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Our Mission

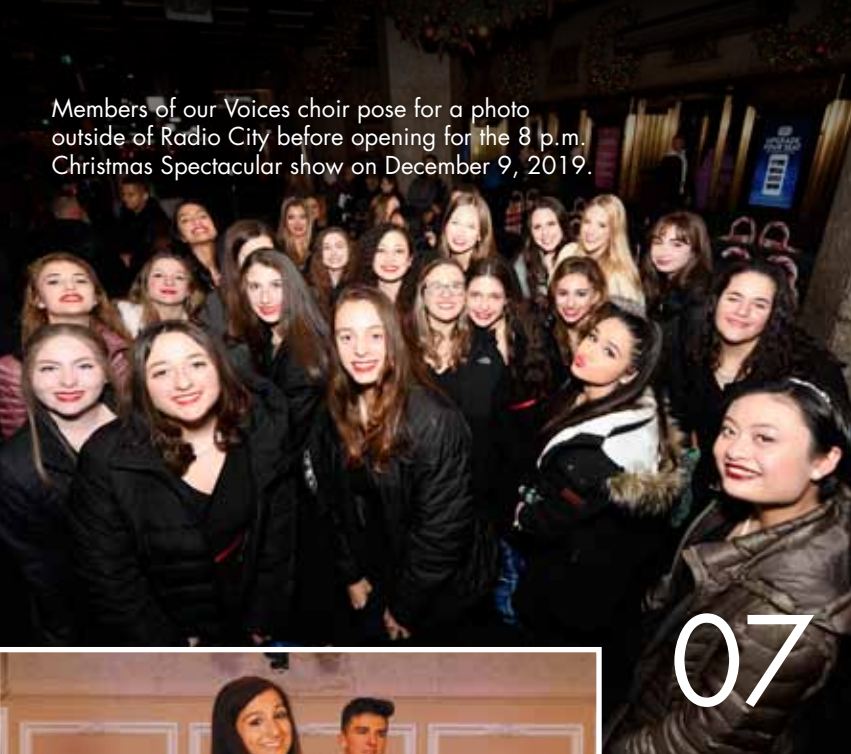
Immaculate Heart Academy is a college preparatory high school in the Archdiocese of Newark which has as its purpose the complete education of young women. By both cultivating the traditional Christian values of the Roman Catholic Church and by upholding exceptional academic standards, IHA offers a unique educational experience for the young women in our community. Immaculate Heart Academy strives to develop every aspect of the individual by educating the mind, nurturing the spirit, and promoting a healthy lifestyle. By instilling in its students a sense of responsibility, confidence, justice, peace, and compassion, Immaculate Heart Academy prepares its students for life throughout the twenty-first century.



Michele and James Foote P'17 are
thanked at the 2019 Dinner of Gratitude.

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Members of our Voices choir pose for a photo outside of Radio City before opening for the 8 p.m. Christmas Spectacular show on December 9, 2019.

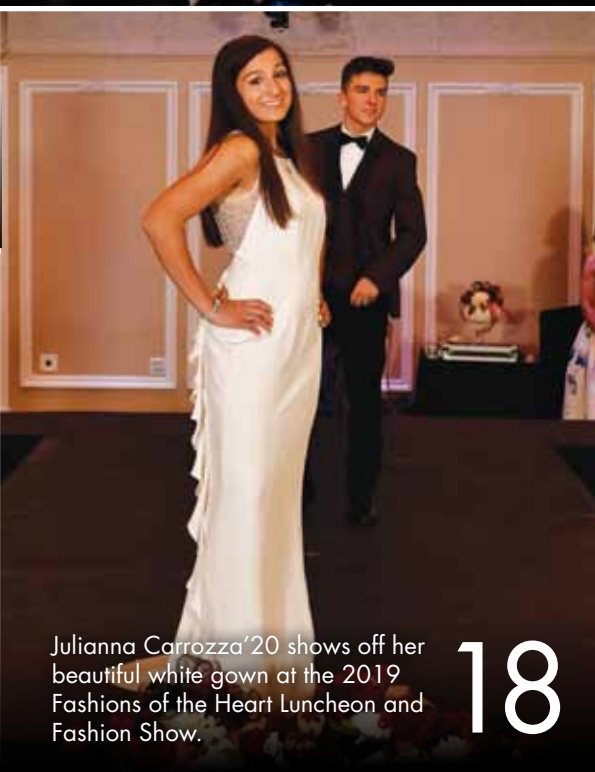


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Julianna Carrozza'20 shows off her beautiful white gown at the 2019 Fashions of the Heart Luncheon and Fashion Show.

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Gracelee Fasanella'21 and Casey Forcellati'21 enjoy 2019 Big Sister/Little Sister Day!



Madelyn Novelli'21, Keara Skae'21, Camryn King'22, Geri Tabbachino'21, Lindsay Keogh'22, Kylie Galiger'22, and Daniela Makowka'21 show off their medals at the Conference Championships at Darlington County Park. Varsity won first place in the United Division and the medals are for the top twenty places in the race.

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Alexandra Festa'21 and Alexandra Zitelli'21 show their new rings at the 2019 Junior Ring Ceremony.

President's Corner

Dear friends,

As the Christmas and New Year's celebrations become happy memories, we face the prospect of those long, dark winter days. But, if we take the time to notice, the days are getting longer, perhaps only by a few minutes, but the steady return of the light gives us hope for the reawakening of the earth. The spring will come and, with it, so many exciting events here at Immaculate Heart Academy.

Our new freshman Class of 2024 will be registering soon. These young women will begin a journey that will affect every day of their lives. They are joining a sisterhood that will bind them together forever.

As the school year continues, so also do the achievements and successes of our

students. From our STEM program to the arts, from the playing fields to the service projects, all work together to form young women who will impact a world so in need of their gifts.

And so, my mid-January message to you, our alumnae, students, parents, and friends, is found in St. John's Book of Revelation:

Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God himself will always be with them (as their God). He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, (for) the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then He said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true."



"Behold, I make all things new." My hope and prayer is that 2020 be a year marked by peace and justice in the world and in our personal lives. May God bless you always.

Pat Molloy

Patricia Molloy
President



Ava Hayes'21, Freya Nair'21, Olivia DuBois'20, Margaux Yannacci'22, Sanvi Bhatnagar'22, and Mary Virginia Nye'21 display their IHA pride at our 2019 Fall Open House.



Kang Hyun Ryu'20



Grace Mendolia'20



Ava Sciubba'20

IHA EXCELS IN 2020 NATIONAL MERIT[®] SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THREE *SEMIFINALISTS* AND
THIRTEEN *COMMENDED STUDENTS* NAMED

On September 11, 2019, it was announced that Immaculate Heart Academy seniors, *Grace Mendolia'20, Ava Sciubba'20, and Kang Hyun Ryu'20*, were named *Semifinalists* in the 2020 National Merit[®] Scholarship Program. **Within this year's program, IHA has the most *Semifinalists* out of any other all-girls high school in all of New Jersey and is tied for the most out of all Catholic high schools in the state!** These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some seven thousand six hundred National Merit[®] Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered in the spring.



IHA seniors named National Merit® *Commended Students* include, back row, left to right, Maryannette Diaz'20, Jessica O'Neill'20, Hannah Gurney'20, Emma Matesic'20, Elise Vergos'20, Emma Patton'20, and Emma Kramer'20. Front row, left to right, are Sophia Ruggier'20, Gabrielle Peko'20, Juliana Najjar'20, Angeline Jacob'20, Isabella DeCurtis'20, and Yoona Kim'20.

Additionally, **thirteen seniors** were named *Commended Students* in the 2020 National Merit® Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to [Isabella DeCurtis'20](#), [Maryannette Diaz'20](#), [Hannah Gurney'20](#), [Angeline Jacob'20](#), [Yoona Kim'20](#), [Emma Kramer'20](#), [Emma Matesic'20](#), [Juliana Najjar'20](#), [Jessica O'Neill'20](#), [Emma Patton'20](#), [Gabrielle Peko'20](#), [Sophia Ruggier'20](#), and [Elise Vergos'20](#).

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. More than 1.5M juniors in about twenty-one thousand high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The National

This year, IHA has the most *Semifinalists* out of any other all-girls high school in the entire state of New Jersey.

Merit® Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

In September 2019, about 34,000 of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT® received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. *Commended Students* are awarded on the basis of a national Selection Index qualifying score, which varies from year to year. The national qualifying score for *Commended Students* in the 2020 program was 212.

The nationwide pool of *Semifinalists*, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of *Semifinalists* in the state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, *Semifinalists* must fulfill several requirements to advance to the *Finalist* level of the competition. Congratulations to sixteen of our outstanding seniors on these incredible academic achievements!

IHA Vocalists Open Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Students Perform A Cappella on the Great Stage

Twenty-six of our extraordinary student-singers helped to bring Christmas magic to thousands this season as they performed at the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular Sounds of Christmas Experience!* Members of Voices choir performed a cappella on the Great Stage to open the 8 p.m. show starring the Rockettes on December 9, 2019.

The IHA vocalists sang a breathtaking rendition of *Mary, Did You Know?* on stage in the largest theater in the world. Soloists included Jenna Clover'20, Allison Sandt'20, Alyssa Longo'21, Alexis Mason'22, and Laura Rickli'22. Close to one hundred people from Immaculate Heart traveled into New York City that evening to support our girls during the amazing experience and enjoy the rest of the popular Christmas show. Thank you to Mrs. Barbara Donatucci P'19, IHA choral music director and teacher, for her help in giving the IHA singers, their families, and the Immaculate Heart community this unforgettable memory and opportunity. We are so very proud of their accomplishment and participation in one of the most well-loved New York Christmas traditions!



A shot from behind-the-scenes as our talented vocalists performed on the Great Stage.



Performers included:

Jessica Arriaga'21
Emma Bassett'21
Ashley Brombauer'21
Jenna Clover'20
Angelina Daniel'22
Alyssa Darella'22
Gianna Darella'20
Ariana DeMarco'21
Sabrina Isabel Figueroa'20
Anna Gehres'22
Madeleine Gilson'23
Lauren Grae'23
Carmela Icarangal'20
Adrianna Kearney'20
Alyssa Longo'21
Britney Lyons'22
Alexis Mason'22
Rhea Mittal'22
Kaitlyn Murad'20
Sophia Noriega'23
Alyssa Pisani'23
Laura Rickli'22
Anna Salewycz'21
Aniela Sanders'22
Allison Sandt'20
Sarah Vella'22



Mrs. Barbara Donatucci P'19, IHA choral music director and teacher, directs twenty-six of our girls in *Mary, Did You Know?*



IHA PRESENTS *The Curious Savage*

Audiences Go "Crazy" for Feel-good
Dramatic Comedy



Allison Sandr'20, Nick Stevens
(TZ'21), Angelina Boris'21,
Olivia DeMartini'21, and
Noah Adedjouma (WO'21)



Olivia DeMartini'21, Allison Sandt'20, Angelina Boris'21, Nora-Lise Hamre'21, Noah Adedjouma (WO'21), and Nick Stevens (TZ'21)

IMMACULATE HEART PROUDLY PRESENTED *The Curious Savage* as our 2019 fall drama on Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23. The cast and crew delighted audiences telling the comedic story of Mrs. Savage, who, after being left ten million dollars by her dead husband, is committed to a sanatorium by her greedy stepchildren who want to spend all of the money themselves. There, she meets various social misfits, men and women who just cannot adjust themselves to life, and people who need the help Mrs. Savage can provide.



James Salazar (BC'22), Amanda Potenza'21, Jenna Clover'20, Caroline Dyson'21, and Mary Virginia Nye'21

Angelina Boris'21 shined as gentle Florence, Nick Stevens (Tappan Zee High School'21) was a delightful Hannibal, and Olivia DeMartini'21 was the perfect Fairy May. Noah Adedjouma (West Orange High School'21) played a wonderful Jeffrey, Nora-Lise Hamre'21 delighted audiences as Mrs. Paddy, and Caroline Dyson'21 brilliantly played Miss Willie. James Salazar (Bergen Catholic High School'22) was awesome as Titus Savage, Jenna Clover'20 was fabulous as Lily Belle Savage, and Amanda Potenza'21 was endearing as Sam Savage. Mary Virginia Nye'21 was a fantastic Dr. Emmett, Allison Sandt'20 was hysterical as Ethel Savage, and both Charlie Moore and Luke Shutrop made their on-stage debuts as John Thomas.

Congratulations on a job well done to our talented crewmembers, especially assistant director, Mary Farlese'20, and stage manager, Mia Grossman'21. Ms. Maureen McNulty, IHA director of the performing arts, was the artistic director, while set design/construction was led by Vincent Gunn, and costume design was led by Ms. McNulty and the IHA Theater Production class. The gifted wardrobe crew included Elise Hakula'20, Brittney Holguin'20, and Aimee Mockler'20. Lighting design was done by Miru Kim and lighting operators were Caroline Wright'20

and Kerri Woolley'20. Sound design was expertly done by Matthew Morgan & Concert Audio and sound operators included Logan Applin'20, Sofia Trubiano'21, and Mary Stoker'23. Thank you to all of the set construction assistants, production/design team members, and backstage crewmembers for all of your hard work and consistent dedication to making *The Curious Savage* a success!

"This cast has gone above and beyond my expectations and made these characters their own," Ms. McNulty said in her Playbill note to audience members. "I hope you laugh at least half as much as well all did during every rehearsal. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to work with these students."

Amanda Potenza'21, Allison Sandt'20, James Salazar (BC'22), and Jenna Clover'20

James Salazar (BC'22), Mary Virginia Nye'21, and Amanda Potenza'21

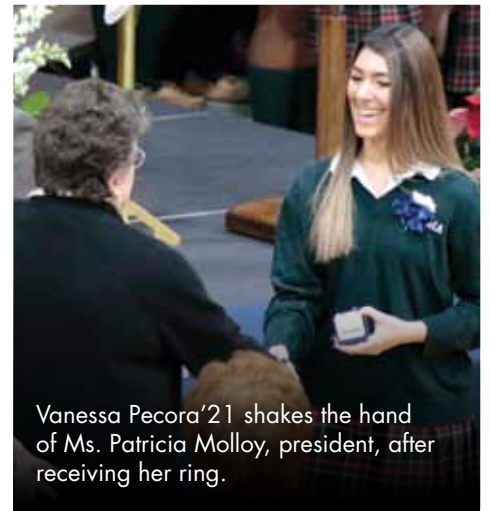
The cast and crew of IHA's 2019 fall drama, *The Curious Savage*

Junior Ring Ceremony and Reception

Class of 2021 Students Take Part in IHA Tradition

We send our biggest congratulations to the members of the Class of 2021 who received rings at this year's Junior Ring Ceremony on December 3, 2019.

After a memorable Mass presided by Fr. Patrick Seo, juniors and their families joined together in the cafeteria for a celebratory reception in honor of the special tradition.



Vanessa Pecora '21 shakes the hand of Ms. Patricia Molloy, president, after receiving her ring.



Ribbons are removed to make room for the juniors to receive their class rings.



Samantha Manning '21 and Mrs. Michele Verrone Manning '88 P'21, development assistant



Mr. Vincent Cantarella P'18, '21; Ana Cantarella '21; Camille Cantarella GP'18, '21; Mrs. Julianne Collins Cantarella '86 P'18, '21; and Olivia Cantarella '18



Above: Lauren Jackson '21, Ella Doda '21, Claire O'Byrne '21, and Jordan Gaffney '21

IHA Europe Trip 2019

Students visit Hungary, Slovenia, and Italy through ACIS program



Below: Ashley Brombauer'21, Alyssa Amico'21, Katherine O'Donovan'21, Giana Homan'21, Emily Cuttita'21, and Keara Skae'21 stop at Hero's Square in Budapest.

Our girls pose for a photo in front of St. Stephen's Basilica in Budapest—one of the first stops they made after they landed.

On June 19, 2019, twenty-nine IHA students and four teachers embarked on the journey of a lifetime. On a nine-day adventure, the group traveled together to Budapest, Hungary; Ljubljana, Slovenia; and Venice and Milan, Italy.

According to Isabella Estevez'21, traveling is truly an experience that stays with someone for life. "We shared amazing adventures, like swimming together at the Gellért Thermal Baths in Budapest and riding a gondola in Venice," she remembered. "We also saw beautiful sites like the Matthias Church in Hungary, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, and the Duomo di Milano. Another highlight of the trip was when we went on an unforgettable ride on an underground train through the Postojna Cave in Slovenia. We experienced riding through a fascinating subterranean cave shaped by tiny droplets over millions of years. Each amazing place stunned us more and more."

While the gorgeous and historical sites were truly awe-inspiring, the bonds the girls formed and relationships that were developed during the trip proved even more extraordinary. Isabella Sabino'20 said this year's Europe Trip was an amazing opportunity. "Yes, the pictures we took were beautiful," she said, "but the friendships that were made during the trip are everlasting." Emma Cooke'20 agreed saying, "It was so cool to immerse ourselves in different cultures, but even more exciting to be able to do so with other girls from school."

"The time IHA spent traveling throughout Europe was truly something that we will always carry with us," Isabella Estevez'21 concluded. "As per the motto of the American Council for International Studies (ACIS), *Travel Changes Lives*."



Above: Julia Becker'21, Isabella Sabino'20, Nicole Krumrei'20, Emma Cooke'20, and Isabella Estevez'21 pose on the rooftop of a Venice mall.

Reunion Weekend 2019

IHA anniversary classes of '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, and '14 reunited at their alma mater on the weekend of November 1-2, 2019. Reunion Weekend kicked off Friday night with a Sip n Paint led by IHA's own art teacher, Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14. On Saturday morning, a group of alumnae from various classes joined together for a 5k Walk/Run/Crawl and enjoyed the gorgeous autumnal weather and morning libations.

We moved our Memorial Mass, beautifully presided by Fr. Don Hummel, to Saturday evening. During Mass, which was extremely well attended, we remembered former faculty and alumnae who have passed away. Our largest turnout was at the always-enjoyable Alumnae Cocktail Reception on Saturday night. IHA graduates of all ages toured the building and caught up with each other while partaking in an open bar, heavy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres from The Market Basket, and a photo booth to capture all the fun moments with their classmates. Special shout-out to Gina Tullo Vincequerra'94 for flying in from London to attend her Reunion Weekend! Classes that end in '5 and '0, we can't wait to see you next fall.



IHA alumnae gather for this year's Reunion Weekend 5k Walk/Run/Crawl.



Members of IHA Class of 1974



Members of IHA Class of 1984



Members of IHA Class of 1994



Fr. Don Hummel and Ms. Patricia Molloy, IHA president



Alumnae gather for the first event of Reunion Weekend 2019—a Sip n Paint led by IHA art teacher, Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14.



Kimberly DePinto Mezzalingua'89, Alyson Kelly Kaye'89, Lori Ann Catania'89, and Jennifer Ferro Lessieu'89 at the Cocktail Reception



Linda Webster Cennerazzo'79 and Diane Donoghue'79 reminisce by checking out their old uniform skirts.

Left: Back row, left to right, are Victoria Grimshaw'09, Jennifer Ficarra'09, Lauren Rhein'09, Colleen Martorano'09, and Darcy Schneider DiGiacomo'09. Front row, left to right, are Olivia DuBois'20, Angelica Otiépka'09, Kelley McKee'09, and Brittany Longobardo'09.



Dominique Otiépka'14 and Chiara Posani'14

Class Giving

Take Part in Sponsor-a-Student Tradition

Over the past few years, our 50th Jubilee classes have begun a Sponsor-a-Student tradition. Once donations have been pledged and collected, usually during Reunion planning, a student receives a partial scholarship for four years to offset her tuition. We thank our "Sisters from the 60s" for their support over the past few years and encourage ALL anniversary classes to make a gift to support the IHA Scholarship Fund through Class

Giving. Gifts can be made online or via check made out to IHA with "Class Giving" in the memo. Many alumnae write in to tell us how thankful they are to their parents for providing them with the opportunity to attend Immaculate Heart Academy. With tuition costs climbing, please assist us in giving a well-deserving student in financial need that same opportunity. As always, thank you for the generosity you consistently show your alma mater!

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Stephanie Smith'20 recently completed the US Equestrian Athlete Lettering Program. US Equestrian recognizes the dedication of equestrians preparing for competition through practice and training sessions as similar to other students in athletic programs. The program was developed to honor individual achievements with a varsity letter in the student's chosen sport, regardless of the availability of an equestrian team or club through their school. Participants in the program must document at least one hundred hours of training or provide verification of participation in three equestrian competitions during the year.

The **2018 Varsity IHA Volleyball team** had a combined 3.687 GPA average, qualifying for the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. The award honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA on a 4.0 scale.

In July, **Claire Hoffmann'21** participated in a German Summer Study Program trip to Bad Reichenhall, Germany through the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). The language and cultural

immersion program provides a three-week homestay and school experience. Claire attended classes at the local Gymnasium (high school) and lived with the family of her host sister with whom she spoke only German. She traveled with a group of twenty American students and one AATG teacher/chaperone. In August, Claire was selected as one of two national AATG German Summer Study Program Ambassadors for August 2019 to April 2020. She will volunteer as a contact for students and their parents who are interested in going to Germany with AATG in Summer 2020.



Claire Hoffmann'21



Ms. Shemayne Williams

Ms. Shemayne Williams, Physical Education teacher, won Gold in three events at the 2019 North, Central American and Caribbean Masters Athletics (NCCWMA) Track Championships held in Toronto, Canada from July 18-21, 2019. Ms. Williams came in first in the Individual 400 Meters, which was the first time she has won a gold medal in a major championship! Ms. Williams also earned Gold in the 4x4 and the 4x1 and a Bronze medal in the Individual 200 Meters.



Dr. Arta Boucher

This past summer, **Dr. Arta Boucher**, World Languages teacher, had the privilege of joining a group of international scholars in Peyresq, a small town in Provence, the South of France, 1,500 meters high up in the Alps. "We all belong to an association named Société d'Études Benjamin Fondane and we discussed and presented the latest findings on this author of Jewish-Rumanian origin who was a victim of the Holocaust. Benjamin Fondane was a poet, philosopher, dramaturge, and cineaste who left Rumania and established himself in Paris, France and became an accomplished writer in the 1930s. My presentation this

year was entitled 'L'esprit nouveau dans la peinture et la poésie d'après Benjamin Fondane,' for which I researched the way Fondane understood and assessed the art movements of his time. I placed particular importance to the cinema poems he had published in 1928, which, in my opinion, resemble the surrealist paintings of his era. This association's work is very important as it is able to continue to maintain the memory of this remarkable author alive to this day and I am very happy that I was able to join them and make a contribution to their findings this year."

Ten New Soaring Eagles Recognized

Student Standouts Honored at November Reception

On the morning of November 20, 2019, ten of our dedicated and hardworking students were recognized by Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal, with Immaculate Heart Academy Soaring Eagle Awards. These awards are presented four times a year to nominated students who demonstrate excellence and work to the best of their ability in a particular subject area.



Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal, presents a Soaring Eagle Award to Emma Patton'20.



Congratulations to our Fall 2019 Soaring Eagle Award recipients including, back row, left to right, Leonora Narkaj'21 (Science – Mrs. Helen DeMartini P'21, '23), Christina-Ann Augustin'23 (Social Studies – Mr. Matthew Sartori), Jillian Pursiano'20 (Physical Education – Ms. Shemayne Williams), Emma Patton'20 (World Languages – Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05), Mary Farlese'20 (Drama/Communications – Ms. Maureen McNulty), Giana Homan'21 (Technology – Mrs. Theresa Seymour Dolan'95), and Faith Dalessandro'23 (The Arts – Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20). Front row, left to right, are Gianna Niece'21 (Religious Studies – Ms. Geri Braden), Ella Doda'21 (Mathematics/Business – Mrs. Christine Cabrera Capizzi'89), and Kylie Galiger'22 (English – Mrs. Kerri Kearney P'20).



Mr. Gjelosh Narkaj P'21; Leonora Narkaj'21; Mrs. Helen DeMartini P'21, '23; and Mrs. Violeta Narkaj P'21



Mr. Paul Doda P'21, '23; Mrs. Glynnis Doda P'21, '23; Delilah Doda'23; Ella Doda'21; and Mrs. Christine Cabrera Capizzi'89

2019 Fashions of the Heart

IHA Hosts Sell-out Fashion Show and Luncheon

On the afternoon of November 24, 2019, more than four hundred guests joined together at this year's Fashions of the Heart event at The Estate at Florentine Gardens in River Vale. At the brunch reception, attendees tried their luck at winning various basket and raffle prizes. Congratulations to the day's big winners:

Alumnae Raffle

Deirdre Kochakian P'12

Mega Raffle

Karen Nurminen P'21, '23

50/50 Raffle

Rachel LaGreca P'20

We had a record-breaking seventy-seven students, faculty members, and mini models grace the runway in a mix of formal holiday attire and casual winter wear. The models' clothing was generously provided by Bloomingdale's, Paula Varsalona, Kristin Dahl Boutique (owned by Kristin Dahl P'21, '23), Small Wonders, and Camille La Vie. Biltmore Tuxedos of Ridgewood provided tuxedos for the boys who escorted our students down the runway. Thank you to DJ, Zak Magic Entertainment, and to faculty members, Mrs. Terry Skjold P'11, and Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, for being the show MCs. We are eternally grateful to the many volunteers who donated their time and talent to make our Fashions of the Heart event a great success. Special thanks to event chairs, Cathy Persico P'18, '21 and Yolanda Kunz Semelsberger'92 P'20 for their months of planning and hard work; Grace King P'16, '19, '22 for serving as chair of the decorating committee; and Vaughn Cavanaugh P'18, '21 for creating the beautiful dress highlighting all of our seniors!



Above: Mary Farlese'20, Aimee Mockler'20, and Elizabeth Encke'20



Left: Taryn Caufield, Reagan Caufield, and Braden Hopfenspirger



The senior models looked stunning in their 2019 Fashion Show outfit choices.



Boys from area brother schools served as escorts for our student-models



Mrs. Terry Skjold P'11 and Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, IHA faculty members and Fashion Show MCs



Sophia Ricco '21



Lauren Lipari '20, Dominic Falzarano (SHP '21), and Ashley Lipari '20

SAVE-THE-DATE

IHA Handbag Bingo | April 23, 2020

You can never have too many handbags! Join us for a ladies' night out full of fun with friends. Current IHA families and alumnae are invited to play bingo for a chance to bring home one of the season's most fashionable designer bags—from totes and cross bodies to backpacks and more! Further details to come via email. Alumnae, please make sure we have an updated email address by sending a note to Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 at bgarrigan@ihanj.com.

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Alumna Artist Returns for Collaborative Mural

At the completion of the 2018-19 school year, visiting alumna artist, Christina Behnan'11, worked with the Honors Studio class members on their final project, a collaborative mural painted outside the IHA Art Studio. Students incorporated their study of Josef Albers' *Interaction of Color* course into the colorful mural.

Christina graduated from TCNJ in 2015 with a degree in fine arts and digital media. Her work has been in several exhibitions and purchased by the Provost of The College of New Jersey. She has also worked as an apprentice for artist, Gregory Thielker, for a project entitled *(Un)governed Spaces*. Christina is certified in K-12 art education and has taught classes as part of community outreach programs for children ages six through fifteen. She was the 2015 recipient of the Thomas George Artists Fund Grant Award and also completed a mural for the city of Trenton. Christina has worked for some of the world's leading museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and she began at Columbia University this past summer pursuing an M.Ed. degree in art education.

Thank you to Christina for sharing her outstanding talent with our students, and to our generous Parents' Club for providing a gift for Christina at the conclusion of her time at IHA!

Top: Back row, left to right, are Madeline Foglia'19, Christina Kimmerle'19, Tara Daly'19, and Christina Behnan'11. Front row, left to right, are Katrina Fett'19 and Julia Barbieri'19.

Bottom: The completed collaborative mural



2019 Powder Puff Tournament

Christian Service Board Hosts Annual Event

Our IHA Powder Puff Football Tournament, hosted by the IHA Christian Service Executive Board and general members on November 2, 2019, was another great success! After many action-packed games played between grade levels, the Senior team came out on top with a final victory over the Sophomores.

Thank you to Mr. Matthew Sartori, IHA faculty member, who ran the field, refereed the games, and taught our girls the rules of flag football. We would also like to thank faculty members, Mrs. Renee Thunell, for overseeing student volunteers and concessions; Ms. Jennifer Bednarek for helping to referee; and Mrs. Rosemary Cali P'12, '15, '19, '23; Mrs. Kelly Duby Falcon'03; Mrs. Kristen Porcaro; and Ms. Lia Kunnapas'09 for their outstanding coaching.

Elizabeth Spizzo'21, a member of the Christian Service Executive Board who helped plan the event, said her favorite part of the day was witnessing the sense of community that Powder Puff brings to each grade level. "Girls who are passionate about service, athletics, or just IHA spirit are brought together," she said. "From the field, you can always hear girls cheering for each other. This event not only leads us to work toward helping others, which is something that the gospel tells us to do, but it also brings the IHA community closer together. Students who you never would have met before could become your best friend."

We are so grateful to everyone who donated to the cause, as all proceeds went toward general scholarship and sponsorships for IHA's BELIEVE. Conference. See you next year!



Jada Yatko'22 is about to get the flag off of Jenna Ghiosay'23.



In the middle of the Senior team huddle.



Mrs. Rosemary Cali P'12, '15, '19, '23, faculty member and coach, with her Junior team



The Senior team members put on their game faces.



All of the players and coaches are ready for Powder Puff 2019.

IHA Hosts Inaugural Career Connections Event

Alumnae and Students Network @theheart

On November 30, 2019, the Alumnae and College Counseling Departments teamed up to host our first-ever Career Connections event. The morning began with breakfast in the cafeteria followed by students and IHA alumnae networking in the gymnasium. Tables were set up for seasoned alumnae from all career disciplines to participate in a meet and greet with current students, college-aged alumnae, and anyone interested in changing career paths.

Professionals from a wide range of disciplines attended the event—representing everything from Health Sciences, Law, and Business to Communications, Education, Ministry, and much more. Not only did Career Connections give our students and young alumnae the chance to network with alumnae, but it also gave our seasoned alumnae the opportunity to recruit for internships and jobs. Thank you to our many alumnae, students, and visitors for sharing your time, skills, and resources to benefit Immaculate Heart Academy!



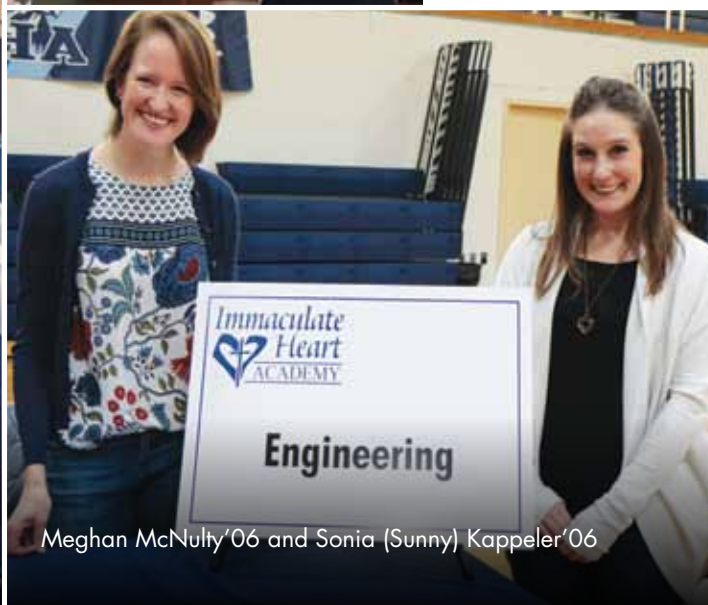
Above: Megan Walsh Thompson'01, Dana Catanese'96, and Kathryn Ferranti'95



Left Middle: Maeve Duffin'20 talks to Allison Saul McNiece'91



Marisa Proscia'14



Meghan McNulty'06 and Sonia (Sunny) Kappeler'06

Big Sister/Little Sister Day 2019

The Sisterhood Tradition Continues

On October 9, 2019, seniors joined together with their sophomore little sisters, and junior big sisters with the freshmen. The girls decorated each other's lockers, exchanged home-baked treats and gifts, performed karaoke, participated in some IHA trivia games, and finished off the day with ice cream sandwiches from Conrad's Confectionary in Westwood.

Thank you to class moderators and faculty members, Mrs. Sarah Shutrup (freshmen), Ms. Maureen McNulty (sophomores), Ms. Ana Echeverriá (juniors), and Mrs. Liz Kearns (seniors) for making the day a memorable one for these sisters!



Back row, left to right, are Chloe McLees'23, Anja Kranenburg'21, and Riley O'Toole'21. Front row, left to right, are Kayleigh Cicala'21 and Katelyn Coughlan'23.



Above: Sydney Morreale'21, Leonora Narkaj'21, and Danielle Criscuolo'21

Right: The tradition of wrapping your sister's locker in baby girl wrapping paper and decorations continues!



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Fifty-three IHA Students Earn AP[®] Scholar Designation

Scores of 3 or Higher were Achieved by IHA Students on 239 out of the 275 AP Exams Taken

An extraordinary fifty-three IHA upperclassmen earned the designation of AP[®] Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the 2019 AP[®] Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement[®] Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the end-of-course AP[®] Exams. Students took AP[®] Exams in May 2019. In order to be designated as an AP Scholar by the College Board, a student must earn a score of 3 or higher on the AP scale of 1-5.

Of the two hundred seventy-five AP exams taken by IHA students this past May, two hundred thirty-nine achieved scores of 3 or higher. Scores of 5 were achieved on a total of eighty-six AP exams, scores of 4 were achieved on a total of eighty-four AP exams, and scores of 3 were achieved on a total of sixty-six AP exams. IHA students scored above the mean average in the May 2019 AP exams for both the state of New Jersey and also globally in the following subjects: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, US History, Comparative Government & Politics, Psychology, Chemistry, Biology, Physics C/ Mechanics, Environmental Science, Spanish Language & Composition, and Studio Art 2-D. One hundred percent of the students taking the Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language, English Literature, US History, Spanish Language & Culture, and Studio Art 2-D exams scored a 3 or better.

Kaitlin Brown'19, the Class of 2019 Valedictorian now at Columbia University, achieved **National AP Scholar** status by "achieving scores of 4 or higher on at least eight AP exams" and "whose average AP exam grade is at least a 4.0." Kaitlin took

nine AP exams in 2019 and her average grade was 4.78. Fifteen students earned *AP Scholars with Distinction*, nine were named *AP Scholars with Honor*, and 28 students were designated *AP Scholars*. Congratulations to:

AP[®] Scholar with Distinction Award Recipients

An average score of at least 3.5 on all AP[®] Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

Isabelle Arevalo'19 (Columbia University)
Kaitlyn Brown'19 (Columbia University)
Lauren Burke'19 (Pennsylvania State University)
Courtney Caccamo'19 (Providence College)
Myra Chaudhry'19 (Georgetown University)
Patricia Christensen'19 (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
Katrina Fett'19 (Lehigh University)
Regina Garvey'19 (University of Washington)
Diana Mastellone'19 (University of Pittsburgh)
Kirstin McGeary'19 (The University of Texas, Austin)
Rebecca Nadler'19 (Boston College)
Josephine Oshodi'19 (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Olivia Pavin'19 (Brown University)
Emily Pecoraro'19 (Bucknell University)
Alexa Trubiano'19 (Colgate University)

AP[®] Scholar with Honor Award Recipients

An average score of at least 3.25 on all AP[®] Exams, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

Casey Conniff'19 (Villanova University)
Hannah Gurney'20
Emma Matesic'20
Meghan McGuire'20
Jessica O'Neill'20
Ella Parker'20

Raghavi Patel'20
Kang Hyun Ryu'20
Ava Sciubba'20

AP[®] Scholar Award Recipients A score of 3 or higher on three or more AP[®] Exams:

Kiersten Antaki'19 (University of San Diego)
Erin Brockmeier'19 (Villanova University)
Gabrielle Cavada'19 (James Madison University)
Isabella DeCurtis'20
Katalina deLeon'19 (Johns Hopkins University)
Maryannette Diaz'20
Molly Fitzsimons'20
Bernadette Goratowski'19 (Villanova University)
Isabella Gorsd'20
Lily Implicito'20
Angeline Jacob'20
Niamh Keegan'20
Yoona Kim'20
Fionah Lynch'19 (University of Pittsburgh)
Kelly McDermott'20
Grace Mendolia'20
Anna Mullens'20
Grace O'Neill'19 (University of Maryland, College Park)
Kristina Organista'20
Gabrielle Peko'20
Alessandra Priolo'19 (Villanova University)
Joanna Rajkowski'20
Sophia Ruggier'20
Alessia Ruggiero'19 (University of Michigan)
Charlotte Stanton'19 (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)
Joan Tejera'20
Megan White'19 (Providence College)
Ava Wilson'19 (Fordham University)

IHA Campus Shop New Releases

Parent Volunteers Needed for On-Campus Storefront

Have you visited the IHA Campus Shop lately? We have so many new, trendy pieces of IHA gear and apparel that are popular among present students, parents, and alumnae alike! From sweatshirts and pajama pants to

windbreakers, t-shirts, and more—visit our website, www.ihanj.com, and click on **Campus Shop** to begin browsing today. Please remember, every Campus Shop purchase supports the IHA Scholarship Fund!



CALLING ALL CURRENT PARENTS!

We need your help running the Campus Shop storefront at Immaculate Heart. If you are available and interested in volunteering your time to work the Campus Shop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during school days, please email finman1@optonline.net.

IHA Fashion Club members dress in the latest Campus Shop apparel. From left to right are Lauren Omacht'21, Julianna Carrozza'20, Anna Salewycz'21, Ariana DeMarco'21, Ava DiMeo'23, Alivia Capone'21, Ella Doda'21, and Katherine Subliskey'20.

IHA to Present *Mamma Mia!*

Spring Musical to be Performed April 3-5, 2020

Please join us for IHA's production of *Mamma Mia!* "On a small Greek island, Sophie dreams of a perfect wedding—one which includes her father giving her away. The problem? Sophie doesn't know who he is! Her mother, Donna, the former lead singer of the 1970s pop group Donna and the Dynamos, refuses to talk about the past, so Sophie decides to take matters into her own hands. Sneaking a peek in her mother's old diaries, she discovers three possible fathers: Sam, Bill, and Harry. She secretly invites all three to the wedding, convinced that she'll know her father when she sees him. But when all three turn up, it may not be as clear as she

thought! Told through the legendary music of ABBA, *Mamma Mia!* has become a worldwide sensation that has audiences everywhere dancing." *From StageAgent.com.*

The 2020 production will run April 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. and April 4 and 5 at 2 p.m. The show is produced by Ms. Maureen McNulty, director of the performing arts; directed by Jodi Capeless P'22; musically directed by Ed Ginter; and choreographed by Kimberly Galberaith P'22. Set design will be done by Vincent Gunn and sound design by Matthew Morgan & Concert Audio. Tickets, \$15 each, are available for



pre-purchase at ihatheater.com and will be sold at the door. Any questions can be sent to Ms. McNulty at mmcnulty@ihanj.com.

2019 Dinner of Gratitude

Sentiments of gratitude were overflowing on November 14, 2019 as Immaculate Heart Academy's Office of Advancement hosted its second annual Dinner of Gratitude at IHA. Sixty donors comprised of alumnae, parents, and friends joined together in the Information Commons for dinner, community, and entertainment provided by the incredibly talented students of IHA's Voices.

The evening began with Ms. Patricia Molloy, president, welcoming donors and thanking them for their generosity. Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal, then shared a school update where he highlighted the accomplishments of our students for the 2018-2019 school year. It was the keynote speaker of the night, Kathleen Moriarty Mockler'84 P'08, '20, '21, whose moving words of thanks had all in attendance looking for a tissue.

The parent and alumna reminisced on her time at IHA as a student and shared memories of when her daughters, Kyla Heinz Picerno'08, Aimee Mockler'20, and Lauryn Mockler'21, were accepted to IHA. While she expressed great appreciation for these moments, Kathleen said that it was when grief unexpectedly struck her family with the passing of her husband, Jeff, that she couldn't have been more grateful to be a part of the IHA family.

"To say our lives turned upside down would be a grand understatement... the immediate financial burden was frightening and overwhelming," Kathleen said. "The possibility of Aimee and Lauryn not being able to continue at IHA was becoming all too real. The last thing in the world I wanted was to not have our girls continue at IHA."

Due to the generosity of donors, Ms. Molloy informed Kathleen that both Aimee and Lauryn's fees and tuition would be taken care of. After Kathleen

expressed her gratitude at the dinner, Aimee and Lauryn spoke about their IHA experience and thanked donors for their kindness and generosity.

Mrs. Angelique Morelli, director of development, closed the program, thanked donors again for their continued support, and invited Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, to bless the food and give the closing prayer. The Office of Advancement would like to thank all who attended and send a special thank you to our outstanding student performers and the Eagle Ambassadors.

Right: John Corcoran P'07, IHA Consultative Board member, and Alison Demarest Corcoran'80 P'07



Aimee Mockler'20; Kathleen Moriarty Mockler'84 P'08, '20, '21; and Lauryn Mockler'21



Above: The students of Voices

Right: Janet Martin GP'22, Albert Geis, Laura Rickli'22, Jay Oliveira, and Amy Rose Taylor P'22

Below: Patricia Molloy, president; David and Joni Sanzari P'99, '02; and Maria Nolan P'08, IHA Volleyball coach



Dan Daniello P'15, IHA Consultative Board member; Maureen Daniello'77 P'15; Bill Galda P'09; Denyse Coyle Galda'71 P'09, IHA Consultative Board member; Raymond Corbett P'17; Valerie Gradel Keenan'76 P'14, IHA Consultative Board president; Tim Keenan P'14; and Cathleen Corbett P'17, IHA Consultative Board member



Dirk Kranenburg P'07, '09, '14, '21; Stephen Gilmartin P'22; Don Callwood P'21; Kevin Regan P'97, '04, '06; and Sandra Kranenburg P'07, '09, '14, '21



Claire O'Toole P'17, '21; Dan O'Toole P'17, '21; Charles Rogers P'07, '09, '13; and Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13, IHA assistant principal of students

2019 Honors Convocation

Academic Powerhouses Honored

On the evening of September 10, 2019, we recognized our students who achieved academic success during the 2018-19 school year at IHA's 2019 Honors Convocation. Miss Kerry Carroll'04, assistant principal of faculty and instruction, welcomed attendees and led a beautiful opening prayer. Olivia DuBois'20, NHS president, then gave a welcoming address before members of the IHA administration distributed honor certificates and awards. Ms. Patricia Molloy, president; Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, assistant principal of faculty and instruction; Mrs. Jo-Ellen DeSanta, assistant principal of academics and curriculum; and Mrs. Alice Rogers, assistant principal of students, recognized our outstanding students who made the Distinguished Honors and Honors lists for the 2018-19 academic year.

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized with a wide variety of book awards, distributed by various colleges and universities.

The St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience recognizes an outstanding student and member of the National Honor Society who demonstrates a strong commitment to volunteerism and leadership in her community.
Anna Mullens'20 and Julianna Carrozza'20



Hannah Gurney'20

The George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science awards a student who has demonstrated excellence in the application of mathematics and science. This is awarded to the junior who has achieved the highest cumulative grades in the fields of mathematics and science in her class.
Ava Sciubba'20



Gabrielle LaSala'20

The University of Rochester's Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award is named in honor of two of Rochester's most significant pioneers of social justice. This award, given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the humanities and social sciences, honors a student committed to understanding and addressing difficult social issues. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000.
Elizabeth Croci'20

The University of Rochester's Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award is given each year in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science. Recipients of the award must have achieved high PSAT or SAT Math scores and must make positive contributions to their school and their community. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000.
Grace Mendolia'20

The University of Rochester's Xerox Award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovation. Recipients of this award must demonstrate a flair for creativity and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000.
Kang Hyun Ryu'20

The University of Rochester's George Eastman Young Leaders Award is given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and leadership both in and out of the classroom. Recipients of this award must additionally demonstrate extensive involvement in extracurricular activities. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000.
Angeline Jacob'20

The Mount Holyoke College Book Award is awarded to a young woman who has produced an exceptional academic record and has exhibited qualities of leadership and service.
Meghan McGuire'20



Logan Applin'20

The Saint Anselm College Book Award is presented to a student who demonstrates academic success and exceptional leadership qualities in the area of civic engagement. The recipient should also embody the values inherent in the college's Benedictine tradition.
Nicole Gysin'20



Ms. Patricia Molloy, president, and Ava Poulin'20



Elizabeth Pinto-Shaw'21; Diane Pinto'90 P'21; Ms. Patricia Molloy, president; Susana Koorie Becker'91 P'21; and Julia Becker'21

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medalist Award recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in math and science. Medalists who apply and are accepted to Rensselaer will receive a minimum yearly scholarship of \$25,000.
Jessica O'Neill'20

The St. Lawrence University Book Award honors the university's tradition of giving back to the community by recognizing a student who works hard and has displayed a significant commitment to community service. Award recipients who apply and are accepted to St. Lawrence will receive a \$1,000 yearly scholarship.
Olivia Costello'20

The Jefferson Book Award from the University of Virginia is given to a high school senior who demonstrates incredible promise, creativity, and the spirit of discovery much like Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the University.
Hannah Gurney'20

The Stonehill College Book Award recognizes a student who has worked hard academically while making positive contributions to her community.
Elizabeth Encke'20

The Springfield College Book Award is presented to a student who demonstrates an intense commitment to his/her school and outside community and has a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world.
Ava Poulin'20

The West Point Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award recognizes high school students in their junior year who have demonstrated exceptional performance in academics, athletics, community service, leadership, and moral character.
Kelly McDermott'20

Furman University recognizes a student in his/her junior year who shows academic promise and outstanding scholastic achievement.
Isabella Gorsd'20

The Promising Young Scientist Award recognizes an outstanding sophomore (2018-19) who has the highest cumulative GPA in science and has expressed an interest in continuing her study of science at the university level.
Abigail Auty'21



Abigail Auty'21

Ms. Ellen Donoghue'76, IHA guidance counselor and moderator of the St. Brigid Society, then officially inducted sixteen new sophomore members into the society who achieved Distinguished Honors and/or Honors for the 2018-19



Kayla Arone'22 and Riley Ypelaar'22

school year. The St. Brigid Society exists to recognize and promote academically gifted freshman and sophomore students. It seeks to foster continuous academic excellence by providing engaging opportunities for learning and growth. Students are invited to participate in enrichment programs designed to prepare them for advanced coursework and college and career readiness.

Congratulations to:
Kiara Bassora'22
Sophia Bednarek'22
Riley Benedik'22
Jessica Boyd'22
Alyssa Darella'22
Gabriella Fava'22
Kylie Galiger'22
Lindsay Keogh'22
Jessica Kielur'22
Brianna Kuchenmeister'22
Ashley Mariscal'22
Sophia Miller'22
Heerali Patel'22
Olivia Raia'22
Sydney Severini'22
Jayda Yatko'22

Ms. Molloy closed the evening with heartfelt congratulations to all of our students on their impressive academic success.



Jessica Kielur'22 and Rhea Mittal'22

IHA Social Studies Department Partners with The New York Historical Society



Members of the IHA Social Studies Department include, back row, left to right, Ms. Julia Clinton'11, Ms. Lia Kunnapas'09, Ms. Rachel Healy, Ms. Diama Fischer, and Mr. Matthew Sartori. Front row, left to right are Ms. Lynn Maltz; Ms. Patricia Carleton; Ms. Linda Chelotti'76, department chair; and Dr. Sue Kenney.

We are proud to announce that Immaculate Heart Academy is now a Beta Test Site for the New York Historical Society's Women in the American Story (WAMS) Curriculum Program. The NYHS is in the process of creating an expansive curriculum that focuses on the role of women in history. With IHA's unique mission of educating and empowering young women, it was a natural fit for us to partner with the NYHS. Beginning in September of 2019, the Social Studies Department incorporated two of the ten WAMS modules—Early Encounters (1492-1734) and Modernizing America (1889-1920)—into the World History and United States History I courses. As more modules are added by NYHS, IHA will update the Social Studies curriculum to include United States History II. The young women of IHA have a tremendous opportunity to expand

their understanding of history while honoring the many women who actually made history.

For the past three years, members of the IHA Social Studies Department have traveled to the New York Historical Society (NYHS) Museum in New York City for Professional Development. During these days of exciting, new, and innovative learning, the IHA faculty members visited a variety of museum exhibits including Black Citizenship in the Era of Jim Crow and Hot Bed – Political and Artistic Contributions in 1920s Greenwich Village. In addition, the faculty engaged in hands-on training in specific NYHS curriculum relating to various historical events such as The Chinese Exclusion Act, Women of the Revolution, and Women in World War I and the Progressive Era.

Mr. Matthew Sartori, Social Studies teacher, recently taught a lesson on Malitzen, Hernan Cortés' enslaved female indigenous translator, in his freshman World History class. "Students found the New York Historical Society material very engaging as they learned about a forgotten woman of history from an indigenous background, who interacted with the euro-centric power of Spain in Mexico during the early 1500s," Mr. Sartori explained. "Students debated the question of whether this historical person was a heroine or a villain as they evaluated the conflict that faced indigenous peoples who were enslaved by Western European powers. Cooperate and live or fight back and die? This was especially true of indigenous women. It was a testament to critical thinking to see young women of the 21st century grapple with these questions of gender and power."

Taylor Whang'21 Saves a Life



Taylor Whang'21 swims for IHA.

This past summer, one of our fearless juniors had an on-the-job experience that changed her life forever. Working her summer job as a lifeguard at the Park Ridge Municipal Pool, Taylor Whang'21 saved the life of a young man in distress. Not only had Taylor never saved anyone while lifeguarding before, but she pointed out that a lifeguard usually does not save anyone throughout his or her entire career.

Taylor, a standout on the IHA Swim Team, explained what happened that day. Three young men approached the diving well and one of them went off the diving board feet first. As he moved his arms and legs up and down, he remained two feet under the surface of the water and it looked to Taylor like he was trying to touch the bottom of the pool. "I did not suspect anything until I realized he was not coming up," she said. "I called for help to the lifeguard next to me who was giving a swim lesson and he got the attention of the pool manager. I jumped in and went under to get him with the lifeguard buoy. I got him and swam him to the surface where the manager and my co-worker were to take him out of the pool. He coughed up water and blood on the side of the pool. Thankfully, no CPR had to be done because I had pulled him out in time. The paramedics and police came and took him to a local hospital because coughing up blood is unusual when saving someone. The whole thing probably lasted no more than two minutes, but it sure felt like a lifetime to me." As a way to thank Taylor for her courageous efforts, the borough of Park Ridge recognized her through a formal proclamation on September 24, 2019. The proclamation from Mayor Keith Misciagna and the Borough Council read, in part, "Because of her steadfast efforts, attentiveness, and quick response—along with the pool staff and the Tri-Boro Volunteer Ambulance Corps—the young man was rescued and treated for his

injuries." The mayor and council said Taylor demonstrated "exemplary concern for the life of another" and is a "shining member of the community."

Taylor said she did not expect any type of acknowledgment because she was simply doing her job. "I feel so blessed to have received recognition for this," she said. "This also gave me a lot of time to realize how precious life is and that it could be taken away in an instant."

Very shaken up from the incident, it wasn't until afterward that she realized the man could have died if she had gone in a few moments later and that his life was truly in her hands. "Even though in the moment I thought this was the worst thing possible to happen to me, I am really glad I was there and it was me on the lifeguard stand," she said. "I have been swimming competitively for eight years and I consider myself a strong swimmer. The 23-year-old man was over six feet tall and it would have been very difficult for someone who was not a strong swimmer to save a grown man in the deep end of the pool."

Taylor has been competitively swimming since she was seven years old. She has been on

the IHA Swim Team since her freshman year, and currently swims for New York Sharks Aquatics. She practices 13-14 hours a week and swims every day. Taylor was chosen as IHA's Rookie of the Year in 2017-18, was voted NJ.com's top freshman swimmer the same year, and made Third-Team All-County honors. Her sophomore year, Taylor was named First-Team and Third-Team All-County, First-Team and Second-Team All-League, and she was a member of the 200 Medley Relay team that came in fourth in the state. All of her outstanding swimming accomplishments are in addition to earning a spot on the Honor Roll both her freshman and sophomore years.

Ms. Lia Kunnapas'09, social studies teacher and head IHA Swimming coach, said she was extremely proud to hear that Taylor saved a life this summer while lifeguarding at the Park Ridge pool. "Taylor is a strong swimmer, she has confidence in all she does, and she's dedicated to her work—all qualities that assisted her in saving that young man's life," Ms. Kunnapas said. "Her actions were truly heroic and we could not be more proud of her."



Park Ridge Mayor Keith Misciagna; Andrew Lewis, pool manager; Taylor Whang'21; Tom Bauer, pool manager; Tom Scheuelen, president of the Park Ridge Pool Commission; and Mike Mintz, liaison between the Pool Commission and the Mayor and Council

IHA Seniors Visit Walt Disney World!

Members of the Class of 2020 Travel to the Happiest Place on Earth

This fall, fifty-four members of IHA's Class of 2020 took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Walt Disney World! From November 6-10, 2019, the seniors and four faculty/staff chaperones, including Mrs. Elizabeth Kearns, senior class moderator and Mathematics Department chair; Mrs. Alice Rogers, assistant principal of students; Mrs. Cori Tucker, mathematics teacher; and Mrs. Lauren Tereshko, science teacher, stayed at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

While we have been taking seniors on a special class trip since 2010 to places like Bush Gardens and Hershey Park, this is the first trip in recent history to Walt Disney World. Members of the IHA group visited the four major parks including Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios. Before heading home, the girls attended Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe—a wonderful end to a memorable senior trip.

Both Catherine Thomas'20 and Emma Matesic'20 agreed that the trip fell at the perfect time—post the November 1 college application deadline and giving them a much-needed break from their regular course load and other activities.

"I think it is a good idea for IHA to offer trips like this to the senior class because it is a great opportunity for the seniors to grow closer and bond before we leave IHA," Catherine said. "My favorite memory from the trip was going on Tower of Terror with all of the teacher chaperones!"

Emma said her favorite parts of the trip were the many rollercoasters she rode, hanging out with her friends, eating, and exploring. "After a hard three years and a difficult start to senior year with college applications and such, it's nice to have the opportunity to go to Florida and be able to mentally relax and celebrate all of our accomplishments as a class in a setting outside of school," Emma said.



Jillian MacDonald'20, Sarah Becker'20, and Sophia DiMeo'20

Mrs. Kearns said the benefits of the IHA senior trip were two-fold: it introduced students to traveling without family members, and it served as the first of many farewells to their high school years.

"This is a valuable learning experience for our students," she said. "They get to travel with friends, yet still have adult supervision in case of emergencies; learning to become independent and traveling with friends rather than family is the beginning of celebrating the entrance into adulthood. And as senior year is the final chapter to their high school life, the senior trip is an important way to close out their journey and prep them for the freedoms and responsibilities they will have in college."



The IHA group poses for a photo at their hotel upon arrival.



Kathryn Stathakis'20, Joan Tejera'20, Sophia Ruggier'20, Jillian Pursiano'20, Donald Duck, Grace Mendolia'20, Meghan McNerney'20, and Emma Cooke'20

Alumnae Authors

Several IHA graduates have continued on to become published authors touching on an array of genres—from fiction novels and non-fiction books to poetry, children's books, and beyond. Three of these talented writers are featured below. Please inform us if you are an alumna writer, as we would love to continue the **Alumnae Authors** section in upcoming newsletters!



Mary Beth Keane '95 on
The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon

Mary Beth Keane '95 published her third novel, *Ask Again, Yes*, in May 2019. This moving novel tells the story of “two neighboring families in a suburban town, the friendship between their children, a tragedy that reverberates over four decades, and the power of forgiveness.” This past summer, *Ask Again, Yes* was named the winner of *The Tonight Show's* Summer Reads contest with 50% of the votes! Mary Beth was interviewed on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, and it aired on August 16, 2019. Thank you to all of our IHA community who voted! Mary Beth is also the author of *Fever* and *The Walking People*. All three novels are available for purchase wherever books are sold. Read more about Mary Beth on www.marybethkeane.com.



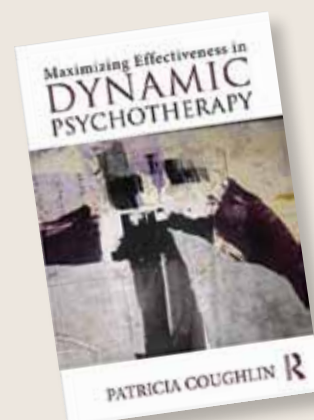
Janet Long '71

Janet Long '71 recently published a non-fiction book titled *DIVINE DISCLOSURE/Spiritual Healing After Sexual Violence*. “*DIVINE DISCLOSURE* is a gripping narrative by the mother of a teen aged girl, whose sudden disclosure of incest sets off an unrelenting search for God’s answer to the grief and shame that survivors, non-offenders, and even perpetrators have admitted. Written from a Catholic perspective, *DIVINE DISCLOSURE* holds out an invitation to anyone of faith who has lived through sexual violence to be restored by the promises of Christ.” *DIVINE DISCLOSURE* is available on www.amazon.com.

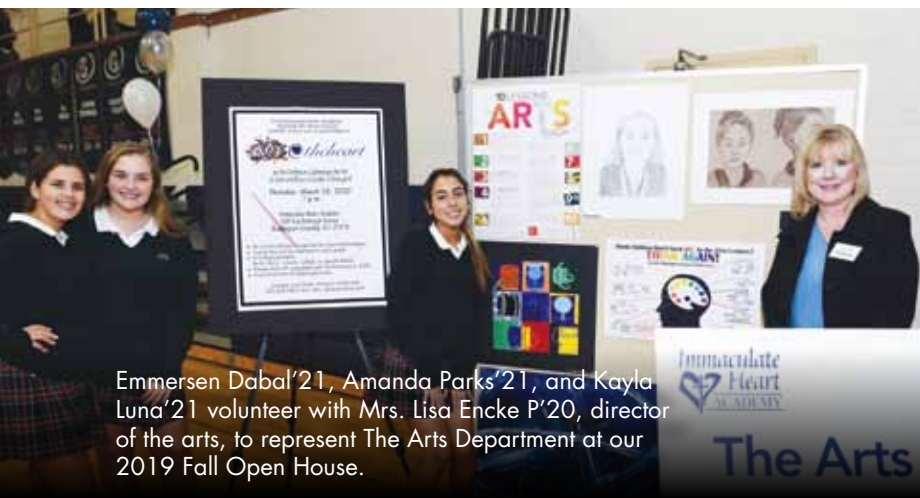


Patricia Coughlin '72

Patricia Coughlin '72 has published her newest book, *Maximizing Effectiveness in Dynamic Psychotherapy*. This book “demonstrates how and why therapists can and must develop the specific skills and personal qualities required to produce consistently effective results. The six factors now associated with brain change and positive outcome in psychotherapy are front-and-center in this volume. Each is elucidated and illustrated with detailed, verbatim case transcripts. In addition, a method of treatment that incorporates all these key factors—Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy (ISTDP)—is introduced to the reader.” Patricia also co-wrote *Lives Transformed: A Revolutionary Method of Dynamic Psychotherapy* and authored *Intensive Short-Term Dynamic Psychotherapy*. All of her books are available on www.amazon.com and more information can be found at www.istdpnortheast.com.



SCENE | Around IHA



Emmersen Dabal'21, Amanda Parks'21, and Kayla Luna'21 volunteer with Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts, to represent The Arts Department at our 2019 Fall Open House.



Above: We welcomed ten new faculty and staff members to IHA this year! Back row, left to right, are Mrs. Suzanne Dillane P'23, Mrs. Catherine Valente, and Ms. Rachel Healy. Middle row, left to right, are Mrs. Allison Anderson, Mrs. Renee Thunell, and Ms. Patricia Carleton. Front row, left to right, are Mrs. Maria Doerr P'06, Mrs. Kristen Porcaro, and Ms. Bridget Ryan. Not pictured is Ms. Genelle Diaz-Silveira.



Students and faculty proudly wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness on October 18, 2019. Back row, left to right, are Elizabeth Granholm and Amanda Potenza'21. Front row, left to right, are Isabel Quevedo'21, Kyra Whiteman'21, and Nora-Lise Hamre'21.

Right: IHA sophomores create Sisterhood Care Packages for each of the juniors for their class retreat held November 8, 2019. It is a tradition that every student receives a care package made by a fellow IHA sister on her retreat—just another way we support other women and show love to one another @theheart!





Left: On October 16, 2019, we officially welcomed members of the Class of 2023 at their Freshman Day of Sisterhood! The new Blue Eagles worked on their Class Mission Statement, wrote letters to themselves that they will read as seniors, heard from a panel of faculty members on the "Culture of Competition," and participated in a "Who Are We?" discussion led by seniors. The day ended with Yogybee smoothies and class elections. Standing, left to right, are Natalie Doren'23, Sofia Doblosky'23, Kaitlyn DeMartini'23, Delilah Doda'23, Ella Eitner'23, Emma Dillane'23, Elizabeth Della Pietra'23, Abigail Diehl'23, and Katherine Deane'23. Kneeling, left to right, are Emily Eckert'23, Julia Doren-Garcia'23, and Erin Erturan'23. Seated, left to right, are Julia DeVirgilio'23, Arianna DeMarco'23, Ava DiMeo'23, Lauren Dunnigan'23, and Lea Duman'23.



Members of the Class of 2020 dressed up in a Toy Story theme for Halloween this year! Senior class moderator, Mrs. Liz Kearns, was Andy, and seniors dressed up as a variety of toys!

Below: Members of the Class of 2020 perform in their final Christmas Concert at IHA. Back row, left to right, are Adrianna Kearney'20, Kaitlyn Murad'20, Allison Sandt'20, Jenna Clover'20, Gianna Darella'20, and Kerri Woolley'20. Front row, left to right, are Carmela Icarangal'20, Sabrina Isabel Figueroa'20, Maryannette Diaz'20, Kathryn Stathakis'20, Isabella Sabino'20, and Logan Applin'20.

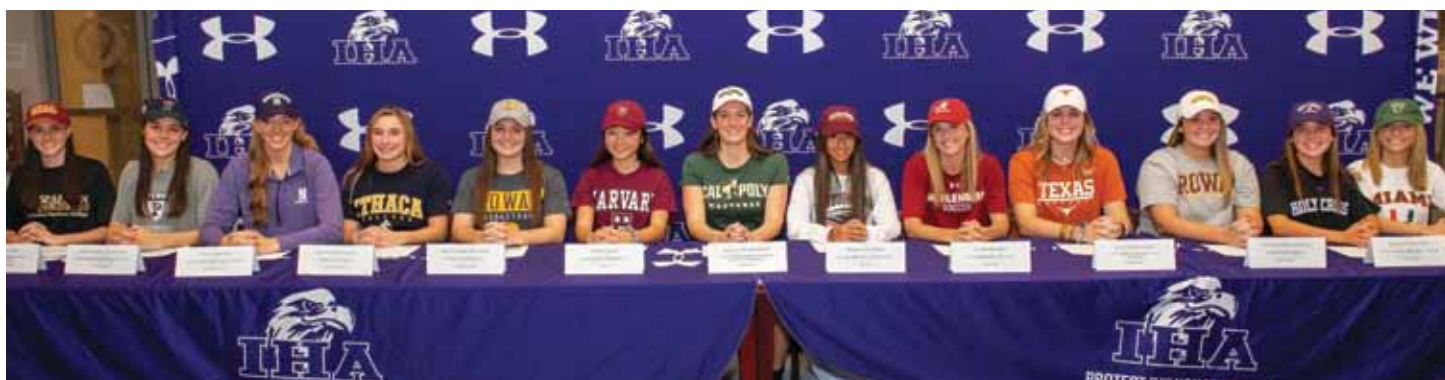


A group of our big-hearted girls prep for IHA's first-ever Breakfast Midnight Run at the Wyckoff Stop & Shop. On October 13, 2019, Immaculate Heart's students enjoyed breakfast with one hundred of our homeless neighbors.

Right: On November 11, 2019, IHA's Hearts of Hope club members painted inspirational hearts for the organization, Hayden's House of Healing. The president of Hayden's House is IHA alumna, Sabrina Vanore Abramson'96. Their mission is to "provide a safe, tranquil space for bereaved mothers, fathers, couples, children, and families to heal and connect together through a variety of methods and activities offered to assist in the healing process." Sabrina's oldest of three daughters, Ella, passed away in 2007 after suffering complications from open-heart surgery.



Thirteen **Class of 2020** Athletes Commit to College



Thirteen of our outstanding senior athletes signed to the colleges and universities of their choice on November 13, 2019. Congratulations to, left to right in group photo, Nicole Gysin'20 (St. Thomas Aquinas – Winter and Spring Track), Alexandra Edmonds'20 (University of Pennsylvania – Lacrosse), Anna Morris'20 (Northwestern University – Basketball), Brittany Graff'20 (Ithaca College – Basketball), Samantha Rinaldi'20 (Rowan University

– Basketball), Yoona Kim'20 (Harvard University – Golf), Kelly McDermott'20 (California Polytechnic State University – Swimming), Mikela Florio'20 (Susquehanna University – Soccer), Casie Burke'20 (Muhlenberg College – Soccer),

Ryleigh White'20 (University of Texas at Austin – Softball), Catherine Thomas'20 (Rowan University – Softball), Mary Patricia Sayre'20 (College of the Holy Cross – Lacrosse), and Shoshana Ronen'20 (University of Miami – Crew).

Right: Standing, left to right, are Jean-Pierre Wolfver, NJ Freedom AAU Basketball coach; Christine Morris GP'18, '20; Don Morris GP'18, '20; and Steve Silver, IHA Basketball coach. Seated, left to right, are John Morris; Shannon Morris P'18, '20; Anna Morris'20; Jeffrey Morris P'18, '20; and Adrian Morris.



Benard Thomas P'14, '20; Stephanie Thomas'14; Catherine Thomas'20; and Mary Thomas P'14, '20



Bob Rhein P'09, IHA Golf assistant coach; Yoona Kim'20; and Lauren Rhein'09, IHA Golf coach

2019 Blue Eagle Open

This year's Blue Eagle Open was held October 17, 2019 at Forest Hill Field Club. Ninety golfers showed their support for IHA by hitting the links on the cool, blustery fall day. Dinner and auction prizes followed, leading to winners both on and off the course. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and students of Immaculate Heart Academy, thank you to our attendees; the staff, student, and parent volunteers; and our many tee sponsors and donors for your support of the 2019 Blue Eagle Open. Save the date for next year's outing on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

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Thomas Horne P'13, '15, '18; and Jim Cavanagh P'18, '21

FALL

sports wrap-up



Olivia Coughlin'21 and Anna Morris'20



Maeve Duffin'20



2019 Varsity Volleyball Team

VOLLEYBALL

Ranked #1 in New Jersey throughout the entire season, IHA Volleyball continued its dominance by ending with a 35-4 record. The team began the season by again winning the Jersey Classic. For the second straight year and third time in tournament history, IHA won the Garden State Challenge by defeating Virginia's Flint Hill. The varsity team also captured NJSIAA's Non-Public Sectional and State titles. IHA finished first in the state for the third straight year by winning the Tournament of Champions. The team was ranked the #7 team in the country by MaxPreps, the best not only in the history of the IHA Volleyball program, but the highest MaxPreps ranking ever by a New Jersey volleyball team. Remarkably, the team also set two new NJSIAA records by breaking its former ones: Most Consecutive State Titles with thirteen and Most Tournament of Champions Titles with ten.

Big North All-League Conference (United Division) Honors

First-Team

Maeve Duffin'20, Anna Morris'20, Elizabeth Patterson'20, Olivia Coughlin'21, Gianna Grigaliunas'21, and Brookelyn Talmadge'23

Second-Team

Emily Soranno'20 and Alyssa Lowther'21

Honorable Mention

Julia Ficon'20

BCWCA All-County Honors

First-Team

Anna Morris'20 and Elizabeth Patterson'20

Second-Team

Olivia Coughlin'21 and Brookelyn Talmadge'23

Third-Team

Maeve Duffin'20 and Gianna Grigaliunas'21

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Maeve Duffin'20

northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

First-Team

Anna Morris'20

Second-Team

Elizabeth Patterson'20

NJ.com All-Non-Public Honors

First-Team

Anna Morris'20 and Elizabeth Patterson'20

Second-Team

Maeve Duffin'20 and Olivia Coughlin'21

Third-Team

Gianna Grigaliunas'21 and Brookelyn Talmadge'23

NJ.com All-State Honors

First-Team

Anna Morris'20 and Elizabeth Patterson'20

Third-Team

Maeve Duffin'20

NJ.com New Jersey Team of the Year

Immaculate Heart Academy

UnderArmour All-American Honors

Third-Team

Anna Morris'20



IHA Cross Country runners lead the way.



From left to right are Kylie Galiger '22, Camryn King '22, Geri Tabbachino '21, and Lindsay Keogh '22

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country team had a successful season winning both the Big North Conference Championship and the Bergen County Group Championship. The team finished the season with a 2-1 record, placed third in the Warwick Wave Mania Invitational and the Suffern Invitational, and finished the season in fifth place at the state championships. Congratulations to the freshman team for winning the Conference and County championships and the J.V. team for winning the Warwick Wave Mania, Brewster Bear, and Conference championships. This year's varsity team was led by senior captains, Nicole Gysin '20, Ava Sciubba '20, and Lauren Welsh '20.

Big North Conference All-League Honors

First-Team

Keara Skae '21, Madelyn Novelli '21, Lindsay Keogh '22, and Camryn King '22

Second-Team

Daniela Makowka '21, Geri Tabbachino '21, and Kylie Galiger '22

Honorable Mention

Leanna Johnston '23

Coach of the Year (Big North United Division)

John Downey

BCWCA All-County Honors

Third-Team

Madelyn Novelli '21

NJ.com All-Non-Public Honors

Third-Team

Madelyn Novelli '21

TENNIS

IHA Tennis finished with a winning record of 7-6, doing well despite the tough competition in the league. The team's first singles player, Fiona James '21, earned the respect of her opponents along with a First-Team All-League Honor for her position. IHA's first doubles team (Elise Vergos '20 and Joan Tejera '20) and second doubles team (Cameron Rasnake '21 and Freya Nair '21) excelled throughout the course of the season as well after gaining experience playing together. The second doubles team advanced to the second round in the county tournament this year, bringing IHA one step closer to the team's goal. The rest of our starting lineup earned Second-Team All-League Honors for their performance throughout the season. With the help and leadership of senior captains, Katherine Sublisky '20 and Jillian Pursiano '20, the girls developed a passion for the game and a commitment to their teammates that they hope to carry with them into next season.



2019 Varsity Tennis Team

Big North Conference All-League Honors

First-Team

Joan Tejera '20, Elise Vergos '20, Fiona James '21, Freya Nair '21, and Cameron Rasnake '21

Second-Team

Jillian Pursiano '20 and Simone Amerio '21

Honorable Mention

Katherine Sublisky '20



Jillian Pursiano '20 and Katherine Sublisky '20

SOCCER

IHA Soccer finished with a 16-4 overall record and a 5-1 Big North United Division record, en route to becoming co-league champions! With a trip to the county semifinals and the sectional finals, this group of girls came together and had a great season. Led by co-captains Mikela Florio'20, Jana Mucci'20, and Emma Zabransky'20, the team was able to gather a season-high twelve-game winning streak in the middle of the season. Made up of thirteen seniors, seven juniors, three sophomores, and four freshmen, the group came together as one and had a ton of success.



Alexa Aranias'22



Alexa Schouten'21 jumps into the arms of Casie Burke'20 as Emma Zabransky'20 joins in the celebration.



2019 Varsity Soccer seniors

Big North All-League Honors

First-Team

Jana Mucci'20, Arielle Jacus'21, Ashley Lamond'21, Alexandra Zitelli'21, and Natalie DiLorenzo'22

Second-Team

Emma Zabransky'20, Alexa Schouten'21, Alexa Aranias'22, and Noelle Haskell'23

Honorable Mention

Casie Burke'20

Coach of the Year (Big North United Division)

Eric Pfeifer

BCWCA All-County Honors

First-Team

Jana Mucci'20 and Alexandra Zitelli'21

Second-Team

Arielle Jacus'21

Third-Team

Ashley Lamond'21 and Natalie DiLorenzo'22

northjersey.com All-County Honors

First-Team

Jana Mucci'20

Second-Team

Alexandra Zitelli'21

NJGSCA All-State Honors

Jana Mucci'20, Ashley Lamond'21, and Alexandra Zitelli'21

NJ.com All-Non-Public Honors

Second-Team

Jana Mucci'20 and Natalie DiLorenzo'22



CLASS notes

'65

Congratulations to the University of North Carolina School of Media and Journalism, led by [Susan Robinson King](#), for winning the 2019

Hearst Journalism Award. As the dean of the UNC MJ-school, Susan dedicates herself to advising and helping students succeed. The Hearst Journalism Awards Program is a prestigious award program that is often referred to as the "Pulitzers of college journalism," and covers various categories such as photojournalism, radio & television, and writing. Susan became the dean of the School of Media and Journalism in 2012, working hard every day to engage and inspire her students. "[They] prove every day why the UNC School of Media and Journalism is looked to as a leader in media and journalism education," she said of her students and fellow faculty members. Susan is UNC's John Thomas Kerr Distinguished Professor, and she was also awarded the Earl Gluck Distinguished Service Award by the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters in 2018.

'78

[Serena Bocchino](#) was selected by NJ Transit and New Jersey State Council on the Arts to create four public art

installations at Newark Penn Station. On Raymond Boulevard East is a multi-panel installation of the original painting entitled "FRESH." The painting was fabricated into geometric shapes to activate and enhance the façade of the brick-building wall. The installation

also consists of three paintings from Serena's oeuvre, "Star Power," "Soar," and "Over It." All three works depict flight in a musical context. These works were enlarged to fill the 8'x26' space dedicated to the art and are located on the Raymond Boulevard West wall of the Station. Along the Market Street Tunnel of the Newark Penn Station is her third art installation consisting of twenty-seven panels of illustrations taken from her children's book, *What Am I? The Story of an Abstract Painting*. The book is based on the deconstruction of the abstract painting, "Landreach." Additionally, Serena and The Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists are donating sixty-five of her books to every art teacher in the Newark School District to assist teachers in the classroom when teaching about abstract art. Finally, the New Interior Gallery Space of the Newark Penn Station near the PATH train entrance includes two of Serena's works titled "Untitled 67" and "Breakthrough Blush."



Serena Bocchino '78 in front of her "FRESH" installation.

'81

[Julie Monaco](#) was recently named number nine in American Banker's 2019 "25 Most Powerful Women in Banking

and Finance" as the Global Head of Corporate and Investment Banking Coverage for Public Sector at Citigroup. She leads the banking coverage team in ninety-eight countries that is responsible for providing a full range of financial services to public sector entities in one hundred sixty countries. This is the tenth year in a row Julie has made the list. The article reads, in part, "Julie Monaco knows the key to making Citigroup the top investment bank to governments and governmental organizations across more than 120 countries. Fill your team with people who have a passion for economic and public policy, and who study even when away from the office how to eliminate poverty, fight corruption, and grow economies." Some of the most rewarding work she does is helping to mentor younger women at Citi. The article continues, "Recently, Monaco invited a newly promoted vice president on her team to dinner in Washington with the chief executive of the World Bank's Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency and the chief operating officer of the bank's International Finance Corp. 'I thought this would be a great opportunity [for the vice president] to interact with women who have made it,' Monaco said. The following day, Monaco received a note of thanks from the CEO of the investment guarantee agency for mentoring the next generation of women. 'Such opportunities, and the trust these

women place in me, is my real reward,' she said." Julie was also recently honored with MIGA's 2018 Gender CEO Award for promoting the advancement of women and contributing to the World Bank Group's goals. She was chosen for this honor because of her "decades of experience in the finance sector" and how she has been "instrumental in her current role in shaping Citi's investments in development projects across the globe—helping improve the lives of millions." Julie was also recognized by Crain's "Notable Women in Banking and Finance" for 2019.



Julie Monaco '81

'96 Rashida Isigi was the guest presenter at the Bergen County Professional Women's Network luncheon, in partnership with YWCA Northern New Jersey, on August 2, 2019 at Savini in Allendale. Rashida presented on diversity and inclusion in the workplace and her career experiences as a woman of color. IHA alumnae and staff members, past and present, attended the event to support Rashida. From left to right in the photo above are Bernadette McCormick, former IHA faculty member; Patricia Molloy, IHA president; Rashida Isigi '96, guest presenter;

Lisa DiGuglielmo Pisano '96, Bergen County Professional Women's Network advisor; Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76, IHA director of alumnae engagement and special events; and Geraldine Boland, IHA director of guidance.

Liza Porcelli Fonti is the owner of the lifestyle blog *Stylish Mama* (Instagram: @stylishmama) and the beauty and fashion contributor for Bergen County Moms. She offers women's fashion and beauty finds while sprinkling in some inspirational advice. Liza also manages social media and content creation for blogs, articles, websites, social media accounts, and more through her other venture, Highlight Content, LLC. She recently crossed paths with fellow IHA alumna, **Kimberly Berry Haisch '99**, to feature Kim and her company, KBH Jewels, in an article for bergencountymoms.com.

Evangeline D'Aquila Egizi had an accidental reunion with a fellow Class of 1981 classmate while on vacation in Gloucester, Massachusetts! She had not seen **Maureen Donfield Nahill** since IHA graduation, and the two ran into each other at Mass.



Liza Porcelli Fonti '96

'97

Erin Shamroth

Bowen and her friends and family, including sisters, Tara Shamroth '99

and Eileen Shamroth '00, paid tribute to Erin's late son, Conor, through acts of kindness this past October. Conor passed away three years ago at the age of 17 months from Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC). After his passing, the Bowen family founded Kisses for Conor to honor his amazing spirit and life. They ask everyone to help them honor Conor's memory annually by doing acts of kindness in his name. This year, Erin and her family made Halloween buckets for children in Yale Hospital and care bags for their parents.



From left to right are Erin Shamroth Bowen '97, Tara Shamroth '99, Isabelle Bowen, Angela Peterec, Eileen Shamroth '00, Tessa Bowen, Dave Bowen, Matt Marohn, Lawrence Dowling, and Annemarie Dowling.

'98

Heather Nass O'Neil

graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology

and a minor in English. She continued on to earn an M.Ed. degree in curriculum and instruction and applied behavior analysis from Arizona State University in 2016 and became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst in May 2018. Heather is presently working as an early learning center BCBA public school district consultant and master's-level co-instructor for ASU.

Tessa Conaton Osarchuk, daughter of Meghan Conaton and her husband, Andrew Osarchuk, and granddaughter of IHA school nurse, Mrs. Patricia Conaton P'88, '98, arrived at 12:16 a.m. on September 17, 2019. She

weighed 7 lbs, 13 oz and measured 20 inches long. Tessa joins older siblings, Charlotte and Graham.



Tessa Conaton Osarchuk

Jill Jengo Cristofol and her husband, Rick, welcomed twin boys, Colton James and Jaxon Bryce, on June 3, 2019. They join big sister, Skylar.



Colton James and Jaxon Bryce Cristofol

'99

Meghan Maloney and her husband, Daniel, welcomed baby number four, Sean Martin Maloney, on June 4, 2019. Sean joins big brothers, Kevin Patrick and Michael Bernard, and big sister, Quinn Michele.



Kevin Patrick, Michael Bernard, Quinn Michele, and Sean Martin Maloney

'00

Kara Armstrong McMorrow and her husband, Mike, welcomed their little girl, Molly Josephine, on June 4, 2019. Molly was 20 inches long and 7 lbs, 8 oz.



Molly Josephine McMorrow

Kimberly Berry Haisch of KBH Jewels was recently featured on bergencountymoms.com in an article entitled "Sustainable Solutions: 3 Bergen County Women Who Are Doing Their Part." The post was written by another IHA alumna, [Liza Porcelli Fonti '96](#), owner of the lifestyle blog, *Stylish Mama*, and style & beauty contributor for bergencountymoms.com. The article reads, "Kimberly Berry Haisch of Saddle River started KBH Jewels, a modern luxury jewelry brand that uses only environmentally and socially conscious diamonds and metals, to set a new luxury tradition for our generation and the standard for generations to come. KBH's unique diamonds are cultivated in greenhouses, not mined from the earth, and are paired with reclaimed and recycled precious metals. Everything the brand produces—from jewelry to packaging—is sourced from ethical,



Kimberly Berry Haisch '99

sustainable and reclaimed methods. Why this matters: Purchasing ethically conscious jewelry helps eliminate the need to mine for natural resources. KBH Jewels is proud to be 100% conflict-free and sustainable."

'03

What are the odds? The 2003 graduating class included nine Laurens. Three of those Laurens were recently pregnant with their first children at the same time, all due within weeks of each other in December! [Lauren Dietz Gartiser](#) and

her husband welcomed a little girl and [Lauren Galasso](#) and [Lauren Quirolgico Rygiel](#) and their husbands welcomed little boys. "The three Laurens met to commemorate this statistical anomaly and share stories of their journey from the plaid to motherhood," Lauren Quirolgico Rygiel said.



Lauren Quirolgico Rygiel '03, Lauren Dietz Gartiser '03, and Lauren Galasso '03

'05

These future Blue Eagles are hanging out in their pink IHA gear! From left to right are Madison Miller'37, daughter of **Danielle Cellini**

Miller'05; Layla Bliss'36, daughter of **Megan Picinic Bliss'05**; and Margaret Casenta'37, daughter of **Colleen McCartin Casenta'06**.



Madison Miller'37, Layla Bliss'36, Margaret Casenta'37

Emily Josephine Roberts, daughter of faculty member, **Angela Holuba Roberts**, and her husband, Scott, arrived on September 6, 2019 at 6:28 a.m. Emily was 7 lbs, 7 oz, and 20.25 inches long. Her big brother, John, was thrilled at her early arrival and all are happy and healthy!



Emily Josephine Roberts

'06

Jenna Nolan was recently promoted to associate producer of *The Late Late Night with James Corden*.

'07

Katie Kerbstat and her husband, Aric Jacobson, welcomed to the world their baby girl, Revel Jade Jacobson on October 20, 2019 at 4:54 p.m. Revel was 6 lbs, 13 oz and 20 inches long.



Revel Jade Jacobson

'08

Nicole Feery Moschella and her husband, Rob, welcomed a baby boy, Dominick, on September 25, 2019 at 6:17 p.m. Dominick weighed 6.9 lbs and measured 19.5 inches long.



Dominick Moschella

'09

Carolyn Molloy completed the TCS New York City Marathon on November 3, 2019 with a time of 4:10:05 and an average mile pace of 9:33. She ran for Team for Kids, a charity that does great work and about which she feels strongly.



Carolyn Molloy'09

11 Lauren Serantes writes, “I graduated with my Master of Science in social work from Columbia University in May. I have worked in the field providing therapy to a wide range of individuals who have experienced some form of trauma. I am a licensed social worker in New York and New Jersey and recently accepted a job as a social worker in the Behavioral Health Department at Mount Sinai Hospital.” Additionally, Lauren became engaged to Blain Bradley on September 22, 2018 under the Brooklyn Bridge. Blain is originally from Wyckoff and attended Ramapo High School. He is currently completing his M.B.A. The wedding will be held at the Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes on October 4, 2020.



Lauren Serantes'11

13 Jenna Passerino graduated in May from Seton Hall University School of Law after completing three years of undergrad at Sacred Heart University. On October 11, she found out that she passed the New Jersey bar exam; she was sworn in later that month, completing the process of becoming a licensed attorney. Jenna is currently working as a judicial law clerk in New Jersey's appellate division and she has another clerkship upcoming with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Hynes for completing the TCS New York City Marathon on November 3, 2019. Liz, who ran with her father, finished in 5:39:21 at 4:48 p.m. They ran for Team Fox, a cause near and dear to their hearts. Liz had quite the IHA fan club in attendance, including Emily Horne'13 and her fiancé, Connor; Paula Horne P'13, '15, '18 F;

Tom Horne P'13, '15, '18; Sarah Mills'13; Elana Burk'13; Cosette Gastelu'13; and Rosemarie Jacob'13. When the Horne Family was walking to the marathon route to cheer on Liz, they came across “IHA” written in blue tape on the sidewalk in front of the United Nations building! You never know where you are going to be reminded of Immaculate Heart.



Sarah Mills'13, Liz Hynes'13, Elana Burk'13, Cosette Gastelu'13, and Rosemarie Jacob'13



Connor Peterson, Liz Hynes'13, and Emily Horne'13



On their way to the marathon, the Horne Family found “IHA” written in blue tape on the ground in front of the UN building.

'15

Nicole Lattarulo

graduated cum laude from the University of Rhode Island in May 2019 with a degree in communications

and sports journalism. During her four years there, she was very involved with the on-campus TV station, covering the URI basketball team, football team, and several other sports. She participated in many internships with major TV networks while a student at URI, and was offered a job as a sports reporter at KCEN, an NBC affiliate in Temple, Texas, before she graduated. Niki covers sports both on the field and in the studio. Her parents write, "Niki tells us all the time that her four years at Immaculate Heart Academy is what prepared her to be so successful in college and to be so confident as a woman in a male-dominated industry."



Nicole Lattarulo '15

Kylie McCavitt graduated in May 2019 from the Syracuse University, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications with a B.S. degree in public relations and a minor in marketing.

Meghan Rice writes, "I graduated magna cum laude from Sacred Heart University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications studies. I am working at IPG Media Brands in New York City as a

Media Planner at Initiative on the Whole Foods team. I would not be where I am today without IHA and the community there that pushed me to be who I am."

Cara Power graduated from The Ohio State University cum laude with a degree in economics. She is excited to begin her career in insurance as an underwriting analyst at the American International Group (AIG) headquarters in New York City.

Lisa Pietrafesa, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in May 2019.

Margaret Horne was featured on the Hamilton website in an article entitled "Back to School for Maggie Horne '19... as Teacher." Maggie graduated from Hamilton in 2019 and has since begun her teaching career at the Winchendon School, a grade 9 to post-graduate boarding school of about two hundred fifty students in Winchendon, Massachusetts. "As a faculty member there, I teach five math sections, lead two ColLabs, advise afternoon activities/sports, act as a primary dorm parent, and aid in daily life on campus," Maggie said in the article. "ColLabs, or ColLaborative Courses, are elective workshops that culminate in an immersive collaborative workshop after each semester. Throughout the semester, students work alongside their teacher to create the project that they complete after finals. Another major draw of Winchendon for me is that each Wednesday students participate in service learning experiences, and I, as a teacher, get to be a part of that."



Lizzie Miller '15

Elizabeth Miller recently completed her junior year at the Coast Guard Academy. This past summer she spent six weeks on the USCGC Eagle sailing in Europe, followed by another six weeks at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater. While sailing in Europe, she visited many landmarks including historic Omaha Beach in France. At Air Station Clearwater, she was able to experience flying planes and helicopters. Lizzie returned to the Academy in August to complete her senior year as a dean's list student majoring in operations research and computer analysis. Lizzie is still playing soccer and is captain of the USCGA Women's Soccer Team this year.

Gabrielle Pielka graduated cum laude from Roger Williams University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry in May 2019.

Stefanie Sciarra and **Grace Slicklen** were named to the spring 2019 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

Maria Mouridy qualified for the spring 2019 dean's list at Seton Hall University.

Holly Stoker graduated summa cum laude in May from Ithaca College with a degree in integrated marketing communications. She is now pursuing an M.B.A. in entertainment and media management. This is the first year this program has been offered and Holly was nominated as one of the first students to enroll based on her outstanding undergraduate history. Living upstate has been a wonderful experience; she has a great boyfriend and is very much looking forward to her graduated studies that will take her to London, Los Angeles, Texas, and New York over the next ten months. She is still best friends with her group from IHA, **Julia Stevenson'15**, **Caile Criscione'15**, **Sarah Mecca'15**, **Kitty Sweeney'15**, and **Maria Mouridy'15**, and they get together often. The friendship they forged at IHA has grown into this great group of friends and ladies who will change the world.

development. She has gained work experience in her industry at Pinnacle Foods, L'Oreal, and Coty, while still in school. Lexi is presently working as a packaging engineer at L Brands in SoHo, New York City, focusing on cost-saving initiatives on the brands Victoria's Secret, Pink Beauty, and Bath and Body Works.

17 **Riley Maloney** has been appointed as president of "The Nation," the official fan club of Villanova Athletics. Riley is a junior at the Villanova School of Business.

Dina Mulroy was named to the spring 2019 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

Lily Polster is currently studying civil engineering with a minor in resiliency and sustainability of environmental assets at University of Notre Dame. She had the opportunity this past summer to assist two research projects on unreinforced masonry buildings and their vulnerability to earthquakes in New Zealand and Italy. "In New Zealand, I assisted Ph.D. candidates at the University of Auckland with expanding a building inventory of the South Island of New Zealand for two weeks. Our efforts were focused on the central business districts (CBDs) in the city of Dunedin and five suburbs of Christchurch. I then traveled to Italy to begin my research on unreinforced masonry medieval Catholic churches assisting structural engineering graduate student, David Pirchio. The goal was to perform a risk assessment of each church, which means focusing on the hazard, vulnerability, exposure, and consequences. Over my eight weeks of research in New Zealand and Italy, I gained a much deeper appreciation of unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings. In New Zealand, the research focused on commercial and residential buildings constructed in the 19th and 20th centuries, and in Italy, the research focused on Catholic churches constructed in the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries. This semester, I am continuing research with David Pirchio to help

analyze the data collected this summer to develop the seismic risk for each church. Since this experience, I have been considering going to graduate school for structural engineering. Afterward, I hope to work for an organization or company that analyzes risk and works to reduce this risk to protect communities from earthquakes and other hazardous events."



Lily Polster'17

16 **Caitlin Buchanan** was named to the 2019 dean's list at Union College. Caitlin is a member of the Class of 2020.

Kelly Lyons and **Brianna Alonso** were named to the spring 2019 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

Lexi Scala graduated a full year early as part of the Class of 2019 from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in packaging engineering. She graduated summa cum laude with an overall GPA of 3.68. Over the past year, Lexi achieved \$11,000 in scholarships based on her academics and career

18 **Danielle Bonistalli** writes, "I have been rewarded the NROTC national scholarship at the College of the Holy Cross. The full scholarship is for my next three years of school and, upon graduation, I will commission as a Naval Officer in the United States Navy."

Kathryn Costello, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2022, earned the spring 2019 Dean's Award with Distinction.

Gabriela Russo was named to the spring 2019 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the following members of the Immaculate Heart Academy community who passed away through November 2019:

Karen Peterson Query,
Class of 1969
May 31, 2019

Anne Fellows McCann,
Class of 1975
July 23, 2019
Sister of Katherine Fellows Bate'66 and Jean Fellows-Johansson'72

Linda Calianese Busek,
Class of 1965
October 22, 2019

Julie Hastie
April 19, 2019
Mother of Donna Hastie'75

Edward S. Danko
August 8, 2019
Father of Teresa Danko Cooper'66

Margaret Burns
August 16, 2019
Mother of the late Patti Burns Molloy'74 and Dr. Eileen Burns Perez'77

Gino M. Pallotta
August 17, 2019
Brother of Theresa Pallotta Sasso'87

Ann Marie Vrola
August 17, 2019
Sister of former Consultative Board member, Art Vrola P'94, '99, and aunt of Roseann Vrola Santaniello'94 and Jean Vrola'99

Sheamus O'Connor
August 26, 2019
Son of Jacqueline McKenna O'Connor'79; nephew of Rita McKenna O'Connor'72, Annemarie McKenna Rigler'73, Carolan McKenna Sherman'75, Mary Kay McKenna Socha'77, and Marianne McKenna Thomas'84; and grandson of the late Jack and Dorothy McKenna FF P'72, '73, '75, '77, '79, '84

John J. Karole
August 28, 2019
Father of Susan Karole Reisman'70 and grandfather of Katherine Karole'06

Dolores Maloney
September 1, 2019
Mother of Ann Maloney Frankowski'81

Patrick James McCarthy
September 5, 2019
Father of Maria Doerr P'06, main office staff member, and grandfather of Kristen Doerr'06

Raymond Zorovich
September 15, 2019
Former IHA Tennis coach; father of Anthony Zorovich, former IHA Tennis coach and faculty member; and father-in-law of Kourtney Gallo Zorovich'96

Jack McGovern
October 4, 2019
Father of Erin McGovern'11, uncle of Riley McGovern'22, and Bergen Catholic Athletic Director

Andrew Dalessio
October 19, 2019
Husband of Kendall Cheney Dalessio'10

Aris Francisco, Esq
November 3, 2019
Father of Alice Regina Francisco O'Neill'88 P'20; grandfather of Jessica O'Neill'20; and father-in-law of Jean Genuino Francisco'86

Ellen Monahan
November 5, 2019
Mother of Mary Monahan Morehouse'76, aunt of Kathleen Murphy Thiel'00 and Meaghan Murphy'00, sister-in-law of Mary Gilmartin Murphy'64, and second cousin of Fiona McGovern'03

Charles Shannon
November 5, 2019
Brother of Kathy Hals, former IHA staff member

Ellen Gelnaw
November 6, 2019
Mother of Susan Gelnaw Boyle'85

Martin J. Gallagher, Jr.
November 7, 2019
Father of Colleen Gallagher Blake'88 and grandfather of Taylor Gallagher'16

Irene McLaughlin
November 7, 2019
Mother of Irene McLaughlin Nayden'75, Tammy McLaughlin Connell'77, and Mary McLaughlin Hughes'82, and grandmother of Irene Nayden'06 and Mary Nayden'08

Kyle Egan
November 14, 2019
Brother of Kristen Egan'17

Allie Garbely
November 18, 2019
Sister of Emma Zabransky'20

Donald Rick
November 22, 2019
Father of Barbara Rick'76, Therese Rick Sutherland'78, and Mary Ann Rick Hart'85

Walter Milowic
November 26, 2019
Father of Karen Milowic Richardson'75 and Michelle Milowic Johnson'77

SAVE *the* DATE

IHA Hall of Fame March 29, 2020

Immaculate Heart Academy will be holding the
Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony
on **March 29, 2020** from **12-4 p.m.** at
Seasons in Township of Washington.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include:

Alumna

Mary Ellen Dooley Nye '87 P'21
Serena Bocchino '78

Educator

Barbara Fritsche
Lauretta Miller

Parent

John and Lori Feery P'08
Richard and Mary Ellen Offer P'94, '96, '98, '01, '06

Community Leader

Rev. Donald Hummel

More information is available on www.ihanj.com and IHA's social media pages.
Please save the date and join us in honoring these special individuals!



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UPCOMING

2020 Winter/Spring Special Events

JAN
25

Blue Eagle Athletics Beefsteak

6:30 p.m., IHA Gymnasium

Celebrate our Blue Eagle athletes with a delicious beefsteak dinner catered by The Brownstone.

FEB
7

A "Mis"cast of Characters Cabaret

7 p.m., IHA PAC

This inaugural Cabaret night is a collaborative event between the IHA and Don Bosco Prep Performing Arts Departments. Students will be presenting numbers from shows in which they wouldn't traditionally be cast. Email mmcnulty@ihanj.com for more information.

MAR
12

IHA Talent Show

6:30 p.m., IHA PAC

Join us for our annual Senior-sponsored Talent Show to see students from all grades show off a wide range of talents.

MAR
15

Father/Daughter Dance

12-4 p.m., The Venetian, Garfield

We invite our current students and their fathers, in addition to alumnae and their dads, for this memorable event! Email bgarrigan@ihanj.com for more information.

MAR
29

Hall of Fame

12 p.m., Seasons, Township of Washington

IHA's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony honors individuals in the categories of Alumna, Educator, Parents, and Community Leader.

APR
3-5

Spring Musical: *Mamma Mia!*

7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, IHA PAC

IHA's *Mamma Mia!* is produced by Ms. Maureen McNulty, directed by Jodi Capeless P'22, musically directed by Ed Ginter, and choreographed by Kimberly Galberaith P'22. Visit www.ihatheater.com for more information and to purchase tickets.

APR
29

Spring Open House

6:30-8:30 p.m., IHA

Register online for our Spring Open House. Meet faculty, staff, and coaches; tour the state-of-the-art building; and ask questions of our student Eagle Ambassadors. Walk-ins are also welcome.

APR
30

Spring Concert & Arts Festival

7 p.m., IHA PAC

View artwork completed by our gifted student-artists and then listen to and watch our talented vocal ensembles and orchestra at their Spring Concert.