

Senior Baccalaureate Awards

June 9, 2011



SENIOR MEDALS

- ☐ Medals presented by the Senior Class homeroom teachers

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

- ☐ Valedictorian – Kaitlyn Victor
- ☐ Salutatorian – Mary Spencer

ATTENDANCE

- ☐ 1 Year of Perfect Attendance – Olivia Gajewski, Kristen Russo
- ☐ 2 Years of Perfect Attendance – Sarah Militello, Kristin Przybyla
- ☐ 4 Years of Perfect Attendance – Nina Baldy, Kathryn Diekmann, Kristen Farrell, Mary Spencer, Kaitlin Werth

GUIDANCE

- ☐ Business First's 2011 All-Western New York Academic Team – Special Mention
Megan Elman, Kaitlyn Victor
These students have been named as two of Western New York's 100 best high school seniors for academic excellence, school leadership, and community involvement.
- ☐ EMEDCO Academic Excellence Award
Sarah Mastrandrea, Kristen Russo
These certificates are being presented to Sarah & Kristen for their hard work and dedication in the classroom and on the playing field, and for their school and community service.
- ☐ Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association
Megan Elman, Mary Spencer, Kaitlyn Victor
These students have demonstrated hard work and accomplishments and are recognized as being the academic top three 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.
- ☐ Independent Health Community All-Star
Mikaela Brady
This award recognizes a student who has made a positive difference in the lives of people at school and in the community.

- LD Bell Niagara Frontier Chapter No. 204 Air Force Assn. Education & Scholarship Program
 Raymond Wienk, Retired USAF
 Katherine Rivard
 This scholarship is awarded to two Western New York high school seniors involved with AthleticCare's Sports Outreach Program or who will pursue a degree in a health care related field.
- New York State Comptroller Award of Achievement
 Katherine Rivard
 This award is given to a student who has shown academic excellence, leadership, and involvement in community activities.
- Triple "C" Award
 Mary Margaret McGuire, Shin-Yuan Clara Wu
 These certificates are presented to Mary Margaret McGuire and Shin-Yuan Clara Wu 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.
- University of Dayton – Scholarship Award Certificate
 Kathryn Bezbatchesko, Abigail Spohn (2 awards), Anna Szczepanski (2 awards)
 This certificate is given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement in high school.
- Valparaiso University
 Kaitlin Werth (2 certificates)
 Presidential Scholarship and Herman and Helen Hesse Endowed Scholarship, in recognition of academic and personal achievements.
- Wilson Teachers' Association Scholarship
 Gianna Aloisio
 This award is given to a family member of the Wilson Teachers' Association.

ACADEMICS

Art

- Skill and expertise in the use of every media, with consistent creativity. Seeks challenges in Painting, Pottery, Drawing & Design – Clare Beaulieu (medal & certificate)

Dance

- Excellence in Introduction to Dance – Julie Naab
- Excellence in Dance Ensemble – Mary O'Rourke
- Distinction in Dance Ensemble – Marisa Stani

English

- Senior Four Year English Award – Megan Elman (medal & certificate)
- British/World Literature – Emily Pellicano, Mary Spencer, Abigail Spohn

ACADEMICS (continued)

Foreign Language

- Overall Excellence in French – Sarah Militello (medal & certificate)
- Excellence in French 4 – Emily Shanahan
- Excellence in Latin – Marissa Carvalho (medal & certificate)
- Overall Excellence in Spanish – Jessica DePasquale (medal & certificate)
- Excellence in Spanish 4 – Kristen Farrell
- Excellence in Spanish 4 Honors – Katherine Rivard

Math

- Highest Average for 4 Years of Math Including AP Calculus – Kaitlyn Victor (medal & certificate)
- Highest Average in Pre-Calculus – Mary Spencer
- Highest Average in Calculus – Alex Saleh
- Highest Average in AP Calculus – Kaitlyn Victor

Music

- Outstanding Achievement in Music – Mary O'Rourke (medal & certificate)
- Music Department Service Award – Rebecca Melzer
- Outstanding Dedication & Effort in Wind Ensemble – Sarah Mastrandrea
- Outstanding Dedication & Effort in String Ensemble – Katherine Rivard, Shin-Yuan Clara Wu
- Chorus – Most Improved – Mary Spencer
- Chorus – Most Musical – Kaitlin Werth
- Chorus – Outstanding Dedication – Jessica Prater

Religion

- Highest Average All Four Years in Religion – Alyse Madison, Mary Margaret McGuire, Katherine Rivard, Abigail Spohn (medal & certificate)
- Outstanding Performance in Senior Religion Reflections – Bridget Flynn

Science

- Outstanding Achievement over 4 Years of Science with an AP Course – Mary Spencer & Kaitlyn Victor (medal & certificate)
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology – Kaitlyn Victor
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Chemistry – Kaitlyn Victor
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics – Mary Spencer, Abigail Spohn

Social Studies

- Four Years Excellence in Social Studies – Megan Elman, Kaitlyn Victor (medal & certificate)
- Excellence in AP Government – Erin Hodson, Katherine Rivard
- Excellence in Participation in Government – Abigail Spohn
- Excellence in Economics – Kaitlin Werth

Technology

- Excellence in Desktop Publishing – Kaitlin Werth

SERVICE

Cordette

- Editor – Nicole De Waal
- Co-Editors – Lauren Orłowski, Kayla Pontello
- Editor Assistants – Madeline Bartels, Kristin Przybyla
- Team 2-peat – Marguerite Barrett, Samantha Janik
- Team Musical – Rebecca Melzer, Mary O'Rourke
- Team Artistic – Jenna Banks, Skyler Sweeney

SERVICE (continued)

Drama

- Outstanding On Stage Performance in "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" – Gabriella Zemer

Environmental Club

- Participating in All the Activities of the Environmental Club for all 4 Years – Abigail Spohn
- Serving as the President of Environmental Club for her Junior & Senior Year, and an Active Member all 4 Years – Nina Baldy

Footprints

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

Sarah Militello, Emily Tevens 50
Alyse Madison 51
Kaitlyn Victor 51.5
Kristen Farrell 52.5
Bridget Andrews 53
Bria Jackson 54
Erin Hodson 56.5
Shin-Yuan Clara Wu 57.5
Caroline Niederpruem 57.75
Megan Elman 59
Emily Pellicano 60.75

Kristin Przybyla 61
Caitlyn Colucci 62.5
Mary Spencer 72.5
Shelby Schraven 73
Clare Beaulieu 75
Mary Margaret McGuire 78
Emma Reid 79
Christine Healy 91
Emilyrose Conforti 91.5
Alison Smith 93.75

- St. Francis Award for Outstanding Community Service (100+ hours)
The following students have each gone way above and beyond the minimum service requirement by completing 100 or more service hours during their this school year. We would like to recognize their dedication to service by presenting them with the St. Francis Award.

Kaitlin Werth 101
Kathryn Bezbatchesko 105.5
Taylor Harris 111
Jennifer Kovach 115
Lauren Orlowski 118.25

Nina Baldy 120
Abigail Spohn 166.25
Jenna Banks 208
Kayla Pontello 477
Danielle Cross 864

Literary Magazine

- Literary Magazine Outstanding Achievement – Sarah Mastrandrea, Emily Mrozinski, Mary Spencer

SERVICE (continued)

Mock Trial

- This year Sacred Heart's Mock Trial team won the Erie County championship, the Western New York Region championship, and competed in Albany for the state title, placing third in New York State. Mock Trial had an outstanding year and an outstanding team.

Megan Elman has been a superb attorney who presented a formidable presence in the courtroom for the past three years.

Maggie McGuire, a member of the team since freshman year, has also been a terrific attorney who takes easy command of the courtroom and of the witness.

Shin-Yuan Clara Wu, another four year member of the team, has been an attorney whom competitors remember as someone who just wouldn't quit until she got her answer.

Katherine Rivard, acting as a witness for the past 3 years, has frustrated many an opposing attorney with her clever answers and her unflappable demeanor.

Sarah Militello, a member of the team for the past 4 years, acted as a tough witness; and for the past two years, she has provided an invaluable service to our team as team manager. She expertly organized everything from exhibits to hairstyles. We could NOT have done so well without her constant effort.

Congratulations to this hardworking team on their terrific performance!

Musical

- Copper Penny Award for Excellence in "Annie" – Mary O'Rourke
- Nuts & Bolts Award - Stage Crew for "Annie" – Jennifer Kovach, Sarah Militello

Rocket Club

- Over the last year, our students involved with the "Team America Rocketry Challenge" Rocket Club have dedicated countless hours to designing, building, and launching rockets. Held within constraints of weight, altitude, flight time, and parachute size, these girls have met challenges with ingenuity and true scientific reasoning. Today, we recognize our senior team member's efforts and accomplishments: we congratulate Abigail Spohn.

Sacristans

- Showed Service to the School Community by Setting up the Altar for Mass, as well as Guiding Others in this Ministry – Clare Beaulieu, Kristin Przybyla

Senior Class Officers

- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class President – Jillian Perillo
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Vice-President – Kaitley Wozer
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Secretary – Caroline Niederpruem
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Treasurer – Kathryn Diekmann
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Executive Board Representative – Kathryn Bezbatchesko

SHA-TV

- In sincere appreciation for three years of daily dedication, cheerfulness, and reliability, Sacred Heart Academy congratulates and greatly thanks these seniors whose talents will be missed: Sarah Militello & Mary Spencer

SERVICE (continued)

Student Athlete

- Our Senior Student Athlete is being recognized for her outstanding academic and athletic achievements. This student has been an integral member of our Varsity Softball and Basketball teams. She is an All -Catholic selection and a 1st Team All Western New York Scholar Athlete. She is in the top 10 of the Senior class with a 4.02 GPA as well as a member and officer of the National Honor Society. This student has been awarded a Trustee's Academic Scholarship and a Canisius College Grant. She has been a volunteer for numerous causes including the SHA Down Syndrome Christmas Party, the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, and the Buffalo News Children's Hospital Kids Day. Congratulations to Kristen Russo.

Torch

- Torch Editor-In-Chief, Editorials – Jillian Custodi
- Torch Features – Katherine Rivard
- Torch News – Shin-Yuan Clara Wu
- Torch Sports – Mary Margaret McGuire

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

Student Council Officers

- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community – Gabriella Zemer, Kaitlyn Victor, Katherine Rivard, Kristen Farrell
- Student Council Sports Reporter – Emily Litwin