook – Nia DiFrancesco,  
Jennifer Smith, Rebecca Sullivan, Kaylee Wilcox

Best Design – Mary Rola

## SERVICE (continued)

### DRAMA

Outstanding Costume Coordination & Design – The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe – Gianella Marciniak  
Excellent Character Development – The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe – Mairead Farrell  
Best Supporting Actress – The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe – Megan Lewis

### FLASH FICTION

Flash Fiction 2016-2017 Contest Winner – Sharon Stack  
Flash Fiction 2016-2017 Contest Runner-Up – Stephanie Wozniak

### FOOTPRINTS

#### St. Clare Award for Excellence in Community Service (50+ hours) (certificate)

The following students have each gone above and beyond the minimum service requirement by completing 50 or more service hours during this year. We would like to recognize their dedication to service by presenting them with the St. Clare Award for Excellence in Community Service.

Clare Coughlin, Lily Dryer – 50	Julia Bartels – 65.5
Mary Rola – 50.5	Amanda Brodie – 67
Hannah Falk – 51	Rebecca Sullivan – 67.5
Rebecca Grey, Louisa Mancuso – 51.5	Kathryn Cooke, Victoria Weidemer – 72
Olivia Hansen – 52	Elena Marotto – 74
Desyre Lee, Madison Szczesniak – 55	Mia DiFrancesco – 74.5
Ava Thompson – 56	Rachel Levea – 76.5
Brynne Snyder – 56.5	Marissa Kruk – 79.25
Mairead Farrell – 58.25	Lauren Reinhardt – 79.5
Shaye Fermoile, Madison Strickland – 60.5	Elisabeth Manente – 80.5
Hannah Laski - 61.5	Victoria Bauda – 81.75
Sophia Zacher – 62.5	Lauren Broderick – 85
Abigail Evancho, Clare Lyons – 63	Elizabeth Pokoj – 91

#### St. Francis Award for Outstanding Community Service (100+ hours)

The following students have greatly exceeded the minimum service requirement by completing 100 or more service hours during this year. We would like to recognize their dedication to service by presenting them with the St. Francis Award for Excellence in Community Service.

Taylor DiMarco, Giuliana Iglesias, Piper Jacobs – 100	Emma Rehauer – 114.5
Julianna Kersten – 100.5	Lara Reece – 116.5
Julia Kajdas – 106	Nabuchi Buhendwa – 117.5
Morgan Perry, Karli Stock – 108	Mia Wild – 132
Ashley Gizzo, – 110	Jessica Mundie – 135
Kaylee Wilcox – 111.5	Gianella Marciniak – 135.5
Colleen Conway, Caroline Reeb, Marilyn Sawyer – 112	Megan Grundtisch – 140
Alexandra Seefeldt – 112.5	Grace MacKinnon – 141.5
Jill Stachowski – 113	Nicole Baird – 159
	Lily Landi – 258
	Kayla McDonald – 281

## **SERVICE (continued)**

### Mother Magdalen Daemen Award (50+ hours each of her 4 years at SHA)

The Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity started with the God's call to one woman, Mother Magdalen Daemen, who was inspired by the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and his close follower, St. Clare of Assisi. To quote Mother Magdalen Daemen: "This good work is not my doing. I am quite unable to carry out such a thing or even to think it through. It is God who inspired me with this thought. This is God's work and God will provide."

In honor of Mother Magdalen Daemen's vision of service to the poor, we award the Mother Magdalen Daemen Award to any Senior who has completed 50 or more hours of community service in each of her 4 years at Sacred Heart Academy. Each award recipient will receive a framed 4x6 print of Mother Magdalen Daemen.

Madison Szczesniak – 216  
Clare Lyons – 217  
Louisa Mancuso – 222  
Madison Strickland – 227  
Mairead Farrell – 231.25  
Rebecca Sullivan – 258.25  
Victoria Bauda – 301.75  
Hannah Laski – 324.5  
Kaylee Wilcox – 331.5

Julia Kajdas – 343  
Marilyn Sawyer – 378.5  
Lara Reece – 392.5  
Caroline Reeb – 393.25  
Gianella Marciniak – 404.25  
Elizabeth Pokoj – 405  
Morgan Perry – 443  
Kayla McDonald – 542

### Total Service Hours by SHA Seniors

SHA's Class of 2017 has collectively performed 7,456 service hours during the 2016-2017 school year, and a total of 24,874.75 service hours during their four years at SHA.

### CAROL SUE KMIDOWSKI MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD

The following student is receiving special recognition for being the leader among their class by contributing the most service hours. She dedicated 252 hours of community service this year. We would like to present Kayla McDonald with the Carole Sue Kmidowski Memorial Service Award.

### LITERARY MAGAZINE presented by Martha Horohoe

Devotion to SHA's Artistic Community and its Creative Magazine "Quoth the Raven" –  
Nabuchi Noella Buhendwa, Hannah Laski, Sharon Stack, Stephanie Wozniak

### MOCK TRIAL

These talented, dedicated young women have spent many hours of their high school lives learning about the law and representing Sacred Heart in Mock Trial competitions. They have competed successfully against Erie County's other top high school students—both male and female. Congratulations to four outstanding seniors - Piper Jacobs, Kristin Kolmetz, Maison Ross, and Rebecca Sullivan.

### MUSICAL

2017 Kenny Award Nominee for Outstanding Actress in a Leading Role as Mother Superior in Sister Act –  
Mairead Farrell

### SACRISTANS

Outstanding Service to the School Community as a Sacristan – Victoria Bauda

## **SERVICE (continued)**

### SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The senior Scholar Athlete of the Year is ranked #4 in the class. She has participated in both a fall and spring sport all four years. A four-year starter on the soccer team, she was part of a stellar defense that allowed only 12 goals in 17 games this season. In the spring, she is on the track team and competes as a sprinter and part of the 4 x 100 relay team. Other than athletics, she is very involved at SHA. She is a member of the STEM Honors program, founder of the Rocketry Club, an editor of the Torch, officer of the National Honor Society, and was named a WNY Scholar Athlete for the fall season. Congratulations Claire Zwack.

### SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Outstanding Service as a Senior Class Officer – Kelly Gramza, Randi Noble, Sarah Wellence, Grace Albert, Camille Bennett

### SHARK SHOP

Dedicated Service in the Shark Shop during Athletic Home Games – Jensen Daniels, Maya Owens  
Dedicated Service as Chief Cashier at Freshwoman Fun Day – Mia DiFrancesco

### SOUND & LIGHTS

In Sincere Appreciation of the Countless Hours of Dedicated Service to the SHA Community in Leading this Year's Sound Crew – Delilah Przybyla

### STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

Outstanding Service to the School Community- Student Council – Jaleigha Byrd, Maya Owens, Madison Strickland, Mia Wild, Catherine Gazda

### TORCH

Torch Editor-In-Chief – Maison Ross  
Torch Editor – Julia Bartels, Claire Coughlin, Clare Lyons, Hannah Reed, Maya Westcott, Emily Wozer, Claire Zwack

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

SHA's 135 seniors received 732 scholarships totaling \$35,479,566.