

Senior Baccalaureate & Awards

June 3, 2010



VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN (announced by Head of School, Jennifer Demert)

- Valedictorian – Eva Hoffmann
- Salutatorian – Bethany Wattengel

ATTENDANCE

- 1 Year of Perfect Attendance – Kristen Forcucci, Kelsey Killian
- 2 Years of Perfect Attendance – Aloysia Beaulieu, Stephanie Lash
- 3 Years of Perfect Attendance – Catherine Trzaska
- 4 Years of Perfect Attendance – Erica Ruszczyk, Brittany Sainz, Mary Kate Taggart, Bethany Wattengel, Rosemary Williams, Wendy Wojcik

GUIDANCE

- Catholic Health's AthletiCare Scholarship
Awarded to: Erica Comisso
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.
- Independent Health Community All-Star
Awarded to: Emma FrieH
This honor recognizes a student who has made a positive difference in the lives of people at school and in the community. For the third consecutive year, Independent Health is recognizing students throughout Western New York who are making a difference and these students will be featured in a special supplement of Business First on June 11. Emma received a plaque, a \$50 award, and the RedShirt Treatment.
- Wegmans Scholarship
Erica Comisso, Brittney Freeland, Jenna Kurzanski, Julie Mazur, Meghan Rice, Katherine Sykes, Wendy Wojcik, Marissa Zelasko
- D'Youville College
D'Youville College congratulates the following students for being awarded honors, academic distinction, and academic achievement scholarship.

Mary Canty, Erica Comisso, Maria DiVito, Kayla Ferreri, Renee Krzystek, Jenna Kurzanski, Ellen Paterson, Marissa Zelasko

- Emedco Academic Excellence Award
Mary Canty & Erin Wattengel
This award is being presented to Mary & Erin 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
Eva Hoffmann, Bethany Wattengel, Erin Wattengel
These students have demonstrated hard work and accomplishments and are recognized as being the academic top three seniors by the 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 received a specially commissioned crystal bison award plus an inspiring message from a guest speaker.
- New York State Comptroller Award of Achievement
Alexandra Rockwood
This award is given to a student who has shown academic excellence, leadership, and involvement in community activities.
- New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.
Julie Roessler
This certificate is presented from the membership of the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association to Julie Roessler in the scholarship amount of \$600.
- Ryan's Hope Foundation, Inc.
Kathryn Wojtkiewicz
This check is awarded to Kathryn for serving in the community.
- Triple "C" Award
Eva Hoffmann & Katie Russell
This award is presented to Eva Hoffmann and Katie Russell 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 Wojtkiewicz
This award certificate is given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement in high school.

ACADEMICS

Art

- Outstanding Creativity & Skill in Every Media – Rosemary Williams (medal & certificate)
- Skilled Mastery of Various Aspects of Paint Media – Lindsay Camp (medal & certificate)

English

- 4 Year English – Erin Wattengel (medal & certificate)
- British Literature – Leah Daily

Foreign Language

- Overall Excellence for Four Years of French – Alexandra Michalski (medal & certificate)
- Certificate of Merit from the Alliance Francaise of Buffalo – Alexandra Michalski
- Excellence in French 2 – Gabriela Lyons
- Excellence in French 4 – Trisha Shea
- Excellence in College French – Alexandra Michalski
- Excellence in Latin – Mary Kate Taggart
- Overall Excellence for Four Years of Spanish – Karalyn Evanco (medal & certificate)
- Excellence in Spanish 1 – Teresa Castillo
- Excellence in College Spanish – Elizabeth Eckert

Math

- Highest Average for 4 Years of Math Including AP Calculus – Eva Hoffmann (medal & certificate)
- Integrated Math 12 Highest Average over 4 Years – Kristin Haley
- Highest Average in Math 12 – Alison Napier
- Highest Average in Math 3 B – Maryann Bavisotto
- Highest Average in Pre-Calculus – Emily Gillig, Kathleen Russell
- Highest Average in Calculus – Leanna Bradley
- Highest Average in AP Calculus – Eva Hoffmann

Music

- Outstanding Achievement - Music – Jena Abati (medal & certificate)
- Outstanding Dedication & Effort – Piano – Christine Basile
- Outstanding Dedication & Effort – Wind Ensemble – Darlisa Francois
- Outstanding Achievement - Percussion – Teresa Castillo
- Music Department Service Award – Mary Maroney, Meghan Rice

Religion

- Best Overall Average for 4 Years – Karalyn Evanco, Kaitlyn Koscielniak (medal & certificate)

Science

- Outstanding Achievement over 4 Years of Science with an AP Course – Bethany Wattengel (medal&cert)
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Biology – Bethany Wattengel
- Outstanding Achievement in Regents Physics – Jennifer Martin
- Outstanding Achievement in AP Physics – Brittany Sainz

Social Studies

- Four Years Excellence in Social Studies – Eva Hoffmann (medal & certificate)
- Academic Excellence in Economics – Mary Canty, Erica Comisso
- Outstanding Political Speech in Government – Leah Daily

Technology

- Excellence in Advanced Computer Applications – Maryann Bavisotto, Aloysia Beaulieu, Leah Daily, Julia Stry

SERVICE

Cordette

- Editor – Marissa Zelasko
- Co-Editor – Emalie Herberger, Renee Krzystek
- Most Experimental – Leanna Bradley
- Best Use of Background – Lindsay Camp
- Most Stylish Layout – Emma Frieh
- Most Vibrant Pages – Jenna Kurzanski
- Most Artistic – Julianne Marcus
- Best Use of Color – Chelsea Nowak
- Best Team Player – Hayley Pickett
- Best Integrated Design – Caitlin Schenk
- Best Special Projects – Chelsea Taylor
- Most Precise Layout – Catherine Trzaska

Drama

- Outstanding On Stage Performance in “Steel Magnolias” – Claire Cannon

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.

Abigail Merhige 50

Claire Lotterer 52

Sara Schoonmaker 53

Taylor Aquino 58

Joelle Battaglia & Amber Walczyk 60

Mary Pandolfino 63

Maryann Bavisotto 67

Alison Napier 67.5

Elizabeth Klein 71.5

Mary Kate Taggart 72

Alexandra Rockwood 74.5

Stephanie Lash 78

Michelle Nowacki & Marissa Zelasko 80

Emma Frieh 81.5

Lisa Pham 82

Christine Basile 83

Jenna Kurzanski 95

Marissa Michael 98.5

President’s Volunteer Service Award & the Prudential Spirit of Community Award

- Christine Basile is a member of the Marilla Lads and Lassie’s 4-H Club where she has given many hours of volunteer service at county and statewide events. Christine has also performed community service at nursing homes, other 4-H activities, mentored young students, and participated in fundraisers. She has also given a significant amount of her time back to Sacred Heart Academy. Today we recognize Christine for her outstanding community service activities and for making a difference through volunteer service by presenting her with both the President’s Volunteer Service Award and the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Literary Magazine

- Literary Magazine Outstanding Achievement – Lindsay Camp, Leah Daily, Rosemary Williams

Middle States Planning Team

- Service to the School Community through the Middle States Planning Team – Mary Canty, Brittney Freeland, Emily Gillig

SERVICE (continued)

Mock Trial

- This year Sacred Heart's Mock Trial team made it to the semi-finals in the Erie County Mock Trial tournament, one of 4 teams out of 36 to do so. Emma Friehe, has done an outstanding job as an attorney for the past 2 years and has been an important member of the team for the past 3 years. Eva Hoffmann, has also done a terrific job as an attorney for the past 2 years, and has also been on the team for 3 years. Elizabeth Campbell, another 3 year member of mock trial, has been an invaluable, unshakable witness for the past 2 years – the most innocent defendant anyone could imagine. Congratulations to this hardworking team on their terrific performance!

Musical

- Copper Penny Award for Excellence – Mary Beth Pandolfino
- Nuts & Bolts Award for Excellence – Mary Keenan-Brown

Sacristans

- Service to the School Community as a Sacristan Leader – Elizabeth Campbell, Reba Conway, Elizabeth Eckert, Emalie Herberger, Mary Maroney, Ellen Paterson, Alexandra Rockwood, Sara Schoonmaker

Senior Class Officers

- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class President – Kelsey McArthur
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Vice-President – Sara Schoonmaker
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Secretary – Stephanie Lash
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Treasurer – Caitlin Schenk
- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community as Sr. Class Exec. Brd. Rep. – Claire Lotterer

Student Athlete

- This year two senior student/athletes are awarded the Student Athlete Award for outstanding academic and athletic achievements. Their achievements on our Varsity sports teams are exceptional and have led them to be recognized as such. Congratulations to Mary Canty & Erin Wattengel. (award & cert.)

Torch

- Torch Editor-In-Chief, News – Cheryl Johnson
- Torch Editorials – Teresa Castillo
- Torch Features – Julie Mazur
- Torch Sports – Catherine Trzaska

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

Student Council Officers

- Outstanding Service to the Sacred Heart Community – Meghan Rice, Julia Gajewski, Mary Canty, Brittney Freeland, Alexandra Skomra

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Burger Family Community Service Scholarship (award & certificate)
The Burger Family Community Service Scholarship is given through the kindness of the Burger Family. Erin Burger graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1989. She is presently very involved in service with the United Way. The recipient of this \$500 scholarship, began volunteering at age 11 and has not stopped since. She gives of her time and talents to the Nicaraguan Mission where she helps to pack items to be shipped to Nicaragua to feed the poor, clothe the naked, and provide materials to shelter the homeless. She has also contributed significantly to her parish, St. Gregory the Great, and to Sacred Heart Academy. She lives the message of St. Francis. It is with pleasure that we announce the 2010 Burger Scholarship Recipient is Sara Schoonmaker.