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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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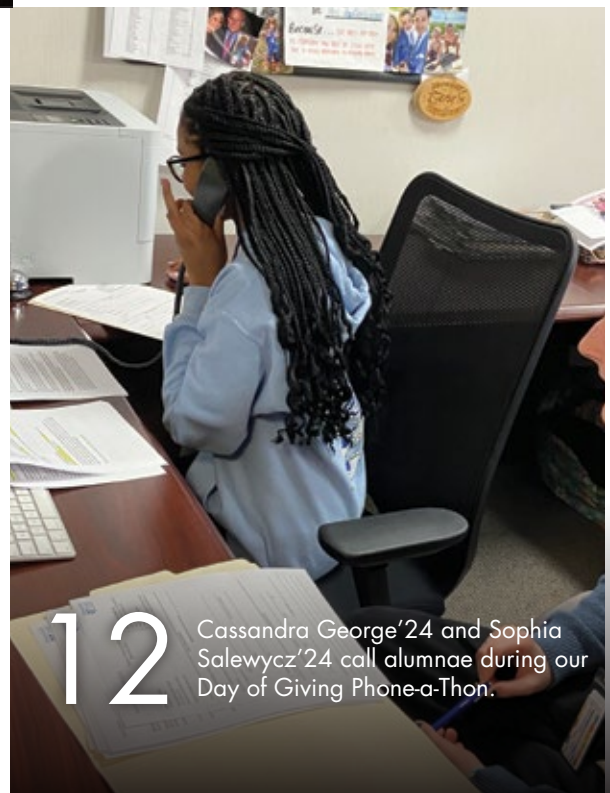
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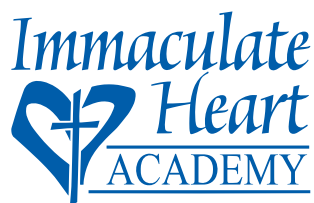
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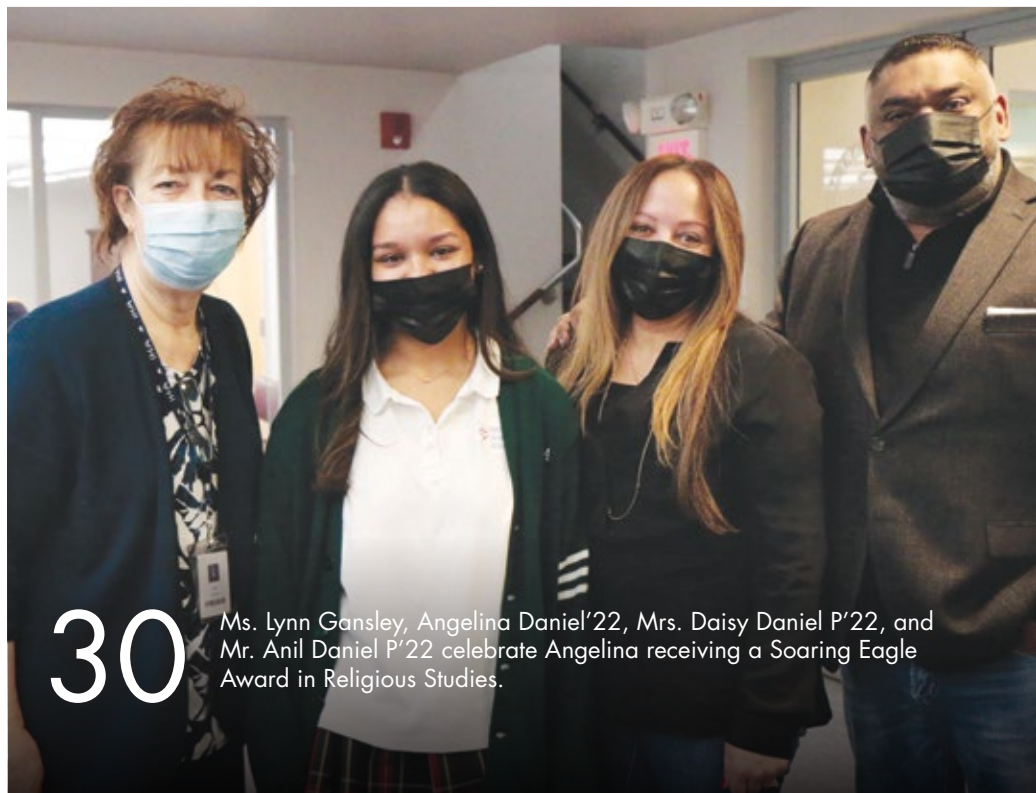
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Students gather in IHA's gymnasium for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy.



# President's Corner



Dear IHA Community,

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another incredible school year at Immaculate Heart Academy. Since our last newsletter was published in January, we have safely joined together for numerous events and celebrations and reintroduced many of the traditions and norms that make IHA a second home to our remarkable young women.

From the BELIEVE. Conference and our Day of Giving, of which our community was so supportive, to various honor society inductions, a jam-packed winter sports season, and our spectacular spring production of *Legally Blonde*, I hope you enjoy reading about all of the excellence that has taken place over the past several months.

On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, I thank you all for the love and support you've shown Immaculate Heart, especially during these tumultuous and unpredictable times. I look forward to the many festivities to come as we close out the year and prepare to celebrate and graduate IHA's Class of 2022.

Sincerely,

Jason Schlereth  
*President*



Anna Gallucci'24, Sophie Morales'24, and Darcy Moore'24



# IHA Presents

## LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical



IHA's outstanding production of the fabulously fun, award-winning *Legally Blonde: The Musical* ran for four performances from April 1-3, 2022. Cast and crew members creatively told the story of Elle Woods' transformation from a Malibu-raised Delta Nu sorority sister to a powerhouse lawyer, tackling stereotypes and scandals along the way. The vibrant and colorful set, incredible singing, and dynamic dancing made this musical so much fun, it should be illegal!



Liam Fahey (SJR'24) as Warner and Grace Capeless'22 as Elle Woods

*Legally Blonde* was produced by Ms. Taryn Tonelli'09, coordinator of the performing arts; directed by Jodi Capeless P'22; choreographed by Kimberly Galberaith P'22; and music directed by Ed Ginter. Thank you to our scenic designer and technical director, Vincent Gunn; costume designer, Nancy Reynolds; wardrobe master, Evan Hoehn; lighting designer, Nikki Belenski; master electrician, Dan Mackle; and sound designer, Steve Kolakowsky. We are blown away by our brilliant student crew members including associate



Taylor Terry'22 as Paulette Bonafonté and Troy Greco (SJR'24) as Kyle B. O'Boyle

producers, Carolyn Sandt'23 and Olivia Mulligan'22; stage managers, Samantha Andersen'24 and Marisa Arone'24; and lighting board operators, April Ramsey'23 and Isabella Conde'23. Special thanks



IHA students as the Delta Nu Sorority girls





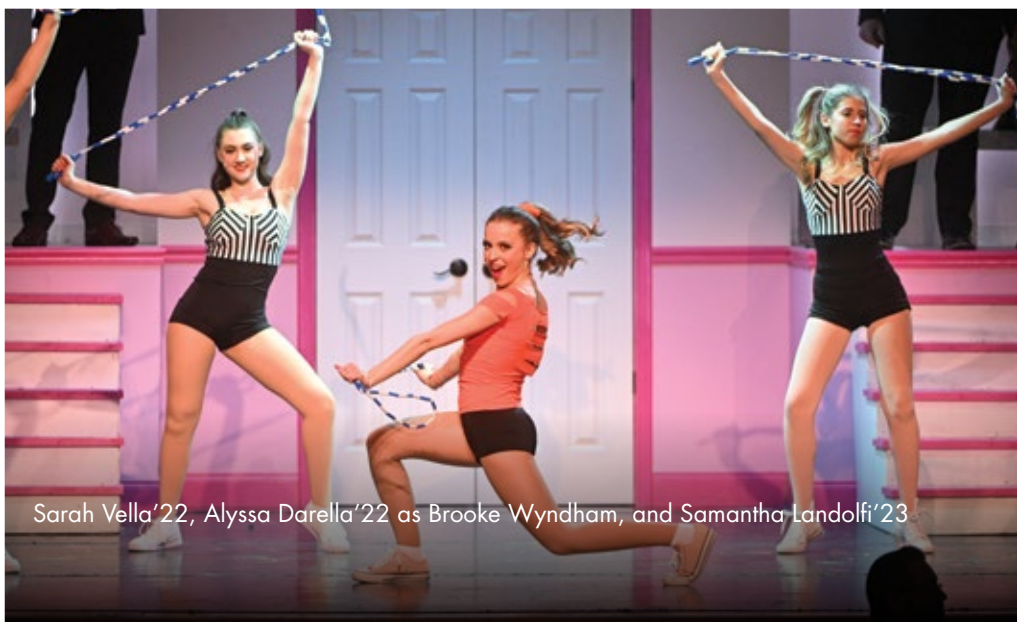
to Diana Buongiorno for her dedication and care of the pups backstage, as well as to the exceptional orchestra members that brought the *Legally Blonde* music to life. This year's musical featured a large cast of principal characters and supporting cast members, all of whom were brilliant on stage. Grace Capeless'22 shined in her final IHA musical as a magnificent Elle Woods alongside Azriela Quiles'22 playing an amazing Margot, Samantha Emr'22 a wonderful Serena, and Kara Ignacio'23 an awesome Pilar. Liam Fahey (SJR'24) played the overconfident Warner and Katherine Ryan'25 impressed as the pretentious Vivienne Kensington. Taylor Terry'22 was a hysterical Paulette Bonafonté and Alyssa Darella'22 perfectly portrayed the energetic Brooke Wyndham. The kind and reserved Emmett was played by the incredible Jonah Ruderman (LHS'23) and the pompous Professor



Nicholas Pantano (SJR'25) as the prison guard, Kaitlyn DeMartini'23 as Chutney Wyndham, and Olivia Morrison'23 as the judge



Taylor Terry'22 as Paulette with Hank Andersen the Bulldog as Rufus Bonafonté, Grace Capeless'22 as Elle Woods, and Jonah Ruderman (LHS'23) as Emmett



Sarah Vella'22, Alyssa Darella'22 as Brooke Wyndham, and Samantha Landolfi'23





RJ Buscher (SJR'24), as Professor Callahan, speaks to Grace Capeless'22, as Elle Woods, during a class at Harvard Law.

Callahan was played by the talented RJ Buscher (SJR'24). The Delta Nu Sorority sisters were fantastically played by Samantha Landolfi'23 as Gaelen, Isabella Falletta'24 as Leilani, and Sarah Vella'22 as Kate and Dance Captain. Elle's mom and dad were played by the hilarious Mary Hahn'24 and Michael Mainelli (SJR'24), respectively, and the Harvard admissions officers were skillfully played by Nicholas Pantano (SJR'25) as Winthrop, Ava Previzi'24 as Lowell, and Lucyann Tappan'25 as Pforzheimer. Maeve Murray'24 played the strong feminist, Enid Hoops, Daniel Globus (CSHS'23) was the smug Aaron Schultz, and Madeline Heinimann'24 was the conceited Whitney, Vivienne's best friend.

Madeline Sullivan'24 played Courtney, the saleswoman; Arianna DeMarco'23 was the store manager; and Daniel Globus (CSHS'23) was the Jet Blue Pilot. When Hayden Bernstein (WRHS'24) unexpectedly lost his voice, Madeline Heinimann'24 gracefully stepped in just an hour before the show for the role of Grandmaster Chad. The dog-stealing Dewey was played by Michael Mainelli (SJR'24); the prison guard by Nicholas Pantano (SJR'25); the smooth-talking UPS man, Kyle B. O'Boyle, by Troy Greco (SJR'24); and the fabulous Kiki the colorist by Shoshana Thompson'25. The final court scene would not have been as exceptional as it was without Kaitlyn DeMartini'23 as the jealous Chutney Wyndham, Lola Projahn'25

as the TV Reporter, Gianna Joshua'23 as D.A. Joyce Riley, Olivia Morrison'23 as the Judge, Arianna DeMarco'23 as the Stenographer, Hayden Bernstein (WRHS'24) as the dishonest Nikos, and Anthony Koleser (SJR'24) as the betrayed Carlos. Congratulations to all ensemble members on an outstanding run: Marissa Albert'23, Hayden Bernstein (WRHS'24), Alyssa Darella'22, Arianna DeMarco'23, Kaitlyn DeMartini'23, Isabella Falletta'24, Daniel Globus (CSHS'23), Troy Greco (SJR'24), Mary Hahn'24, Madeline Heinimann'24, Gianna Joshua'23, Anthony Koleser (SJR'24), Samantha Landolfi'23, Michael Mainelli (SJR'24), Olivia Morrison'23, Olivia Pantano'25, Nicholas Pantano (SJR'25), Ava Previzi'24, Lola Projahn'25,



Harvard admissions officers, Lucyann Tappan'25 as Pforzheimer, Nicholas Pantano (SJR'25) as Winthrop, and Ava Previzi'24 as Lowell



Maeve Murray'24, as Enid Hoops, helps to prove Elle's case that a perm does not last if you wash your hair right away!





Cast members surround Jonah Ruderman (LHS'23), as Emmett, and Grace Capeless'22, as Elle Woods, during the final number.



Azriela Quiles'22, as Margot, listens to Lucy Alexander the Teacup Yorkie, as Bruiser Woods.

Madeline Sullivan'24, Lucyann Tappan'25, Shoshana Thompson'25, and Sarah Vella'22. Additionally, audiences were delighted by this year's four-legged cast members, Lucy Alexander, the Teacup Yorkie, as Bruiser Woods, and Hank Andersen, the Bulldog, as Rufus Bonafonté.

Special thanks to the many parent, faculty, staff, and student volunteers who dedicated their time and services to make *Legally Blonde* yet another spectacular IHA musical production!



Jonah Ruderman (LHS'23), as Emmett, accepts a proposal from Grace Capeless'22, as Elle Woods.



Alyssa Darella'22, as Brooke Wyndham, hugs her powerhouse lawyer, Elle Woods, played by Grace Capeless'22.





# IHA Believes

## Don't Stop BELIEVE.ing

### IHA Holds Second Catholic Women's Leadership Conference for Students

**T**his past March, one hundred forty of IHA's young women attended the Immaculate Heart Academy BELIEVE. Conference, an exclusive Catholic women's leadership conference crafted solely for our students. Over the course of three days at Crystal Springs Resort in Vernon, our students heard from inspiring speakers, participated in thought-provoking workshops, and strengthened their relationships with not only their fellow IHA sisters, but also with God.

The overarching theme of BELIEVE. was the deep intersection that can and

should exist between authentic feminism and the Catholic faith. The Gospel-centered, personal growth conference boasted keynotes by our own Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, who planned the event with the Christian Service Executive Board; Lisa Ann Cotter, founder of Made to Magnify and author of *Dating Detox* and the newly released *Reveal the Gift*; Mariama Roldan, social media director and content coordinator for Array of Hope Ministries; Lauren Meyers, former IHA Latin and Religious Studies teacher and current Theology teacher at Marian High School in Indiana; and Lauren Rhein'09, IHA

alumna and Golf coach. The speakers shared their beautiful witness and challenged our students in incredible ways.

Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, and Mr. Jason Schlereth, president, also addressed IHA's young women during the special weekend. All of the speakers emphasized how blessed the IHA students are to be able to attend a conference specifically made for them—one that recognizes the unique God-given gifts each of them brings to the table, teaches them how to love and champion one another, and guides them in establishing





Jessica Guanci'22 speaks during the Sisterhood Circle.



Students hug during the Sisterhood Circle after surprising each other with thank you notes.

and maintaining real and healthy female friendships. The inaugural BELIEVE. Conference, held in 2019 at Icona Diamond Beach Resort in Wildwood Crest, was founded by Mrs. Shutrop with the goal of offering a new, women-centered conference tailored to Gospel-focused personal development, exclusively for IHA's students.

Mrs. Shutrop said the 2019 conference would be hard to beat, and she was apprehensive to plan an event as we continue to enter a post-COVID world. "We were so thrilled to have one hundred forty students register this time around,"

“The girls came open, willing to participate, and excited to challenge themselves into growing as women who champion one another’s achievements.”

— Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation



BELIEVE. Conference chaperones, Ms. Alexis Fatigati'07, director of admissions; Mrs. Tara Hopfensperger, director of communications & marketing; Ms. Lia Kunnapas'09, social studies teacher; Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; Mrs. Emily Fernandez, English teacher; Mrs. Jacklyn Kruk, religious studies teacher; Mrs. Renee Thunell, English teacher; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; and Ms. Heather Christman, religious studies teacher



The 2021-22 Christian Service Executive Board members





2022 BELIEVE. Conference attendees

she said. “The girls came open, willing to participate, and excited to challenge themselves into growing as women who champion one another’s achievements. I already see some of the fruits of the program in the way the girls are interacting with one another back in the school building. I am so grateful for their buy in, their insight, and their willingness to try to make IHA and themselves the best they can be.”

IHA students from all grade levels participated in a variety of workshops and reflections, enjoyed delicious meals provided by Crystal Springs, and took advantage of the beautiful facilities. They bonded together further at a Sisterhood Dinner and recognized their peers’ individual gifts with personalized thank you letters exchanged in a Sisterhood Circle. Lisa Cotter’s discussion about

discernment guided the students into Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity for confession. On Sunday, Fr. Matthew Dooley, chaplain at Oratory Prep, celebrated Mass to conclude the special weekend before our students headed back to IHA, ready to further enhance their lives and put into practice all they learned.

During his speech, Mr. Schlereth encouraged conference attendees to not keep secret their discussions during BELIEVE., but rather teach their Immaculate Heart sisters how to best support one another. “Let it permeate through your classes, through your lunch table, through your friend groups, through your social media pages,” he said. “Make it such a part of who you are that everyone knows about it. Become the person that when people hear your

name, they instantly think of the IHA sisterhood. Make IHA a place full of girls who support each other at every turn. When you climb the ladder of success, don’t knock the ladder over so no one else can climb it. Instead, let the next girl know which steps of the ladder are loose. Make her aware of the challenges that she’ll face so that she can join you at the top.”

Erin Burke’22, Christian Service Board vice president, said the BELIEVE. Conference was the perfect event for the IHA sisterhood. “The immersive experience of my faith and my Immaculate Heart family was tremendous,” she reflected. “I am truly going to miss IHA and these girls so much.”

It was clear that our young women left the conference full of joy and grace after



Riley Ypelaar’22, Mackenna Olsen’22, Madison McKay’23, and Samantha Raia’24 welcome students to the conference.



Clockwise from upper left are Isabella Vaughn’22, Sofia Alvarez’22, Aniela Sanders’22, Mackenzie Keelen’22, and Alexis Mason’22.





Keynotes, Mrs. Lauren Meyers, Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, Mrs. Lisa Ann Cotter, and Ms. Mariama Roldan



Ms. Lauren Rhein '09

a yearning to dive more deeply into becoming the best versions of themselves. They left prepared to make an even greater impact on Immaculate Heart Academy, the larger community, and the world.

"Do you believe what the women you heard from this weekend told you?" Mr. Schlereth asked the students. "Do you believe that you're a daughter of God? Do you believe that you have gifts



Olivia Raia '22

to share and that you can be secure in knowing about those gifts so that you can celebrate the women around you? The sisterhood is only as strong as its members. It's up to each and every one of you to decide how strong you want that sisterhood to be."

Emily Magee '24 felt as though her relationship with God and her fellow IHA sisters grew deeper through the conference. "BELIEVE. has made



Zoe Giacomini '25 and Keira DeMicco '25 make s'mores.



Emily Magee '24

me so appreciative of the amazing opportunity I have to come to IHA every day, and be surrounded by so many people who love and care about me," she said. "The IHA sisterhood is unlike anything else, and I am so thankful to be a part of it!"



# IHA Surpasses Day of Giving Goal

## Inaugural Phone-a-Thon Brings in more than 500 Gifts

Immaculate Heart Academy was proud to celebrate International Women's Day and our annual Day of Giving on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. As we continue to honor the women whose lives and legacies have been shaped by the values of IHA, we are pleased that so many community members felt inspired to give back to our school and support our mission to empower young women every day.

IHA also held its inaugural Day of Giving Phone-a-Thon this year. Current students called alumnae to encourage them to participate in giving back to their alma mater. Thank you to the many alumnae who answered the call during our phone-a-thon! Due to the immense generosity of our community of alumnae, current parents, parents of alumnae, faculty and staff, board members, and friends, we raised more than \$85,000 in pledges and donations from five hundred sixty-six donors. Additionally, our students and faculty members donated to our Day of Giving through a dress down day, which brought our total number of donors on International Women's Day to one thousand one hundred sixty-two.

Thank you to our Office of Advancement, particularly Mrs. Sarah Hill Frasure'07, director of development, for planning and coordinating the successful event. We are especially appreciative to our student callers and staff volunteers, without whom this event would not have happened. To show our appreciation, we hosted a breakfast for our volunteers on Friday, March 11, 2022.



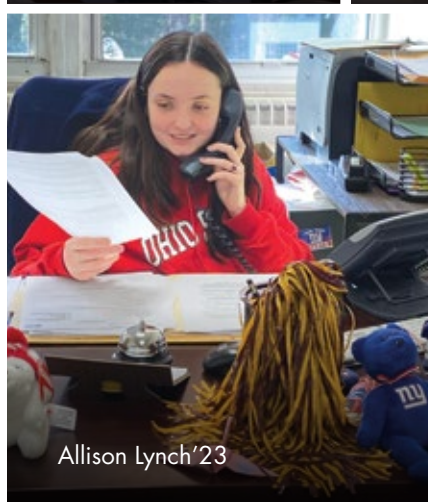
Riley Ypelaar'22



Isabella Galan'23 and Norah Homa'23



Madison McKay'23



Allison Lynch'23



The student volunteers prepare for our inaugural Day of Giving Phone-a-Thon.



All of our phone-a-thon callers were thanked at a breakfast on March 11, 2022.



# 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 2021-22 academic year.

## FRESHMEN

Ileana Asencio  
Isabelle Bertussi  
Elizabeth Burgess  
Paige Burgess  
Lauren DeLuccia  
Victoria DeJuidice  
Allison Egan  
Ella Feola  
Leah Finley  
Caroline Francisco  
Zoe Giacomini  
Grace Guglielmetti  
Ariana Hernandez  
Lana Langevin  
Megan McCarthy  
Katelyn Mikros  
Clodagh Moore  
Alison Morris  
Lauren Mulry  
Emma Neyland  
Victoria Niziol  
Kristen Ohmacht  
Addison Olsen  
Rachel Paton  
Isabella Piccinich  
Maggie Polchin  
Lola Rose Projahn  
Kathleen Reck  
Zoe Sarno  
Rebecca Schutz  
Julia Sobilo  
Bergen Sollecito  
Sierra Tofts

## SOPHOMORES

Dylan Rose Applin  
Madyson Ayers  
Alexandra Barry  
Anvi Batra  
Ella Bosse  
Emily Caton  
Ella Crane  
Sophia Cremona  
Meghan Deane  
Evelina Drelich  
Giana Fontanetta  
Ava Ghomi  
Julia Grzybowski  
Hannah Hart  
Meaghan Keating  
Ellie Kim  
Kaitlyn LeSuer  
Rose Martin  
Samantha McGee  
Casey McGrath  
Darcy Moore  
Elizabeth Ogden  
Reagan Pace  
Angelina Parrino  
Isabella Pizzi  
Abigail Romero  
Bryana Saenz  
Kiera Stevenson  
Adrianna Uykan  
Eileen Wynne

## JUNIORS

Marie Baldwin  
Grace Coughlin  
Katherine Deane  
Emma Dillane  
Madeleine Gilson  
Lauren Grae  
Noelle Haskell  
Samantha Landolfi  
Layla Libanan  
Allison Lynch  
Kate Menake  
Meghan Minogue  
Johanna Murphy  
Layla Salaheldin  
Olivia Seitter  
Jessica Sundlin  
Mary-Kathryn Sweeney

## SENIORS

Riley Benedik  
Paulina Biagioni  
Grace Calianese  
Caitlin Croci  
Alyssa Darella  
Margaret Dillon  
Skyler Hunt  
Lindsay Keogh  
Riley McGovern  
Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem  
Madelyn Panebianco  
Lauren Plastina  
Natalie Ronen  
Sarah Vella  
Isabelle Villanueva  
Margaux Yannacci  
Jayda Yatko  
Katherine Young  
Riley Ypelaar



# Hall of Fame 2022

## IHA Inducts Nine New Members

After a two-year postponement, we were thrilled to induct nine new members into the Immaculate Heart Academy Hall of Fame on April 3, 2022. The highly anticipated celebratory luncheon was held at Seasons in Township of Washington.

Mr. Jason Schlereth, president, opened the ceremony by welcoming guests and Rev. Donald K. Hummel led the opening prayer. Family members and close friends then introduced the 2022 honorees.

In the Alumnae category, [Serena Bocchino](#)'78 was introduced by her friend and IHA classmate, Leslie Simpson Hille'78, and [Mary Ellen Dooley Nye](#)'87 P'21 was introduced by her father, William J. Dooley, Jr. P'87, GP'21, '26. In the Educator category, [Barbara Fritsche](#) was introduced by former colleague, Patrice McDonough FF, FCBM, and [Lauretta Miller](#) was introduced by former colleague, Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, F. In the Parents category, Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06 introduced [John and Lori Feery](#) P'08 and Brennan Offer Burke'94 introduced her parents, [Richard and Mary Ellen Offer](#) P'94, '96, '98, '01, '06. In the Community Leader category, Gerri Boland FF introduced [Rev. Donald K. Hummel](#).

All honorees were recognized with an official resolution from Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips P'18, '21, '26, acknowledging their induction into the IHA Hall of Fame. Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, made closing remarks and thanked the many people who made the Hall of Fame event possible.

Thank you to Event Sponsor, Bergen Catholic High School, and Blue Sponsors, the late William Bocchino



IHA's 2022 Hall of Fame honorees, Barbara Fritsche FF; Lauretta Miller FF; Mary Ellen Dooley Nye'87 P'21, FCBM; Lori and John Feery P'08; Mary Ellen and Richard Offer P'94, '96, '98, '01, '06; Rev. Donald K. Hummel; and Serena Bocchino'78

P'74, '78; Maureen Cooney Daniello'77 and Dan Daniello P'15, CBM; Don and Laura Innamorato; and Yolanda and Raymond Kunz P'92, '94, GP'20, '21, '23, FCBM. We are incredibly grateful for our donors, Banador Information Systems, Inc.; Irene Beattie; Malcolm Brown; Patricia Conaton P'88, '98, F; Kerry Harvey Conway'85; Lynn Farragher Florance'64; Susan Furey; Leslie Simpson Hille'78; William Kalosieh, Ph.D. FF; The Kennedy Family; Margaret M. Madden; Anne Offer; Nelda and John O'Neil P'06, CBM; and Student Bus Company, Inc. Special thanks to the IHA administration for their continued support and the many vendors, as well as the faculty and parent volunteers, who dedicated their time and services to this event.

The Immaculate Heart Academy Hall of Fame, sponsored by the IHA Alumnae Association, has as its sole purpose to honor in perpetuity alumnae, faculty,

and contributors to IHA's outstanding tradition. Including our nine 2022 inductees, one hundred five individuals have been inducted into the Immaculate Heart Academy Hall of Fame, which was established in 1993. These outstanding people have made exceptional contributions to IHA and have achieved noteworthy personal and/or professional goals.



Rob Moschella, Nicole Feery Moschella'08, John Feery, Dominick Moschella, Lori Feery P'08, Anthony Moschella, and John Feery P'08

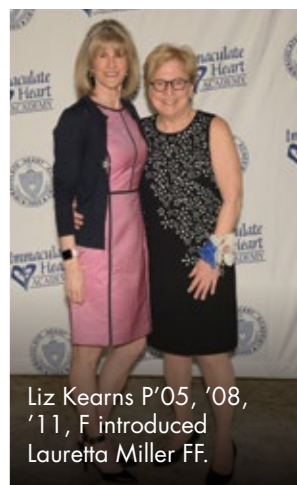




Barbara Fritsche FF and Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76 P'06, director of alumnae engagement and special events



The Miller Family



Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, F introduced Lauretta Miller FF.



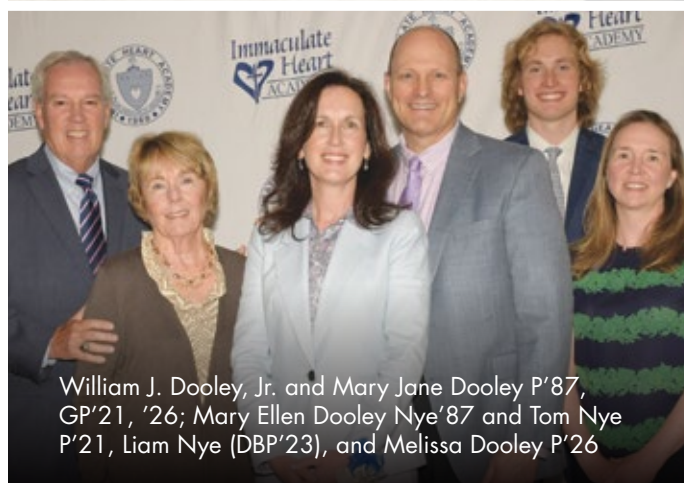
Geraldine Boland FF introduced Rev. Donald K. Hummel.



The Offer Family



Mary Ellen and Richard Offer P'94, '96, '98, '01, '06 and Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76 P'06, director of alumnae engagement and special events



William J. Dooley, Jr. and Mary Jane Dooley P'87, GP'21, '26; Mary Ellen Dooley Nye '87 and Tom Nye P'21, Liam Nye (DBP'23), and Melissa Dooley P'26

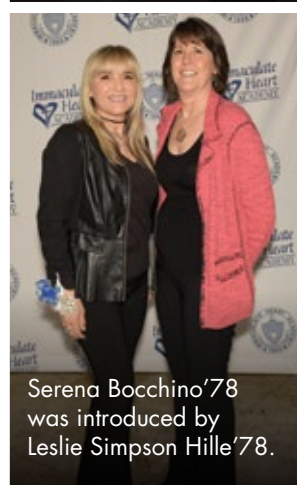


Mary Ellen Dooley Nye '87 P'21 and Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips P'18, '21, '26

"The group gathered here today represents the dedicated and faithful supporters of Immaculate Heart Academy—a community committed to excellent Catholic-driven education of young women," Mr. Schlereth said. "Serena, Mary Ellen, Barbara, Lauretta, John, Lori, Richard, Mary Ellen, and Fr. Don, today we celebrate you and your many contributions to IHA. We are so grateful for your enduring commitment to Immaculate Heart Academy, and we are thrilled to recognize you and celebrate the gifts you bring to not only the community at large, but especially to our IHA family."



Alex Bocchino, Elena Bocchino, Stephen Keough, Serena Bocchino '78, David Bocchino, Rachel Keough, and Patricia Bocchino



Serena Bocchino '78 was introduced by Leslie Simpson Hille '78.



# SCENE | Around IHA



Members of IHA's Black Culture Club, moderated by Ms. Shemayne Williams, physical education teacher, created an impressive display in the school's main lobby in February to celebrate Black History Month. Sanaiya Villanueva'22, Black Culture Club president, said club members highlighted "women who are at the top of their respective fields and work to enrich the world, whether through songs, poetry, athletic performance, or science. These women are each inspirations in their own right, and we are celebrating their accomplishments!" Black Culture Club members pictured are, back row, left to right, Brenna Auguste'25, Jordyn Allen'23, Shoshana Thompson'25, Ella Bosse'24, Amandagrace Smith'24, Christina-Ann Augustin'23, Brookelyn Talmadge'23, and Isabella Conde'23. Front row, left to right, are Penelope Fleming'25; Cassandra George'24; Alayna Bellevue'24; Sanaiya Villanueva'22, president; Grace Capeless'22, vice president; Ariana Chen'23; Magdaly Pierre-Louis'23; and Mya Soto'23.

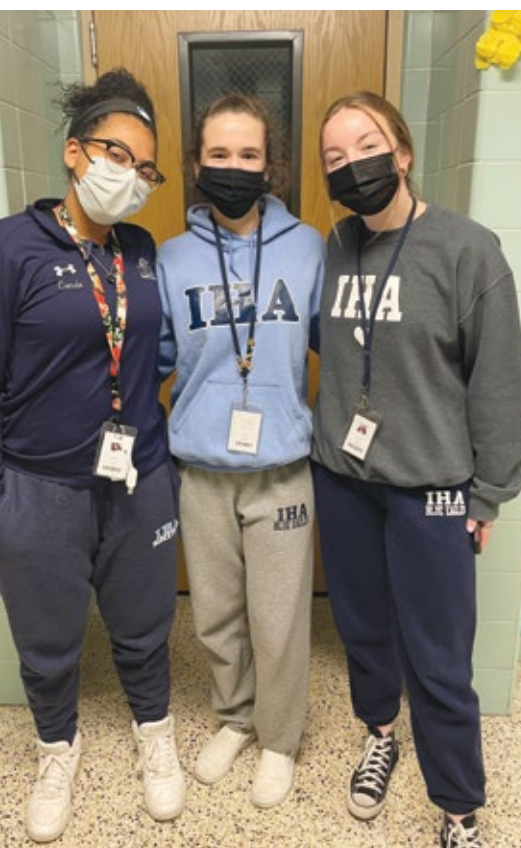


Mr. Egon Berg, a Holocaust survivor with three IHA granddaughters, spoke to the student body on March 21, 2022. Mr. Berg, grandfather of Hailey Coleman'19, Madison Coleman'21, and Olivia Coleman'24, told his incredible story about fleeing Nazi Germany and escaping to East Africa when he was a child. "Too young to realize the full scope of what was happening, Mr. Berg learned over time the experiences that he and his family, along with millions of others, had gone through," said Dr. Sue Kenney, social studies teacher. "After spending seven years in Kenya, the Berg family immigrated to the U.S. Since then, he has had a successful career, married, and raised a family." Thank you to Mr. Berg and his wife, Marge, who accompanied him, for sharing his experiences with the IHA community.

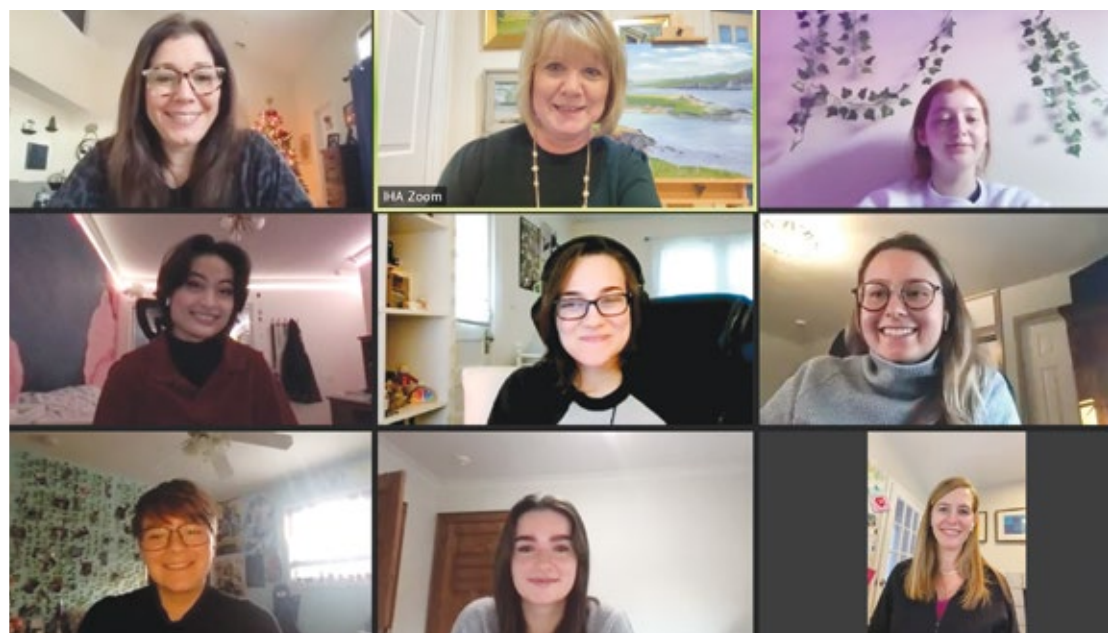




On January 25, 2022, the Alumnae Winter Virtual Book Club discussed *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. The discussion was moderated by former IHA faculty members, Ms. Pat McDonough and Mrs. Kathy Sandt GP'17, '20, '23, '24. Thank you to the thirty IHA alumnae who joined in!

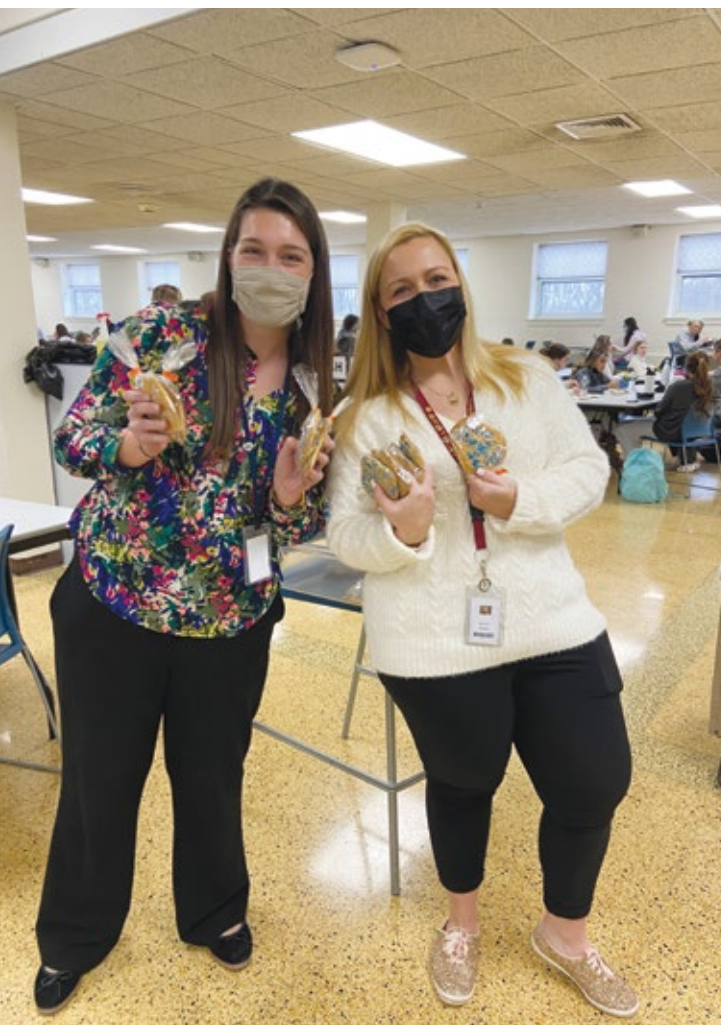


Isabella Conde'23, Emma Burgess'23, and Carolyn Sandt'23 celebrate Spirit Day in their IHA spirit wear during Catholic Schools Week 2022.



The IHA National Art Honor Society members held their second annual Art Alumnae Webinar on January 12, 2022. Sixty-eight IHA student-artists were pleased to hear from several distinguished alumnae working in various fields of art. Top row, left to right, are Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, art teacher; Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts; and Blathnat Cannon'21, a freshman marketing major at College of Charleston. Middle row, left to right, are Carmela Icarangal'20, a sophomore animation major at Maryland Institute College of Art; Faith Trinker'17, a 2021 graduate of Syracuse University earning a degree in computer art and animation; and Lindsey Carpenter'15, a recent graduate of a five-year architecture program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Bottom row, left to right, are Karleena Pineda'21, a freshman at Champlain College majoring in game art and animation; Riley O'Toole'21, a freshman at Syracuse University majoring in architecture; and Vanessa Wenzel Rabe'98, project manager at a large architectural firm based in Austin, Texas. Discussions ranged from the newest technological developments in their fields to finding a good work-life balance.





Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, and Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principal for academics, distribute IHA cookies on Student Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week 2022.



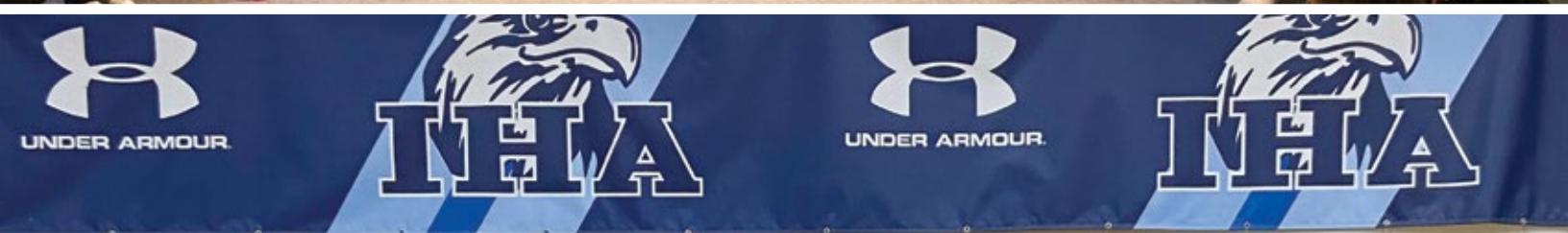
IHA's College Counseling Department hosted a College Fair on the evening of April 5, 2022 in the IHA gymnasium. Students and parents were given the opportunity to learn about more than seventy colleges and universities! Thank you to Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling; Mrs. Corinne Fritzky, college counselor; members of the Guidance Department; and the many college representatives who took the time to visit Immaculate Heart Academy.



The IHA community began the Lenten season together during an Ash Wednesday Liturgy presided by Fr. Anthony Palombo held on March 2, 2022.



The Class of 2022 Senior Talent Show proved to be a blast, as always, for our seniors and audience members on the evening of Friday, March 11, 2022. Congratulations to all the amazing performers and thanks to Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, senior class moderator; senior class officers; MCs, Erin Burke'22 and Molly Podest'22; and the IHA administration for organizing this annual tradition. Pictured are all of the members of the Class of 2022 who were in attendance at the show!



The Guidance Department welcomed therapy dogs from Bright and Beautiful on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 to visit with our IHA students. From left to right are Mr. Paul McGinnis, guidance counselor; Mrs. Tara Tashjian Maka'02, director of guidance; Mrs. Rosemary Cali P'12, '15, '19, '23, guidance counselor; Mrs. Allison Anderson, counseling secretary; CJ and her owner, Karen Koehler; Leo and his owner, Susan Smith; Ms. Ellen Donoghue'76, guidance counselor; Crusader and his owner, Gina O'Rourke P'15; Mrs. Corinne Fritzky, college counselor; and Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling.



# DID YOU KNOW THAT...



**T**wenty sophomore, junior, and senior members of the **St. Brigid Society** visited Liberty Science Center on February 11, 2022. While there, the IHA students attended the *Live from Cardiac Surgery Classroom*, an educational program hosted in collaboration with Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute at Morristown Medical Center, that allows middle and high school students to watch open-heart

bypass surgery as it happens in real-time. Students are able to ask the surgical team questions while they view the team performing an operation. The St. Brigid Society members, chaperoned by society moderator and guidance counselor, Ms. Ellen Donoghue'76, and information management specialist and engineering teacher, Mrs. Alice Nudelman, were also able to explore the other exhibits in Liberty Science Center during their visit.

Immaculate Heart Academy has earned the College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science A. Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access to AP Computer Science courses. More than one thousand institutions achieved either fifty percent or higher female representation in one of the two AP Computer Science courses or a percentage of the female Computer Science exam takers meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population during the 2020-21 school year. In 2021, Immaculate Heart was one of one hundred ninety-nine recognized in the category of **AP Computer Science A**, a course taught by Mrs. Theresa Seymour Dolan'95 P'26 at IHA. Mrs. Dolan said, as a school community, we 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."



**C**ongratulations to **Kaitlyn LeSuer'24**, **Sydney Kearney'24**, and **Alia Ureta'24** for being chosen as the 2022 Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference attendees! They were presented their certificates at IHA's Catholic Schools Week liturgy. These students were selected by faculty and staff to represent IHA at the conference this summer.



An oil painting completed by **Lauren Plastina'22**, *Still Life with Bird*, was selected for the seventh annual National Art Honor Society/National Junior Art Honor Society (NAHS/NJAHS) Juried Exhibition through the National Art Education Association (NAEA). Lauren's work, which was completed in her Advanced Painting and Drawing class at IHA, was one of the one hundred ninety-nine works selected from one thousand six hundred sixty-five total submissions. Juror selections were guided by scoring in five categories: Visual Communication, Execution, Formal Elements, Originality, and Artist Statement. Representatives from six member schools of the Association of Independent Colleges of



**Lauren Plastina**  
*Still life with Bird*

Immaculate Heart Academy  
Township of Washington, New Jersey  
Grade: 12  
Chapter Sponsor: Lisa Encke

This was the first time I attempted a piece in oil. I brought skills learned from other still lifes in the past and my experience with digital painting in order to adapt to this new medium. All of the objects in the composition were of a similar color, which added another layer of challenge.

Art and Design (AICAD) participated as jurors: Burren College of Art, College for Creative Studies, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Moore College of Art &

Design, and Parsons School of Design. The exhibition took place virtually on the NAEA website, [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org), from January 18 to April 29, 2022.



On Sunday, February 27, 2022, 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 #15518: Riley McGovern'22, Caitlin Croci'22, Mackenna Olsen'22, Rania Hart'22, and Taylor Terry'22** and **Team #15519: Isabelle Villanueva'22, Sanaiya Villanueva'22, Jenna Savino'22, Christiane Wahba'22, and Sarah Vella'22**. Both teams completed the challenge and Team #15518 advanced to the second round of judging. Only one hundred thirteen of the six hundred twelve teams that submitted viable solution papers (about 18.5%) were selected to advance to the second round of judging. Congratulations to the IHA teams on completing the M3 Challenge and to Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, Mathematics Department chairperson, Mu Alpha Theta advisor, and coach of the two IHA M3 Challenge teams.



# IHA Director of Formation Authors Ascension Sacramental Prep Series

Mrs. Sarah Shutrop is sole author of Ascension's *Renewed* and *Received*



Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to announce that Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, was hired by Ascension Press as the sole author of two new book series in its Sacramental Prep program. The two series, *Renewed – Your Journey to First Reconciliation* and *Received – Your Journey to First Communion*, will launch in Spring 2023. Mrs. Shutrop wrote the student workbooks in addition to both the leader and parent guides.

As the director of formation at Immaculate Heart, Mrs. Shutrop leads the Campus Ministry program and serves as chairperson for the Religious Studies Department. She oversees all of the spiritual elements of the school including liturgies and retreats, in addition to coordinating student conferences, mission trips, and IHA's Small Christian

Communities Network of sisterhood groups. Mrs. Shutrop also directs IHA's Service and Social Justice Program.

Before joining the IHA faculty nine years ago, she served as assistant director of religious education at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Ridgewood. Mrs. Shutrop holds an M.A. degree in systematic and moral theology from the University of Notre Dame. While she has written resources for other publishing companies before, this is the first time she has served as the sole author for a series of full-length books.

Ms. Lauren McCann, one of the product managers for *Renewed* and *Received*, said that when it comes to elementary school kids, they know that children are seekers and questioners. "They want to dive in, peel back the layers, and figure out what is going on behind the scenes," she said. "In creating a First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion program, Ascension's goal was to convey the richness of the Catholic Faith while engaging the students at their level. Interesting activities, lively discussions, thought-provoking explorations are all part of the vision of the program—and that is why we selected Sarah Kearns Shutrop as the writer."

Ms. McCann continued to say that Mrs. Shutrop brings a love of faith paired with "energy, excitement, and brilliant ideas to engage every child in a variety of ways. Her creativity and understanding of what children, who are receiving these

two sacraments, need will surely lead each child who goes through the *Renewed* and *Received* programs to have a fruitful and life-changing encounter with God."

Mrs. Shutrop said she was blown away when Ascension asked her to author the series. "When I was first approached, I expected that Ascension would be asking me to create resources or social media posts for one of their books, although I was secretly hoping they were inviting me to work with Fr. Mike Schmitz!" Mrs. Shutrop said. "Ascension is such an incredible company committed to the New Evangelization, and making authentic Catholic teaching accessible in the 21st century. I am so humbled to be part of what they do. I began my career at Our Lady of Mount Carmel working in religious education, so I am excited that my journey is coming full circle. I can't wait to see the books make their way into real parishes and classrooms in Spring 2023!"



# Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony 2022

On the evening of February 9, 2022, fourteen students were inducted into Immaculate Heart Academy's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, the National High School Mathematics Honor Society. According to Mu Alpha Theta founder, Dr. Richard V. Andree, the society is "an organization dedicated to promoting scholarship in mathematics and establishing math as an integral part of high school and junior college education."

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks by Mrs. Elizabeth Kearns P'05, '08, '11, Mathematics Department chairperson and Mu Alpha Theta moderator. Current society officers

include Riley McGovern'22, president; Sanaiya Villanueva'22, vice president; Rania Hart'22, chapter officer; and Sarah Vella'22, chapter officer. Congratulations to the new inductees:

Marie Baldwin'23  
Katherine Deane'23 -  
incoming chapter officer  
Abigail Diehl'23  
Emma Dillane'23 -  
incoming vice president  
Caitlin Fritz'23  
Lauren Grae'23 -  
incoming chapter officer  
Madison Klak'23 -  
incoming chapter officer  
Brianna Kuchenmeister'22

Layla Libanan'23  
Natalia Maglicic'23  
Maria Mathew'23  
Kate Menake'23 - incoming president  
Meghan Minogue'23  
Carolyn Sandt'23



Newly inducted members of IHA's Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society

# Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society Inducts Twenty New Members



The Silent Sentinel Chapter of Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society virtually inducted twenty new members on March 21, 2022. The name, Rho Kappa, is taken from two words of Semitic origin. Rho is derived from "resh" meaning "head" and Kappa is derived from "kapf" which means "palm of the hand." Both of these terms symbolize our firm belief that "knowledge without service is useless." The principal purpose of Rho Kappa, moderated by Ms. Linda Chelotti'76, Social Studies Department chairperson, is to stimulate a deeper and more comprehensive understanding of all the academic disciplines comprising the social studies curriculum.

At Rho Kappa, the individual chapter service program must be of a civic nature. IHA's Civic Service Project is working with the State of New Jersey's Palisades Interstate Park Service, the Bergen

County Historical Society, and the Women's Club of Englewood to adopt the Women's Federation Monument located in the Palisades Interstate Park.

## Congratulations to the new inductees:

### SENIORS

Grace Calianese'22  
Emma Hawryluk'22  
Natalie Ronen'22

### JUNIORS

Megan Anderson'23  
Maria Byrnes'23  
Katherine Deane'23  
Shaye Disanza'23  
Lauren Grae'23  
Noelle Haskell'23

Leanna Johnston'23  
Samantha Landolfi'23  
Natalia LoCurto'23  
Allison Lynch'23  
Natalia Maglicic'23  
Judith Mathew'23  
Kate Menake'23  
Meghan Minogue'23  
Johanna Murphy'23  
Jessica Sundlin'23  
Mary Kathryn Sweeney'23



# NHS First & Second Quarter Awards

IHA's National Honor Society presents awards each quarter to students representing the four pillars of the society: character, service, scholarship, and leadership.

For the first quarter of the 2021-22 academic year, congratulations are extended to:

## CHARACTER

**Katherine Young'22:** Katherine is an optimist who always has a smile on her face and brings a positive attitude with her wherever she goes. She is a member of Cross Country and Varsity Spring Track & Field, in addition to the National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society. She is a well-rounded individual who embodies the characteristics of an IHA woman of valor.

**Isabella Vaughn'22:** When you think of Bella, the first thing that comes to mind is her positive attitude and constant smile. She regularly offers others her kind thoughts and words when given the chance. Bella has a respect for those around her and is responsible and trustworthy with whatever tasks are assigned to her. She shares her positivity with others in the IHA community in her activities such as heartTV, Junior State of America, Law Society, STUCO, and Eagle Ambassadors.

## SERVICE

**Lily Valentin'22:** Lily perfectly embodies the meaning of service at IHA. Lily is a member of the Animal Club, Business Club, C.A.R.E, Engineering Club, and the Robotics Club. She never stops helping others reach their potential and is always the first to volunteer. Her extensive work and enthusiasm in tutoring her sisters as a member of NHS, in addition to her countless hours fostering kittens, demonstrate how deeply committed she is to the wellbeing of others.



Mackenna Olsen'22, Lily Valentin'22, Katherine Young'22, Isabella Vaughn'22, Jessica Boyd'22, and Riley McGovern'22

**Mackenna Olsen'22:** Mackenna is involved in serving her community outside of IHA as an EMT and continues her service among her IHA sisters by being a part of the Christian Service Board as the social justice chair. She is also a member of C.A.R.E. Mackenna is dedicated to helping others succeed within and beyond IHA through her NHS and Mu Alpha Theta tutoring. She is truly dedicated to IHA and her community.

president of Mock Trial. Her academic intelligence in vigorous college-level courses throughout the years has shaped her into the leader she is today.

## LEADERSHIP

**Jessica Boyd'22:** Jessie has taken her place in the IHA sisterhood as a leader. While going above and beyond in all her classes and academic pursuits, she has taken a leadership role amongst her peers. Jessie is a leader in the clubs she is a part of such as Junior State of America, Eagle Ambassadors, heartTV, Kindness Above Malice, Law Society, and Made with Love.

## SCHOLARSHIP

**Riley McGovern'22:** Riley is an extremely hard worker who puts her all into everything she does. She is a member of STEM, Math League, Mu Alpha Theta, National Art Honor Society, National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Varsity Lacrosse, and the co-vice



For the second quarter of the 2021-22 academic year, congratulations are extended to:



## CHARACTER

**Meghan Karach'22:** Meghan consistently possesses the characteristics of a true woman of valor. She is intelligent, funny, kind, considerate, and selfless. As a classmate and a friend, she puts others' needs before her own and does her best to help her peers in their studies. Meghan is a true embodiment of sisterhood within our community and continuously contributes to it positively.

**Francesca D'Amico'22:** Francesca is a strong, compassionate, and heartfelt woman who possesses many qualities attributed to someone of honorable character. She is a member of the Christian Service Board, Traffic Safety Squad, STUCO, Law Society, the bowling team, and is a Eucharistic Minister. Francesca makes a positive contribution to IHA and embodies that of an IHA woman. She hopes the best for others and always supports her classmates in their endeavors.

## SERVICE

**Aniela Sanders'22:** Aniela goes above and beyond with her contributions to her community. She serves others not only with her commitment to Praise, but also by leading Eucharistic Adoration at Don Bosco Prep and through other service projects outside of school. Wherever Aniela goes, she truly portrays the characteristics of service that each woman of valor possesses.

## SCHOLARSHIP

**Sanaiya Villanueva'22:** As a member of the STEM program, Sanaiya has flourished not only academically but as a woman of valor. Sanaiya contributes to class discussion and supports her peers through tutoring. Her scholarship is portrayed in her recognition as a National Merit *Commended Student* as well as a member of the M3 Challenge team this spring. Not only is Sanaiya an outstanding student, but she is also a supportive classmate and friend to many.

Meghan Karach'22, Francesca D'Amico'22, Aniela Sanders'22, Sanaiya Villanueva'22, and Gabriella Fava'22

## LEADERSHIP

**Gabriella Fava'22:** Leadership is the ability to guide members in a community by motivating and inspiring them to be the best that they can be, and Gabriella does just that. Gabby exemplifies leadership in every club and society of which she is a part, including the Science National Honor Society, Model UN, Peer Mentors, Eagle Ambassadors, STUCO, and the Rho Kappa Social Studies National Honor Society. As the senior class president, Gabby works tirelessly behind the scenes to guide the Class of 2022 through their final year at IHA.



# NHS, Spanish NHS, and French NHS Inductions



The newly inducted members of IHA's National Honor Society

On the evening of March 23, 2022, IHA inducted students into the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and the French National Honor Society.

The program opened with an invocation led by Margaret Dillon'22, NHS secretary, and congratulatory remarks from Erin Burke'22, NHS president. NHS executive board members led a candle lighting ceremony followed by the induction of new members by Katherine Mahoney'22, NHS vice president; Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, NHS moderator and director of college counseling; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; Mrs. Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13, assistant principal of students; and Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principal for academics. Kayla Arone'22 led the newly inducted members in the Honor Society pledge.

Miss Carroll then gave a touching keynote address before the induction of the new French Honor Society members by Margaret Dillon'22, French NHS president; Madelyn Panebianco'22, secretary; and Mrs. Eileen Ingoglia, moderator and French teacher, and the



new Spanish Honor Society members by Daniella Osorio'23, Spanish NHS president; Isabella Conde'23, secretary; and Ms. Ana Echeverría, moderator and Spanish teacher. The ceremony concluded with Alyssa Darella'22 singing the IHA Alma Mater, accompanied by Layla Libanan'23.

The newly inducted members of IHA's Spanish National Honor Society



**Congratulations to the newly inducted National Honor Society members:**

Marie Baldwin'23  
 Kiara Bassora'22  
 Emma Burgess'23  
 Maria Byrnes'23  
 Samantha Campana'22  
 Grace Cassin'23  
 Abby Cavlov'23  
 Ariana Chen'23  
 Katelyn Coughlan'23  
 Grace Coughlin'23  
 Natalie Coulter'23  
 Olivia Dabal'23  
 Faith Dalessandro'23  
 Ryley Dargan'23  
 Katherine Deane'23  
 Arianna DeMarco'23  
 Abigail Diehl'23  
 Emma Dillane'23  
 Lauren Dunnigan'23  
 Amber Estevez'23  
 Erin Erturan'23  
 Caitlin Fritz'23  
 Isabella Galan'23  
 Sophia Gervino'22  
 Madeleine Gilson'23  
 Lauren Grae'23  
 Norah Homa'23  
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 Meghan Minogue'23  
 Olivia Morrison'23  
 Brooke Muller'22  
 Deanna Paladino'22  
 Gracyn Pisa'23  
 Lindsey Polchin'22  
 April Ramsey'23  
 Casey Roberts'23  
 Sophia Rowell'23  
 Marissa Ruiz'22  
 Carolyn Sandt'23  
 Erin Shepler'23  
 Mary Stoker'23  
 Jessica Sundlin'23  
 Mary-Kathryn Sweeney'23  
 Olivia Tacconi'23  
 Olivia Toohey'23  
 Brookelyn Talmadge'23  
 Lily Valentin'22  
 Juliana Vitti'22  
 Jayda Yanko'22



The newly inducted members of IHA's French National Honor Society



Juniors recently inducted into the National Honor Society

**Congratulations to the newly inducted French National Honor Society members:**

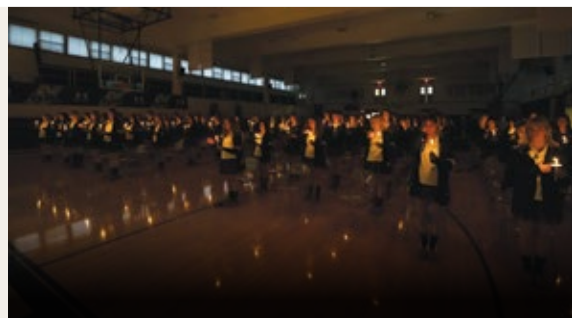
Julia Arencibia'23  
 Margaret Dillon'22  
 Madelyn Panebianco'22

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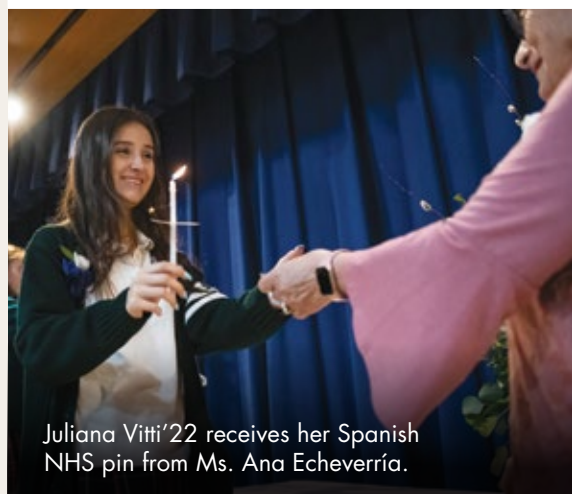
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 Meredith Bortz'22  
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 Jessica Kielur'22  
 Julia Larson'22  
 Layla Libanan'23  
 Sofia Linzan'22  
 Riley McGovern'22  
 Reagan Mertz'22  
 Johanna Murphy'23  
 Samantha Mullins'22  
 Daniella Osorio'23  
 Sabrina Priolo'22  
 Olivia Raia'22  
 Isabella Vaughn'22  
 Juliana Vitti'22  
 Juliette Wittig'23  
 Katherine Young'22



Darlena Makowka'23, Allison Lynch'23, Madison McKay'23, and Juliette Wittig'23



Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, NHS moderator; Ms. Ana Echeverría, Spanish NHS moderator; and Mrs. Eileen Ingoglia, French NHS moderator



Juliana Vitti'22 receives her Spanish NHS pin from Ms. Ana Echeverría.



**Right:** Deanna Paladino'22 receives her NHS certificate of induction from Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.



# Science National Honor Society Poster Session



Samantha Campana'22 and Margaret Dillon'22

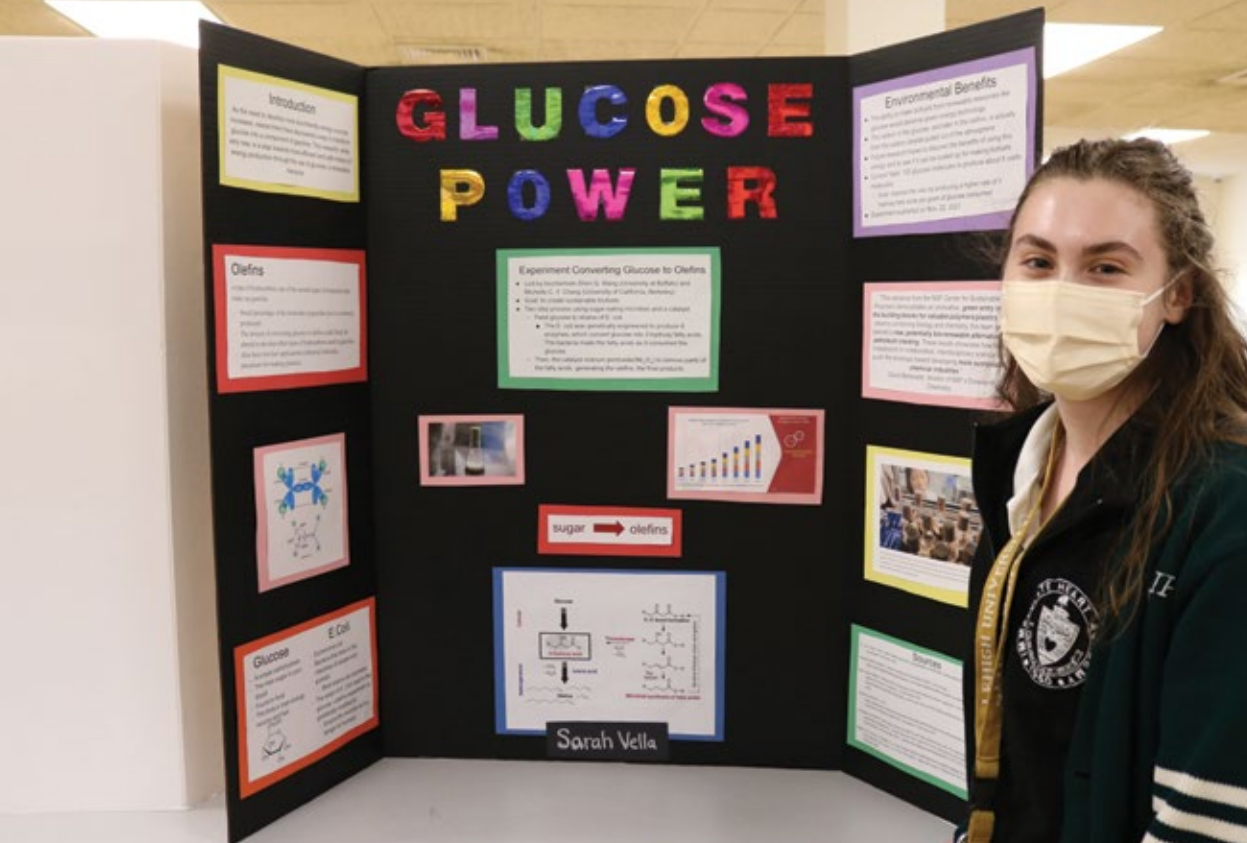
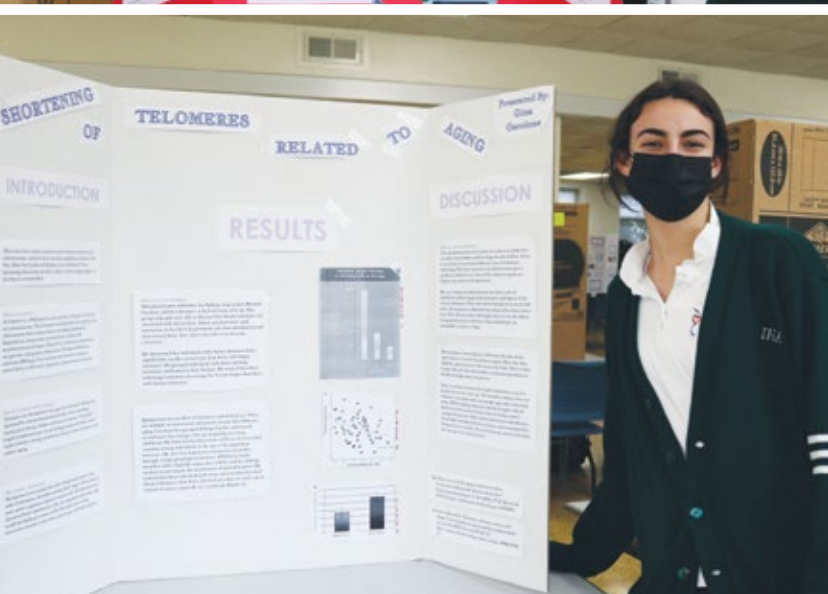
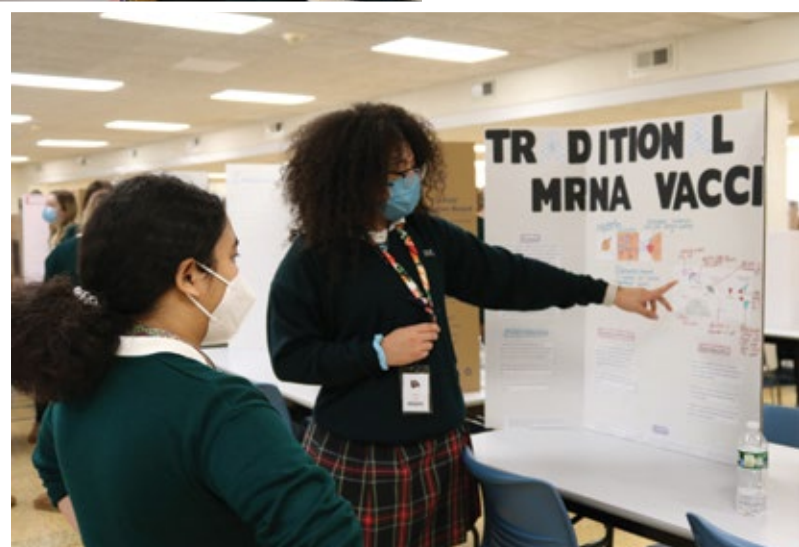
The Science National Honor Society's annual Scientific Research Poster Session was held on the afternoon of February 10, 2022 in IHA's cafeteria.

Members of IHA's SNHS, moderated by Mrs. Angela Holuba Roberts'05 and Mrs. Lauren Tereshko, selected a recent scientific advancement of great interest to them and composed a poster of their findings. During the session, students delivered mini-presentations on their research as they would at a scientific conference later in their academic and professional careers. Their fellow presenters and the IHA faculty and staff were invited to view the poster presentations.



Elizabeth Cuttita'23 and Samantha Landolfi'23



**Top:** Sarah Vella'22**Middle Row, left:** Madelyn Panebianco'22**Middle Row, right:** Layla Libanan'23 and Isabella Conde'23**Bottom Row, left:** Gina Gaccione'22**Bottom Row, right:** Kate Menake'23



# Winter Soaring Eagle Award Recipients Recognized

Congratulations to our second group of Soaring Eagle Award recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year!



Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, distributes the Soaring Eagle Award for Mathematics to Valerie Vivas'22.



Mr. Phil Bernardi, communications teacher; Massimo Guglielmetti P'25; Grace Guglielmetti'25; and Audra Guglielmetti P'25



Seated, left to right, are Halle Emr'24 (Physical Education – Mrs. Terry Skjold P'11), Allison Lynch'23 (World Languages – Mrs. Eileen Ingoglia), and Layla Salaheldin'23 (The Arts – Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20). Standing, left to right, are Angelina Daniel'22 (Religious Studies – Ms. Lynn Gansley), Valerie Vivas'22 (Mathematics – Mrs. Christine Cabrera Capizzi'89 P'25), Kaitlyn LeSuer'24 (Social Studies – Ms. Lia Kunnapas'09), Isabella Piccinich'25 (Science – Mrs. Kelly Duby Falcon'03), Grace Guglielmetti'25 (Communications – Mr. Phil Bernardi), Janzelle Abregu'22 (English – Mrs. Alison Hill Curley'00), and Rania Hart'22 (Technology – Mrs. Theresa Seymour Dolan'95).



Halle Emr'24, Isabella Piccinich'25, and Allison Lynch'23



# Science National Honor Society Induction

Forty-three new members were inducted into IHA's chapter of the Science National Honor Society on January 25, 2022. According to the SNHS moderators and 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."

Following Mrs. Roberts' opening remarks, co-presidents, Madelyn Panebianco'22 and Katherine Young'22, inducted the newest members to the Science National Honor Society during the virtual ceremony. The new executive board officers were then installed including Madelyn and Katherine, co-presidents, as well as Layla Libanan'23 and April Ramsey'23, officers. IHA principal, Miss Kerry Carroll'04, gave a congratulatory address and Mrs. Tereshko delivered closing remarks. Thank you to Mrs. Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13 and Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principals, and the Science Department faculty members who were also in attendance.

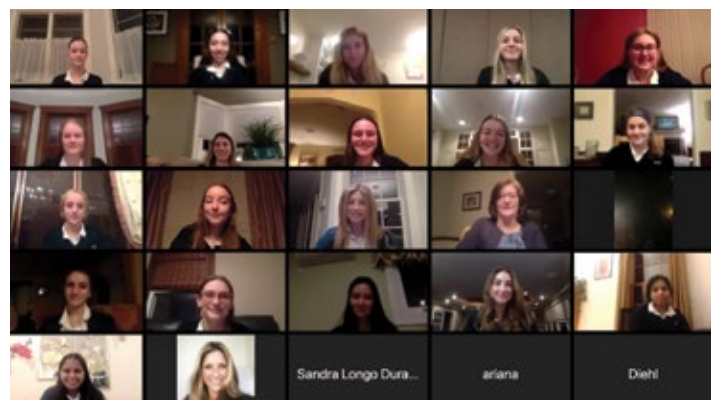
## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Megan Anderson'23  
Marie Baldwin'23  
Maria Byrnes'23  
Grace Cassin'23  
Ariana Chen'23  
Isabella Conde'23  
Elizabeth Cuttita'23  
Katherine Deane'23  
Abigail Diehl'23  
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Lauren Dunnigan'23  
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Britney Lyons'22  
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Samantha Mullins'22  
Johanna Murphy'23  
Grace Oates'22  
Gracyn Pisa'23  
Lindsey Polchin'22  
April Ramsey'23  
Marissa Roberge'22  
Casey Roberts'23  
Natalie Ronen'22  
Carolyn Sandt'23  
Jessica Sundlin'23



Clockwise from upper left are SNHS Executive Board members, April Ramsey'23, Madelyn Panebianco'22, Katherine Young'22, and Layla Libanan'23.



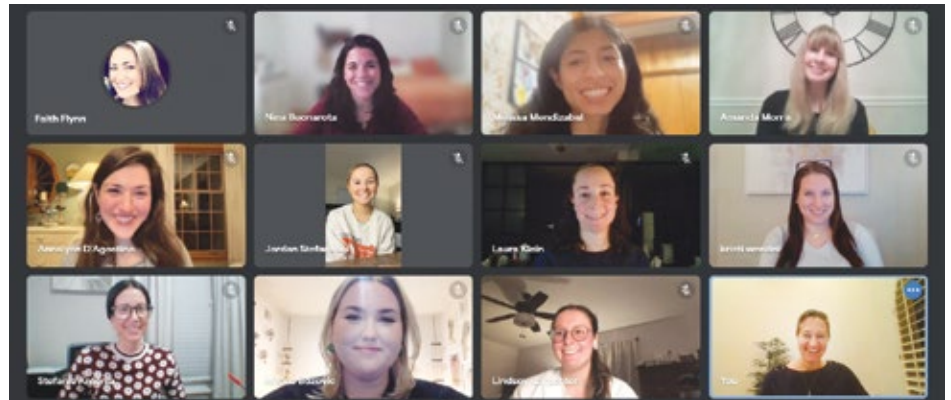


# IHA Alumna Offers Coaching & Career Advising to Fellow Sisters

Christine Tuminello LeBlanc'03 recently began offering career coaching and advising opportunities to her fellow IHA sisters. In addition to working full time at Shell Oil and raising her two-year-old daughter, Christine decided to start a company last year aimed at empowering young women in their careers. Through her company, Practical Girl's Guide, she offers advice and online courses to help women navigate the complexities of the business world and achieve their greatest potential.

Christine hosts a quarterly IHA alumnae Career Coaching Circle, which acts as an open space for alumnae to network, share career challenges, and gain advice from both Christine and other IHA alumnae and industry peers. She also has offered her ninety-minute online course, The Unwritten Rules, to IHA alumnae at no charge. The course highlights some common pitfalls that many women make early in their careers and some of the key ways to ensure that one is able to achieve her full potential in the business world.

She kicked off her quarterly virtual IHA Alumnae Career Coaching Circles in January. Twelve IHA graduates attended the first session, with career paths ranging from teaching and law to business and architecture. Christine said it was not surprising to hear that most of the women have faced or are currently facing many of the same obstacles and challenges in their careers, such as struggling to get the promotions they deserve despite working hard, navigating their way through male-dominated industries, and managing the shifting priorities as life, family, and career change.



"I was humbled by the amount of both work and life experience that many of the women had at such a young age," Christine continued. "Their achievements left me in awe! It was a pleasant reminder of the truly exceptional women that IHA produces. I was also inspired by the passion and energy they have to pursue their dreams and be the very best version of themselves, not just in their careers, but within their families and faith as well."

Christine said that overall it was nice for both the participants and her to be part of "such an incredible group of women, where everyone felt safe to transparently share their dilemmas. This is the start of something special, and I'm honored to be a part of it."

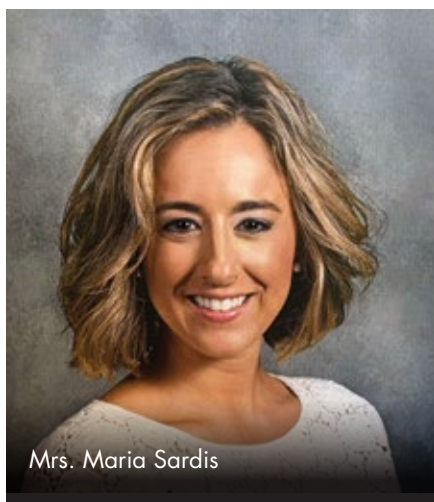
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— Christine Tuminello LeBlanc'03



# IHA Launches Field Hockey Program

## New Team to Begin in the Fall 2022 Season



Mrs. Maria Sardis

Immaculate Heart Academy is excited to announce the launch of the school's first-ever Field Hockey program.

IHA's Field Hockey team will start competing in the fall 2022 season on a junior varsity schedule, with plans to launch a varsity team in the 2023 season. Mrs. Maria Sardis has been named head coach and Ms. Linda Chelotti, IHA Social Studies Department chairperson and J.V. lacrosse coach, has been named assistant coach.

Coach Sardis brings eighteen years of playing experience and knowledge in field hockey rules and regulations. Her most recent coaching job was with Mystx Club Field Hockey in Feasterville, Pennsylvania as both head and assistant field hockey coach from December 2014 through June 2021. Mrs. Sardis currently works as a first grade special education teacher at Memorial Elementary School in Maywood. She said she is thrilled to be a part of "IHA's tremendous athletic program and have the opportunity to add field hockey into the mix."

“We feel honored to be able to offer another avenue for our student-athletes to become even more involved in the Immaculate Heart community.”

— Mr. John Downey, director of athletics

“I look forward to cultivating a team community where the girls can push each other to be their best both on and off the field,” she said. “I am fully dedicated and excited for the upcoming season and look forward to getting started!”

Coach Chelotti was a 12-letter varsity athlete in college and played four years of varsity field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse at Loyola University of Maryland. She has coached field sports at the varsity and J.V. levels for the past fifteen years. She said she is excited to see field hockey added to the athletic department. As the chairperson of the Social Studies Department, Ms. Chelotti stated that “field hockey has a long history and is one of the most ancient sports ever played with evidence that the Mayans in Mesoamerica played a version of the sport until the modern version was developed in England in the 19th century. Field hockey is the second most played field sport in the world, second only to soccer. It has a long-standing tradition of high school, college, club, World Cup, and Olympic competition. It is great that the young women of IHA will have an opportunity to join this fast-paced and fun sport.”

Mr. John Downey, IHA director of athletics, said that prospective families have been inquiring about starting a field hockey team at IHA for many years. “It is important for our Athletic Department to open up new opportunities for our families and to grow with the times,” he said. “We feel honored to be able to offer another avenue for our student-athletes to become even more involved in the Immaculate Heart community.”

For decades, Immaculate Heart Academy has been recognized as an athletic powerhouse with student-athletes winning numerous league, county, state sectional, and state championships in a variety of sports. Field hockey will be the sixteenth sport offered at Immaculate Heart Academy.

Mr. Jason Schlereth, IHA president, said he is thrilled about the addition of field hockey to the innovative programming already offered at Immaculate Heart Academy. “As we continue to be on the cutting edge of programming for our students, whether it is academically, in the arts, or in athletics, we are so excited to add field hockey to our athletic program,” he said. “I am grateful to our Athletic Department for their hard work in launching this program, and I look forward to watching our student-athletes compete in the IHA way.”



# WINTER | sports wrap-up



The team splashes a cheer before a meet.





2021-22 Swim Team

## SWIM TEAM



Sinead Cook'24

The IHA Swim Team, led by captains Sydney Severini'22, Sophia Gervino'22, and Natalie Ursich'22, finished its season with a 10-3 record. The team captured its 31st consecutive league title and its 23rd consecutive Bergen County title. In the NJSIAA State Tournament, IHA defeated Trinity Hall 95-75 in the semifinals and fell to Mount St. Mary Academy 89-81 in the Non-Public, Group A state final. Three school records fell this season:

Cornelia Fox'24 broke two school records in the 200 yard freestyle (1:51.47) and 100 yard backstroke (55.61) and Sydney Severini'22 lowered her own school record set in 2020 in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:03.25). At the NJSIAA State Individual Championship, seven swimmers competed against the best in New Jersey. The 200-medley relay team of Cornelia Fox'24, Sydney Severini'22, Kayla Rodriguez'25, and Isabella Piccinich'25 finished fifth, and the 400-freestyle relay of Elizabeth Vursta'25, Isabella Piccinich'25, Cornelia Fox'24, and Sydney Severini'22 placed tenth. Additionally, Sydney Severini'22 placed sixth in the 200 individual medley and fifth in the 100 yard breaststroke, Cornelia Fox'24 placed third in the 100 yard freestyle and third in the 100 yard backstroke, and Kayla Rodriguez'25 placed eighth in the 100 yard breaststroke.



IHA swimmers dive into the competition.

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Sydney Severini'22, Cornelia Fox'24, Kayla Rodriguez'25, Isabella Piccinich'25, Julia Sobilo'25, Kathleen Turano'25, and Elizabeth Vursta'25

#### Second-Team

Isabelle Morr'22, Madison Klak'23, Madison Assanah'25, and Isabella Piccinich'25

#### Third-Team

Madison Assanah'25

### Big North Conference All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Isabelle Morr'22, Sydney Severini'22, Emma Dillane'23, Madison Klak'23, Cornelia Fox'24, Madison Assanah'25, Isabella Piccinich'25, Kayla Rodriguez'25, Julia Sobilo'25, Kathleen Turano'25, and Elizabeth Vursta'25

#### Second-Team

Natalie Ursich'22, Emma Dillane'23, Siena McCue'23, Sinead Cook'24, Julia Haemmerle'24, Alia Ureta'24, Madison Assanah'25, Jillian Millstein'25, and AvaGrace Zettler'25

#### Honorable Mention

Natalie Ursich'22

### Big North United Division Coach of the Year

Lia Kunnapas'09

### NJ.com All-State Honors

#### Second-Team

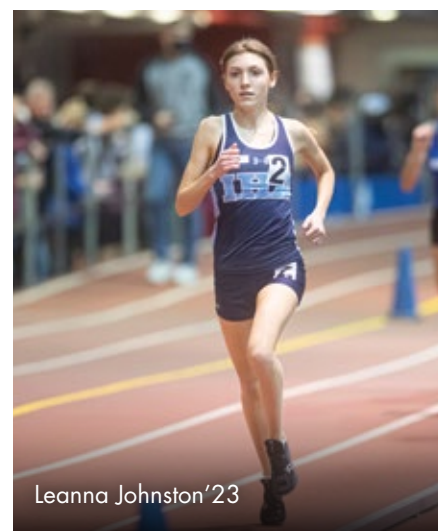
Cornelia Fox'24



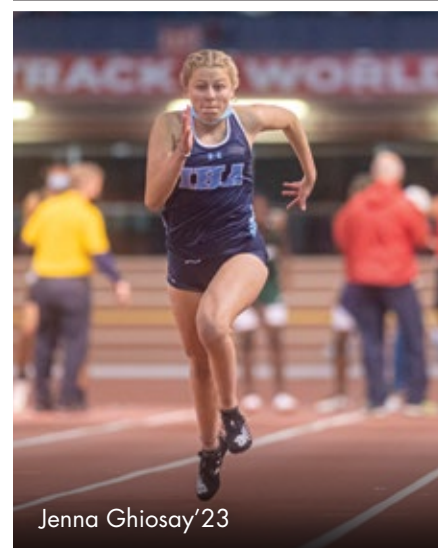
## WINTER TRACK



Paulina Biagioni'22, Maegan Feeney'22, Olivia Raia'22, Olivia Salkowsky'22, and Niki Matthews'22



Leanna Johnston'23



Jenna Ghiosay'23

### Big North Conference All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Maegan Feeney'22, Olivia Salkowsky'22, Leanna Johnston'23, Grace Kelleher'23, Johanna Murphy'23, Grace Posillico'23, Casey Roberts'23, Olivia Tacconi'23, Maura Hesler'24, Arden McLaughlin'25, Alison Morris'25, Sophia Prins'25, and Emily Wunsch'25

#### Second-Team

Paulina Biagioni'22, Niki Matthews'22, Jenna Ghiosay'23, Abigail Romero'24, Eileen Wynne'24, and Katelyn Mikros'25

### Big North Coach of the Year Matt Joyce

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Maegan Feeney'22 and Leanna Johnston'23

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### All-North Jersey Honors

#### Second-Team

Maegan Feeney'22 and Leanna Johnston'23

### NJ.com All-Non Public Honors

#### Third-Team

Leanna Johnston'23

The 2022 IHA Winter Track & Field team had a historic season, winning the league championship for the second consecutive season and breaking an incredible seven school records. Maegan Feeney'22 broke a thirty-year-old school record in the 55 hurdles, won the county championship, and also broke the 60-meter hurdle school record. Abigail Romero'24 broke the school record in the long jump and teamed up with Maegan Feeney'22, Olivia Salkowsky'22, and Olivia Tacconi'23 to take down the twelve-year school record in the 4x200 relay. Leanna Johnston'23 broke three school records and won the 1000 meters

at the County Championships. She also placed fifth in the entire state of New Jersey in the 3200, posting the second fastest time in school history. Casey Roberts'23 won the Non-Public A State Championship in Pole Vault, vaulting 10 feet for another school record.



Niki Matthews'22, Samantha Raia'24, and Olivia Raia'22





2021-22 Varsity Basketball Team

## BASKETBALL

IHA Basketball completed another outstanding season finishing with a record of 24-6. The team finished 6-0 in league play, capturing the Big North United Division crown. In the newly introduced Bergen County Tournament World Cup-style pool play, IHA went 3-0 with wins over Demarest, Pascack Valley, and Ridgewood. An exciting quarterfinal win over Old Tappan set up a date with #2 seed, Ramapo High School, in the semifinal. Falling behind by twelve in the first quarter made the comeback win all the more special. The 44-42 victory

snapped Ramapo's forty-three-game winning streak. The State Tournament started with exciting wins against Non-Public A rivals, Hudson Catholic and Pope John. The Blue Eagles saved their best for the final, overwhelming Newark Academy in every facet of the game. The 62-43 win capped what the media labeled *A Decade of Dominance*—ten consecutive North Section Championships! IHA's final rankings were #2 in North Jersey and #9 in the state. "We have much to be proud of," said Coach Steve Silver.



Gina Gaccione'22



Gianna Modica'25

### Big North Conference All-Division Honors

#### First-Team

Gina Gaccione'22, Isabella Asencio'23,  
Ava Naszimento'23, and Julia Schutz'23

#### Second-Team

Selena Cieszko'24 and Sofia Valente'25

#### Honorable Mention

Brooke Lugo'24

#### Big North Team of the Year

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Gina Gaccione'22 and  
Isabella Asencio'23

#### Third-Team

Julia Schutz'23

#### Honorable Mention

Ava Naszimento'23

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#### All-North Jersey Honors

#### First-Team

Isabella Asencio'23

#### Second-Team

Gina Gaccione'22

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#### All-Group Team Honors

#### Non-Public A

Gina Gaccione'22,  
Isabella Asencio'23,  
Ava Naszimento'23, and  
Julia Schutz'23

### NJ.com All-Non-Public Honors

#### Third-Team

Isabella Asencio'23

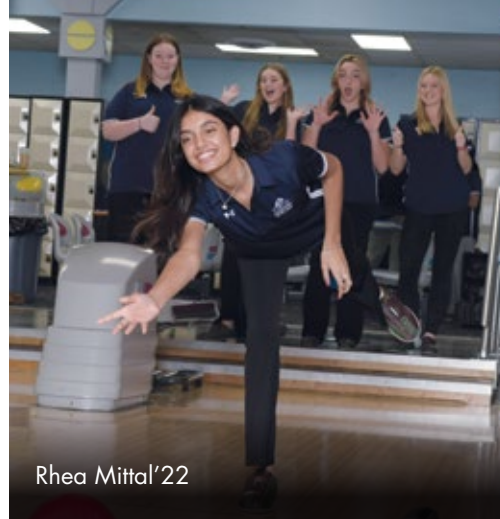


Ava Naszimento'23





2021-22 Bowling Team



Rhea Mittal'22

## BOWLING

Varsity Bowling had another exciting season this year, with the team comprised of six returning members and five new players. An outstanding feature of the IHA Bowling team has always been their camaraderie and sportsmanship, but this year seemed to be beyond the typical. While the team finished with a 7-7 record, there were many matches that were determined in the final frame of the game. IHA finished second in the United Division. All five seniors shined in their final season; four-year team member, Mackenzie Keelen'22, claimed the third highest average in the league and was



Mackenzie Keelen'22

named in the Top 35 North Jersey Girls. This year's team members will not only be remembered for their drive, but also for the spirit and integrity they brought to the sport.

### Big North Conference All-Division Honors

#### First-Team

Mackenzie Keelen'22 and Olivia Seitter'23

#### Second-Team

Rhea Mittal'22 and Katherine Sposa'22

#### Honorable Mention

Catriona Caputo'22

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### Honorable Mention

Mackenzie Keelen'22

## SKI TEAM

IHA Ski Team had a solid season this year, finishing with a record of 14-12 despite losing a top racer, senior co-captain, Mary Grace Maurer'22, to a knee injury at the first practice. Led by senior co-captain, Charlotte Helson'22, and sophomore, Emily Magee'24, the IHA team got better every race. Season highlights included a second-place finish

at the Petro Qualifier and earning the eighth seed at the State Championships. Teammates, Jessica Sundlin'23, Darcy Moore'24, Amelie Wilday'24, Julia Livolsi'24, Sophia Salewycz'24, Dylann Kammen'25, Sarah Sedlak'25, and Veronica Costello'25, all contributed to the successful season.



Charlotte Helson'22



Emily Magee'24



Darcy Moore'24, Jessica Sundlin'23, Charlotte Helson'22, Emily Magee'24, and Amelie Wilday'24

### NJISRA Liberty All-League Honors

Charlotte Helson'22 and  
Emily Magee'24



## ICE HOCKEY

IHA Ice Hockey had great success in 2021-22, and completed the season with a winning record. Captain and lone senior, Jessica Guanci'22, stepped up into a huge role and led her team through an untraditional season. The team was young with only two juniors, four sophomores, and four freshmen. Coach Alexa Aramburu said she is seeing a lot of great young talent and feels IHA Ice Hockey is in a strong place moving toward upcoming seasons.



Julia Foglia'25



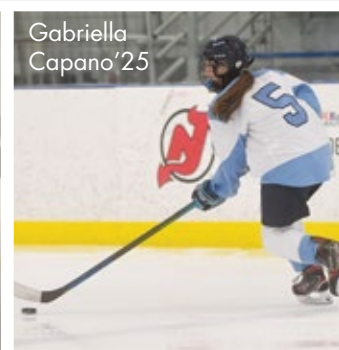
Natalia Petersen'23



2021-22 Ice Hockey Team



Christine Guanci P'22, '24; Jessica Guanci'22; Francis Guanci P'22, '24; and Amanda Guanci'24



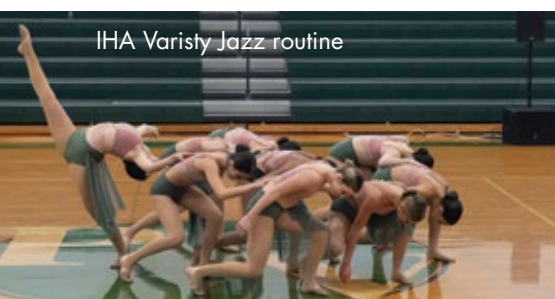
Gabriella Capano'25



IHA Varsity Pom routine



Varsity Jazz State Champions



IHA Varsity Jazz routine

## DANCE TEAM

In the 2021-22 season, the IHA Varsity Dance Team showed that hard work and dedication pay off. Led by captains, Brianna Kuchenmeister'22, Brooke Muller'22, and Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem'22, the team improved with each competition and finished on top. Congratulations to IHA Dance on an outstanding season!



Carina Rios'23, Brooke Muller'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, and Chloe Mazzola'24

Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem'22 and Brianna Kuchenmeister'22



### Dance Team Union Regionals

**Varsity Jazz**  
4th Place

**Varsity Pom**  
4th Place

### Pascack Valley Sweetheart Invitational

**Varsity Jazz**  
3rd Place

### West Milford High School

#### Dance Invitational

**Varsity Jazz**  
2nd Place  
Costume Award Winners

#### Varsity Pom

1st Place  
Overall Grand Champions

### Ramapo College Tri-State

#### Dance Competition

**Varsity Jazz**  
1st Place - State Champions

#### Varsity Pom

3rd Place



# St. Brigid Society Alumnae Career Panel



From left to right are alumnae panelists, Kasey Murphy'13, Francesca Tomesco'15, Kathleen Donohue Wright'07, Elizabeth Mathis'16, Michelle Kaminski'16, Lisa Fuhrman'05, and Megan Brockmeier'17.

Seven IHA alumnae visited their alma mater on the afternoon of February 8, 2022 to participate as speakers on the St. Brigid Society Alumnae Career Panel. The IHA graduates presented to more than fifty St. Brigid Society sophomores, moderated by Ms. Ellen Donoghue'76, IHA guidance counselor, after enjoying lunch together in the Information Commons. The students heard from the following distinguished alumnae about their ambitious career paths:

**Megan Brockmeier'17** is a 2021 graduate of Villanova University and marketing project lead at Unilever. Megan is a part of the Unilever Future Leaders Program (UFLP), a three-year rotational program. Her first and current rotation is on the Knorr Innovations Team, where she is a project lead for new products being launched in 2023.

**Lisa Fuhrman'05** is a 2009 graduate of Manhattan College and a producer for *New York Live*, a daily half-hour live entertainment show on WNBC-TV in New York City. Lisa books, writes, edits, and produces celebrity interviews and in-studio segments; manages the day-to-day operations of the show in the studio and in the newsroom; and regularly fills in line producing the show in the control room. Lisa also works on special projects, including scripting and producing NBC's national coverage of the Tournament of Roses Parade for the past five years, New Year's Eve 2021, and red carpet coverage of the Golden Globes® and Emmy® Awards.

**Michelle Kaminski'16** is a full-time second-year Master of Public Health (MPH) candidate at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in the Sociomedical Sciences Department with a certificate in global health. Additionally, she is a teaching assistant for two graduate courses in public health and works as a research assistant at the New York-Presbyterian Emergency and Pediatrics Department. After she graduates in May 2022, she will be looking for jobs in public health with the ultimate goal of becoming a public health physician.



**Elizabeth Mathis'16**, a member of the St. Brigid Society when she was at IHA, double-majored in biology and economics at Hamilton College. During her collegiate career, she was also a member of the varsity women's soccer team, a developmental biology TA, a tour guide, and an on-campus certified EMT. Following graduation, she began working in emergency veterinary medicine and decided to apply to veterinary school. She currently works as a veterinary assistant in the emergency and critical care department at Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus. She has been applying to veterinary school and, as of now, will be attending Colorado State University in August and participating in its combined DVM/MBA program. Since December, Liz has also been a part-time algebra teacher at IHA!



St. Brigid Society sophomores listen to seven IHA alumnae during the Alumnae Career Panel.

**Kasey Murphy'13**, a 2016 Seton Hall University graduate, is the director of clinical operations for Perry Health, a healthcare-tech startup that is focused on chronic care management. Perry particularly focuses on remote patient monitoring for diabetic patients with limited access to in-person care due to their insurance, location, or age. Kasey has worked in multiple healthcare startups during her career, one of which went public, One Medical. There, she spent her time on service design for new programs such as women's health, virtual pediatrics, and mental health, and the creation of general workflows and strategies to make clinical teams more efficient.

**Francesca Tomesco'15** graduated from Kean University with bachelor's and master's degrees in science and technology with a focus in molecular biology and biotechnology. She is currently a scientific solutions specialist for Sanguine Biosciences. The company provides fresh human samples to laboratories and allows them to receive real world data. Francesca advises researchers and pharmaceutical companies on the best study design for their projects. She participates in feasibility meetings and marketing, and acts as the liaison between customers and the product team.

**Kathleen Donohue Wright'07**, a 2011 graduate of Fordham University, is the production director of Macy's Branded Entertainment, a department within Macy's responsible for overseeing the production of the brand's large scale annual events: The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, The Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks, The Macy's Flower Show, and Macy's Santaland & Holiday Operations across the country. Kathleen is responsible for the logistics, planning, and citywide coordination of each event and she oversees a team of producers who handle different aspects of each event. One of the most exciting aspects of her job is managing the Balloon Program for the Thanksgiving Day Parade—from the balloon production, to engineering analysis of each balloon, to staffing each balloon with volunteers for Parade morning.



Michelle Kaminski'16 speaks to the St. Brigid sophomores.



Kasey Murphy'13 speaks about her job as the director of clinical operations for Perry Health.



# IHA Celebrates Women's History Month

*Women of Valor Among Us: Sisters, Scholars, Saints*

As part of our Women's History Month celebration in March, Immaculate Heart Academy recognized a group of alumnae and a selection of female saints for a lobby display entitled *Women of Valor Among Us: Sisters, Scholars, Saints*. The goal was to show IHA students the intersection between their Catholic faith and authentic feminism by highlighting women who were formed in Catholic values and who are making history in the world, both in modern society and in the communion of saints.

We celebrated the unique gifts and talents of our alumnae across a variety of disciplines by featuring IHA graduates who we believe are using their gifts to serve the world, just as the great female saints did. Each featured person was displayed on a board that read "We love to see women who..." highlighting their special characteristics and achievements.

The month-long exhibit also tied into IHA's Day of Giving, which was held on International Women's Day, March 8, 2022. As we honored the women whose lives and legacies have been shaped by the values of IHA, we hoped our community would feel inspired to give back to our school where we empower young women each day.

## FEATURED IHA ALUMNAE



**Alyssa Monks'95**, artist and mentor  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to take the risk creativity requires.*

**Sarah Pagano'09**, professional runner  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to push their limits.*



**Kirsten Calica'07**, anesthesiologist  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to do hard things.*

**Erin Conaton'88**, national security consultant  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to advocate for others.*



**Lisa Fuhrman'05**, NBC producer  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to implement new systems and challenge the status quo.*



**Heather Kennedy Miner'96**, partner at Goldman Sachs  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to break the glass ceiling in male-dominated fields.*

**Lesley Renee Adams'84**, partner at Adams and Caughman, LLC  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to challenge barriers and fight for justice.*







**Kelly Foley DeCongelio'97**,  
high school principal  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to be a different kind of leader.*



**Jackie Scerbak DeNicola'15**,  
Radio City Rockette  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to pursue their God-given gifts with passion.*

**Mary Beth Keane'95**, novelist  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to use their craft to make other women feel seen.*



**Karen Tschinkel'07**, research and  
product development for PepsiCo  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to push scientific boundaries.*

## FEATURED FEMALE SAINTS

**St. Catherine of Siena**, reformer and political activist  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to challenge corrupt systems.*

**St. Gianna Molla**, mother and pediatrician  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to live their vocation and their career with passion.*

**Servant of God, Dorothy Day**, journalist and activist  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to start their own ventures and fight for the dignity of the poor.*

**St. Zélie Martin**, mother and entrepreneur  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to pursue both motherhood and professional success.*

**St. Joan of Arc**, military commander  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to be the only girl in the room.*

**St. Mary Magdalene**, apostle to the apostles  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to take bold risks for their faith.*

**St. Hildegard**, founder of the natural sciences  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to use their intellect to glorify God.*

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, founder of the first Catholic schools in the U.S.  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to start something new.*

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross/Edith Stein**, writer, philosopher, and Holocaust martyr  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to speak their mind.*

**St. Catherine of Bologna**, writer, artist, and teacher  
*We love to see women who...aren't afraid to pursue their gifts.*



A reception to celebrate our alumnae honorees was held at IHA as Women's History Month came to a close on March 31, 2022. Alumnae guests and their families heard from Mr. Jason Schlereth, president; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; and Riley Ypelaar'22, Christian Service Board service president, as they reflected on how IHA women, past and present, are all considered to be *Women of Valor Among Us*. Thank you to our graduates who consistently inspire and guide their IHA sisters, and to our current students who continue to strengthen their Catholic values and grow into empowered, confident young women prepared to embrace the world beyond Immaculate Heart.



# Remembering Tammy Medzadourian P'15, '18, '19

## Event Raises Money for Newly Established Memorial Award

The Medzadourian Family hosted a special event this past winter to celebrate the life of the late Tammy Medzadourian, wife of Deek and mother of Deek, Jr. (BC'13); Kailey'15; Reilly'18; and Joni'19. The event was held at The Brownstone on December 2, 2021 to honor Tammy's memory and raise money for the Tammy Medzadourian Memorial Award recently established at IHA. The event was well attended and the Medzadourian Family was happy to kick off the holiday season remembering their loving mother and wife.

After Tammy passed away on December 27, 2020 from COVID-19, the family founded the award as a way to memorialize Tammy year after year. As the Tammy Medzadourian Memorial Award description so perfectly states, "Tammy was the most loving mother and always put her family first, especially her children. This award is presented to the senior who exemplifies outstanding potential, overwhelming compassion for others, and an unrivaled zest for life." Marisa Carbone'21 was the first recipient of the Tammy Medzadourian Memorial Award, presented to her at the 2021 Commencement Exercises.



Reilly'18, Kailey'15, and Joni'19 celebrate the life of their mom, Tammy.



Reilly Medzadourian'18 and Rose Paniscotti Kuchenmeister'87, P'16, '22



Joni'19; Reilly'18; Deek P'15, '18, '19; Kailey'15; and Deek, Jr. (BC'13)



## '71

Eugenie Shalhoub Heitmiller recently received the Myron Yaster Lifetime Achievement Award from The Society for Pediatric Anesthesia. Her sister, Barbara Shalhoub Bianco '74, writes, "We are so proud of her devotion to the profession and how well liked she is among colleagues, patients, and, of course, her family."



Eugenie Shalhoub Heitmiller '71



From left to right are Liz Seymour; Barbara Shalhoub Bianco '74; Genie Shalhoub Heitmiller, MD '71; Sophia Heitmiller, DDS; and Renee Shalhoub Fregenal '77.

## '76 & '07

Tricia Horan Curtin '76 and Kathleen Donohue Wright '07, production director of Macy's Branded Entertainment, catch up in front of a Macy's star balloon at the 2021 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Kathleen and Trish met at the parade a few years ago while Trish was volunteering as a Marshal. They realized they were both IHA alumnae and have enjoyed chatting every time they've seen each other since.



## '80

Doreen Roland Sullivan last wrote in 2021 that her daughter, Liv Sullivan, released a song and music video, *I Would*. In 2022, she released her second song and music video, *Don't Come Around*, on all music platforms! Check her out on YouTube and stay tuned for more releases. Doreen is proud to be her "momager" and she is active on Facebook if any IHA sisters would like to connect.

## '99 & '01

Alumnae and their daughters were so excited to see IHA's production of *Legally Blonde!* Back row, from left to right, are Nikki Dellapenta Tynan '99, Allison Hodges Strauss '99, Corinne Mercer Correnti '99, Jessica Finn Colligan '99, and Amanda Finn Pavlovic '01. Front row, from left to right, are Chelsea, Maddie, Avery, Evelyn, Savanna, Lexi, and Maya.





'02

Elizabeth Higgins Clark and Lauren Pomerantz welcomed twins, Freddie and Emma, five weeks early on June 1, 2021 in Los Angeles. Freddie and Emma are the grandchildren of Mary Jane Behrends Clark'72 and the great grandchildren of the late Mary Higgins Clark P'68, '74, '76, GP'02.



Freddie and Emma

'06

Allison O'Rourke Windels welcomed daughter, Bridget Eleanor, on April 13, 2021. "She is a curious and smiley baby, and big brother, Nico, loves hugging and kissing her!" Allison writes.



Bridget Eleanor Windels

Suzanne Haas Hering and Dale Hering welcomed identical twin girls on July 20, 2021 in Denver, Colorado. Iyla Shea was 5 lbs, 7 oz and Everly Pearl was 5 lbs, 11 oz.



Iyla Shea and Everly Pearl

'05

Alexandra Simone Modafferi and Anthony Modafferi welcomed their first child, Hailey Patricia Modafferi, on July 30, 2021. Hailey's parents are totally smitten and looking forward to adventures as a family of three.



Hailey Patricia Modafferi

Kate Hill Vinchot and John Vinchot welcomed their son, John Joseph Vinchot III, on January 16, 2021. Kate and John celebrated Johnny's first birthday this past winter together with family, including Kate's sisters and IHA alumnae, Alison Hill Curley'00, IHA English teacher, and Sarah Hill Frasure'07, IHA director of development.



John Joseph Vinchot III

'07 &amp; '10

Many IHA alumnae enjoyed working the 2021 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! From left to right are [Meg Donohue'10](#); [Meaghan Brennan'07](#); [Kathleen Donohue Wright'07](#), production director of Macy's Branded Entertainment; and [Jackie Tedino Ayres'07](#). The three alumnae joined their IHA sister, Kathleen, on the big day to volunteer as balloon handlers. They were the stars of the Paw Patrol Chase balloon! Read more about Kathleen's role at Macy's in our St. Brigid Society Alumnae Career Panel article on page 40.





'07

One year following their original date being delayed due to COVID-19, **Sarah Hill**, IHA

director of development,

married William Frasure on Friday, December 3, 2021 at St. Anne Church in Fair Lawn. Sarah's sisters, **Alison Hill Curley**'00 and **Kate Hill Vinchor**'05, as well as best friend, **Lauren Ferrari Golebieski**'07, served as bridesmaids. Other IHA alumnae in attendance included **Erica Shoemaker Diez**'00, **Anne Shoemaker Yamamoto**'04, **Julia Ashley Simunek**'06, **Julianne Hodges Barraque**'07, **Stephanie Cappello DeCastro**'07, **Marissa Hone Shackleton**'07, **Kathleen Donohue Wright**'07, and **Dana Ferrari**'09.



'08

**Nicole Feery Moschella** and Rob Moschella welcomed Anthony Joseph Moschella on November 15, 2021 at 3:17 p.m.

Anthony weighed 7 lbs, 6 oz and measured 20 inches long.

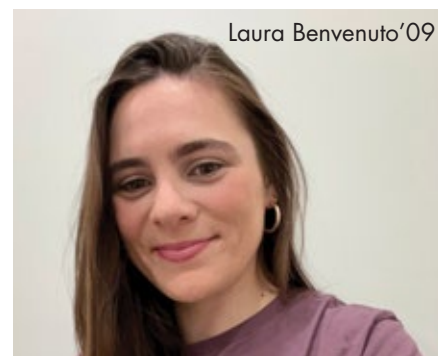


Anthony Joseph Moschella

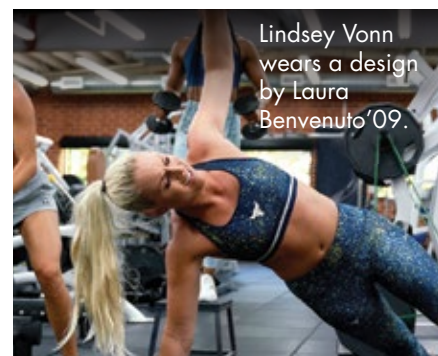
'09

**Laura Benvenuto** is a print and pattern graphic designer for Under Armour (UA). One of her most recent print designs

is featured on the new UA commercials and worn by Olympic athlete, Lindsey Vonn. At UA, Laura works on the Men & Women's training team as well as Project Rock, a collection made in partnership with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson. "Lindsey Vonn is the first global ambassador for Project Rock," Laura explains. "She has retired as a professional skier, but she still pushes herself in the gym to be the best athlete she can be and inspires others to do the same—making her the perfect fit into the Project Rock family. The Project Rock collection doesn't care what you look like, your age, gender, race, creed, sexuality, or skill level. It's about being authentic, giving it your all, and chasing your greatness no matter what that looks like for you. That is why I love working for this brand and specifically on this collection. Having such a powerful female athlete like Lindsey Vonn to represent the collection has been so inspiring for me, both as a designer and a former athlete. It has always been my goal to stay close to the sports world because of the profound impact they have had, and continue to have, on my life. Now, I am able to work for a brand that not only aligns with my goals, but allows me to be part



Laura Benvenuto'09



Lindsey Vonn wears a design by Laura Benvenuto'09.

of a team who is designing gear to help improve every athlete's performance." Laura earned an M.S. degree in textile design from Philadelphia University and has been working as a print designer for about seven years. She has worked for Ralph Lauren in New York City; Title Nine in Oakland, California; and has now been with Under Armour for two years. Laura is hopeful that Lindsey (and many others) will be wearing a lot more of her prints!



'09

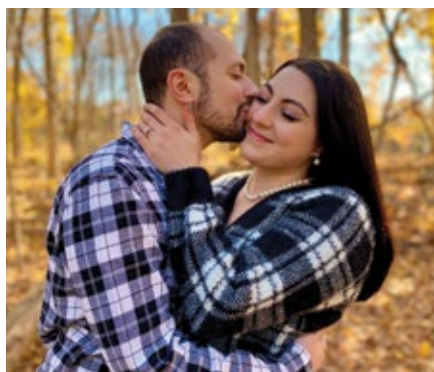
**Ilisse Gomez**, a mathematics teacher at New Britain High School, has been accepted into the Connecticut Noyce

Math Teacher Leaders (MTL) Program at the University of Connecticut, a prestigious state leadership program that provides professional training in an effort to advance mathematics education. Ilisse has been a teacher in New Britain for the past eight years. Lara Bohlke, district coordinator of curriculum for grades 6-12, said Ilisse brought a positive outlook to every professional gathering from collaborative grade level math planning meetings for the middle school and later high school math department. "She has a 'we can do this' attitude that is contagious to her coworkers and her students and provides insights into her philosophy that all students can learn mathematics at high levels," Lara said. "She is often a resource to colleagues, especially in the area of technology integration, and makes time to attend out of school events to support her students. It is exciting that Ms. Gomez has been afforded this fellowship opportunity and I look forward to her insights and leadership roles."

'14

**Maria Elaine Economou** is happy to announce her engagement to Thomas Michael DiDomizio.

After six and a half years of dating, Thomas proposed to Maria on April 10, 2021 at the Turtle Back Zoo in front of the giraffe exhibit. They live in their new home in Mahwah with their two cats, Athena and Zoe, as they plan for their wedding on October 1, 2022.



Thomas DiDomizio and Maria Economou'14

'10

**Colleen Stalter**

writes, "After many postponements I was finally able to marry my IHA senior prom date,

Bryan Debon (BC'10) on May 14, 2021! In June, I finished my pediatric residency training at Columbia and found my dream job working at Children's Specialized Special Needs Primary Care Practice in Union. There, I work as a primary care pediatrician for medically complex children and their siblings. I'm thrilled to be back in New Jersey for the next chapter of my life and I hope to celebrate our (belated) ten-year reunion with my classmates this year!"

Bryan Debon and Colleen Stalter'10



**Kimberly Denis-Schubiger** and William Schubiger welcomed their first child, Jameson Denis, on September 12, 2021 at 9:09 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs, 8 oz. The Schubiger Family lives in Morristown with their dog, Max.

William Schubiger, Jameson Denis Schubiger, and Kimberly Denis-Schubiger'10

'15

Paula Horne P'13, '15, '18, IHA development assistant; **Maggie Horne'15**; and Tom Horne P'13, '15, '18 were balloon handlers for the Dino and Baby Dinos Sinclair Oil Corporation balloons at the 2021 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.





**'16** **Rebecca Coronel** graduated cum laude from Rochester Institute of Technology in May 2021 following a five-year program earning a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Prior to graduating, she received job offers from several international corporations. She accepted a position at Vicor in Boston, Massachusetts as an engineer specializing in circuitry with a concentration on developing sustainable energy for the future.

**'17** **Lauren Foote** was named the head athletic trainer at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY in January 2022.

**Regine Thimothee** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall 2021 Semester. Regine is in the web and mobile computing program.

**Olivia Luppino** received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from The University of Alabama during its fall commencement ceremonies on December 10-11, 2021.

**'18** **Reilly Medzadourian** was among twenty-three University of Scranton education majors serving as student teachers during the fall semester at ten local schools in Pennsylvania. Reilly served as a student teacher at Commonwealth Charter Academy and is majoring in early and primary teacher education at the Jesuit university. Reilly was also among more than one thousand six hundred fifty students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2021 fall semester.

**Tori Buckman, Jada Gotay, and Brianna Wynne** were named to The University of Alabama dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. A total of eleven thousand nine hundred seventy-nine students enrolled during the fall 2021 term made the dean's list with academic records of 3.5 or above, or the president's list with academic records of 4.0.

**Caroline Frey**, a television and digital media major at Montclair State University, was named to the fall 2021 dean's list. The dean's list gives recognition to students with a 3.5 or higher semester GPA.

**Kristina Pestic** was named to the College of the Holy Cross fall 2021 dean's list. A member of the Class of 2022, Kristina is majoring in history and Russian. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Kaguya Okawa-O'Connell** was named to the presidential honor list for fall 2021 at New York Tech. To qualify, a student must achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3.7 and complete at least 12 credit hours without any incomplete grades.

**Anna Wojnarowski** is among the students named to Emerson College's dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. The requirement to make dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

**Isabella Roselli** has been named to the dean's list for the 2021 fall semester at Hamilton College. Isabella is majoring in archaeology and is a member of the Class of 2022.

**Daniella Cangelosi** and **Erin Palermo** were among more than one thousand six hundred fifty students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2021 fall semester. Daniella is a senior nursing major in the university's Panuska College of Professional Studies. Erin is a senior health promotion major in the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

**Danielle Bonistalli** was selected to become a Naval Flight Officer following her graduation from the College of the Holy Cross and commission into the United States Navy this May. She will begin training at the Naval Flight School in Pensacola, Florida this fall.

## '18 & '21

**Sarah Horne'18**, a Lehigh University senior; **Emmy Mazzacano'21**, a College of the Holy Cross freshman; and **Danielle Bonistalli'18**, a College of the Holy Cross senior, reunited at the Patriot League 2022 Swimming & Diving Championships at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland on February 17, 2022.



Sarah Horne'18, Emmy Mazzacano'21, and Danielle Bonistalli'18



'19

**Isabella Cross** and **Danielle Velez** were named to The University of Alabama dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

A total of eleven thousand nine hundred seventy-nine students enrolled during the fall 2021 term made the dean's list with academic records of 3.5 or above, or the president's list with academic records of 4.0.

**Alexa Trubiano**, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2023 studying environmental geology, earned the spring 2021 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. To earn this award, students receive a term grade point average of 3.3 or higher while completing at least three courses.

**Emily Primavera** was named to the College of the Holy Cross fall 2021 dean's list. A member of the Class of 2023, Emily is majoring in psychology. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Bea Chin** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall 2021 semester. Bea is in the new media design program.

**Shannon Quiles**, a junior majoring in civil engineering/environmental engineering, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2021 semester at Clarkson University.

**Katherine Posillico** was among more than one thousand six hundred fifty students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2021 fall semester. Katherine is a junior occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

'19 &amp; '20

**Fionah Lynch '19** and **Meghan McNerney '20**, former IHA Ice Hockey players, are members of the University of Pittsburgh Women's Ice Hockey team that claimed the 2022 College Hockey East (CHE) Championship. The team also clinched a bid to the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) Women's D2 Nationals in St. Louis, Missouri. Pitt placed fourth out of seventeen teams in the Southeast pool and placed in the top sixteen out of fifty-one teams in the country, ending their season with an overall record of 15-4. At ACHA Nationals, they lost three tough games in pool play to Southeast #1 United States Naval Academy (Maryland), West #2 Dakota College (North Dakota), and Central #3 Adrian College (Michigan).



University of Pittsburgh Women's Ice Hockey team, 2022 College Hockey East Champions



Fionah Lynch '19 and Meghan McNerney '20

'20

**Allison Sandt** is one of more than eighty SUNY Oneonta students to receive a Richard Siegfried Student Award for the fall 2021 semester for earning a total GPA of 3.9 or higher. Allie studies music industry. In order to be eligible to receive this award, a student must be a full-time freshman or transfer student with a total GPA of 3.9 or higher. The award is named in memory of Richard K. Siegfried, SUNY Oneonta Professor of Theatre from 1958 until 1995. Professor Siegfried epitomized excellence in his academic life, through imagination, meticulous scholarship and discipline, and through his expectation of the same pursuit of excellence in his students and colleagues. Allie was also one of three hundred sixteen SUNY Oneonta students who earned Provost's List honors for the fall 2021 semester. Additionally, Allie released two new singles, *Leah* and *Don't Wait*, with her college band, Seeing Double, on January 28, 2022. Check out the band's two new releases on Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music, and YouTube.

**Hayley Cummins**, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2024 studying social sciences, has earned the spring 2021 Dean's Award with Distinction. To earn this award, students receive a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher while completing at least three courses.

**Rebecca Suttora** was named to Montclair State University's fall 2021 dean's list. The dean's list gives recognition to students with a 3.5 or higher semester GPA.

**Mary Patricia Sayre** was named to the College of the Holy Cross fall 2021 dean's list. A member of the Class of 2024, Mary Pat is majoring in economics. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

**Mikela Florio** was named to Susquehanna University's dean's list for the fall 2021 semester. Mikela, who is majoring in luxury brand marketing & management, is a member of the Class of 2024.



Elizabeth Murphy and Grace Whittam were among more than one thousand six hundred fifty students named to The University of Scranton's dean's list for the 2021 fall semester. Elizabeth is a sophomore social media strategies major in the university's College of Arts and Sciences. Grace is a sophomore advertising/public relations major in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.

'21 Kate Nixon was named to Montclair State University's fall 2021 dean's list. The dean's list gives recognition to students with a 3.5 or higher semester GPA.

Melissa Pierpont was named to the Muhlenberg College dean's list for the fall 2021 semester.

Quinlyn Maloney is the only woman on the Marist College Men's Ice Hockey Team. She also just became a member of the Tri Sigma Sorority. "I love college but I certainly do miss IHA!" Quinn writes.



Quinlyn Maloney'21

'21 Bianca D'Costa and Julia Frengul, both freshmen studying biomedical sciences at Marist College, are currently participating in the SEA (Science Education Alliance)-PHAGES program in Marist's School of Science. Marist partnered with SEA to take part in the PHAGES program that studies novel bacteriophages from a local environment over two semesters. The SEA-PHAGES program aims to embed fundamental research and practices into early undergraduate science programs across the nation, and Marist is now a member of this vast network of partner institutions. Marist recently published Bianca and Julia's experiment regarding bacteriophages and DNA sequencing that they have been conducting since the beginning of the year in their General Biology class. They were able to participate in wet labs and analyze their results. Bianca, who is on a Pre-Med track, said she felt incredibly prepared to attend college. "Even as a freshman



Julia Frengul'21 and Bianca D'Costa'21

in college, I already feel as though my education at IHA more than prepared me to excel in my academics and extracurriculars in college," she said. "I am eternally grateful for IHA and miss the school a ton!" Julia shared the same sentiments saying that although her time at Marist has been amazing, "I will always miss IHA and appreciate my time there as a student as to how it has helped prepare me for my future!"

Freya Nair, a first-year computer science major at the Georgia Institute of Technology, recently teamed up with the American Pharmacists Association to develop their inaugural DigitalHealth.Rx (DH.Rx) Hackathon in just over two months! DH.Rx Hackathon is the meeting point of technology and healthcare, where degree-pursuing students tackle current issues in the world of medicine by designing, prototyping, and pitching solutions in a forty-eight-hour window. The 2022 Hackathon weekend convened March 11-13, attracting a global crowd of students in pharmacy, medicine, computer science, mechanical engineering, machine learning, and more, including both first-time and experienced hackers. The virtual

event offered \$8,000+ in prizes and an abundance of workshops, keynotes, and mentorship in the digital health space. Project tracks and final submissions were centered around medication access, patient information portability, and wellness for student and professional clinical providers. Freya was a member of "Team Lasso," a group of eleven students and professionals from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, Virginia Commonwealth University, Georgia Institute of Technology, U.C. Berkeley, U.C. Davis, American Pharmacists Association, and Pitt Pharmacy Innovation Lab, whose members worked tirelessly to bring the hackathon to life. DH.Rx Hackathon 2022's success was also made possible thanks to sponsors, Pfizer, Phox Health, Omnicell, and the Coalition for Authorized Generics, as well as hackathon partner, Google Cloud. Freya said she is overjoyed to have helped organize such an influential event, and she looks forward to celebrating the growth of DH.Rx Hackathon in future years.

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

Please send your life update to Mrs. Tara Hopfenspirger, director of communications & marketing, at [thopfenspirger@ihanj.com](mailto:thopfenspirger@ihanj.com). Visit [ihanj.com](http://ihanj.com) to view our IHA Newsletter Content Guidelines.



# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Vivienne Tellier-Wolfe, Class of 1964**  
December 25, 2021

**Rosemary Grace Miller Gaibler, Class of 1964**  
January 17, 2022

**Patricia Rieger Farrelly, Class of 1967**  
January 23, 2022

**Kathleen Scavone, Class of 1982**  
February 18, 2022

**Carol Brown Deputato, Class of 1964**  
April 28, 2022

**Neil Campbell**  
August 1, 2021  
*Brother of Allison Campbell Gjeltema'01*

**Lucille Conte**  
December 29, 2021  
*Mother of Meryl Conte Clayton'75, Maria Conte Benedict'79, and Jennifer Conte Passerino'84 P'13; mother-in-law of Donna Tiner Conte'77; and grandmother of Jenna Passerino'13*

**Beatrice "Bea" Mondare**  
December 30, 2021  
*Former IHA faculty member, mother of Catherine Mondare Donovan'91 P'25 and Mary Mondare Mercadante'94, and grandmother of Caitlin Donovan'25*

**Mary Jane Beshar**  
January 10, 2022  
*Former IHA faculty member and mother of Hope Beshar Sferra'72*

**Vasilios "Bill" Saites**  
January 14, 2022  
*Father of C. Stafford Saites Patentas'83 P'18 and Nicholas Saites P'04, '05, '09 and grandfather of Alexandra Saites'04, Victoria Saites'05, Christiana Saites'09, and Cornelia Patentas'18*

**Thomas Simpson**  
January 17, 2022  
*Father of Carolyn Simpson Hulsizer'84*

**Thomas Wollerman**  
January 22, 2022  
*Father of Donna Wollerman Ronan'79*

**Virginia McPeak**  
January 23, 2022  
*Mother of Kelly McPeak Lorentzen'93*

**Daniel Bryan**  
January 25, 2022  
*Father of Alison Bryan, IHA Softball assistant varsity coach*

**Sara Anderson**  
January 26, 2022  
*Mother of Shemayne Williams, faculty member*

**Vincent Herold**  
January 26, 2022  
*Former faculty member and long-time supporter of IHA and IHA Athletics\**

**Robert R. Colombo, Jr.**  
February 1, 2022  
*Father of Elizabeth Colombo'00, Consultative Board member*

**Anthony Balestrieri**  
February 21, 2022  
*Father of Dr. Elizabeth Balestrieri Hamilton'88*

**Alexandra Ariza**  
February 23, 2022  
*Cousin of Angelina Daniel'22*

**Liming Kuhns**  
March 18, 2022  
*Wife of former faculty member, Joseph Kuhns*

**Scott Latz**  
March 23, 2022  
*Father of Erin Latz'16*

**Aida Cabrera**  
March 24, 2022  
*Mother of Christine Cabrera Capizzi'89 P'25, faculty member, and Kathleen Cabrera Paulter'03 and grandmother of Caitlyn Capizzi'25*

**Pedro Perez**  
March 30, 2022  
*Father of Berta Roldan P'14, faculty member, and grandfather of Annette Roldan'14*

**Robert Ortiz**  
May 1, 2022  
*Father of Robin Ortiz Calandriello'76*

\*Immaculate Heart Academy will be remembering Vince Herold in the Summer 2022 issue of our newsletter following his Celebration of Life at IHA on June 11, 2022 at 11 a.m. Please visit [ihanj.com](http://ihanj.com) to RSVP.



# WELCOME

## Class of 2026 Legacies!

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

On **February 12, 2022**, IHA hosted Registration Day for the incoming **Class of 2026**. The extraordinary class members were selected from almost four hundred applicants.

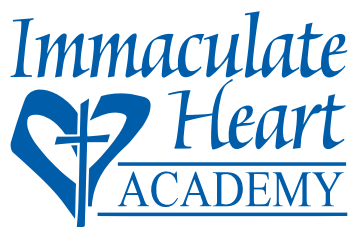
The procedures for those seeking admission to Immaculate Heart Academy require more than simply completing an online application. In addition to taking the HSPT exam in November, prospective students also submit their grades from their last three years of elementary school.

The incoming Class of 2026 includes thirty-three sisters of past and/or present students, as well as nineteen 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 2026 are daughters of alumnae:

**Ava Anastasi**, daughter of Joanne Zelencich Anastasi, Class of 1989  
**Katherine Barry**, daughter of Jeannine Boyajian Barry, Class of 1994  
**Gianna Bundrick**, daughter of Danielle Latona Bundrick, Class of 1999  
**Gabriella Butto**, daughter of Sandra Savino, Class of 1986  
**Clara Byrnes**, daughter of Dolores Martinez Byrnes, Class of 1990  
**Alliana Campana**, daughter of Lisa Belulovich, Class of 1985  
**Cavan Clancy**, daughter of Marianne Kasney Clancy, Class of 1988  
**B. Grace Colonna**, daughter of Bernadette Klein Colonna, Class of 1996  
**Kate Dolan**, daughter of Theresa Seymour Dolan, Class of 1995  
**Lexie Gatto**, daughter of Carrie-Ann Cinelli Gatto, Class of 1998  
**Ashlyn Gillespie**, daughter of Antoinette Joyce Gillespie, Class of 1992  
**Paige Haemmerle**, daughter of Christine Sifford Haemmerle, Class of 1989  
**Kathleen Hahn**, daughter of Eileen Barnes Hahn, Class of 1985  
**Maureen Hennelly**, daughter of Jean DeMayo Hennelly, Class of 1985  
**Leila Holland**, daughter of Patricia Grego, Class of 1993  
**Joslyn Lessieu**, daughter of Jennifer Ferro Lessieu, Class of 1989  
**Hope McCrimlisk**, daughter of Marguerite McCrimlisk, Class of 1978  
**Lulu Oliveri**, daughter of Daniela Musano, Class of 1994  
**Kailyn Rejent**, daughter of Kristin DeCrescenzi Rejent, Class of 1999





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# UPCOMING

## 2022 Special Events

JUN  
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**Celebration of Life for Vince Herold**  
11 a.m. at IHA. Please RSVP at [ihanj.com](http://ihanj.com).

SEP  
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**Class of 1972 50th Reunion**  
Luncheon at Ramsey Golf and Country Club on Saturday, Memorial Mass in IHA's Sisters' Chapel and Brunch on Sunday.

OCT  
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**Blue Eagle Open**  
Registration and lunch at 11 a.m., followed by 1 p.m. shotgun start. Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield !

OCT  
23&27

### Fall Open Houses

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

NOV  
11

### HSPT for Class of 2027

Class of 2027 prospective students are required to take the Archdiocesan high school entrance exam.

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### Class of 2027 Application Deadline

Applications to be a member of IHA's Class of 2027 are due by December 1, 2022.

