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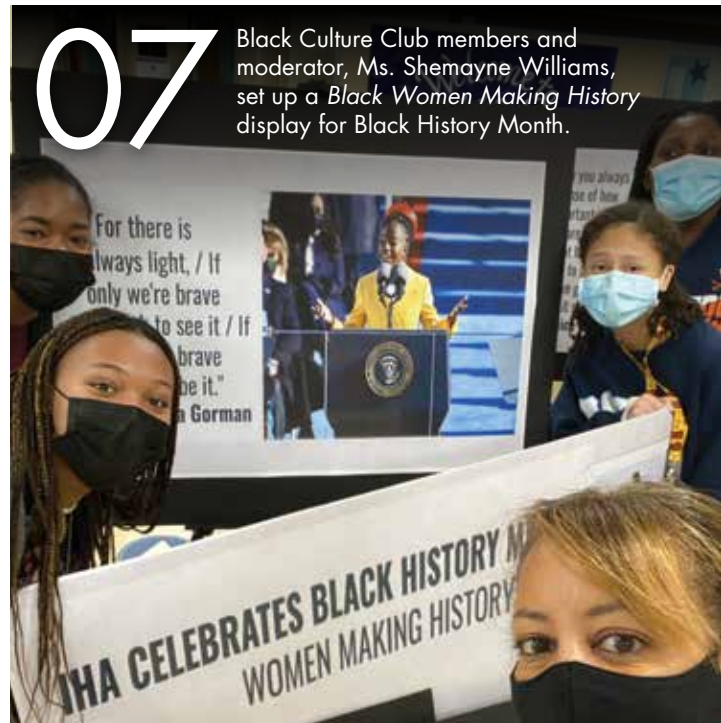
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## Our Mission

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.

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# President's Corner

## A Final Letter from Ms. Molloy as IHA President



Dear friends,

The past forty-seven years have gone by so quickly and, as I write my last President's Corner for our newsletter, I realize that the IHA classroom I entered in 1973 was only the first step in a truly blessed journey. Times have changed, and the challenges we face as a school are very different. It seems that the world has become so complicated, so frustrating, so uncertain. But through all the crises that we face (and this year was a special challenge), one aspect of the IHA experience has never wavered. As a community, we share values that empower us to make a difference in our world. The young women of IHA, with the support of our faculty and staff, our parents, and our alumnae, are growing in their faith, translating that faith into service and leadership. Our graduates bring a passion for justice and peace into our world.

The mission of IHA is one that I will never forget. While I may not be at school every day, I will be there whenever IHA calls. My gratitude to you, my IHA family, is boundless. My contribution to the school was only a small part of the efforts of so many dedicated colleagues over the years. I have served with six principals, and each one contributed to the history of this outstanding school. The Sisters of St. Joseph (Sr. Louise,

Sr. Margaret Mary, Sr. Beatrice Ryan, and Sr. Antoinette Moore) established their community's charism of working toward peace through justice. Sr. Ellen Cronan and the Apostles of the Sacred Heart, whose motto "The Love of Christ Impels Us," shared seventeen years of loving dedication with us. We would not be IHA without them.

I am confident that our new leadership team will continue the challenging task of making this school a home, a family, and a community dedicated to the education of young women in their faith. Academic excellence will always be our goal. Competence, caring, and compassion will continue to be the hallmarks of our graduates. For more than sixty years, our mission remains... to educate young women to be beacons of light in a world that desperately needs their gifts.

Thank you for your support and confidence in our efforts. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Molloy".

Patricia Molloy  
President

Katherine Cottrell'21, Alyssa Lowther'21,  
Caroline Kane'21, Olivia Coughlin'21,  
and Julia Whitney'21



# A New Era of Leadership

Mr. Jason Schlereth Named President, Miss Kerry Carroll'04  
Named Principal as Ms. Patricia Molloy Retires



Ms. Patricia Molloy

“There has been no greater joy in my life. The people I have met during those years—students, parents, faculty and administration, colleagues, friends, and donors—have enriched my life and made coming to school every day such a pleasure.”

— Ms. Patricia Molloy, IHA president

In December 2020, Ms. Patricia Molloy, Immaculate Heart Academy president, announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2021. In a letter to the community, she said she has had the pleasure and honor of being a part of IHA for the past forty-seven years. “There has been no greater joy in my life,” Ms. Molloy wrote. “The people I have met during those years—students, parents, faculty and administration, colleagues, friends, and donors—have enriched my life and made coming to school every day such a pleasure.” Following the announcement of Ms. Molloy’s retirement, the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark announced the appointment of Mr. Jason Schlereth as president of IHA and Miss Kerry Carroll’04 as principal, both effective July 1, 2021.



Mr. Jason Schlereth

Mr. Schlereth has served in the capacity of principal at IHA since 2016. He has also previously served as vice principal from 2013 to 2016 and director of athletics from 2006 to 2013. Before joining the Immaculate Heart community, he taught in the Leonia Public Schools, where he began his career. Mr. Schlereth is an alumnus of Bergen Catholic High School, as well as William Paterson University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and elementary education in 2004. He furthered his education at St. Peter’s University, where he earned a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership in 2013, followed by graduate study at Seton Hall University, where he is currently in pursuit of an Ed.D. in K-12 school administration.



Miss Kerry Carroll'04

Miss Carroll, a 2004 IHA graduate, has been a member of the faculty since 2013. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and a Master of Arts degree in educational leadership, both from University of Notre Dame; a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia University School of Law; and a Master of Law with Merit from King's College London. At Immaculate Heart, Miss Carroll served as a teacher of Social Studies, Latin, and Religious Studies before being named assistant principal for faculty and instruction in July 2019.

Mr. Schlereth said he is proud and excited to partner with Miss Carroll and work closely with her to fulfill the mission of the school. "I know Miss Carroll will do an exemplary job handling the day-to-day tasks of running IHA," he said. "As an intelligent, kind, successful, faithful, and devoted alumna of Immaculate Heart, she is the consummate role model for our students. I look forward to continuing to join forces with Miss Carroll and Mrs. Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13, assistant principal of students, as we lead IHA thoughtfully and purposefully as a team."

"It is a privilege to be selected as Immaculate Heart Academy's next principal," Miss Carroll stated. "IHA has been my home since I first walked the halls as a freshman, and it was a blessing

to join the community as a faculty member. As a student, I recognized how strong our sisterhood was and cherished the excellent education that I received. Now, I am continually impressed by our exceptional students, supportive families, and talented faculty."

Both Mr. Schlereth and Miss Carroll said they feel Ms. Molloy has been vital to the school's success. Her visionary leadership and dedicated service have left the school in a strong position with a clear vision for the future. "I am so grateful for Ms. Patricia Molloy's mentorship, guidance, and friendship throughout my time at IHA," Mr. Schlereth said. "I am humbled by the opportunity to continue her great work. It is hard to picture Immaculate Heart Academy without Ms. Molloy, but her legacy continues to influence so much in our school—from the challenging curriculum and the physical building to the traditional Catholic values and the distinctive culture of sisterhood for which IHA is so highly regarded. She will be greatly missed, but she knows she will always have a home at Immaculate Heart."

Ms. Molloy said she feels confident that this new season at IHA will be a "time of growth, renewal, and achievement for IHA. Our community is so resilient and creative, so dedicated to Catholic education and the empowerment of young women that we will continue to be the outstanding school that we have been for sixty years."

Speaking of his goals as incoming president, Mr. Schlereth said he looks forward to building upon the successes of our great school. "At IHA, we have an impressive student body, truly terrific families, a dedicated and mission-driven faculty and staff, and a strong and engaged alumnae community," he noted.

"We also possess a unique and wonderful culture of developing strong, empowered, faith-filled young women who are ready to face the challenges of our complex world, equipped with a set of strong Catholic values." Mr. Schlereth said IHA has become a second home for him over the past fifteen years. "Our students' many accomplishments, both in and out of the classroom, continue to impress and inspire me. They are the main motivation for anyone who works in our building, and their vitality and positive energy are contagious." He said he is grateful for the opportunity to engage with IHA's various constituencies and to dive more deeply into the external affairs of the school to ensure that IHA continues its position as a leader in all-girls Catholic education.

Interim Superintendent of Schools at the Archdiocese of Newark, Monsignor Thomas McDade, said he could not be more pleased with the new appointments. "Mr. Schlereth and Miss Carroll are two examples of outstanding Catholic school servant leaders," he stated. "Their commitment to mission, academic excellence, and social justice will be the distinguishing qualities in which IHA will thrive for years to come."

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— Mr. Jason Schlereth, incoming IHA president



# Creating a Culture of Belonging

## DEIB Task Force Takes First Steps Toward Change

**A**s we move forward in our effort to ensure that Immaculate Heart Academy is a community of diversity, equity, and inclusion, a task force has been created to address these issues. Members of the task force first met in March to provide the school administration with input and suggestions as to how IHA could create a culture where all members of our community feel a sense of respect, inclusion, and, above all, a sense of belonging.

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Task Force, led by IHA alumna, Aileen Daniels'08, identified three key goals for the school. The first, updating and improving the curriculum, has already made significant progress and will be a long-term effort. The second, working toward a more diverse community, requires sustained outreach to communities who may not traditionally have chosen a Catholic school experience. Recruiting people of color to our faculty and staff is a challenge and will require creative and innovative approaches. Finally, creating a culture of belonging, a core aspect of IHA's commitment to inclusion, is the ultimate goal of the DEIB Task Force and subcommittees.

The Task Force members will assist the school in organizing action committees that will set a timeline for goals and recruit members who represent the Black, Hispanic, and Asian American communities. All stakeholders, students, faculty and staff, parents, and alumnae will be represented in our effort to make Immaculate Heart Academy a true sisterhood where everyone feels that they are not only accepted and included, but that they *belong* at IHA.

**We offer heartfelt gratitude to our outstanding Task Force members who include:**

**Aileen Daniels'08 –  
Task Force Chairperson**  
Associate, Corporate Finance,  
Williams Capital Group New York



Aileen Daniels'08

**Lesley Renee Adams, Esq.'84 –  
IHA Consultative Board Liaison**  
IHA Consultative Board Member

**Shemayne Williams**  
IHA Faculty Member, Moderator  
of Black Culture Club

**Christine Ajao'21**  
Current Student, Student Council  
Executive Board, Black Culture  
Club President

**Grace Capeless'22**  
Current Student, Member of Black  
Culture Club

**Sanaiya Villanueva'22**  
Current Student, Member of Black  
Culture Club

**Christel-Ann Augustin'11**  
President, Haitian-American  
Nurses Association

**Rashida M. Isigi'96**  
VP of Diversity and Talent  
Development, Morgan Stanley

**Cesar Aguero P'23**  
Spanish Teacher, St. Joseph Regional  
High School

**Maurice Barrett P'24**  
Sr. HR Executive, Diversity,  
Equity, Accessibility, and  
Inclusion Consultant

**Tricia Stephens-Adams P'20**  
Manager of Web Technology  
Development & Support, Schulte  
Roth & Zabel LLP

**Jeff Carter**  
President, Bergen County NAACP



# IHA Black Culture Club Celebrates Black Women Making History



In celebration of Black History Month, members of IHA's Black Culture Club set up an outstanding exhibit in IHA's main lobby featuring *Black Women Making History*. The exhibit was displayed throughout the month of February.

From left to right in the group photo are Black Culture Club members, Magdaly Pierre-Louis'23; Christina-Ann Augustin'23; Ariana Chen'23; Christine Ajao'21, club president; and Ms. Shemayne Williams, physical education teacher and club moderator. Additional members of the club who helped with the display include Gianna Joshua'23, Bryanna Pollard'21, Brookelyn Talmadge'23, Sanaia Villanueva'22, Kevynne Callwood'21, Grace Capeless'22, Raquel Davis'21, and Kahlia Content'23.

"We chose the theme of *Black Women Making History* since it is such a historic year for Black women with the first-ever Black Vice President," Christine explained. "We wanted to highlight strong Black women in all fields."

The featured women include Kamala Harris, the first female Vice President of the United States and the first African American and South Asian Vice President of the United States; Janice Huff, meteorologist on WNBC in NYC; Bianca Smith, minor league coach for the Boston Red Sox organization and first Black woman to coach in professional baseball history; Viola Davis, actress/producer and first African American to achieve the "Triple Crown of Acting;" Lupita Nyong'o, Kenyan-Mexican actress;



Jordan Casteel, figurative painter/artist; Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, viral immunologist and scientific lead of the Vaccine Research Center Coronavirus Team; Amanda Gorman, the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history and National Youth Poet Laureate; Misty Copeland, ballet dancer for American Ballet Theatre and first African American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in ABT's seventy-five-year history; and Dr. Mae Jemison, physician and the first African American female astronaut for NASA.

# IHA'S PERFORMANCE OF

# GODSPELL

Cast and Crew  
Produce Spring  
Movie-Musical

STREAMED



Grace Capeless'22

Audience members streamed IHA's spring production of the renowned musical, *Godspell*, on Saturday, April 17 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This year's cast, crew, and production team worked incredibly hard to film the show throughout various locations on IHA's campus, allowing viewers to watch the innovative production from the comfort of their own homes.



"A small group of people helps Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life." – MTI

Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," *Godspell* features many beloved songs including "Prepare Ye," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side."

**Left:** Mia Grossman'21

## HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST OF GODSPELL:

Jessica Arriaga'21  
RJ Buscher (SJR'24)  
Grace Capeless'22  
Alyssa Darella'22  
Kaitlyn DeMartini'23  
Olivia DeMartini'21  
Caroline Dyson'21  
Samantha Emr'22  
Liam Fahey (SJR'24)  
Mia Grossman'21  
Ben Hajek (SJR'21)  
Nora-Lise Hamre'21  
Madeline Heinimann'24  
Anja Kranenburg'21  
Olivia Landolfi'21  
Samantha Landolfi'23  
Colton Maurer (BCA'21)  
Lauryn Mockler'21  
Mary Virginia Nye'21  
Amanda Potenza'21  
Anna Salewycz'21  
Taylor Terry'22  
Sarah Vella'22



*Godspell* was 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. Vincent Gunn was the set designer, Declan Moore was the lighting designer, and Eric Fredericks was the sound designer. Thank you to assistant director, Grace Capeless'22; costume designer, Nancy Reynolds P'09; and Ms. Jessi Shaheen, Mrs. Lorraine Mongelli, and Grace Capeless'22 for filming the show for streaming.

**Right:** Caroline Dyson'21, Anna Salewycz'21, and Olivia DeMartini'21

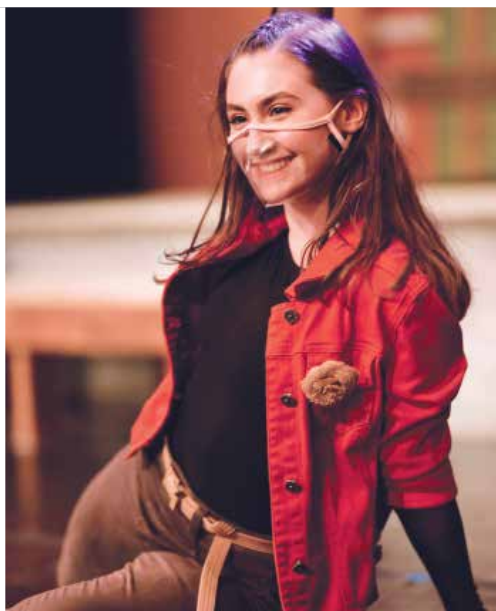


**Left:** IHA senior cast members pause for a photo break during the filming of *Godspell*.

**Bottom Left:** Alyssa Darrella'22

**Bottom Middle:** Sarah Vella'22

**Bottom Right:** Olivia DeMartini'21





Cast members perform the prologue to *Godspell*, "Tower of Babble."

Special thanks to the dedicated members of the crew including Ava Kazias'22, stage manager; Carolyn Sandt'23, assistant stage manager; and the backstage/ props crew including Samantha Andersen'24, Katelyn Coughlan'23, Bella Klouda'23, Payton McIntyre'23, and Sophia Salewycz'24. Thank you to Sofia Trubiano'21 for assisting with sound and Kara Ignacio'23, Alyssa Mack'24, and Alyssa Torres'24 for their assistance with lighting. Special shout-out to our wardrobe crew, Samantha Andersen'24, Bella Klouda'23, and Payton McIntyre'23, and the many students and parents who helped with set design, construction, painting, and sewing. Thank you to Kayla Luna'21 for her work designing the Playbill cover and show poster, Amanda Potenza'21 for her costume sweatshirt design, and Carolyn Sandt'23 for her cast & crew sweatshirt design.

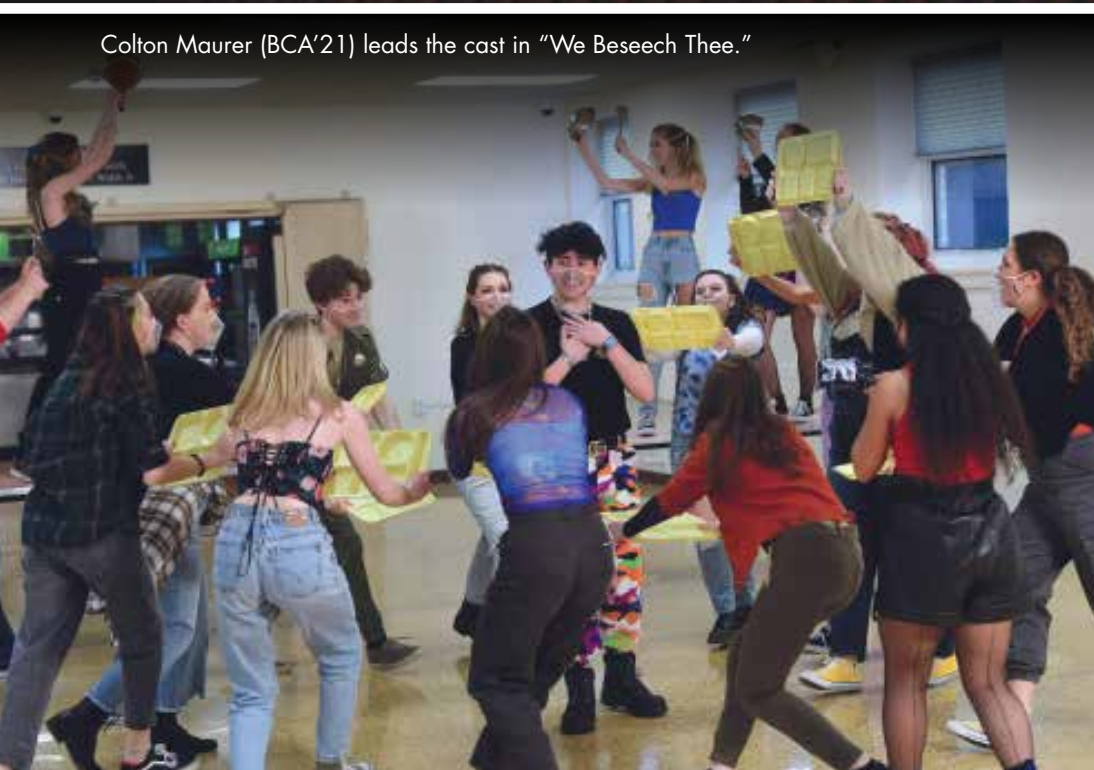


Cast members act out one of the parables.





Mia Grossman'21 leads the cast in "Day by Day."



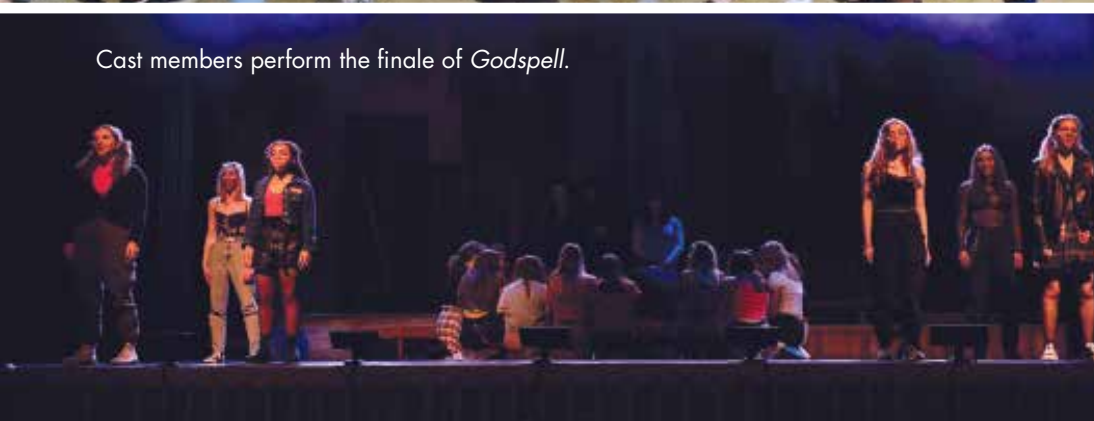
Colton Maurer (BCA'21) leads the cast in "We Beseech Thee."



Mary Virginia Nye'21



Alyssa Darella'22 advises to "Learn Your Lessons Well."



Cast members perform the finale of *Godspell*.



We will miss all of our senior members of the cast and crew of *Godspell*!



Nora-Lise Hamre'21



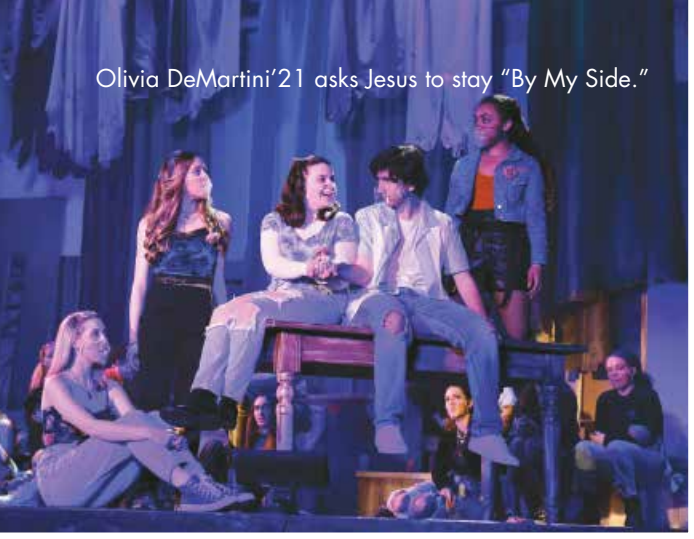
Mia Grossman'21, Olivia DeMartini'21,  
Kaitlyn DeMartini'21, and Madeline Heinimann'24



Colton Maurer (BCA'21) and  
Laurn Mockler'21



Olivia DeMartini'21 asks Jesus to stay "By My Side."



The cast of *Godspell* reacts mournfully to the crucifixion of Jesus, played by Liam Fahey (SJR'24).

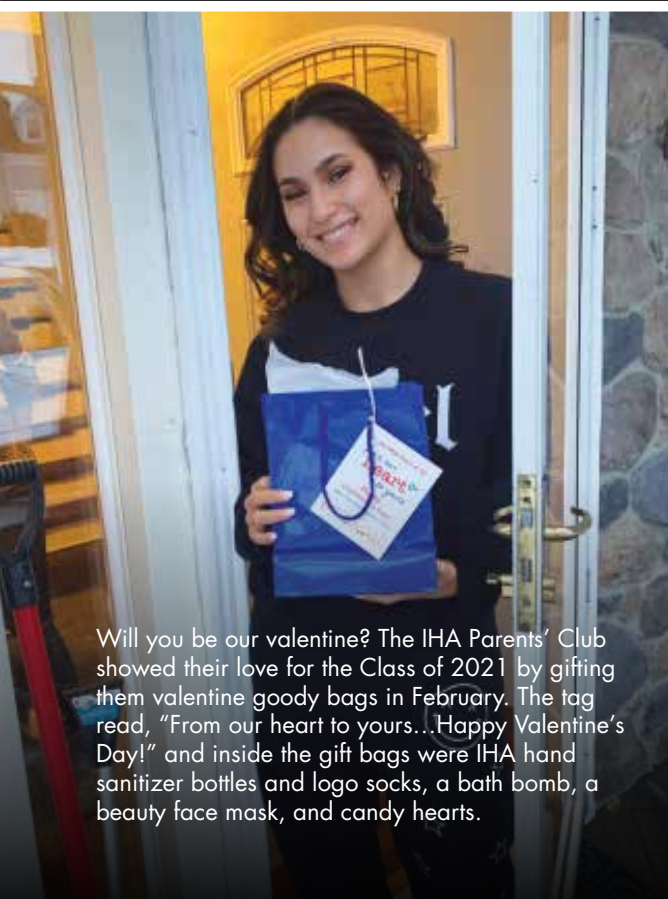


The cast of *Godspell* closes the show with a spectacular finale performance.

# SCENE | Around IHA



Prior to the 2021 MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge, Ella Parker'20 and Isabella DeCurtis'20, alumnae and participants in last year's challenge, generously shared their experience and insight with some of this year's participants. Read more about the 2021 M3 Challenge on page 22.



Will you be our valentine? The IHA Parents' Club showed their love for the Class of 2021 by gifting them valentine goody bags in February. The tag read, "From our heart to yours...Happy Valentine's Day!" and inside the gift bags were IHA hand sanitizer bottles and logo socks, a bath bomb, a beauty face mask, and candy hearts.



Thank you to the IHA Parents' Club for treating the faculty and staff to Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza during Catholic Schools Week! Pictured are Janine Priolo P'17, '19, '22, Parents' Club second vice president, and Grace King P'16, '19, '22, Parents' Club president, with the Anthony's staff. Special thanks to the Shea Family P'21 for their generous support.





Members of the IHA Math League participate in a number of competitions throughout the year, one of those being the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). The MAA's AMC program leads the nation in strengthening the mathematical capabilities of the next generation of problem-solvers. Through classroom resources and friendly competition, the program helps America's educators identify talent and foster a love of mathematics. The AMC 10 and AMC 12 are both twenty-five-question, seventy-five-minute multiple choice examinations in high school mathematics designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem-solving skills. The AMC 10/12 is the first in a series of competitions that eventually leads all the way to the International Mathematical Olympiad.



About thirty freshmen gathered together for a "Paint and Meet" event, sponsored by IHA's Peer Mentors, in the cafeteria on March 9, 2021. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts; Mrs. Mary Carnevale, art teacher; and the National Art Honor Society students for hosting the event. With COVID-19 regulations making it difficult to gather with classmates and meet new friends during their freshman year at Immaculate Heart, these small get togethers served as opportunities for the members of the Class of 2024 to have some fun! Peer Mentors also ran a Tie-Dying Social event in April.

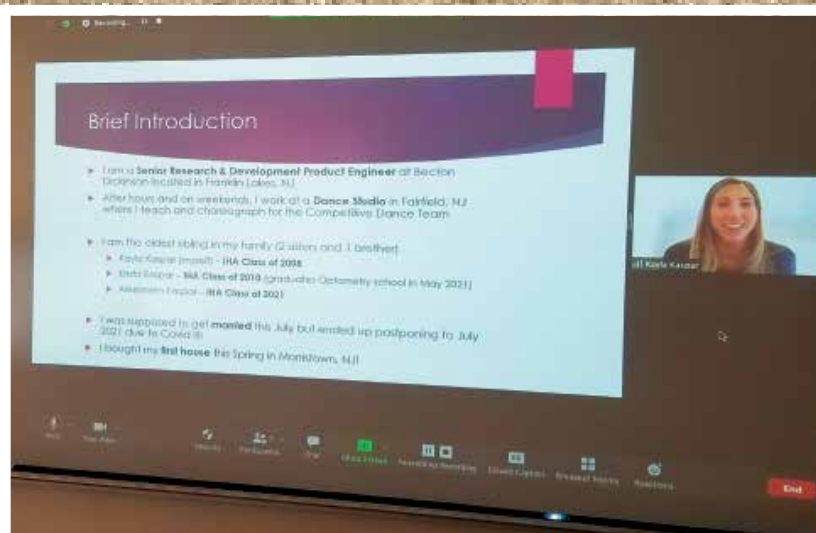


IHA parents attended a virtual Super Bowl Mixology Class on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Cousins, Danielle Garrigan'06 and Michael Powers (Bergen Catholic'91), showcased four game day cocktails that our parents learned how to make themselves.

IHA Campus Ministry and Black Culture Club students hosted an Easter Drive benefitting Sacred Heart School, Jersey City. Our students delivered the Easter bags to Sacred Heart on Friday, March 26, 2021. Thank you to all of those who contributed!



Seniors kicked off their 21 Celebrations of the Class of 2021 with a special outdoor luncheon on campus on March 23, 2021. Pictured, left to right, are Maria Mustard'21, Emmy Mazzacano'21, Amanda Parks'21, Annalisa Diaz'21, and Quinlyn Maloney'21.



Kayla Kaspar'08, senior research & development engineer at Becton Dickinson, was a guest speaker at a virtual Applied Engineering Club meeting this fall. As a young woman in the field of engineering, she shared her college and job experiences with IHA's aspiring engineers. "Kayla was so generous with her time and we appreciated that she shared her recent projects with us, even in COVID-19 times," said Mrs. Alice Nudelman, teacher and Applied Engineering Club moderator. "She was proud to announce that Becton Dickinson has been producing syringes that will soon be used across the country to administer the COVID-19 vaccines. How great that her company is taking on a huge role in fighting the current pandemic!"



# DID YOU KNOW THAT...



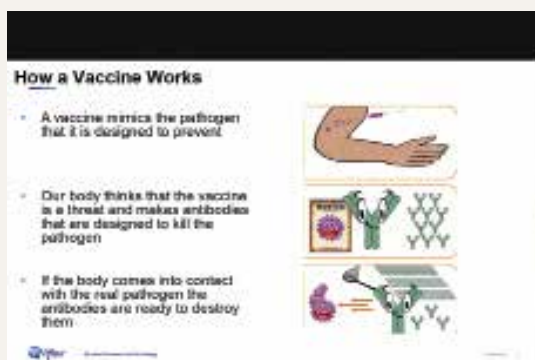
Christine Ollmann '10, Esq.

Christine Ollmann '10, Esq. spoke to members of IHA's Law Society on February 10, 2021 about her educational path to becoming a corporate attorney. Christine, sister of Jennifer Ollmann '21, joined the New York office of Latham & Watkins LLP in its corporate group on April 5, 2021. Prior to her new position, Christine specialized in mergers and acquisitions at Willkie, Farr, and Gallagher LLP, a large firm in New York City. After graduating from IHA in 2010, Christine continued her education at Lafayette College and Fordham Law School. Before becoming an attorney, she worked as a paralegal. This is the inaugural year for the Law Society, which was founded by current club president, Jessica Boyd '22. The club is moderated by Ms. Linda Chelotti '76, Social Studies Department chairperson, and additional executive board members include Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem '22, vice president, and Francesca D'Amico '22 and Sinead Gilmartin '22, communications directors.

In January 2021, Dr. Annaliesa Anderson, Pfizer's Chief Scientific Officer of Bacterial Vaccines, spoke to IHA students at a joint virtual meeting for the Science National Honor Society, moderated by science teachers, Mrs. Angela Holuba Roberts '05 and Mrs. Lauren Tereshko, and Future Doctors of America club, moderated by science teacher, Dr. Erika Brennan. Dr. Anderson spoke about her incredible career path, experience for many years as a female scientist in a male-dominated field, and involvement in the development of life-saving vaccines protective against COVID-19 and Human Papilloma Virus. She parted with some sage advice for our students: the most valuable skills to have for your career are to be kind and to be a good listener. Before beginning a fascinating Q&A session, she closed by highlighting that her career is dependent on the support of her family. Mrs. Roberts sent "a special thank you to sisters, Rania Hart '22 and Hannah Hart '24, for introducing us to Dr. Anderson and bringing about this outstanding opportunity for our students!"



Hannah Hart '24 and Rania Hart '22



Dr. Annaliesa Anderson



Emmersen Dabal'21

St. Joseph's Church in East Rutherford recognized **Emmersen Dabal'21** with the Archdiocesan Youth Discipleship Award as "an outstanding leader in youth ministry in the parish as well as in school." This award "is presented to those outstanding school teenagers who have responded to the call of discipleship through service or ministry to their parish or school community." According to her youth leader, Emmersen was awarded for all she does in youth ministry and as a Disciple including her leadership and contribution to the Peer Servant Team, in addition to the planning of Teen Night Lives and her witness to others and the parish.



Adelaide Magdalena Kruk

**Mrs. Jacklyn Kruk**, IHA religious studies teacher, and her husband, Ken, welcomed their daughter, Adelaide Magdalena Kruk, on February 22, 2021 at 9:33 a.m. Adelaide was 18 inches long and 6 lbs, 5.4 oz.



Samantha Testa

Members of the **Applied Engineering Club**, moderated by Mrs. Alice Nudelman, information management specialist and engineering teacher, were honored to host a virtual visit from Samantha Testa on March 4, 2021. Sam, the cousin of **Giana Fontanetta'24**, is a mechanical engineer who works for NASA as a lead design engineer at the Kennedy Space Station. Sam is one of the designers of "soft goods" for launch pad equipment, Advanced Plant Habitat for the International Space Station, and the Crew Access Arm Vehicle Access Platform for the SLS Orion. She is also the lead design engineer of the Commercial Crew Program of the Centrifuge Project that trains astronauts for the effects of ascent and reentry. In Sam's inspiring and informative presentation, she touched on her path to becoming a mechanical engineer and a NASA employee and encouraged the students to pursue their interests, emphasizing the importance of internships to gain experiences in fields that interest them. The group participated in a Q&A session where students had the chance to ask Sam questions about her college experiences at Villanova, life as a female engineer, and her last year working for NASA during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also informed the group that she recently applied to become an astronaut, a very challenging spot since tens of thousands apply each year. We wish Sam good luck as she pursues her love of engineering and outer space.



**M**s. Julia Clinton'11, history teacher, is one of only one hundred sixteen teachers from around the world selected for a National History Day® (NHD) spring professional development program, specifically the Historical Argumentation Webinar Series. This program is a collaboration between NHD and the Library of Congress that focuses on using online Library of Congress resources to develop and support historical arguments. It is a feature of NHD's membership in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Consortium. The teachers chosen for this honor represent NHD's fifty-eight affiliates across the country and around the world, and the National History Day program in New Jersey selected Ms. Clinton. "The skills and strategies Ms. Clinton is developing through this series will benefit her students over the course of their academic and professional careers," said National History Day Executive Director,

Dr. Cathy Gorn. "As a Library of Congress TPS Consortium member, NHD is incredibly fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity for teachers, especially now as teachers and students continue to address challenges of non-traditional learning settings required by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic." Since December, Ms. Clinton has completed readings, engaged in discussion boards with peers from around the world, and joined live programs with historians and curriculum specialists to improve her practice. For several months, Ms. Clinton will continue to work with her peers and National History Day staff to build knowledge for teaching with online Library of Congress resources. Upon completion of the series, she will have demonstrated the ability to share with her students key strategies for researching, supporting, and presenting historical arguments bolstered by these primary sources.



Ms. Julia Clinton'11

**A**lexandra Fasset'21 was recently published in the *Young Scientists Journal*, with her chapter entitled "The Lifespan of Alzheimer Disease." From April through August of 2020, Alex conducted research on Alzheimer's Disease through a program called Polygence. She worked with a mentor, Marija Kamceva, who is currently a medical student at Stanford Medical School. Alex submitted her paper to the *Young Scientists Journal* in August and heard in January that her work was approved for accelerated publication. Alex said doing the research for this paper solidified her love for science and medicine as well as her passion to become a doctor. Next fall, Alex will be a member of the honors program at Quinnipiac University, where she has committed for acrobatics and tumbling; she will be in the 3+1 B.S. biochemistry/M.S. molecular & cell biology accelerated dual degree program.



Alexandra Fasset'21

**F**uture Blue Eagle, Leah Finley'25, was awarded the Francis J. Walsh Family Scholarship, a four-year full tuition scholarship to Immaculate Heart Academy!



Leah Finley'25

# Junior Ring Ceremony 2021

**E**ighty-one members of IHA's Class of 2022 celebrated their Junior Ring Ceremony on the afternoon of March 12, 2021. The majority of juniors who received class rings gathered together safely in IHA's PAC for a liturgy led by Fr. Frank Critch. Class of 2022 parents and all other students, faculty, and staff logged in virtually to watch a live streaming of the liturgy and ceremony from their homes, offices, and classrooms. All juniors, both remote and in-person, received a congratulatory Glaze Donuts treat from the IHA Parents' Club!

Thank you to Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal; Mrs. Alice Rogers, assistant principal; and junior class officers, Gabriella Fava'22, president; Erin Burke'22, vice president; Kyra Toskos'22, secretary; Kayla Arone'22, treasurer; and Jayda Yatko'22, event planner, for helping to coordinate and participate in this special event. Special thanks to Ms. Ana Echeverría, junior class moderator, and Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, for planning a beautiful ceremony for our juniors, and to Ms. Jessi Shaheen and the student volunteers who facilitated the live streaming of the event.



**Above:** Alyssa Darella'22 and Francesca D'Amico'22

**Right:** Isabella Vaughn'22; Ms. Ana Echeverría, junior class moderator; Riley Ypelaar'22; and Ryanne Kelleher'22

Congratulations  
to all of our juniors  
who celebrated  
this timeless  
IHA tradition!



Riley Benedik'22, Jessica Guanci'22, and Meghan Karach'22



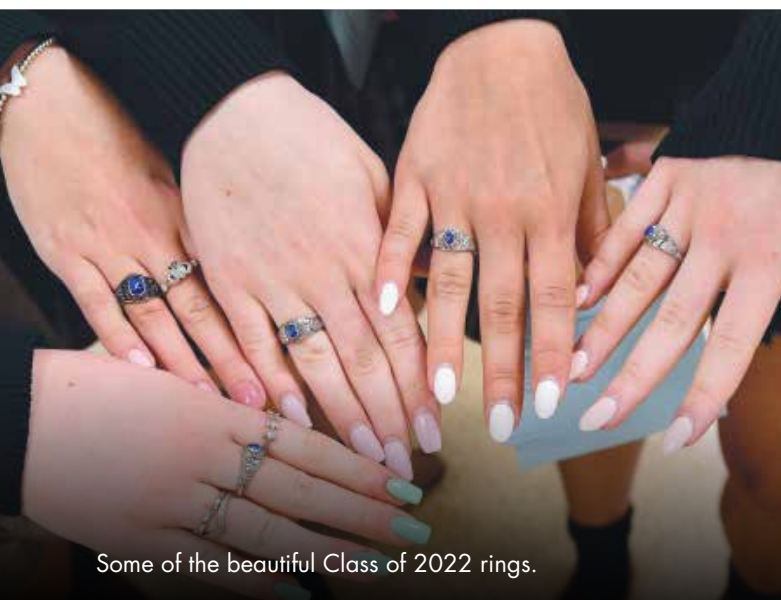




Madison Woods'22 is recognized during the Junior Ring Ceremony.



Ryanne Kelleher'22, Olivia Raia'22, Sophia Bednarek'22, Jacqueline Vale'22, and Kylie Galiger'22



Some of the beautiful Class of 2022 rings.



Anna Gheres'22, Grace Calianese'22, Laura Rickli'22, and Natalie Ursich'22



Samantha Emr'22, Grace Capeless'22, and Taylor Terry'22



Fr. Frank Critch presides over the Junior Ring Mass.

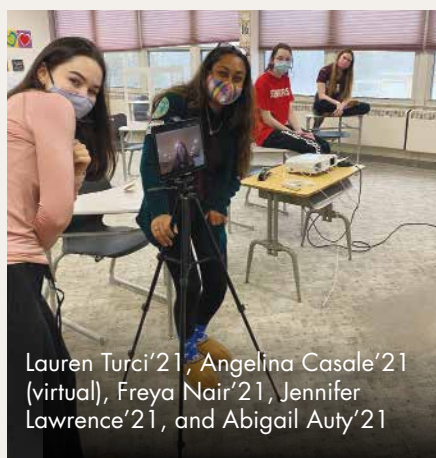


# IHA Seniors Compete in M3 Challenge

On Saturday, February 27, 2021, ten IHA seniors, divided into two teams, competed in the MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge. This rigorous, fourteen-hour competition is unlike any other in high school mathematics, pushing students to the limits of what they know about math, analyzing data, researching an unfamiliar topic, and formulating a mathematical solution. IHA's two independent teams were made up of gifted mathematicians, researchers, writers, critical thinkers, and problem-solvers including:

## Team #14829

Abigail Auty'21  
Angelina Casale'21  
Jennifer Lawrence'21  
Freya Nair'21  
Lauren Turci'21



Lauren Turci'21, Angelina Casale'21 (virtual), Freya Nair'21, Jennifer Lawrence'21, and Abigail Auty'21

## Team #14830

Jennifer Ahn'21  
Bianca D'Costa'21  
Valerie Hiemer'21  
Hanna Martin'21  
Elizabeth Spizzo'21

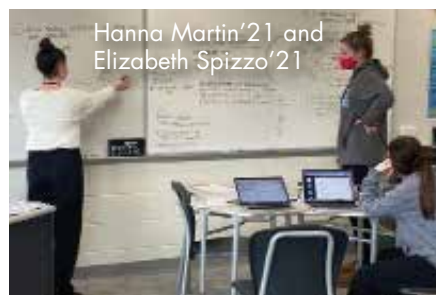


Elizabeth Spizzo'21, Bianca D'Costa'21, Hanna Martin'21, Valerie Heimer'21, and Jennifer Ahn'21

Each team experienced what it's like to work together to address a current and very real-world problem. The topic for this year's M3 Challenge was "Defeating the Digital Divide: Internet Costs, Needs, and Optimal Planning." Students worked together within their teams to develop a viable mathematical solution and write a technical solution, all under strict time and resource constraints. Each team member researched, discussed, and strategized using her own mathematical knowledge to build a viable mathematical model and report that would address and answer the three major problems presented:

1. **The Cost of Connectivity:** Build a model to predict the cost per unit of bandwidth in dollars or pounds per Mbps over the next ten years for consumers in the United States and the United Kingdom.
2. **Bit by Bit:** Create a flexible mathematical model to predict a given household's need for the internet over the course of a year. Apply your model to the example households provided by the Challenge and determine the minimum amount of required bandwidth that would cover their total internet needs 90% of the time. What about 99% of the time?
3. **Mobilizing Mobile:** Mobile broadband (e.g. 4G and 5G internet) is transmitted from towers or nodes. Develop a model that produces an optimal plan for distributing/placing cellular nodes in a region.

Although neither IHA team advanced to the final round of judging, they successfully presented a full report and viable mathematical models for judging. They received important comments from the judges regarding the strengths and weaknesses of their models, which will provide valuable input for future participants. Additionally, Immaculate Heart Academy Team #14830 was named the winner of the M3 Challenge Social Media Contest! Participants sent in videos of their teams completing the challenge and IHA's video was one of two to receive the most votes on Facebook.



Hanna Martin'21 and Elizabeth Spizzo'21

Mrs. Elizabeth Kearns, Mathematics Department chairperson, Mu Alpha Theta advisor, and coach of the two IHA M3 Challenge teams, said she is very proud of her students and all they have achieved in the STEM@theheart program. "I commend them for the courage and grit it takes to compete against some of the top schools and most talented math students in the country," she said. "I am excited by the opportunity the Challenge offers my students for growth and look forward to competing again next year."



# Student-Artists Receive Prestigious Scholastic Art Awards

**F**our seniors were recently honored with Montclair Art Museum 2021 Scholastic Art Awards! Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized some of America's most celebrated artists while they were teenagers including Andy Warhol, Zac Posen, Idelle Weber, Ken Burns, Kay WalkingStick, and more. A jury of professional artists, curators, and arts educators spent more than forty hours reviewing three thousand one hundred six works of art submitted by more than a thousand individual student artists from across northern New Jersey. Our students' work was selected as part of the top thirty percent of the most outstanding work submitted. A virtual 2021 Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony for the Northern New Jersey Region was held in late February and the award winners were featured in a virtual exhibition on the Montclair Art Museum website.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

### Silver Key:

**Top Right:** Barbara Mattura '21 – *Trapped* (Drawing & Illustration)

### Honorable Mention:

**Middle Right:** Jennifer Ollmann '21 – *Isabella* (Drawing & Illustration)

**Bottom Left:** Amanda Potenza '21 – *Foreshortened Self-Portrait* (Drawing & Illustration)

**Bottom Right:** Catherine DePalma '21 – *Portrait* (Painting)



# Virtual Spring Alumnae Book Club – *Caste*

Over the last couple of months, more than thirty IHA alumnae read the landmark book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Isabel Wilkerson. They then joined together virtually on March 23 and April 20, 2021 to discuss the book, described as “an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.” The Book Club event was hosted by Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan’76, director of alumnae engagement, and the discussion was led by Ms. Linda Chelotti’76, social studies department chairperson, and Dr. Sue Kenney, social studies teacher.



Attendees of the *Caste* Virtual Alumnae Book Club

# Virtual Q&A with *FATIMA* Producer, Rose Ganguzza’66

On April 13, 2021, alumnae joined in a Zoom Q&A with Rose Ganguzza’66, producer of *FATIMA*, “an uplifting drama about the power of faith.” The film tells the story of “a 10-year-old shepherdess and her two young cousins in Fátima, Portugal, who report seeing visions of the Virgin Mary. Their revelations inspire believers but anger officials of both the Church and secular government, who try to force them to recant their story. As word of their prophecy spreads, tens of thousands of religious pilgrims flock to the site in hopes of witnessing a miracle. What they experience will change their lives forever.”

After graduating from IHA in 1966, Rose received an undergraduate degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a master’s degree from Columbia



Rose Ganguzza’66 and Virtual Q&A attendees

University. She is a New York-based producer with thirty years of experience and the president and founder of Rose

Pictures, LLC. You can find *FATIMA* on Netflix and Amazon Prime or purchase the DVD where movies are sold.



# 2021 National Honor Society Virtual Induction

On February 10, 2021, sixty-one upperclassmen were virtually inducted into the National Honor Society at Immaculate Heart Academy. Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, NHS moderator, led the induction ceremony with the assistance of Bianca D'Costa'21, NHS president, and Elizabeth Spizzo'21, NHS vice president. Thank you to Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal, for giving the keynote address and to Ms. Patricia Molloy, president, for her congratulatory closing remarks. Congratulations to the newest members of IHA's National Honor Society:

## Seniors

Simone Amerio'21  
Hannah Delfico'21  
Ella Doda'21  
Isabella Garzon'21  
Gabriella Haines'21  
Valerie Hiemer'21  
Fiona James'21  
Gabriella Karcz'21  
Eva Napolitano'21  
Isabel Quevedo'21  
Keara Skae'21  
Emma Viggiano'21  
Mary Stose'21

## Juniors

Sofia Alvarez'22  
Kayla Arone'22  
Sophia Bednarek'22  
Riley Benedik'22  
Abbey Benus'22  
Paulina Biagioni'22  
Jessica Boyd'22  
Erin Burke'22  
Caitlin Croci'22  
Francesca D'Amico'22  
Alyssa Darella'22  
Margaret Dillon'22  
Sofia Durante'22  
Gabriella Fava'22  
Kylie Galiger'22  
Anna Gehres'22  
Rania Hart'22  
Emma Hawryluk'22  
Meghan Karach'22  
Jessica Kielur'22  
Camryn King'22  
Brianna Kuchenmeister'22  
Shannon LaMotta'22  
Katherine Mahoney'22

Ashley Mariscal'22  
Grace Martin'22  
Riley McGovern'22  
Rhea Mittal'22  
Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem'22  
Grace Oates'22  
Mackenna Olsen'22  
Madelyn Panebianco'22  
Gabrielle Park'22  
Olivia Raia'22  
Marissa Roberge'22  
Natalie Ronen'22  
Aniela Sanders'22  
Jenna Savino'22  
Sydney Severini'22  
Natalie Ursich'22  
Isabella Vaughn'22  
Sarah Vella'22  
Isabelle Villanueva'22  
Sanaiya Villanueva'22  
Christiane Wahba'22  
Margaux Yannacci'22  
Katherine Young'22  
Riley Ypelaar'22

**Left:** Sofia Durante'22  
**Middle:** Aniela Sanders'22  
**Right:** Sanaiya Villanueva'22



# First Semester Distinguished Scholars

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Distinguished Scholars by earning an average of 95 or better for the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year:

## Freshmen

Madysen Ayers'24  
Alexandra Barry'24  
Ella Bosse'24  
Alyzza Chino'24  
Ella Crane'24  
Sophia Cremona'24  
Natalie Deegan'24  
Gianna DiMeglio'24  
Isabella Falletta'24  
Madison Fasolo'24  
Giana Fontanetta'24  
Valentina Frau'24  
Julia Grzybowski'24  
Hannah Hart'24  
Meaghan Keating'24  
Ellie Kim'24  
Alexandra Kucharz'24  
Kaitlyn LeSuer'24  
Rose Martin'24  
Samantha McGee'24  
Casey McGrath'24  
Sophie Morales'24  
Gabriella Napolitano'24  
Elizabeth Ogden'24  
Reagan Pace'24  
Angelina Parrino'24  
Isabella Pizzi'24  
Lindsay Probst'24  
Abigail Romero'24  
Lily Schwedhelm'24  
Kiera Stevenson'24  
Alia Ureta'24  
Adrianna Uykan'24  
Marta Weglarz'24

## Sophomores

Marie Baldwin'23  
Katherine Deane'23  
Emma Dillane'23  
Lauren Dunnigan'23  
Isabella Galan'23

Madeleine Gilson'23  
Lauren Grae'23  
Leanna Johnston'23  
Layla Libanan'23  
Natalia LoCurto'23  
Natalia Maglicic'23  
Madison McKay'23  
Kate Menake'23  
Meghan Minogue'23  
Johanna Murphy'23  
Gracyn Pisa'23  
Jessica Sundlin'23  
Mary-Kathryn Sweeney'23

## Juniors

Sophia Bednarek'22  
Riley Benedik'22  
Abbey Benus'22  
Paulina Biagioni'22  
Jessica Boyd'22  
Grace Calianese'22  
Grace Capeless'22  
Alyssa Darella'22  
Margaret Dillon'22  
Gabriella Fava'22  
Kylie Galiger'22  
Margot Kapusinski'22  
Ashley Mariscal'22  
Riley McGovern'22  
Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem'22  
Julia Nicotra'22  
Madelyn Panebianco'22  
Emily Prussak'22  
Natalie Ursich'22  
Isabelle Villanueva'22  
Juliana Vitti'22  
Margaux Yannacci'22  
Katherine Young'22  
Riley Ypelaar'22

## Seniors

Jennifer Ahn'21  
Abigail Auty'21  
Angelina Boris'21  
Angelina Casale'21  
Katherine Conway'21  
Katherine Cottrell'21  
Bianca D'Costa'21  
Olivia DeMartini'21  
Catherine DePalma'21  
Nicole Erik'21  
Valerie Hiemer'21  
Giana Homan'21  
Gabriella Karcz'21  
Alexandra Kaspar'21  
Cailee LaFrance'21  
Jennifer Lawrence'21  
Antonia Luppino'21  
Daniela Makowka'21  
Brooke Marotti'21  
Hanna Martin'21  
Clare McGowan'21  
Freya Nair'21  
Mary Virginia Nye'21  
Mariel Persico'21  
Anna Salewycz'21  
Elizabeth Spizzo'21  
Lauren Turci'21  
Emma Viggiano'21  
Taylor Whang'21  
Kyra Whiteman'21  
Sarah Zampino'21  
Alexandra Zitelli'21



# Science National Honor Society Induction

Sixty-one New Members Inducted into IHA's SNHS Chapter

Immaculate Heart Academy virtually inducted sixty-one new members into IHA's chapter of the Science National Honor Society on the evening of January 28, 2021. According to moderators and science teachers, Mrs. Angela Holuba Roberts'05 and Mrs. Lauren Tereshko, "These young women are self-motivated, devoted to their academic studies, committed to their communities, and ever-curious about the world around them. We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful things they will do in this honor society."

Current IHA SNHS co-presidents, Abigail Auty'21 and Freya Nair'21, led the induction of new members. New SNHS Executive Board officers, Madelyn Panebianco'22 and Katherine Young'22, were also appointed. Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal, gave a touching congratulatory address and Mrs. Lauren Tereshko made closing remarks. Thank you to Mrs. Alice Rogers and Miss Kerry Carroll'04, assistant principals, for attending the virtual induction. Congratulations to:

## Seniors

Emma Bassett'21  
Ariana Contes'21  
Katherine Cottrell'21  
Emmersen Dabal'21  
Alexandra Fassett'21  
Alexandra Festa'21  
Casey Forcellati'21  
Jordan Gaffney'21  
Gabriella Karcz'21  
Mary Rose Kelly'21  
Olivia Landolfi'21  
Brooke Marotti'21  
Emmy Mazzacano'21  
Madelyn Novelli'21  
Mary Virginia Nye'21  
Anna Salewycz'21  
Hanna Scott'21  
Keara Skae'21  
Isabella Tricarico'21  
Annie Kate White'21

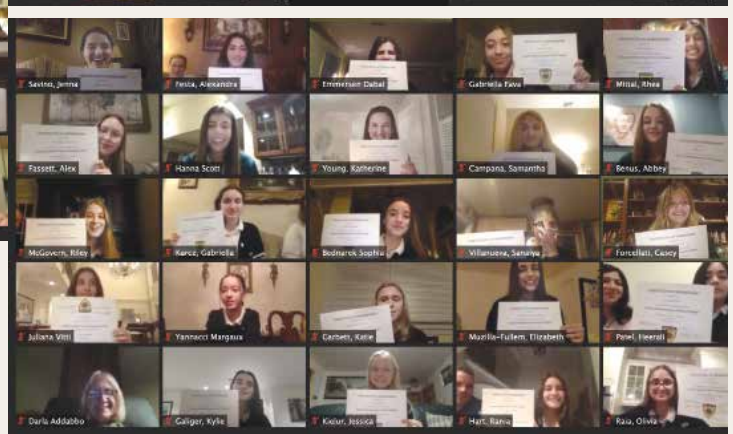
## Juniors

Kayla Arone'22  
Kiara Bassora'22  
Sophia Bednarek'22  
Riley Benedik'22  
Abbey Benus'22  
Paulina Biagioni'22  
Jessica Boyd'22  
Erin Burke'22  
Grace Calianese'22  
Samantha Campana'22  
Caitlin Croci'22  
Margaret Dillon'22  
Gabriella Fava'22  
Gina Gaccione'22  
Kylie Galiger'22  
Katherine Garbett'22  
Rania Hart'22  
Lindsay Keogh'22  
Jessica Kielur'22  
Brianna Kuchenmeister'22

Katherine Mahoney'22  
Ashley Mariscal'22  
Riley McGovern'22  
Rhea Mittal'22  
Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem'22  
Madelyn Panebianco'22  
Gabrielle Park'22  
Heerali Patel'22  
Lauren Plastina'22  
Olivia Raia'22  
Jenna Savino'22  
Sydney Severini'22  
Taylor Terry'22  
Sarah Vella'22  
Sanaiya Villanueva'22  
Isabelle Villanueva'22  
Juliana Vitti'22  
Christiane Wahba'22  
Margaux Yannacci'22  
Katherine Young'22  
Riley Ypelaar'22



Clockwise from upper left are Abigail Auty'21, Freya Nair'21, Madelyn Panebianco'22, and Katherine Young'22.



IHA virtually inducted sixty-one new members into the school's chapter of the Science National Honor Society.

# Virtual Art Alumnae Event



**T**hank you to the ten IHA alumnae panelists who joined in our annual Art Alumnae event—this year via Zoom Webinar—on January 14, 2021. The Art Department and National Art Honor Society invited alumnae in the arts to share their experiences in college and beyond with sixty current IHA students. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts, and Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, art teacher, for hosting the event and to our impressive alumnae who called in from all over the country.

Top row, left to right, are Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, Isabelle Wolf'17 (North Carolina University – Graphic Design), and Carmela Icarangal'20 (Maryland Institute College of Art – Animation/Illustration). Middle row, left to right, are Adrianna Kearney'20 (Rutgers University – Animation/Illustration), Jessica Cascone'17 (Michigan State University – Psychology/Cognitive Science), Amanda Molloy'20 (Siena College – Psychology), and Gabrielle Peko'20 (Wake Forest University – Biology/Pre-Med). Bottom row, left to right, are Emily Hernandez'18 (Syracuse University – Acting), Annalyce D'Agostino'13 (Montclair State University – Child & Family Studies), Elizabeth Encke'20 (Sacred Heart University – Nursing), and Sophia Scian'20 (American University – Mathematics/Pre-Med).

## \$70K Raised During Valentine's Week of Giving

**T**hank you to all who participated in our Valentine's Week of Giving, held February 8-14, 2021! We raised more than \$70,000 from four hundred alumnae, parents, grandparents, faculty and staff, students, friends, and Consultative Board members.

Although we fell short of our donor goal, we are so grateful for the dedication of our community and your unending commitment to IHA. Your support allows us to move forward with our mission of empowering young women for life.





# IHA Earns AP<sup>®</sup> Female Diversity Award

## Recognized for Closing the Gender Gap in AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science A



Mrs. Theresa Seymour Dolan '95

Immaculate Heart Academy has earned the College Board AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science A. Schools honored with the AP<sup>®</sup> Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access to AP Computer Science courses.

The one thousand one hundred nineteen schools that received this year's award should serve as inspirations and models for all American high schools, where female students remain under-represented in computer science classes, comprising just thirty-four percent of AP Computer

Science Principles participants. In 2020, Immaculate Heart Academy was one of two hundred thirty-two recognized in the category of AP Computer Science A, a course taught by Mrs. Theresa Seymour Dolan '95 at IHA. Mrs. Dolan said we, as a school community, are honored by this recognition. "We are committed to empowering our students to see themselves as problem-solvers, innovators, and creators," she said. "As a teacher, I could not be more proud of the commitment and enthusiasm our students have demonstrated in their study of AP Computer Science. I can't wait to see their passions lead to lifelong success as computer science and STEM professionals."

AP Computer Science A students learn to design and implement computer programs that solve problems relevant to today's society. The number of female AP CSA exam-takers has grown steadily, up nearly twenty-five percent since 2017. Overall, AP computer science course participation has increased seventy-nine percent since 2017, broadening STEM career opportunities for more students. "Immaculate Heart's students need the power to shape technology, not just cope with it," said Stefanie Sanford, College Board chief of global policy and external relations. "Young women deserve an equal opportunity to become the next generation of entrepreneurs, engineers, and tech leaders. Closing the gap in computer science education empowers young women to build the future they want."



Providing female students with access to computer science courses is critical to ensuring gender parity in the industry's high-paying jobs and to drive innovation, creativity, and representation. The median annual wage for computer and information technology occupations was \$88,240 in May 2019. However, a code.org analysis of 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics data finds women represent just twenty-four percent of the five million people in computing occupations. There is a long way to go to achieve equal gender representation in the field of computer science. Currently, less than half of the nation's high schools teach foundational computer science, a clear opportunity to be addressed by strong partnerships among policymakers, the tech industry, and educators.

# Students Virtually Inducted to French and Spanish National Honor Societies



The first Zoom induction ceremonies of the French and Spanish National Honor Societies were held on the evening of February 4, 2021.

The virtual event opened with Mrs. Eileen Ingoglia, French teacher and La Société Honoraire de Français moderator, explaining the purpose of the society: to recognize outstanding scholarship in the study of French language.

**Top:** New members of the French National Honor Society were inducted virtually on February 4, 2021.

**Bottom:** Newly inducted members of the Spanish National Honor Society







New members of the Spanish National Honor Society were inducted virtually on February 4, 2021.



Newly inducted members of the Spanish National Honor Society

"The aim of La Société Honoraire de Français is to stimulate interest in the study of French, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of francophone culture and civilization, to promote and perpetuate international friendship, and to reward efforts toward furthering solidarity in the French Speaking world," Mrs. Ingolia explained. Congratulations to the following fifteen students inducted into La Société Honoraire de Français:

Bianca D'Costa'21  
Kylie Galiger'22  
Rania Hart'22  
Arielle Jacus'21  
Cailee LaFrance'21  
Kayla Luna'21  
Katherine Mackey'21  
Brooke Marotti'21  
Julia Marotti'21  
Rhea Mittal'22  
Lauren Montgomery'21  
Brooke Muller'22  
Keara Skae'21  
Kyra Whiteman'21  
Alexandra Zitelli'21

Ms. Ana Echeverría, Spanish teacher and La Sociedad Hispánica moderator, then introduced the mission of the Spanish National Honor Society, which recognizes exceptional academic achievement in the study of the Spanish language, its cultures, history, and art. "The mission of La Sociedad Hispánica is to promote and develop a dedication to the society's core values of scholarship, leadership, service, and character," Ms. Echeverría explained. Congratulations to the following thirty students inducted into La Sociedad Hispánica Reina Sofía.

Alyssa Amico'21  
Alexandra Betsy'21 (president)  
Ana Cantarella'21  
Marisa Carbone'21  
Angelina Casale'21  
Katherine Conway'21  
Analisse Cufino'21  
Emily Cuttita'21  
Taylor DiLisi'21  
Sofia Durante'22  
Alexandra Fassett'21  
Gabriella Haines'21  
Fiona James'21  
Julia Kapitan'21  
Gabriella Karcz'21 (executive secretary)  
Antonia Luppino'21  
Grace Martin'22  
Sherry McCarthy'21  
Clare McGowan'21  
Lauryn Mockler'21  
Daniela Navia'21  
Madelyn Novelli'21  
Mary Virginia Nye'21  
Isabel Quevedo'21  
Olivia Raia'22  
Sofia Ricco'21  
Hanna Scott'21  
Mary Stose'21  
Taylor Whang'21  
Annie Kate White'21

The ceremony ended with a congratulatory speech from principal, Mr. Jason Schlereth. Students inducted into the French or Spanish National Honor Societies received a pin, a certificate, and a tassel to wear at graduation as a testament to their accomplishments. Congratulations, toutes nos felicitations, and felicidades!

# St. Brigid Alumnae Career Panel

On the afternoon of February 9, 2021, eight impressive IHA alumnae participated in a virtual career panel presentation for St. Brigid Society sophomores. The Immaculate Heart graduates work in an array of professions, all of which interested and inspired our students in the St. Brigid Society, moderated by Ms. Ellen Donoghue '76, guidance counselor. Thank you to our alumnae who took time out of their hectic schedules to speak to their IHA sisters, and to members of the IHA administration who attended, Mr. Jason Schlereth, principal, and Miss Kerry Carroll '04, assistant principal for faculty and instruction.

**Darlayne Addabbo '07 – Hanno Rund Postdoctoral Fellow, Mathematics Department, University of Arizona**

Darlayne attended Rutgers University's Douglass Residential College, graduating summa cum laude with high honors in mathematics in 2011. She earned both an M.S. and a Ph.D. degree in mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Following that, she was a visiting assistant professor in the Mathematics Department at the University of Notre Dame. Darlayne's current job as a Hanno Rund Postdoctoral Fellow in the Mathematics Department at the University of Arizona involves doing research in mathematical physics in addition to teaching. Under normal circumstances, she also travels around the world to both attend and speak at math conferences.

**Rayna Addabbo '07 – National Institute of Health CTSI Translational Research & Career Training Scholar**

Rayna attended Rutgers University's Douglass Residential College and received a B.A. in chemistry in 2011. After graduating, she moved to the Midwest to pursue a Ph.D. in biophysics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where



Eight IHA alumnae presented on a Virtual Career Panel for St. Brigid Society sophomores.

she was a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. After completing her Ph.D. in 2018, Rayna moved to the University of Minnesota to study virology. In her current role as National Institute of Health CTSI Translational Research & Career Training Scholar, Rayna is engaged in research on HIV and the novel SARS coronavirus. Her passion is in scientific research and she is interested in the translation of basic research findings to medicine.

**Siu-yee Ching '14 – Product Engineer/Data Analyst, Philadelphia Scientific**

Siu-yee graduated from Lehigh University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering and immediately began working at Philadelphia Scientific as a product engineer and data analyst. Philadelphia Scientific makes products and applications for industrial batteries that have been implemented by many major battery manufacturers. Siu-yee is the product engineer for the Microcat catalyst product, which is designed to extend the service life of valve-regulated lead acid batteries (VRLAs).

**Courtney Paterno Clements '05 – Senior Buyer, Sweaters at Abercrombie & Fitch**

As a buyer, Courtney works with the design team to help take clothes from an idea to an actual product sitting in stores. Integrated into that process, she predicts trends, maps out financial expectations, listens to and interacts with customers to understand wants and desires in the product, and keeps everyone on the team organized and on track.

**Aviana Ingui '16 – Police Officer, Elmwood Park Police Department**

As a patrol officer within the Elmwood Park Police Department, Aviana is on the road for a majority of the day in a marked patrol vehicle. She answers 911 calls, responds to emergencies, and initiates her own work, such as motor vehicle stops and community policing details.



**Amanda LoBianco'15 – Dual Degree Candidate, JD/Master's Program, Vermont Law School**

Amanda began her collegiate career at The College of New Jersey in Ewing. She graduated from TCNJ in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology and a concentration in law and society. Subsequently, she applied to law school and began her legal studies at Vermont Law School in South Royalton, Vermont. Amanda is currently enrolled in a dual degree J.D./Master's program to obtain a Master's in restorative justice and her Juris Doctorate degrees. She is also applying to the Vermont Judiciary for a summer internship or part time job while in law school.

**Marisa Proscia'14 – Software Engineer, USAA - San Antonio, Texas**

Marisa graduated from Marist College in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science. She began her career as a software engineer at USAA with the Financial Advice and Support group, supporting a Salesforce application for Wealth Management. Today, Marisa is on a team within the Enterprise that supports the Salesforce Infrastructure at USAA.



Rayna Addabbo'07

**Julie Sinkovitz'10 – Director of Sports Nutrition, Colorado State University**

Julie provides individual and team nutrition counseling and education to enhance the performance of the student athletes at Colorado State University. Her primary responsibilities include counseling individuals and groups on daily nutrition

for performance and health; translating the latest scientific evidence into practical sports nutrition recommendations; tracking and documenting outcomes of nutrition services; serving as a food and nutrition resource for coaches, trainers, and athletes; and maintaining professional competency and skills required for professional practice.



Darlayne Addabbo'07

# Club Être Hosts Mentoring + Networking Event for Underclassmen

In early March, IHA's Club Être hosted a Mentoring + Networking event for underclassman students in the Information Commons. The meeting was geared toward our younger IHA sisters to provide an opportunity to learn from and partner with junior and senior members of the club.

Club Être members provided information, insights, and experiences on anything and everything the underclassmen wanted to know about Immaculate Heart and how to take advantage of what the school has to offer—from clubs, classes, and athletics to the college process, theater, honor societies, social events, and so much more. Attendees participated in a scavenger hunt to meet upperclassmen involved in certain activities, and then finished up the afternoon with a game of IHA Trivia.

IHA's Club Être, moderated by Mrs. Christine Cabrera Capizzi'89, mathematics and business teacher, is a forum where IHA's young women are inspired by other successful women. Club Être was founded at IHA in 2018 after students heard from Être founder, Illana Raia, at a Business Club networking luncheon. Illana is also the aunt of three IHA sisters, Gabriella Raia'19, Olivia Raia'22, and Samantha Raia'24. To date, Club Être has offered mentorship opportunities with influential women in various industries and continues its ultimate goal of empowering young women by encouraging bravery, philanthropy, financial literacy, and young entrepreneurship.



Hanna Martin'21, Kaylee McKay'21, Mariel Persico'21, Jessica Kielur'22, and Elizabeth Spizzo'21



Margot Kapusinski'22, Alexandra Kucharz'24, Jessica Sundlin'23, Emily Magee'24, Isabella Galan'23, and Faith Dalessandro'23



# WINTER | sports wrap-up

2020-21 Varsity Swim Team



Sydney Severini '22





2020-21 Winter Track Team

## WINTER TRACK

The challenges that COVID-19 presented the 2021 Winter Track season did not prevent the defending League and County Relay champions from having an extremely productive season! Best of luck to all the IHA Track seniors heading off to college in the fall; thank you for your dedication to and love for the sport during your time at IHA.



Emmy Mazzacano '21

## SWIM TEAM

The IHA Swim Team had another successful season in 2021, albeit an unusual year, finishing with a 3-1 record. The team finished 1-0 against league opponents, capturing the Big North United Division title for the thirtieth consecutive year. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Bergen County Meet of Champions and the NJSIAA State Tournament were canceled for the season. This year's team was led by a strong senior class including Camelia Achury'21, Kevynne Callwood'21, Giavanna Darin'21, Annalisa Diaz'21, Shradha Gangam'21, Claire Hoffmann'21, Olivia Lopez'21, Quinlyn Maloney'21, Allison Monroe'21, Emmy Mazzacano'21, Maria Mustard'21, Daniella Navia'21, Amanda Parks'21, and Taylor Whang'21. The team finished with a final New Jersey State ranking of sixth.

### Big North Conference All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Claire Hoffmann'21, Emmy Mazzacano'21, Daniella Navia'21, Taylor Whang'21, Sydney Severini'22, Emma Dillane'23, Madison Klak'23, and Julia Haemmerle'24

#### Second-Team

Camelia Achury'21, Isabelle Morr'22, Natalie Ursich'22, Megan Anderson'23, Sinead Cook'24, and Alia Ureta'24

#### Honorable Mention Sophia Gervino'22

### NJ.com All-State Honors

#### Third-Team

Sydney Severini'22

### Winter Track seniors!



Back row, left to right, are Julia Kapitan'21, Elizabeth Pinto-Shaw'21, Madison Libby'21, and Christine Ajao'21. Front row is Savannah Cece'21.



# BASKETBALL

The IHA Basketball team completed another outstanding year finishing with a record of 11-3 in the shortened season. The girls finished 5-0 in league play, capturing the Big North United Division Crown. The season was highlighted by exciting wins against Hudson Catholic, Wayne Valley, Teaneck, and Paramus

Catholic. "We have a lot to be proud of," said Coach Steve Silver. "We competed in fourteen out of fifteen possible games, stayed COVID-free, and dealt with all of the other challenges that this crazy year has thrown at us." IHA Varsity Basketball's final rankings were #3 in North Jersey and #18 in the state.



Isabella Asencio'23



2020-21 Varsity Basketball Team



A'Nyah Barker'21



## Big North Conference All-Division Honors

### First-Team

A'Nyah Barker'21, Gina Gaccione'22,  
Isabella Asencio'23, and Julia Schutz'23

### Second-Team

Kaylee McKay'21 and Ava Naszimento'23

### Honorable Mention

Selena Cieszko'24

## BCWCA All-County Honors

### First-Team

A'Nyah Barker'21 and  
Gina Gaccione'22

### Second-Team

Isabella Asencio'23

### Honorable Mention

Julia Schutz'23

## All-North Jersey Honors

### First-Team

A'Nyah Barker'21

### Third-Team

Gina Gaccione'22

### Honorable Mention

Isabella Asencio'23



Gina Gaccione'22



## BOWLING

Despite restrictions and changes in league and county rules, the IHA Bowling Team continued to practice and prepare for a year unlike any other. Because the pandemic almost cancelled the season, the student-athletes were thrilled to learn they would be bowling this winter. The spirit and cohesiveness of the IHA team was evident, and they began their untraditional season in late January. It was apparent even from the start that the IHA bowlers were determined to make this a great season. The team finished with the best record in the past six years, 9-3, placing IHA in second in the United Division!

### Big North Conference United Division Honors

#### First-Team

Gianna Stirone'21 and Mackenzie Keelen'22

#### Second-Team

Blathnat Cannon'21, Skylar Scasserra'21, and Olivia Seitter'23

#### Honorable Mention

Melissa Pierpont'21



Gianna Stirone'21, Melissa Pierpont'21, Blathnat Cannon'21, Skylar Scasserra'21, Gianna Niece'21, and Gabriella Kitaneh'21



Skylar Scasserra'21



Gianna Stirone'21

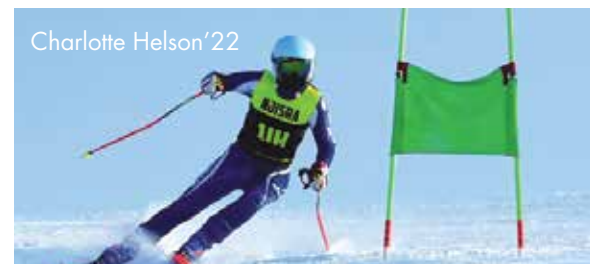
## SKI TEAM

The IHA Ski Team finished the season with a 14-12 record, including a big victory at the Petro Qualifier after winning against eight other teams. The IHA skiers qualified for the State Championships,

where they finished in second place for private schools. Coach Carl Boyhan said he saw outstanding improvements by all team members, especially Charlotte Helson'22, Jessica Sundlin'23, Emily Magee'24, and Amelie Wilday'24.



2020-21 Ski Team



Charlotte Helson'22



Mary Grace Maurer'22

NJISRA Liberty All-League Honors  
Charlotte Helson'22

NJISRA All-State Honors  
Third-Team  
Charlotte Helson'22





# CLASS notes

**'87** Christine Demers Pane is celebrating twenty-five years of marriage to Michael Pane (Bergen Catholic '87), son of Angie Pane, former IHA faculty, and sister to Ann Marie Pane Mahachek '84. Christine has three boys: Marty, a sophomore at Wake Forest University; John, a senior at Ramapo High School; and Connor, who will be attending Bergen Catholic in the fall of 2021.

**'89** Shirin Tinati, a photographer in New York City, has been photographing actors, actresses, dancers, and other members of the entertainment industry since 2002. Shirin was completing her thesis in theater when she stumbled into photography. "I supported myself as a makeup artist while working on my degree and I spent a lot of time on photo sets," she writes. "I was styling an actress on a shoot, and toward the end of the shoot, the photographer walked out! Long story short, I picked up the camera and shot until the roll of film in the camera was done. The actress chose her headshot from the eighteen frames that I took. Word got out and within six months, I was shooting full time." A few years ago, Shirin added lifestyle family and magazine-style high school senior portraits to her repertoire. "I have always been drawn to the subtle dynamics of a day in the life of families," she writes. "I have fallen in love with capturing those simple moments that usually go unnoticed. Those are the photos that end



Shirin Tinati '89

up being the most treasured. When it comes to my seniors, I love giving them the ultimate celebrity experience. Watching them go from shy to empowered and confident gives me a feeling that I can't quite describe. The experience is just as memorable as the photos. My senior sessions have become more important than ever due to the pandemic. These girls have been through a lot and so much of what they have been excited about was taken away. Being able to do this for them has been an honor that I will always cherish." Shirin was married in 2019 and moved to Hackensack with her husband, which allowed her to expand her business to New Jersey. "After twenty years, I'm a Jersey girl again and I love it!" Learn more at [www.shirintinati.com](http://www.shirintinati.com).

**'02** Brianna Foster and Rebecca Dominguez, owners of Love & Lenses Photography, were recently selected as a 2021 winner of *The Knot Best of Weddings*, an accolade representing the highest- and most-rated wedding professionals as reviewed by real couples, their families, and wedding guests. *The Knot 2021 Best of Weddings* recognition honors the vendors who went above and beyond to help to-be-weds navigate the global pandemic. In 2021, just five percent of hundreds of thousands of local wedding professionals listed on *The Knot* received this distinguished award. "It's always been our top goal to make sure our clients are able to relax and enjoy their special day without being too intrusive while being there for them in the best capacity we can. The pandemic has made that even more important," said Brianna. Love & Lenses Photography is a small boutique photography business located in Emerson. Brianna and Rebecca shoot weddings, maternity sessions, newborn sessions, family portraits, headshots, and lifestyle photography. They also raise money twice a year for Operation Smile. Samples of their work can be found on [www.LoveLensesPhotography.com](http://www.LoveLensesPhotography.com), Instagram @LoveLensesPhotography, and on Facebook at [Facebook.com/LoveLensesPhotography](https://www.facebook.com/LoveLensesPhotography).

Regina Malz received a Ph.D. in educational technology from Walden University in 2019. She was asked to write a chapter in a recently published textbook entitled *Implementing Augmented Reality Into Immersive Virtual Learning Environments*. Reggie wrote the chapter entitled "Mobile Tablet Integration Using Augmented Reality."

'04

Charlotte Rose Edwards was born November 10, 2020 to **Ashley Kahler Edwards** and her husband, Rob, and she joins big brother, Luke. Charlotte was 9 lbs, 4 oz and 21 1/4 inches long. "We can't wait for Charlotte to become a Blue Eagle!" Ashley writes.



Charlotte Rose Edwards

'09

**Dr. Angelica Otiepka** writes, "On January 4, 2020, I married Patrick Glasson (SJR'08), whom I met in SAT prep class back in high school. After five years of being together, we were married at Saint Joseph's Parish in Bogota. My maid of honor was my sister, Dominique Otiepka'14, and my best friend, Katherine Nowatnick Vander May'09, was one of my bridesmaids."



Dominique Otiepka'14; Joseph Otiepka P'09, '14; Dr. Angelica Otiepka'09; Patrick Glasson (SJR'08); and Anne Otiepka P'09, '14

'04

**Kristen Lotz Haug** writes, "On April 24, 2020, my husband, Eric, and I welcomed our spontaneous triplets, Shepard, Summer, and Tatum, into the world. I spent forty-two days inpatient before the babies were delivered via C-section. After five weeks in the NICU, they were finally able to come home. The triplets keep us extremely active, along with their three big siblings: Grayson, six; Parker, four; and Langley, two.



Shepard, Summer, and Tatum Haug

'05

**Kelly Kearns Dickow** and her husband, Jared, welcomed their daughter, Audrey Elizabeth Dickow, on March 16, 2021 at 7:04 a.m. Audrey was 7 lbs, 12 oz and 20 inches long. She is the second grandchild of IHA Mathematics Department chairperson, Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11!

**Right:** Audrey Elizabeth Dickow



**10** **Teresa Pula** is responsible for Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets' (MIRA) global Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) approach for real estate assets, including driving forward portfolio decarbonization. She coordinates the implementation of ESG strategy across MIRA's real estate businesses and produces best practice guidelines and training resources to support empowerment of portfolio and asset management teams. Prior to joining Macquarie, Tess worked for GLL Real Estate Partners as a portfolio manager for assets in Australia and Europe at GLL, and as a consultant for urban climate resilience and economic development at HR&A Advisors in New York. Tess holds a Master of City Planning degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where she graduated with distinction, as well as a B.A. degree from Bryn Mawr College in Growth and Structure of Cities, magna cum laude. She holds a LEED Green Associate credential and is a member of the ULI Europe Young Leaders Executive Committee.

**Alexandra Kaprielian** recently launched her own jewelry brand called The Carbon Culture (TCC). After graduating IHA, Alexandra attended Marymount

Alexandra Kaprielian '10



Manhattan College, including a year at Paris-Sorbonne University, where she studied French language civilization and literature. She graduated early and went on to work in the luxury watch industry for two years before attending The Gemological Institute of America (GIA), where she studied jewelry design. Alexandra has worked in product development for other jewelry brands in addition to custom work for private clients. "Naturally, I thought if I'm designing for all of these other brands/people I might as well launch my own brand," she explained. "I spent quite a while working and developing the concept and finally launched in March of 2020." As a way to give back to IHA, The Carbon Culture will donate 10% of the total sale price for each item purchased with the code IHA10. The same code will also give the consumer 10% off. Visit [www.thecarbonculture.com](http://www.thecarbonculture.com) to view all of the beautiful designs.

**11** **Katharine Pula** is a first-year Emergency Medicine resident at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The main hospital at Cedar Crest just opened a new ninety-bed emergency department (ED) with the latest technology available to serve the growing community in the area. As an ED resident, rotations include the pediatric ER as well as stints in the ICU. COVID-19 has been challenging for the staff, but they are committed to helping patients and families get through this tough time. Kate is thrilled that she has received the complete series of vaccinations for COVID-19!

**13** **Yerin Woo** graduated from the University of Miami in 2017 with a B.S. degree in chemistry and minors in psychology, international relations, and public health. For the past four years, she has been attending Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and she recently matched into a General Surgery Residency at Morristown Medical Center. "I would like to potentially pursue a fellowship after residency, but am not yet certain of what I would like to specialize in (pediatric surgery and plastic surgery are

both on my list!)," Yerin writes. "I will be moving from Jersey City to Morristown in the coming months and am very excited about the change!"

Yerin Woo '13



**14** **Jordan Stefanacci** became engaged to Spencer Fox (DBP'14) on January 9, 2021 while vacationing in Miami. The bride-to-be is graduating from Seton Hall Law School this May and will then be clerking for Justice Solomon on the New Jersey Supreme Court. After her clerkship, she will be an associate at law firm, Riker Danzig. The groom-to-be works in sales for Melio Payments, a financial services startup. Jordan and Spencer plan to marry next summer.

Spencer Fox (DBP'14) proposes to Jordan Stefanacci'14.



'15 **Aine Tucker** recently received EY Ireland's Rising Star Award during the 2021 International Women's Day Awards. The award was to recognize a woman in the early stages of her career that is already making an impact in the firm and has a future as a leader. Aine has been working with EY in the Dublin office since August 2019 as a technology consultant in its graduate program. She recently accepted a new role with EY in their New York office and will be transferring in July to the Technology Consulting practice in New York City. Aine is coming home after six years of living in Dublin!



Aine Tucker '15

'16 **Michelle Kaminski** was placed on the Gettysburg College dean's honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the spring 2020 semester.

**Carmela Stone** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 fall semester. Carmela is in the manufacturing engineering technology program.

**Allaire Merlini** was recently named head coach of the IHA Varsity Dance Team (IHAVDT). Coach Merlini brings enthusiasm and knowledge of the sport, with vast experience as both a dancer and coach. While at IHA, she was senior captain of IHA Varsity Dance during the 2015-16 season, the team's inaugural year. That first season, the team competed in both Varsity Jazz and Varsity Pom. Upon graduation at IHA, Allaire continued her education at Nova Southeastern



Allaire Merlini '16

University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise and sport science with a minor in dance. She has taught recreational and competitive students at Dance Dimensions, New Milford since 2015 and also taught dance classes throughout her collegiate career in Florida. Additionally, Allaire currently works as a physical therapy aide at Professional Physical Therapy, River Edge. Allaire said she is thrilled to be back at IHA, a school community of which she and her sister, Anyssa '19, are truly proud to be a part. She is excited to focus on the importance of teamwork and how working together can create an everlasting bond; she is still in touch with her former IHAVDT teammates.

'17 **Emily Bernard, Valeria Oshepkova, and Alyssa Pawlowski** were among more than eighteen hundred students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. Emily is a senior history major in the College of Arts and Sciences, Valeria is a senior exercise science major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies, and Alyssa is a senior accounting major in the University's Kania School of Management.

**Gianna Cangelosi and Gabriella Scolpino** were placed on the Gettysburg College dean's honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the spring 2020 and fall 2020 semesters.

**Lily Polster** was named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame's College of Engineering for outstanding scholarship in the fall 2020 semester. Additionally, Lily's Civil Engineering Team was awarded first place in the nationwide Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) Big Beam Contest. The national competition supports the educational mission of the PCI, a technical institute and trade association for the precast/prestressed concrete structures industry, as it continues its efforts to promote the broader use of precast concrete systems, improve standards development, and build a body of knowledge for future generations. Lily was recently honored with the 2021 Steiner Award for being ranked number one in her civil engineering graduating class.

**Caitlin Campbell and Olivia Luppino** were named to The University of Alabama dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

**Kayla Pantaleo** was named to The University of Alabama president's list for the fall 2020 semester.

**Renee Carle, Julia Podest, Olivia Priolo, and Isabel Sanchez** were named to the University of Delaware dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

**Nicole Dibre and Dina Mulroy** were named to the fall 2020 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

**Lauren Foote** was a member of a faculty/student team at the Rangos School of Health Sciences recognized by The American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) with a Meritorious Poster Award. The national association recognized only fifty-seven out of fifteen hundred poster submissions for the highly selective competition, "which honors extraordinary, exceptional, and innovative work." Lauren, an athletic



training student, was part of a team made up of Duquesne University associate athletic training professor, Dr. Sarah Manspeaker; associate speech-language-pathology professor, Dr. Sarah Wallace; and two speech-language-pathology students. The team's proposal, *Speech-Language Pathologist Perceptions of Interprofessional Collaborative Practices*, received the highest ratings from ASHA's topic committee reviewers in both submission categories of professional education and research. Drs. Wallace and Manspeaker co-authored the submission with the students, which also included contributions from collaborators at Florida State University and Ball State University.

**Sarah O'Connell** was named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2020 semester. Sarah is a communication studies major.

**Regine Thimothée** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 fall semester. Regine is in the web and mobile computing program.

**'18** **Daniella Cangelosi, Reilly Medzadourian, and Erin Palermo** were among more than eighteen hundred students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. Danielle is a junior nursing major, Reilly is a junior early and primary teacher education major, and Erin is a junior health promotion major, all in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Congratulations to **Anne Walsh**, who is a member of the Montclair State University Women's Basketball Team for the 2020-2021 season. Annie, a junior majoring in business administration, is a 5'11" forward on the Red Hawk roster. The Red Hawks are led by fourteenth-year head coach, Karin Harvey. Annie was also named to the dean's list at Montclair State for the fall 2020 semester.

**Tori Buckman** was named to The University of Alabama president's list for the fall 2020 semester.

**Jada Gotay and Brianna Wynne** were named to The University of Alabama dean's list for the fall 2020 semester.

**Caroline Frey** was named to Montclair State University's fall 2020 dean's list. Caroline is a television and digital media major.

**Isabella Roselli** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester at Hamilton College, where she is majoring in archeology.

**Gabriela Russo** was named to the fall 2020 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

**Erin Jackson**, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck, has been named to the honors list for the spring 2020 semester.

**'19** **Alexa Trubiano**, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2023, earned the Spring 2020 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. Alexa is majoring in environmental studies.

**Katherine Posillico** was among more than eighteen hundred students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. Katherine is a sophomore occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

**Hailey Coleman** was named to the Muhlenberg College dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester.

**Isabella Cross** was named to The University of Alabama president's list for the fall 2020 semester.

**Bea Franchesca Chin** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 fall semester. Bea is in the new media design program.

**'20** **Elizabeth Murphy and Grace Whittam** were among more than eighteen hundred students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2020 fall semester. Elizabeth is a freshman early and primary teacher education major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies. Grace is a freshman undeclared major in the Kania School of Management.

**Allison Sandt** was one of three hundred fifteen SUNY Oneonta students who earned Provost's List honors for the fall 2020 semester. Allie is studying music industry.

**Gabriela Koziel and Rebecca Suttora** were named to Montclair State University's 2020 fall semester dean's list. Gabriela is an exercise science major and Rebecca is undeclared.

**Ashlyn Corra** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2020 at The University of Hartford.

**Would you like to be featured in IHA's Class Notes?**

Please send your life update to Mrs. Tara Hopfenspirger, director of communications, at [thopfenspirger@ihanj.com](mailto:thopfenspirger@ihanj.com).

# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Margaret Carroll DeRossett,**  
Class of 1969  
August 17, 2020

**Jeanine Rice Krist, Class of 1968**  
January 10, 2021  
*Cousin of Mary Rice Kolb'65, Mary Lorraine Rice Waschman'66, Virginia Burns Leahy'67, Kathleen Rice Melesky'67, and Patricia Rice'69*

**Elizabeth Noone Haynes, Class of 1977**  
January 17, 2021  
*Aunt of Mary Pat Sayre'20 and Maeve Sayre'23*

**Suzanne Hemp, Class of 1972**  
February 10, 2021

**Genevieve M. Flynn**  
September 8, 2020  
*Mother of Suzanne Flynn'68 and Sheila Flynn Towson'74*

**Robert Troester**  
October 1, 2020  
*Grandfather of Amy Tizio'12*

**Lt. Cmdr. Vincent E. Gallagher**  
December 7, 2020  
*Father of Maureen Gallagher Schmidt'69, Kathleen Gallagher Biello-Peters'71, and Geraldyn Gallagher Vadell'78*

**Joanna Magarowicz**  
December 25, 2020  
*Mother of Jeanne Magarowicz McGann'66*

**Stephen Fischer**  
January 6, 2021  
*Brother of Lorraine Fischer'67*

**Carol Busso**  
January 8, 2021  
*Mother of Barbara Donatacci, IHA faculty member, and grandmother of Victoria Donatacci'19*

**Flavia Ruffini**  
January 9, 2021  
*Mother of Lucy Ruffini Schurman'77*

**Frank Ruggiero**  
January 15, 2021  
*Father of Evelyn Ruggiero Rizzo'98 and Elizabeth Ruggiero DeKams'04*

**Ellen Finley Flach**  
January 17, 2021  
*Mother of Mary "Kit" Flach Adcock'73 and Ellen Flach Prendergast'74*

**Kevin Regan**  
January 26, 2021  
*Husband of Mary "Sharon" Calvey Regan'69 and father of Kasey Regan'97, Korey Regan'04, and Kaitlin "Paige" Regan'06*

**Anne-Marie Bottazzi**  
January 20, 2021  
*Mother of Courtney Bottazzi'08 and aunt of Alexandra Zitelli'21*

**Gary Hannen**  
January 25, 2021  
*Husband of Patricia Hinkel Hannen'73*

**William Clare**  
January 29, 2021  
*Husband of Barbara DiCocco Clare'73*

**Rodolfo Brombauer**  
February 2, 2021  
*Father of Ashley Brombauer'21*

**Evelyn Weber**  
February 8, 2021  
*Mother of Mrs. Susan Adamo, faculty member*

**Dr. Cornell Lewis Adams**  
February 24, 2021  
*Father of Lesley Renee Adams'84, IHA Consultative Board member*

**Nancy Yozzo**  
March 9, 2021  
*Mother of Lilly Yozzo'21*

**Gloria Edythe Simpson**  
March 16, 2021  
*Mother of Leslie Simpson Hille'78 and Christy Simpson Pakalnietis'87*

**Frederick V. Behrends**  
March 30, 2021  
*Father of Mary Jane Behrends Clark'72 and Margaret Ann Behrends'75 and grandfather of Elizabeth Higgins Clark'02*

**Tria Reuss**  
April 6, 2021  
*Sister of former faculty member, Sr. Margaret Gaffikin, FSP*

**Barbara Dennen**  
April 10, 2021  
*Mother of Kathy Dennen Morris'69*

**Federico Forcellati**  
April 17, 2021  
*Father of Diana Forcellati Morrissey'85 and Rita Forcellati'86*

**Ernest Larrat**  
April 18, 2021  
*Father of Margaret "Meg" Larrat Minassian'79 and Aimee Larrat Hein'81; husband of the late Carol Larrat, former faculty member; and Hall of Fame Class of 1996*

**Richard Skjold**  
April 28, 2021  
*Father-in-law of Terry Skjold, faculty member, and grandfather of Ann Marie Skjold'11*



# WELCOME

## Class of 2025 Legacies!

Sisters of Present/Past Students and  
Daughters of Alumnae to Attend IHA

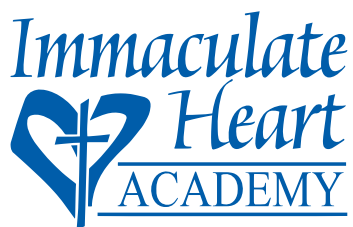
On **February 6, 2021**, IHA hosted Registration Day for the incoming **Class of 2025**. The extraordinary class members were selected from almost four hundred applicants.

The procedures for those seeking admission to Immaculate Heart Academy require more than simply completing an online application. This year, with the cancellation of the HSPT exam due to the pandemic, prospective students submitted their grades from the last three years of elementary school in addition to teacher recommendations.

The incoming Class of 2025 includes thirty-four sisters of past and/or present students, as well as fourteen daughters of alumnae, who will one day share the title of “IHA alumna” with their moms! We look forward to the upcoming school year and cannot wait to welcome our new students and their families into our sisterhood.

The following members of the Class of 2025 are daughters of alumnae:

Caitlyn Capizzi, daughter of Christine Cabrera Capizzi, Class of 1989  
Avery Connors, daughter of Laura Bonner Connors, Class of 1994  
Victoria DelJuidice, daughter of Selene Maugeri DelJuidice, Class of 1990  
Victoria DeVirgilio, daughter of Gena Caputo DeVirgilio, Class of 1994  
Jennifer Dolan, daughter of Theresa Seymour Dolan, Class of 1995  
Caitlin Donovan, daughter of Catherine Mondare Donovan, Class of 1991  
Caroline Francisco, daughter of Jean Genuino Francisco, Class of 1986  
Zoe Giacomini, daughter of Sheri Saingas Malenda, Class of 1992  
AnneMarie Kelly, daughter of Bridget Daul Kelly, Class of 1990  
Lauren Mulry, daughter of Mary Beth Coyne Mulry, Class of 1991  
Alessandra Nazor, daughter of Stefania Gasparro, Class of 1993  
Katherine Odierno, daughter of Mariann Smith Odierno, Class of 1993  
Katherine Ryan, daughter of Elizabeth McDonald Ryan, Class of 1984  
Bergen Sollecito, daughter of Christine Houghton Sollecito, Class of 1990



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# UPCOMING

## 2021 Special Events

SEP  
30

### Blue Eagle Open

Registration and lunch, 11 a.m.,  
followed by 1 p.m. shotgun start.  
Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield

NOV  
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### HSPT for Class of 2026

Class of 2026 prospective students are  
required to take the Archdiocesan high  
school entrance exam.

OCT  
2-3

### Class of 1970 50th Reunion

Luncheon at Ramsey Golf and Country  
Club on Saturday, Memorial Mass in IHA's  
Sisters' Chapel and Brunch on Sunday.

NOV  
5-6

### Reunion Weekend

We have combined the celebration of last  
year's and this year's anniversary classes.  
Reunion Weekend will welcome the classes of  
'75, '76, '80, '81, '85, '86, '90, '91, '95, '96,  
'00, '01, '05, '06, '10, '11, '15, and '16.

OCT  
8-10

### Class of 1971 50th Reunion

The Class of 1971 looks forward to  
celebrating its 50th reunion together!

OCT  
24&28

### Fall Open Houses

Tour the state-of-the-art building, ask questions  
of faculty, staff, coaches, and our knowledgeable  
student Eagle Ambassadors

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### Class of 2026 Application Deadline

Applications to be a member of IHA's Class of  
2026 are due by December 1, 2021.