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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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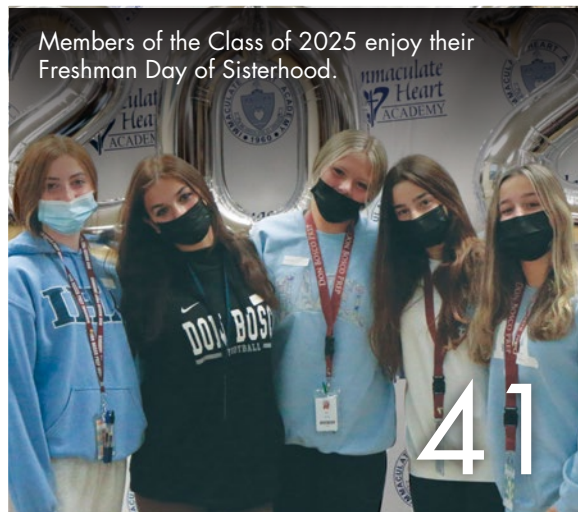
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Ms. Jessi Shaheen, Linda Plastina P'22, Lauren Plastina'22, and Renato Plastina P'22 at the Soaring Eagle Awards reception

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# Immaculate Heart ACADEMY

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# President's Corner



As we turn the page on 2021, we look optimistically ahead to a year filled with cherished memories, deep friendships, and wonderful experiences. This past Christmas, I hope you had some time to reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed on us, and found the opportunity to rest and restore your spirits as we enter into a new year.

Despite the challenges we are all facing, I am proud to say that our current students continue to excel in the classroom, on the stage, and in athletics. Our students also continue to grow in their faith and refine the skills that this world so desperately needs. We are a community blessed with many talented and empowered young women, each of whom has a unique and special set of gifts. Together, our girls can and will accomplish tremendous things.

The Class of 2026 will be registering soon, and we look forward to making them a part of our community so rich in Christian values, high academic standards, and meaningful tradition. We cannot wait to warmly welcome them into the Immaculate Heart Academy sisterhood.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy new year! May the Immaculate Heart of Mary continue to watch over all of us.

Sincerely,

Jason Schlereth  
*President*



Jessica Sundlin'23, Jenna Ghiosay'23, Isabella Galan'23, and Kaitlyn DeMartini'23 welcome prospective families to IHA's Fall 2021 Open House.





# IHA September Opening Success

Immaculate Heart Academy successfully opened its doors to all students for in-person instruction in September 2021. The IHA administration, members of the Reopening Committee, and directors of studies, Mrs. Susan Malone and Mrs. Jeannine Woolley P'20, made the necessary adjustments to the daily schedule to keep with the mission of the school while providing the IHA community the safest and healthiest environment possible.

Prior to students' return in September, staff members finalized the details of the school day and developed a model that allows our community to follow safety regulations and ensures instructional time remains consistent. "One of our priorities was a safe restoration of homeroom, locker break, and lunch to the school day," said Miss Kerry Carroll'04, IHA principal, "to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students and staff."



Grace Amoroso'22, Julia Amoroso'22, Francesca D'Amico'22, and Angelina Daniel'22 welcome members of the Class of 2025 on their first day at IHA!





English teachers, Mrs. Catherine Valente P'25; Mrs. Donna Sandt P'20, '23, '24; Mrs. Renee Thunell; and Ms. Megan Moser

The key changes to the school day included: a 7:45 a.m. homeroom start and 2 p.m. dismissal, a 15-minute locker break held at 9:45 a.m., and four 30-minute lunch periods split up by grade. Each grade also has a daily 30-minute study period either before or after lunch. Additionally, an option to eat lunch outside, weather permitting, has been given to students. Masks must be worn inside the school building at all times except when eating and drinking.

During the first week of school, students enjoyed the re-opened cafeteria with food provided by our Cater to You chefs, the Class of 2022 celebrated together outside at a Senior Sunrise Breakfast, and the Classes of 2024 and 2025 parents gathered for a special Parent Welcome Reception. We are thrilled to introduce in-person events back into both daily and special events schedules.

Olivia Raia'22, IHA Student Council executive board president, said she could not be more excited to be back in school this year. "Despite the masks and distancing, the sense of community and normalcy we all missed the last year and a half is back and powerfully evident," she said. "Between locker break and lunch, sports and clubs, and the fact that the entire IHA community is able to be in the same building at once, I'm happy to say, the feeling of home is back at IHA!" Miss Carroll said much of what makes IHA such a special and unique schooling experience comes from being together.

“We remain committed to fostering a safe environment while ensuring that our students have a true high school experience complete with milestone social events, high academic standards, and lots of IHA traditions like locker break cookies and Big Sister/Little Sister Day.”

— Miss Kerry Carroll'04, IHA principal



Students sit in homeroom and watch the WIHA news program on heartTV that was brought back for the opening of school in September.

“We remain committed to fostering a safe environment while ensuring that our students have a true high school experience complete with milestone social events, high academic standards, and lots of IHA traditions like locker break cookies and Big Sister/Little Sister Day,” she said. “Our Reopening Committee and directors of studies designed a creative and workable schedule for our faculty and students, and I believe it will be an exciting year for all the members of the IHA sisterhood.”



Sydney Kearney'24, Julia Grzybowski'24, Mackenzie Mir'24, Mary Hahn'24, Lauren Hroncich'24, and Norah Farber'24 enjoy their first locker break at IHA.



# Honors Convocation 2021



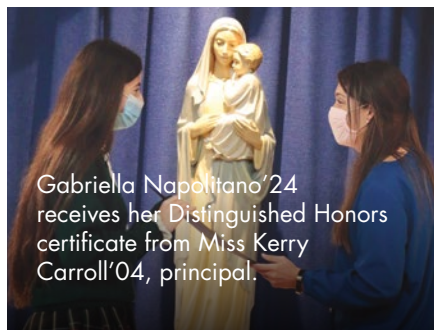
Jenna Savino'22, Sarah Vella'22, Sanaiya Villanueva'22, Lauren Plastina'22, Madelyn Panebianco'22, Gabriella Fava'22, Kayla Arone'22, Riley McGovern'22, and Jessica Boyd'22

On September 29, 2021, IHA held its Honors Convocation Ceremony to recognize students who achieved academic success in the 2020-21 school year. After an encouraging introduction by Erin Burke'22, National Honor Society president, Mr. Jason Schlereth, president; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; Mrs. Alice Rogers, assistant principal of students; and Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principal for academics, announced students who earned Honors and Distinguished Honors, in addition to those students who won a variety of special awards.

During the 2020-21 academic year, fifty-five students made Distinguished Honors each semester by earning averages

of 95% or better and two hundred nineteen students made Honors each semester by earning averages of 90% or better. These outstanding students deserve recognition for their academic achievements, especially as they endured the hybrid model of learning all last year.

Additionally, congratulations are extended to the following students who were recognized with book awards distributed by various colleges and universities, in addition to IHA's 2021 Promising Young Scientist Award.



Gabriella Napolitano'24 receives her Distinguished Honors certificate from Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.

## The St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience

recognizes an outstanding student and member of the National Honor Society who demonstrates a strong commitment to volunteerism and leadership in her community:

**Madelyn Panebianco'22**  
and **Lauren Plastina'22**

## The Saint Anselm College Book Award

is presented to a student who demonstrates academic success and exceptional leadership qualities in the area of civic engagement. The recipient should also embody the values inherent in the college's Benedictine tradition:

**Gabriella Fava'22**



### The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medalist Award

recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in math and science. Medalists who apply and are accepted to Rensselaer will receive a minimum yearly scholarship of \$25,000:  
**Riley McGovern'22**

### The University of Rochester's Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award

is named in honor of two of Rochester's most significant pioneers of social justice. This award, given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the humanities and social sciences, honors a student committed to understanding and addressing difficult social issues. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester, will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000:  
**Sanaiya Villanueva'22**

### The University of Rochester's Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award

is given each year in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science. Recipients of the award must have achieved high PSAT or SAT Math scores and must make positive contributions to their school and their community. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester, will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000: **Jenna Savino'22**

**The University of Rochester's Xerox Award** is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in the pursuit of innovation. Recipients of this award must demonstrate a flair for creativity and an appreciation for the possibilities of technology. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester, will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000:  
**Sarah Vella'22**



Erin Burke '22, National Honor Society president, welcomes the IHA student body to the 2021 Honors Convocation.

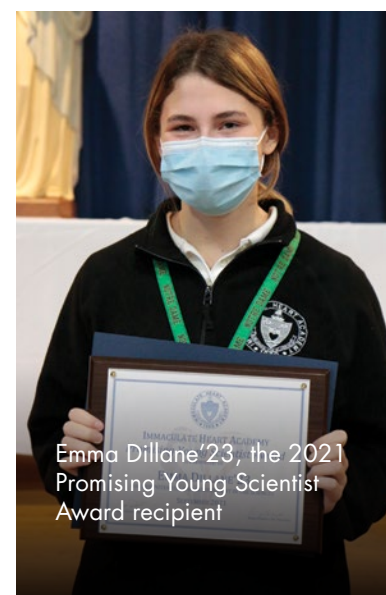
### The University of Rochester's George Eastman Young Leaders Award

is given in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and leadership both in and out of the classroom. Recipients of this award must additionally demonstrate extensive involvement in extracurricular activities. Recipients who apply and are accepted to Rochester, will receive a minimum scholarship totaling \$40,000:  
**Jessica Boyd'22**

Additionally, IHA has one in-house award thanks to a generous donor that is presented annually to a member of the junior class. **The Promising Young Scientist Award** recognizes an outstanding student who after her sophomore year had the highest cumulative GPA in science and has expressed a strong interest in the field of Science. This year's award, a plaque, and a check for \$500 was awarded to **Emma Dillane'23**.

### The University of Vermont Citizen Scholar Book Award

celebrates high school students around the U.S. who demonstrate the spirit of citizenship and scholarship. These are students who have been nominated by their high schools and are then selected by the university. Students who have been chosen for this honor are not just excellent students, they are dedicated leaders in their school community. This is the first year IHA has a student who was selected by UVM:  
**Kayla Arone'22**



Emma Dillane '23, the 2021 Promising Young Scientist Award recipient





Taylor Terry '22, Mary Stoker '23,  
and Katherine Ryan '25

Olivia Morrison '23 as Marmee is  
surrounded by her daughters, Isabella  
Falletta '24 (Beth), Taylor Terry '22 (Jo),  
Madeline Sullivan '24 (Meg), and  
Katherine Ryan '25 (Amy).

# IHA Presents *Little Women*

## Fall Drama Tells Classic Story of the March Sisters

On the weekend of November 12-14, Immaculate Heart Academy proudly presented three performances of *Little Women*. Cast and crew members expertly told the timeless story of the March sisters' journey from childhood to maturity. Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, *Little Women* follows the adventures of Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy March as they learn to endure both good times and bad and share the joys and pains of growing up.

Kaitlyn DeMartini '23 played Louisa May Alcott, and the sisters were beautifully portrayed by Madeline Sullivan '24 (Meg), Taylor Terry '22 (Jo), Isabella Falletta '24 (Beth), and Katherine Ryan '25 (Amy). Olivia Morrison '23 shined as Marmee; Anthony Kolesar SJR '23 played Niles, Alcott's editor; and April Ramsey '23 was Hannah, the March's beloved housekeeper. Liam Fahey SJR '24 played Laurie, Jack Laux SJR '24 was Mr. Davis, Hayden Bernstein WHS '24 played Mr. Laurence, RJ Buscher SJR '24 was Mr. Brooke, and Anthony Kolesar

SJR '24 was Dr. Bangs. Madeline Heinimann '24, Maeve Murray '24, and Sophia Reina Ditchfield-Agboh '24 shined in the female ensemble; Mary Stoker '23 was brilliant as Aunt March; and Jack Laux SJR '24 played the endearing Professor Bhaer.

*Little Women* was the inaugural IHA production for our new coordinator of the performing arts, Ms. Taryn Tonelli '09, who served as the director and executive producer. Grace Capeless '22 was assistant director, Olivia Mulligan '22 was the production stage manager, and Marisa Arone '24 was the assistant stage manager. Thank you to Vincent Gunn for the scenic design/technical direction, Keri Tanner for lighting design, and Kara Ignacio '23 and Carolyn Sandt '23 for sound design. Alyssa Darella '22, Samantha Emr '22, and Isabella Falletta '24 were in charge of the incredible costume design, and Sophie Morales '24 and Ava Previzi '24 were fantastic wardrobe



Madeline Sullivan '24 and RJ Buscher SJR '24





Madeline Sullivan'24, Katherine Ryan'25, Liam Fahey SJR'24, Taylor Terry'22, and Isabella Falletta'24



Isabella Falletta'24 and Taylor Terry'22

supervisors. Nirvana Ramoutar'24 was the talented lighting board operator, and Samantha Andersen'24, Emily Magee'24, and Gabriella Moreno'24 handled property design. Kaitlyn Coughlan'23 managed hair and makeup design; Grace Capeless'22 and Ava Kazias'22 beautified the main lobby; and Madeline Heinimann'24, Maeve Murray'24, and Taylor Terry'22 promoted the show via social media and marketing. Set construction was so perfectly executed by Vincent Gunn, Vinny DiSpagna, Jack Ryan, Rob Tonelli, and Joe Murray. Thank you to Taryn Tonelli'09 and Tara Hopfensperger for their work on the Playbill, IHA's Get Reel! Productions for filming the show, and Mike Hamlett Photography for the cast and crew headshots and photo coverage of the performances.

This year, IHA's fall drama was selected for The New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts Rising Star Scholarship program. Two representatives from the conservatory attended the opening night performance of *Little Women* and presented scholarships to nine cast members after the final bow. The Rising Star is The New York Conservatory's way of recognizing outstanding student performers' work, with select \$10,000 scholarships awarded to one of the conservatory's two-year Degree Programs and \$1,000 scholarships awarded to its four-week Summer Intensive programs.

Congratulations to the following students awarded \$10,000 scholarships:

Olivia Morrison'23 for her performance as "Marmee"

Taylor Terry'22 for her performance as "Jo"

Madeline Sullivan'24 for her performance as "Meg"

Congratulations to the following students awarded \$1,000 scholarships:

Katherine Ryan'25 for her performance as "Amy"

Isabella Falletta'24 for her performance as "Beth"

April Ramsey'23 for her performance as "Hannah"

Kaitlyn DeMartini'23 for her performance as "Lu"

Liam Fahey SJR'24 for his performance as "Laurie"

Jack Laux SJR'24 for his performance as "Mr. Davis"/"Professor Bhaer"



Anthony Kolesar SJR'23 and Kaitlyn DeMartini'23



Taylor Terry'22 and Liam Fahey SJR'24



April Ramsey'23 and Hayden Bernstein WHS'24



Maeve Murray'24, Madeline Heinimann'24, and Sophia Reina Ditchfield-Agboh'24

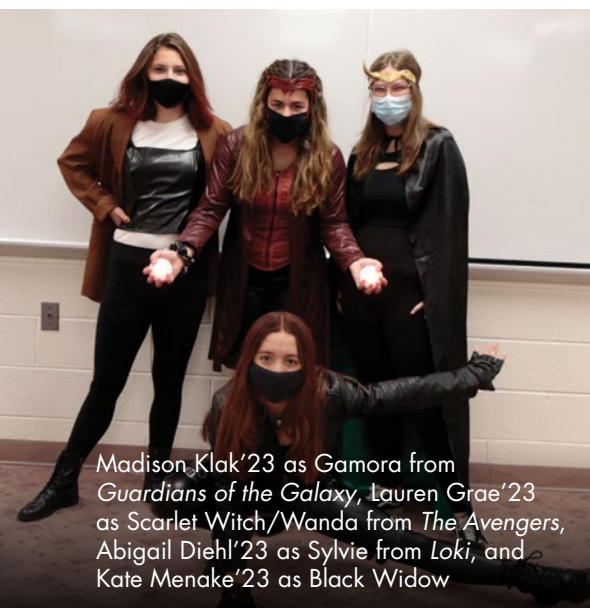


Standing, left to right, are Olivia Morrison'23, Taylor Terry'22, and Madeline Sullivan'24. Kneeling, left to right, are Kaitlyn DeMartini'23, Katherine Ryan'25, and Isabella Falletta'24.



# 2021 Halloween

The Class of 2022 chose *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* as the senior costume theme, and the creativity shown by all students and staff was fabulous!



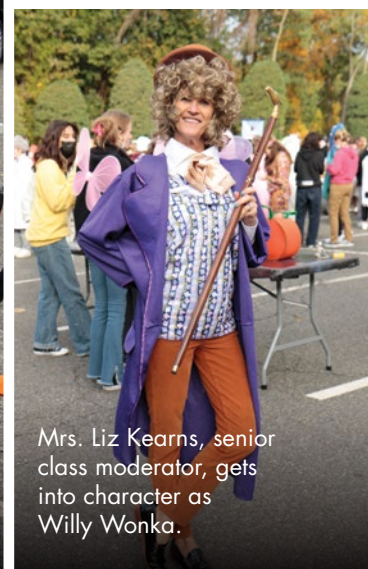
**Top Right:** STUCO executive board members ran the Student Council table. From left to right are Erin Shepler'23, secretary; Gracyn Pisa'23, treasurer; Olivia Raia'22, president; Lindsay Probst'24, cabinet member; Sophia Cremona'24, cabinet member; and Isabella Vaughn'22, vice president.

**Bottom Left:** Danielle Piscitelli'23, Shaelyn Auer'23, Caitlin Fritz'23, Marie Baldwin'23, and Noelle Haskell'23 are the Scooby Doo crew!





The Performing Arts table had a variety of games and activities set up for students.



Mrs. Liz Kearns, senior class moderator, gets into character as Willy Wonka.



Alessandra Nazor'25, Grace Coster'25, Lauren Mulry'25, and Maggie Polchin'25 are adorable Beanie Babies.



Mrs. Liz Kearns, center, and her homeroom were just some of the members of the Class of 2022 that dressed up as the *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* theme!



Emma Neyland'25, Christina Napolitano'25, and Isabela Pereira'25 are feeling groovy.



Michaela DeCastro'24 and Isabella Pizzi'24 are gnoming around.



"Violet, you're turning violet, Violet!" Front row, left to right, are Sabrina Priolo'22 and Reagan Mertz'22. Back row, left to right, are Julia Larson'22, Tori Totaro'22, Victoria Marian'22, and Jayda Yatko'22.



# Class of 2021 and 2022 Students Earn AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar Designation



An outstanding thirty-eight students in the classes of 2021 and 2022 earned the designation of AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the 2021 AP<sup>®</sup> Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the

end-of-course AP<sup>®</sup> Exams. Students took AP<sup>®</sup> Exams in May 2021. In order to be designated as an AP Scholar by the College Board, a student must earn a score of 3 or higher on the AP scale of 1-5.

Eleven students earned AP Scholars with Distinction, eleven were named AP Scholars with Honor, and sixteen students were designated AP Scholars.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

### AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar with Distinction Award Recipients

*An average score of at least 3.5 on all AP<sup>®</sup> Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:*

Abigail Auty'21 (Georgia Institute of Technology), Alexandra Betsy'21 (University of Richmond), Angelina Casale'21 (Georgetown University), Jennifer Lawrence'21 (Case Western Reserve University), Daniela Makowka'21 (Cornell University), Hanna Martin'21 (Columbia University), Freya Nair'21 (Georgia Institute of Technology), Elizabeth Spizzo'21 (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Lauren Turci'21 (Northeastern University), Taylor Whang'21 (Barnard College), and Sarah Zampino'21 (Fordham University)

### AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar with Honor Award Recipients

*An average score of at least 3.25 on all AP<sup>®</sup> Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:*

Katherine Conway'21 (University of Notre Dame), Bianca D'Costa'21 (Marist College), Anja Kranenburg'21 (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Olivia Landolfi'21 (Boston College), Clare McGowan'21 (Loyola Marymount University), Allison Monroe'21 (University of Massachusetts – Amherst), Madelyn Novelli'21 (Georgia Institute of Technology), Mary Virginia Nye'21 (College of William & Mary), Jennifer Ollmann'21 (University of California – Santa Barbara), and Geri Tabbachino'21 (Tufts University)

### AP<sup>®</sup> Scholar Award Recipients

*A score of 3 or higher on three or more AP<sup>®</sup> Exams:*

Alyssa Amico'21 (Villanova University), Grace Calianese'22, Savannah Cece'21 (Trinity College), Katherine Cottrell'21 (Clemson University), Taylor DiLisi'21 (Quinnipiac University), Shradha Gangam'21 (University of Wisconsin - Madison), Mia Grossman'21 (George Washington University), Claire Hoffmann'21 (Connecticut College), Julia Marotti'21 (Boston College), Riley McGovern'22, Catherine Nixon'21 (Montclair State University), Sarah Vella'22, Sanaiya Villanueva'22, Christiane Wahba'22, Margaux Yannacci'22, and Katherine Young'22



# IHA Celebrates Big Sister/ Little Sister Day

A favorite tradition at IHA, Big Sister/Little Sister Day 2021 proved to once again be a blast for students in all grade levels.

Juniors, moderated by Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, and freshmen, moderated by Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, joined together with their sisters on the field to enjoy games, bonding time, and donuts from Glaze Donuts. Seniors, moderated by Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, and sophomores, moderated by Ms. Allison Oblen, participated in games to get to know each other better while enjoying treats from the Sweet Guy Ice Cream truck. As always, sisters also decorated each other's lockers and exchanged gifts. Thank you to the class moderators, the IHA administration, and the faculty/staff volunteers who helped to organize the day for all of IHA's sisters!



Lauren Mulry '25 and Meghan Minogue '23, IHA sisters and real-life cousins



Christina-Ann Augustin '23, Kyra Plaginos '25, and Gianna Joshua '23



**Photos at Right:** IHA sisters had a blast during 2021 Big Sister/Little Sister Day!



# Class of 1970 50th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1970 joined together at Ramsey Golf & Country Club for a luncheon on October 2, 2021.

Members of the Class of 1970 were finally able to celebrate their 50th reunion on the weekend of October 2-3, 2021! Classmates first joined together at Ramsey Golf & Country Club for a luncheon on Saturday, and then at IHA for Mass and brunch on Sunday.

Thank you to the 1970 50th Reunion Committee members, pictured below from left to right, Alma Yee'70, Helen Weimerskirch'70, Maureen Quinn Miller'70, Geri Sicola'70, Maryanne Felter'70, Patti Melio Poole'70, and

Cyndy Ciulla Martel'70 and director of alumnae engagement and special events, Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06, for all of their hard work to make this 50th Reunion happen, even amid delays and challenges due to COVID-19.

Thank you to Fr. Don Hummel for celebrating Mass in remembrance of the 1970 IHA graduates who have passed away and to The Brownstone for catering brunch in the Information Commons. Special thanks to our Eagle Ambassadors who gave tours of Immaculate Heart Academy to their '70 sisters.

**Bottom left:** The Class of 1970 50th Reunion Committee members

**Bottom right:** Alma Yee'70 leads her classmates in a toast to reuniting and catching up with one another.







**Left:** Members of the class gathered in the Information Commons for brunch after a Memorial Mass in IHA's Sisters' Chapel.



Susan Karole Reisman '70, Anne Hackett '70, and Barbara Downes Davis '70



Priscilla Mason Clark '70, Deirdre Finn Romanowski '70, Patricia Moloney Shelley '70, and Mary Beth Markantes Connolly '70



**Left and Above:** Class of 1970 alumnae honored each of their classmates who have passed away with white roses during the Memorial Mass in IHA's Sisters' Chapel.





# Class of 2023 Junior Ring Liturgy & Ceremony

HA's Junior Ring Liturgy & Ceremony for the Class of 2023 took place on the morning of December 8, 2021 in the gymnasium. Junior parents were invited to attend the liturgy and ceremony, and members of the Class of 2023 enjoyed a reception in the cafeteria afterward. Thank you to Fr. Anthony Palombo for presiding over the beautiful Mass, held on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



Natalie Coulter'23, Lauren Dunnigan'23, Grace Posillico'23, Grace Kelleher'23, Mikayla Nizza'23, Anneli Nurminen'23, and Mary-Kathryn Sweeney'23



Darlana Makowka'23 receives her class ring from Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.





Mrs. Rosemary Cali P'12, '15, '19, '23, IHA guidance counselor, and Kristen Cali'23



Arianna DeMarco'23 and Gracyn Pisa'23



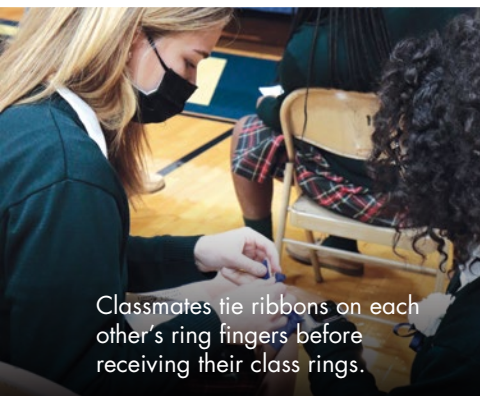
Raelene Kunz McKay'94 P'21, '23; Madison McKay'23; Meghan Minogue'23; and Margaret Coyne Minogue'85 P'23



Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principal; Lily Wilmo'23; Blair Mullahey'23; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; Grace Gerhardstein'23; Julia Schutz'23; and Brianna Mullahey'23



Kara Ignacio'23, Christina-Ann Augustin'23, Olivia Morrison'23, Carolyn Sandt'23, Kaitlyn DeMartini'23, and Magdaly Pierre-Louis'23



Classmates tie ribbons on each other's ring fingers before receiving their class rings.



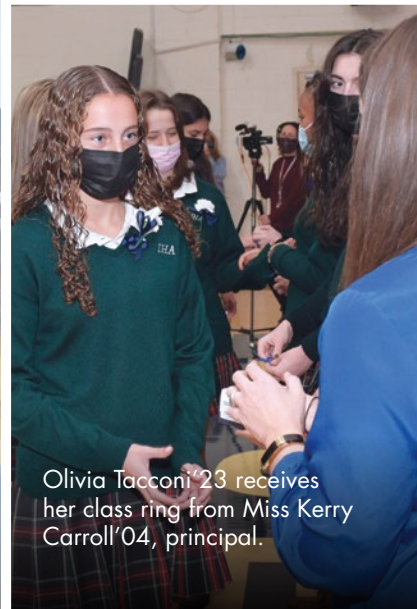
The Class of 2023 Liturgy was presided by Fr. Anthony Palombo.



Christine Adler Toohey'85 P'23 and Olivia Toohey'23



Marissa Albert'23 and Jordyn Allen'23



Olivia Tacconi'23 receives her class ring from Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.



# SCENE | Around IHA



Congratulations to Payton McIntyre '23 for winning the Jostens Class Ring Raffle! Thanks to Jostens, Payton received her IHA Class of 2023 ring free of charge.



Our Eagle Ambassadors led tours to prospective families at IHA's Fall Open Houses on October 24 and 28, 2021. From left to right are Sophia Reina Ditchfield-Agboh '24, Gabriella Napolitano '24, Victoria DellaCroce '24, Marisa Flores '24, Isabella Pizzi '24, Hannah Hart '24, Cassandra George '24, Lauren Grae '23, and Ella Bosse '24.

The Class of 2022 joined together at a Senior Sunrise Breakfast in early September. It was a beautiful morning to kick off their final year at IHA!







The Molloy siblings gathered at IHA to view the recently installed plaque in honor of their brother, William "Bill" Molloy. From left to right are Mary E. Molloy'69; Patricia Molloy, former IHA president; Kathleen Molloy'65; and James "Jim" Molloy P'09, '11. The plaque honoring Bill Molloy, who passed away on November 7, 2021, hangs in IHA's lobby at the entrance to the main office. It reads, "Over many years, the generous contributions of Bill Molloy to Immaculate Heart Academy have made an IHA education possible for numerous deserving young women. His commitment to making a difference at IHA is both humbling and inspiring. The Immaculate Heart Academy community is eternally grateful." See William Molloy's In Memoriam listing on page 50.

Eagle Ambassadors welcomed members of the Class of 2025 with signs and cheering on their first day at IHA.



Almost one hundred senior citizens safely gathered at IHA on November 23, 2021 for the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by IHA Campus Ministry. Thank you to our many faculty and student volunteers and the Christian Service Executive Board including, back row, left to right, Kayla Arone'22, Caitlin Croci'22, Riley Ypelaar'22, Aniela Sanders'22, Erin Burke'22, Layla Libanan'23, and Anna Gehres'22. Front row, left to right, are Madison McKay'23, Marissa Roberge'22, Mackenna Olsen'22, and Brooke Muller'22.



It felt great to finally celebrate together in one space at our 2021-22 Opening Mass! Thank you to the IHA administration; Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, and the Campus Ministry executive board; Fr. Francisco Rodriguez; STUCO; and Praise. Congratulations to our newly installed Eucharistic Ministers. Our 2021-22 School Year Theme was also announced: *Soaring through Sisterhood - Together we can conquer anything.*







# Eleven Seniors Commit on Fall Signing Day

Class of 2022 Athletes Sign to Colleges/Universities



Congratulations to our eleven IHA Blue Eagle senior athletes who officially signed to their colleges and universities on the afternoon of November 10, 2021! Standing, left to right, are [Sydney Severini'22](#) (Duquesne University – Swimming), [Deanna Whelpley'22](#) (University of Scranton – Volleyball), [Cara Kochakian'22](#) (Fairfield

University – Softball), [Olivia Raia'22](#) (Boston College – Track & Field), [Gabrielle Montegari'22](#) (Kennesaw State University – Lacrosse), and [Maegan Feeney'22](#) (Sacred Heart University – Track & Field).

Seated, left to right, are [Jocelyn Moody'22](#) (Fairleigh Dickinson

University – Softball), [Gabrielle Park'22](#) (Georgetown University – Softball), [Alexa Aranias'22](#) (James Madison University – Soccer), [Kayla Arone'22](#) (Kenyon College – Soccer), and [Gina Gaccione'22](#) (Saint Anselm College – Basketball).



# SPORTS REPORT

## Fall 2021 Sports



Alexa Aranas'22 and Brigid Kearns'22 hug as Natalie DiLorenzo'22 and Cathryn Cunningham'23 join in on the celebration.



Lindsay Ford'23 heads the ball as Kayla Arone'22 and Natalie DiLorenzo'22 look on.

## SOCCKER

IHA Varsity Soccer capped off a terrific 15-6-1 season with a Non-Public A State Championship—it's first since 2017. Senior captains, Alexa Aranias'22, Kayla Arone'22, and Natalie DiLorenzo'22,

led this year's impressive group. It was a special year that saw Caitlin Forshay'24 lead the team in goals with 14, Lindsay Probst'24 lead the team in assists with 7, and goalkeeping tandem Noelle Haskell'23 and Grace Dalessandro'25 keep 10 shutouts.

### Big North Conference All-League Honors First-Team

Alexa Aranias'22, Kayla Arone'22, Natalie DiLorenzo'22, Lindsay Ford'23, and Caitlin Forshay'24

### Second-Team

Daniella Osorio'23, Jenna Ghiosay'23, Lindsay Probst'24, and Grace Dalessandro'25

### Honorable Mention

Brigid Kearns'22

### Big North United Division Coach of the Year

Eric Pfeifer

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Alexa Aranias'22, Natalie DiLorenzo'22, and Lindsay Ford'23

#### Second-Team

Kayla Arone'22 and Caitlin Forshay'24

### northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

#### Second-Team

Alexa Aranias'22, Natalie DiLorenzo'22, and Caitlin Forshay'24

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

#### First-Team

Alexa Aranias'22 and Natalie DiLorenzo'22

#### Second-Team

Caitlin Forshay'24

### NJ.com All-State Honors

#### Second-Team

Natalie DiLorenzo'22



The IHA Varsity Soccer players are state champs!



# CROSS COUNTRY



2021 Cross Country Team

HA Varsity Cross Country had a very successful season, culminating with wins at both the Big North Conference Championship and the Bergen County Group Championship. The team also won the Xavier Invitational and finished the season with a 3-0 record, placing fifth in the State Championships. The Freshman team won the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference Championships and the Doc Braver North Jersey Championships. The J.V. team won the Back to the Mountain Invitational, Xavier Invitational, Big North Conference, County Group Championships, as well as the Doc Braver North Jersey Championships. Congratulations to seniors, Kylie Galiger'22, Lindsay Keogh'22, Camryn King'22, and Natalie Ronen'22, for completing their final IHAXC season and paving the way for the team's success.



Leanna Johnston'23

## Big North All-Conference Honors

### First-Team

Kylie Galiger'22, Lindsay Keogh'22, Camryn King'22, Leanna Johnston'23, Grace Kelleher'23, and Meaghan Keating'24

### Second-Team

Natalie Ronen'22

### Honorable Mention

Clodagh Moore'25

## BCWCA All-County Honors

### First-Team

Leanna Johnston'23

### Honorable Mention

Kylie Galiger'22, Camryn King'22, Grace Kelleher'23, Meaghan Keating'24, Clodagh Moore'25, and Emily Wunsch'25

## Northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

### First-Team

Leanna Johnston'23

## NJ.com All-Non-Public Honors

### First-Team

Leanna Johnston'23



2021 Cross Country seniors



IHAXC leads the pack.





## TENNIS

The IHA Varsity Tennis team finished this season with a winning record of 9 wins and 4 losses. The team, with new coach, Prince Silva, showed improvement, dedication, and a fighting spirit throughout the whole season.



**Top, left to right:** Jacqueline Vale'22 and Reagan Mertz'22

**Bottom, left to right:** Mary Grace Maurer'22 and Madelyn Panebianco'22



Madelyn Panebianco'22



Abigail Shotmeyer'24

### Big North Conference All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Madison McKay'23

#### Second-Team

Mary Grace Maurer'22, Josephine Amerio'23, Sophie Mendolia'23, Gabrielle Mendolia'24, and Jennifer Park'25

#### Honorable Mention

Siya Sawhney'23





Alexa Grigaliunas'23

## VOLLEYBALL

Ranked #1 in New Jersey through most of the season, IHA Varsity Volleyball continued its winning ways. IHA began the season by again winning the Jersey Classic and then the Livingston Tournament. In the Non-Public A State Final match, IHA was upset by Paul VI High School. IHA finished with a 23-2 record and was selected the #1 team in northjersey.com's final Top 20 poll.



Julia Sobilo'25 and  
Brookelyn Talmadge'23



Evelyn Roman'25



Erin Burke'22

### Big North Conference United Division Honors

#### First-Team

Deanna Whelpley'22, Grace Coughlin'23,  
Brookelyn Talmadge'23, Abigail Romero'24,  
and Kalena Stavish'24

#### Second-Team

Erin Burke'22, Marissa Roberge'22, Alexa  
Grigaliunas'23, and Evelyn Roman'25

### Big North Conference United Division

#### Coch of the Year

Maria Nolan

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Deanna Whelpley'22 and  
Brookelyn Talmadge'23

#### Second-Team

Grace Coughlin'23

#### Third-Team

Kalena Stavish'24

### northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

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#### Honorable Mention

Grace Coughlin'23

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

#### First-Team

Deanna Whelpley'22 and  
Brookelyn Talmadge'23

#### Second-Team

Grace Coughlin'23

#### Third-Team

Kalena Stavish'24

### NJ.com All-State Honors

#### First-Team

Brookelyn Talmadge'23

#### Third-Team

Deanna Whelpley'22

### AVCA High School All-American Honors

#### Third-Team

Deanna Whelpley'22

### AVCA High School All-Region Team (Region 2)

Deanna Whelpley'22

### New Jersey Senior All Star Match

Erin Burke'22, Marissa Roberge'22, and  
Deanna Whelpley'22



# 2021 Christmas Concert and Art Show

On the evening of December 9, 2021, the IHA community joined together to celebrate our student-artists at the 2021 Christmas Concert and Art Show.

Prior to the concert, attendees enjoyed an Art Show in IHA's main lobby featuring work by the talented students in Art I, Art II, Design, 3D Art, Advanced Painting and Drawing, Honors Studio, and AP Studio Art. The concert featured our incredible singers and musicians in IHA's Praise chorus, Concert Choir, Voices, Orchestra, and Tri-M Jazz Band, in addition to members of the St. Joseph Regional High School Orchestra.

Special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts; Ms. Barbara Donatucci P'19, choral music director; Mr. Joe Martorano P'09, orchestra director; Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, art teacher; Ms. Taryn Tonelli'09, coordinator of the performing arts and Tech Corps moderator, and the students who gave of their time and talent to help with this year's Christmas celebration.

Additionally, the winning ticket of the Gucci Horsebit 1955 Shoulder Bag raffle was pulled at the Christmas Concert. Congratulations to Kathleen Walsh DeRosa'84 P'18, '19, IHA main office manager, and thank you to all who purchased tickets in support of Immaculate Heart Academy!



Hailey McGrath'25



Christina Mastellone'22



**Left:** Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06, director of alumnae engagement and special events, and Kathleen Walsh DeRosa'84 P'18, '19, main office manager, join together for a photo after it was announced at the concert that Kathleen won the Gucci handbag raffle!



Charlotte Farcy'23



Caroline Francisco'25 on viola

Alexis Mason'22 sings *I'll be Home for Christmas*.



Sophia Rowell'23 on guitar and Lauren Grae'23 on alto saxophone



Laura Rickli'22 sings *The Christmas Song*.







# SAVE THE DATES

## Blue Eagle Beefsteak

February 5, 2022, 6 p.m.

IHA Gymnasium

IHA families are invited to gather together to try their luck at raffle prizes and enjoy a delicious beefsteak dinner.

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## 2022 Reunion Weekend

April 30 – May 1, 2022

### April 30

Run/Walk/Crawl – 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Mass – 5 p.m. in IHA's Sisters' Chapel

Cocktail Reception – immediately following in Gymnasium

### May 1

Food Truck Festival – 11 a.m.

All alumnae and families are welcome to enjoy the Food Truck Festival!

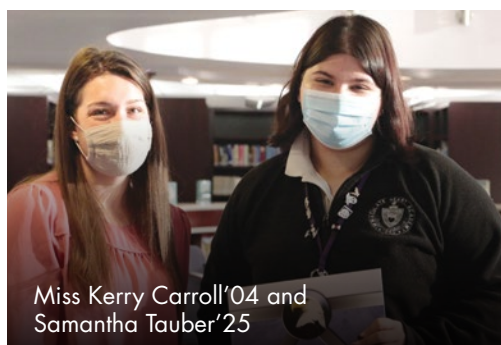
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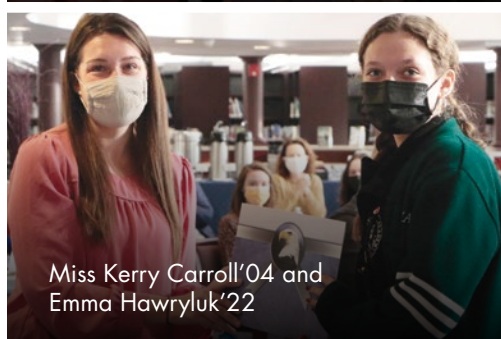
# Ten New Soaring Eagles Recognized

Student Standouts Honored at November Reception

On the morning of November 17, 2021, ten of our dedicated and hardworking students were recognized by Miss Kerry Carroll'04, IHA principal, with Immaculate Heart Academy Soaring Eagle Awards. These awards are presented four times a year to nominated students who work to the best of their ability in a particular subject area.



Miss Kerry Carroll'04 and Samantha Tauber'25



Miss Kerry Carroll'04 and Emma Hawryluk'22



Congratulations to our Fall 2021 Soaring Eagle Awards recipients including, standing left to right, Lauren Plastina'22 (Communications – Ms. Jessi Shaheen), Samantha Tauber'25 (Social Studies – Ms. Julia Clinton'11), Jenna Ghiosay'23 (Science – Mrs. Lauren Tereshko), Caitlin Fritz'23 (Religious Studies – Mrs. Beth Mueller Szydluk'84 P'13, '18), Kate Menake'23 (Mathematics – Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11), Lauren Grae'23 (Technology – Mrs. Teresa Seymour Dolan'95 P'25), and Megan McCarthy'25 (The Arts – Mrs. Barbara Donatucci P'19). Seated, left to right, are Norah Farber'24 (English – Mrs. Catherine Valente P'25), Jessica Guanci'22 (Physical Education – Ms. Shemayne Williams), and Emma Hawryluk'22 (World Language – Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05).



Nina Nilsson P'23, Mrs. Lauren Tereshko, Jenna Ghiosay'23, and Todd Ghiosay P'23



Timothy and Colleen McCarthy P'25, Megan McCarthy'25, and Mrs. Barbara Donatucci P'19



Christine and Francis Guanci P'22, '24; Jessica Guanci'22; and Ms. Shemayne Williams



# DID YOU KNOW THAT...



Lochlan Ellis Thomas

**Lauren Thomas**, athletic trainer, and her husband, Lance, welcomed their son, Lochlan Ellis Thomas, on August 13, 2021 at 4:48 p.m. He was 8 lbs, 10 oz and 20.5 inches long.

This past summer, **Evelyn Roman'25** attended the Gains in Math and Science STEM program at the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation & Missile Center in June. She also attended the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research program in biomedical science and engineering and a STEM workshop at West Point.



Evelyn Roman '25



Mr. and Mrs. George Layng

**Mrs. Maureen McNulty Layng**, IHA assistant principal for academics, married George Layng on September 3, 2021. The Mass was held at St. Margaret of Antioch Church in Pearl River, New York and the reception was at the Red Tail Lodge at Mountain Creek in Vernon, New Jersey. Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were IHA faculty and staff members, Mr. Jason and Julie Schlereth, Miss Kerry Carroll'04, Mrs. Tara Hopfenspirger, Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, Ms. Allison Oblen, Mrs. Emily Fernandez, and former faculty member, Ms. Pamela Lewis-Cantor.



Mr. Matthew Sartori, IHA social studies teacher, and AnnMarie Caliguire, coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Child and Youth Protection, were married on October 23, 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Mr. Sartori's groomsmen included IHA track & field coaches, Matt Joyce and Paul Joyce. The reception was held at Westminster Hotel in Livingston, New Jersey.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Sartori

Dr. Sue Kenney, IHA social studies teacher, was one of twenty-one middle and high school teachers selected by the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) as a 2021 Alfred Lerner Fellow. The goal of the JFR Fellowship is to delve into the complex history of the Holocaust as well as discuss new teaching techniques for introducing the subject into teachers' classrooms. The JFR's Summer Institute, the Fellowship's intensive five-day course, was held virtually from June 27-July 1, 2021.



IHA's Varsity Volleyball team, led by coach, Maria Nolan, was named a recipient of the 2021 United States Marine Corps/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. "While some programs lost their ability to compete this season, volleyball coaches continued to demonstrate their important role supporting players' academic achievements," stated AVCA spokespeople in a letter announcing the award. "The benchmark is an average 3.3 GPA for the entire year and even without a typical season to bond them in 2020-21, they achieved this standard!"



College and Guidance counselors attend a class with Mindful Awareness Practices in Ramsey. Standing, left to right, are Mr. Paul McGinnis, Mrs. Allison Anderson, and Ms. Ellen Donoghue '76. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Tara Tashjian Maka '02, Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, and Mrs. Rosemary Cali P '12, '15, '19, '23.

All IHA faculty and staff members participated in a Professional Development Day on October 25, 2021. Teachers and counselors spent the day with their fellow department members both at IHA and off-site at a variety of locations. Members of the College and Guidance Counseling departments attended a class with Mindful Awareness Practices (MAPs) in Ramsey. The counselors practiced mindfulness, self compassion, gratitude, and positive psychology.



Sr. Ellen Cronan, ASCJ, former IHA principal from 1998-2008, celebrated her 60th anniversary of religious profession in 2020. This summer, the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrated those sisters whose jubilees occurred in both 2020 and 2021. Guests from IHA in attendance at the Mass and reception at Mount Sacred Heart Chapel in Hamden, Connecticut included Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06, director of alumnae engagement and special events, and members of the Bravo Family, including Miguel Bravo, head of maintenance; Rosa Bravo, maintenance staff member; and their sons, Robert and Michael. The Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC, Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida, celebrated the jubilee Masses. Also joining in the festivities were former IHA faculty members, Sr. Sharon Kalert, ASCJ and Sr. Lisa Retort, ASCJ.



Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06; the Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC; Mrs. Rosa Bravo; Sr. Ellen Cronan, ASCJ; and Mr. Miguel Bravo



Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, and Cleo Kepka'22

Cleo Kepka'22, a swimmer, was recently named a School Winner in the 2021 Heisman High School Scholarship presented by Acceptance Insurance. From an applicant pool of thousands of high school scholar-athletes graduating with the Class of 2022, approximately five thousand seven hundred have been named School Winners in the Heisman High School Scholarship competition awarded by The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance. Cleo said she felt excited and proud when she found out she received the scholarship.

Evelina Drelich'24 recently completed her study of the Polish language at the St. Stanislaw Kostka Polish School in Wallington and passed the exam of Polish as a Second Language conducted by the John Paul II Catholic University School of Polish Language and Culture (SJPIKP KUL). Many colleges, universities, and other postsecondary institutions in the United States award foreign language course credits to the school's graduates that can count toward their undergraduate degree.





Rhea Mittal'22 performs at Carnegie Hall.

Rhea Mittal'22 performed at Carnegie Hall on November 4, 2021. She was invited through her music school, Lindeblad School of Music, located in Pine Brook, New Jersey. Rhea has been taking guitar, piano, and voice lessons at Lindeblad since the age of six and she had the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall for the first time in 2018. "Getting to perform at Carnegie was an extremely selective process that involved auditioning in front of two judges," Rhea explained. "I was eventually a winner of the Student Showcase Audition Performance which took place at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. At Carnegie, I performed a classic Italian piece called *Intorno all'idol mio* by Marco Antonio Cesti. It was an amazing experience to perform at such a renowned institution and is one of my proudest accomplishments that reminds me of my progress as a musician and one that I will cherish forever."

 A screenshot of a Zoom presentation titled "DESIGNING COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE". The presentation features several photographs of water infrastructure projects in Nicaragua, including a community water system, a water pump, and a water tower. A small inset video shows a man speaking. The Zoom interface at the bottom includes controls for Mute, Stop Video, Participants, Chat, Share Screen, Live Transcript, and Reactions.
 

Squads Abroad presents to IHA's Applied Engineering Club over Zoom.

The Applied Engineering Club, moderated by teacher and information management specialist, Mrs. Alice Nudelman, had guest speakers via Zoom on October 14, 2021 from the international Squads Abroad program. This program's mission is to inspire, mobilize, and collaborate with communities abroad to achieve their own health and economic goals. They talked to students about how engineers are solving worldwide problems, specifically in Nicaragua. Mr. Erik Werner, president of Squads Abroad, and Julio Granados, a civil engineer in Nicaragua, explained how communities abroad are being helped by engineers to design community water systems and infrastructure. The students were curious about the materials used to transport the water to communities, how they are testing the water quality, and how they are using Google Earth, SketchUp, and GPS mapping in different regions.



Katherine Deane'23, Lauren Grae'23, Kayla Arone'22, Rosie the Blue Eagle, Olivia Raia'22, and Jessica Guanci'22

# 2021 Blue Eagle Open



Kevin O'Sullivan; Mr. Jason Schlereth, IHA president; and Steve Caufield

Immaculate Heart Academy held its 2021 Blue Eagle Open on September 30 at Forest Hill Field Club. Since its inception, IHA's annual golf outing has been an event many look forward to and is always enjoyed by all of our golfers and participants. It was a beautiful day to hit the links and support Immaculate Heart Academy.

Thank you to our Development Department for planning this special event, the many student and parent volunteers and IHA administration and staff members who helped ensure that the day ran smoothly, and all of the golfers who made the outing at Forest Hill Field Club a success. Special thanks to our many generous sponsors:

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## Congratulations to all of our winners on the course:

### First Place

Carl Boyhan C  
Brad Johnson  
Jim Johnson  
Mike Mazzella

### Second Place

Akeem Atanda  
John Perno  
Rusty Parrino P'24  
Casey Pierce

### Third Place

Steve Caufield  
Kevin O'Sullivan  
Matt Glovaski  
Tom Moran

### Closest to the Pin

Women – Grace Oates'22  
Men – Jim Johnson

### Longest Drive

Women – Christeen Cox'12  
Men – Chris Minnetian





Staff and parent volunteers at IHA's 2021 Blue Eagle Open



Gavin O'Connor P'20



Kathy Colucci; Holly DeSantis P'15, '18; Tammi Redd; and BJ Martin



Grace Oates'22 and Jim Oates P'20, '22



Marisa Flores'24



Mike Mazzella, Carl Boyhan C, Brad Johnson, and Jim Johnson



Reagan Mertz'22; Mr. Jason Schlereth, IHA president; and Angela Lee'22



Rusty Parrino P'24, Akeem Atanda, and John Perno



Katrina Kunnapas'13; Enn Kunnapas P'09, '11, '13, '16; Lia Kunnapas'09 F; and Will Aloia



Bob Rhein P'09, C; Mr. Jason Schlereth, IHA president; Eileen O'Connor Cox'79 P'09, '12, '16; and Christeen Cox'12



Patrick Hilden; Scott Wolff; John Corcoran P'07, CBM; and Tony Browne



# St. Brigid Society Induction 2021

On the evening of October 7, 2021, twenty sophomores were inducted into IHA's St. Brigid Society. The St. Brigid Society exists to recognize and promote academically gifted students and to foster continuous academic excellence by providing engaging opportunities for learning and growth. Students are invited to participate in enrichment programs designed to prepare them for college and career readiness.

The ceremony began with an Opening Prayer led by Kieran Farley'22 and a welcome and description of the St. Brigid Society by the society's moderator and guidance counselor, Ms. Ellen Donoghue'76. Society members, Ella Bosse'24 and Caitlin Fritz'23, gave inspirational student reflections and Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, offered congratulatory closing remarks after each student was officially recognized by Mrs. Alice Rogers, assistant principal of students.

**Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2024 who achieved Distinguished Honors in at least one semester and Honors in the other semester of the 2020-21 academic year:**

Alexandra Barry'24  
Caitlin Carr'24  
Alyzza Chino'24  
Sophia Cremona'24  
Meghan Deane'24  
Gianna DiMeglio'24  
Madison Fasolo'24  
Marisa Flores'24  
Alexandra Kucharz'24  
Kaitlyn LeSuer'24  
Alyssa Mack'24  
Samantha McGee'24  
Casey McGrath'24  
Sophie Morales'24  
Angelina Parrino'24  
Lindsay Probst'24  
Abigail Romero'24  
Bryana Saenz'24  
Sophia Salewycz'24  
Alia Ureta'24



Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, presents Meghan Deane'24 with her St. Brigid Society Induction certificate.



Madison Fasolo'24



Ella Bosse'24



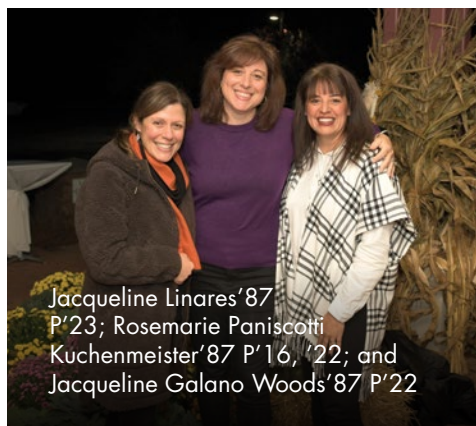
Sophie Morales'24



# Two Special Events Hosted for IHA Parents

We were honored to finally host an official in-person welcome to the parents of our Classes of 2024 and 2025 on September 15, 2021. It was a wonderful evening of meeting our underclassman parents and putting faces to names. Then, on November 4, 2021, the IHA Parents' Club hosted a Welcome Back reception for the Classes of 2022 and 2023 parents. Thank you to all those who took the time out of their busy lives to join together at IHA, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones.

Special thanks to the IHA Parents' Club; the Development Department, especially Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76 P'06 and Sarah Hill '07; and the IHA administration for making these special events happen. Thank you to Shop Rite of Oakland and Stop & Shop Wyckoff for providing the hor d'oeuvres and refreshments, and Mr. George Hotz, IHA director of technology and pianist for providing music at the Welcome Back reception. We hope to see more of our Blue Eagle parents in the upcoming months!



Jacqueline Linares '87 P'23; Rosemarie Paniscotti Kuchenmeister '87 P'16, '22; and Jacqueline Galano Woods '87 P'22



Pasi and Karen Nurminen P'21, '23; Michelle Dargan P'23; and Margaret Coyne Minogue '85 P'23



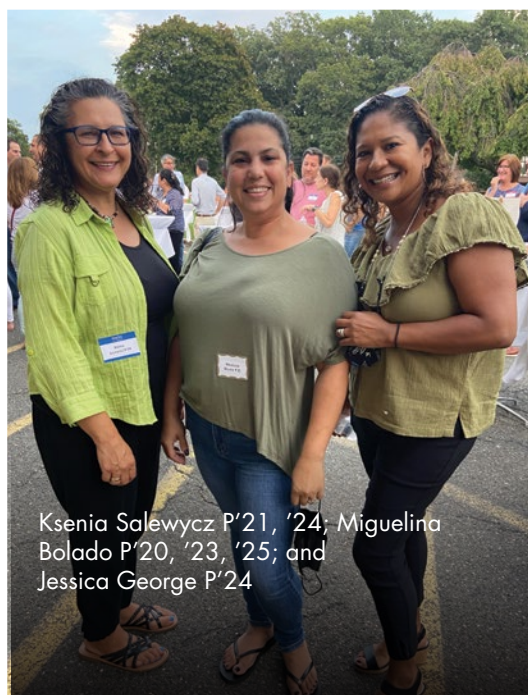
Laura Tappan P'25, Allison Turnamian P'25, Edward Tappan P'25, Michael Turnamian P'25, and Terry and Tracy Dohrmann P'25



Tyrone and Medina George Talmadge P'23 and Lana and Ciro Randazzo P'23



Claudia Hernandez P'25, Ines Quingco P'25, and Conchita Tan GP'25



Ksenia Salewycz P'21, '24; Miguelina Bolado P'20, '23, '25; and Jessica George P'24



Frank and Julie Masella P'24



# DAY OF GIVING

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# Five Seniors Named National Merit® Commended Students

Immaculate Heart Academy is thrilled to announce that five seniors were named National Merit® Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit® Scholarship Program. Congratulations to IHA's Commended Students, from left to right, Caitlin Croci'22, Meghan Karach'22, Riley McGovern'22, Sanaiya Villanueva'22, and Margaux Yannacci'22.

About thirty-four thousand Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top fifty thousand students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC.

Congratulations to our five outstanding seniors who received official Letters of Commendation!



## IHA to Present *Legally Blonde The Musical*

We are thrilled to announce that IHA's Spring 2022 musical production will be *Legally Blonde*!

"A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical* follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances

- this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world." - *MTI*

Performances will be Friday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [performingartsattheheart.com](http://performingartsattheheart.com). Contact Ms. Taryn Tonelli'09, coordinator of the performing arts, at [ttonelli@ihanj.com](mailto:ttonelli@ihanj.com) with questions.



# 2021 Faculty Retreat

HA's faculty and staff members joined together for our 2021 Faculty Retreat on September 24, 2021 at the Terrace at Biagio's, Paramus. Thank you to Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; the IHA administration; and the Christian Service Executive Board for putting together such an enjoyable day. Special thanks to our keynote speaker, Melodie Wyttenbach, executive director of the Roche Center for Catholic Education; our alumna speaker, Lauren Foote'17; and student speakers, Riley Ypelaar'22 and Caitlin Croci'22. The day concluded with a Mass presided by Fr. John Aherne.



Mrs. Alison Hill Curley'00; Mrs. Tara Tashjian Maka'02; Mrs. Paula Horne P'13, '15, '18; and Ms. Margaret Biedenkapp



Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; Melodie Wyttenbach, keynote speaker; Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; and Lauren Foote'17, alumna speaker



Fr. John Aherne celebrated Mass at the end of the faculty retreat.



Standing are Ms. Geri Braden and Mrs. Berta Roldan P'14. Seated are Mrs. Rocio Vera P'14 and Ms. Lynn Gansley.



# Freshman Day of Sisterhood for the Class of 2025

The Class of 2025 celebrated its Freshman Day of Sisterhood on October 13, 2021.

Groups rotated through four different activities which included creating their class mission statement; writing letters to themselves that they will open senior year; learning from seniors and IHA principal, Miss Kerry Carroll'04, about what the IHA Sisterhood means to them; and hearing from a panel of staff members about eliminating the culture of competition. The day concluded with letters and a video message from Christian Service Board (CSB) upperclassmen and Freshman Class Elections.

Special thanks to the many CSB members, especially the executive board, and Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, for all of the hard work that went into this memorable day for our newest sisters. Thank you to all of the students who wrote letters to the freshmen, the IHA administration and faculty volunteers who helped run all of the sessions, and The Cookie Connect in Ridgewood for the delicious end-of-day treat. We hope the Class of 2025 feels just as blessed to join our sisterhood as we do to have them as a part of our IHA family.



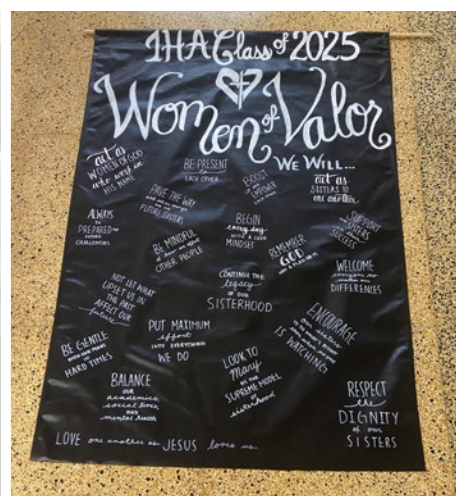
Ann Best'25, Isabella Del Bosco'25, Madeline Lively'25, Victoria DeVirgilio'25, Katherine Odierno'25, and Madison Frezza'25



Freshmen write letters to themselves that they will open as seniors.

**Right:** Freshmen read notes from Christian Service Board students.

**Far Right:** The Class of 2025 Mission Statement Banner







# CLASS notes

'86

**Julia Earls Sutton** was featured in Miami-based *Ocean Drive* magazine as a wellness expert talking work-life balance, wellness

trends, and more. "In 2002, Sutton founded one of the most pivotal wellness brands of our generation, Exhale Spa," the article read. "Exhale created a unique approach to exercise and recovery and has partnered with many hotel brands across the country to bring Exhale into their spa program. In 2017, Exhale was acquired by Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, and has since become fully integrated into the World of Hyatt." Julia's newest venture has brought her down to Miami Beach, as she embarks on a journey as the chief growth officer at Vitruvia. "Vitruvia has helped some of the world's top athletes, musicians, and CEOs take full advantage of their bodies through a natural approach to restore and repair tissues, coined the non-surgical pain treatment," the article stated. Additionally, Julia is on the Manhattan College Business School Board, specializing in entrepreneurship with students. She encourages IHA



Julia Earls Sutton '86 P'16, '18, '20

students to reach out to her if they are thinking of applying to Manhattan College. Julia's three daughters also share the title of IHA alumna with their mom—Samantha '16, Hannah '18, and Bridget '20.

'05

**Alexandra Simone Modafferi** welcomed her 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

'02

**Elizabeth Higgins Clark** welcomed twins, Freddie and Emma, five weeks early on June 1, 2021 in Los Angeles. Freddie and

Emma are the grandchildren of Mary Behrends Jane Clark '72 and the great-grandchildren of the late Mary Higgins Clark P'68, '74, '76 GP'02.



**Left:** Twins, 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 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.



Twins, Iyla Shea and Everly Pearl

**'08** Nicole Feery 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.

**'10** Danielle Nogoy, MD graduated from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) on May 19, 2021. Danielle earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from New York University, cum laude in 2014. Before attending Rutgers NJMS, she worked for three years as an English teacher to young students in Harlem, New York and Madrid, Spain. She will start her internal medicine residency at Montefiore Medical Center's Einstein Campus in the Bronx.

**Right:** William Schubiger, Jameson Denis Schubiger, and Kimberly Denis-Schubiger '10

Kimberly Denis-Schubiger welcomed her first child, Jameson Denis Schubiger, 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.



Marilyn Baer '10 and Hoboken Mayor Ravi S. Bhalla

Marilyn Baer was recently appointed as the Communications Manager for the City of Hoboken. The announcement was made by Mayor Ravi S. Bhalla in July 2021. Marilyn has served as the primary staff writer to the *Hudson Reporter* since 2016. During her five years at the *Hudson Reporter*, she covered Hoboken and Jersey City while simultaneously freelancing as a writer for *07030 Magazine*, *Jersey City Magazine*, and *Bayonne: Life on the*

*Peninsula*. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Ohio Wesleyan University, with a concentration in psychology. "Throughout her time at the *Hudson Reporter*, Marilyn has proven herself to be a well-respected communication professional with an intimate knowledge of the issues affecting her hometown," said Mayor Bhalla in the official announcement. "I can think of few individuals as well qualified to assume the role of Communications Manager and I look forward to her service to our City." Marilyn went to All Saints Episcopal Day School and Hoboken Catholic Academy, both in Hoboken, before attending IHA for high school. "As a native Hobokenite, I couldn't be more excited to work for the city that I love on behalf of Hoboken residents," she said. "I look forward to being a part of the Bhalla administration and I thank the Mayor and his team for this opportunity."



'12

Dr. Alexandra Pflieger writes, "As a doctoral student at Manhattanville College, I successfully defended my dissertation entitled *Confronting the Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Quantitative Analysis of the Relationships Among Secondary Teachers' Perceived Resilience, Trait Emotional Intelligence, and Self-Efficacy*. I officially graduated with a doctoral degree in educational leadership in May 2021." Additionally, Alexandra's article, entitled "Efficacy in the Face of Adversity: What has the pandemic taught us about maintaining teacher efficacy in crisis mode?," was published in the November issue of *Educational Leadership*.



Dr. Alexandra Pflieger

Elizabeth Barry Lowe married Dillon Lowe of Knoxville, Tennessee on October 23, 2021 in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains surrounded by their family and friends. Liz is a social worker in an emergency room in Knoxville and Dillon is a clinic director at an outpatient physical therapy office.

'13

Huge congratulations to Liz Hynes for winning an Emmy® Award in the "Outstanding Writing for a Variety Series" category as a writer on *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver* on HBO. As not all nominees were able to attend the Emmy® Awards in Los Angeles due to COVID-19, Liz invited some of her IHA Class of 2013 friends to a watch party on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. From left to right are Emily Horne Peterson, Cosette Gastelu, Liz Hynes, Christina Sollitto, and Sarah Mills.



Annalyce "Annie" D'Agostino hasn't changed much from her days bouncing around the IHA hallways, though she likes to think she's garnered a bit of sophistication post-grad. Annie graduated summa cum laude from Montclair State University in 2017 with a family and child studies degree and, ever since, immersed herself in a variety of projects and opportunities. Motivated by her academic roots and creative passions, Annie developed an online web series for children, *Blooming Buddies Workshop*. Her episode, "Sonny Calms Down" was honored with a Telly Award in the Online/General-Children category this past spring! Day-to-day, Annie is the senior accounts manager and a producer at Fluent Video. She is also known to occasionally pop into Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine to work with

student doctors on their communication skills as a simulated patient, while supervising and training other simulated patients during pediatric clerkship sessions. Night-to-night, Annie toils devotedly over her laptop strategizing, researching, designing, and directing inner and outer workings of FocusPosters.com. Launching in 2022, Focus Posters creates tangible tools that promote lifelong confidence and independence through childhood task management. As CEO, Annie is thrilled to dive into a project that fills her heart. You can check out Annie's pursuits on her website, [annalycecreates.com](http://annalycecreates.com).



**'14** **Madison Kilduff** received a master's degree in communications & public relations from Rutgers University in December 2020. "In addition to still working with the NFL in Game Day Production at MetLife Stadium, I work full-time in alumni relations at Montclair Kimberley Academy (MKA)," Madison writes. "Being an IHA alumna is really beneficial in my new role as I relate and connect with MKA alumni and share similar experiences coming from such a great New Jersey private high school."

**'16** **Carmela Stone** recently graduated magna cum laude on a five-year course at Rochester Institute of Technology. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Program and accepted a position at ThermoFisher Scientific as a mechanical automation engineer a year before she graduated.

**Rebecca Kryceski** graduated with her second bachelor's degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, from the University of New England this August. She graduated with magna cum laude and interprofessional honors and as a member of Sigma Theta Tau. She is now working on a surgical oncology floor at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and part of its new graduate residency program.



Jaclyn Scerbak deNicola '15

**'15** **Jaclyn Scerbak deNicola's** childhood dream of becoming a Radio City Rockette came true in 2021! Jaclyn proudly performed on the Great Stage in the 2021 Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes, presented by Chase. The Christmas Spectacular stars the incomparable Radio City Rockettes, the longest-running precision dance company in America, admired for their iconic style

of dance, talent, and athleticism, as well as their unity both on and off the stage. The production featured intricate choreography and show-stopping numbers that are both graceful and powerful. Since their debut at Radio City Music Hall, the Rockettes have inspired and amazed audiences from around the world and given fans of all ages Christmas memories that will last a lifetime. The 2021 production featured more Rockettes numbers than ever before, including the return of the beloved lyrical number, "Snow," which transforms the Great Stage into a magical winter wonderland. With the return of "Snow," the Rockettes performed in nine numbers throughout the 90-minute production—with more technically complex and different styles of dance than ever before. "My alma mater holds such a special place in my heart and is a huge reason as to why I am here today," Jaclyn writes. "My friends made at IHA are still my best friends and I owe so much of this personal achievement to IHA for instilling in me all the values it took to reach my ultimate career goal." The Christmas Spectacular, seen by more than sixty-nine million people since it debuted in 1933, is a one-of-a-kind tradition where the magic of Christmas in New York comes alive. The beloved show returned following a 2020 absence due to the pandemic, which marked the first time in eighty-seven years the production was canceled.

## '15, '18, '20, '21

It was an IHA reunion at a September Swarthmore vs. Stevens Institute of Technology women's soccer game! From left to right are **Jana Mucci '20**, Stevens soccer player; **Alexandra Zitelli '21**, Swarthmore soccer player; Mr. John Millard, IHA mathematics teacher and Stevens Class of 1966 (men's varsity soccer team captain his senior season); **Jacquelyn Gnassi '15**, Stevens assistant women's soccer coach; and **Gianna Nitti '18**, Stevens soccer player. Everyone had post-game smiles, as the two teams played to a 1-1 tie after double overtime.





'17 Lily Polster graduated from University of Notre Dame on May 23, 2021, cum laude with a degree in civil engineering and a minor in theology. She was the recipient of The Beavers Heavy Equipment Scholarship, a scholarship endowment set up many years ago by The Beavers organization to encourage civil engineering students to pursue careers in the heavy construction industry. She was an intern for the State Department Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations over the summer and is currently continuing her postgraduate degree at Notre Dame.

'18 Victoria Sheldon graduated cum laude from The College of New Jersey in August 2021. She is currently attending The University of St. Andrews in Scotland in the postgraduate MLIT Marketing program with an anticipated graduation date of September 2022.

'87, '17, '19, '21

IHA alumnae met up at a cross country meet this fall in Boston! From left to right are Giavanna Tabbachino'17; Gina Sabbers Tabbachino'87 P'17, '21; Madelyn Novelli'21; Geri Tabbachino'21; Catherine McGoldrick Schroeder'87; and Tinamarie Dadic'19.



## Bringing Christmas Cheer



IHA Campus Ministry participated in one of Immaculate Heart's favorite Christmas activities—a visit to Sacred Heart School, Jersey City with gifts and



Santa! Thank you for all of the planning done by IHA's Christian Service Board and director of formation, Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, and to Mr. James Foote P'17

and Lauren Foote'17. We are so grateful to all who donated to our numerous Advent@theheart drives this year—you put smiles on so many children's faces.





# CLASS OF 1971 & 1972 50TH REUNION CELEBRATIONS

Attention Class of 1971 and 1972 alumnae!  
Have you registered for your 50th Class Reunion events yet?

## CLASS OF 1971 50TH REUNION

April 29, 2022

Welcome Reception at the home of Martha Bauer'71

April 30, 2022

Service Project, Memorial Mass in IHA Sisters' Chapel,  
Dinner at Bacari Grill, Township of Washington

May 1, 2022

Farewell Brunch at the home of Gail Guillotte Lilgeberg'71

To register for any of the events, please visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com).  
For more information, please email [ihaclassof71reunion@gmail.com](mailto:ihaclassof71reunion@gmail.com).

## CLASS OF 1972 50TH REUNION

September 24, 2022

Luncheon at Ramsey Golf and Country Club

September 25, 2022

Memorial Mass in IHA Sisters' Chapel, brunch immediately following

To register for any of the events, please visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com).  
For more information, please email [ihaclassof72reunion@gmail.com](mailto:ihaclassof72reunion@gmail.com).





# Remembering Kathleen Krey Sova'78

Special Scholarship Award Established at IHA in Her Honor

In the wake of her passing on September 13, 2021, friends and family of Kathleen Krey Sova'78 established a Breast Cancer Awareness & Research Award at Immaculate Heart Academy. These individuals joined together with the IHA Development and Guidance departments to create the scholarship award for current IHA students. The Kathy Krey Sova'78 Breast Cancer Awareness & Research Award will be bestowed annually to the student(s) who best demonstrate they have promoted mammography screening or raised funds for breast cancer research.

As her obituary so perfectly stated, "friends and family will remember Kathy's vibrant personality and enthusiasm for life, sense of humor, enjoyment of the outdoors, and passionate devotion to her children, Stacey and Jonathan. She deeply cherished her long-standing friendships and the greatest joy in life was her grandchild, Kayli." Serena Bocchino'78 and Leslie Simpson'78 both wrote reflections about their long-time friendships with Kathy to share with their IHA family.

Serena and Kathy met when they were ten years old at an open gym at St. John the Baptist Elementary School in Hillsdale; Serena said she knew then that they would be best friends forever... and they were. "Kathy was super friendly and full of smiles," Serena reflected. "She introduced herself to me during a kickball game and we immediately became friends. She was smart, pretty, enthusiastic, happy, full of energy, and irresistibly fun to be with."

The Krey family of seven and the Bocchino family of eight were all parishioners at St. John's; they looked forward to seeing each other every Sunday at Mass. Kathy went to St. John's School and Serena went to public school, but they promised each other that they would make time to see one another whenever they could. Their time together increased immeasurably when Serena transferred into St. John's in seventh grade. "One of the highlights of our friendship back then was an eighth grade class trip to Seaside Heights at the shore," Serena remembered. "We had great fun together exploring the crazy rides and everything else the boardwalk had to offer."



Kathy Krey Sova'78, Serena Bocchino'78, and Leslie Simpson'78



Kathy Krey Sova'78 was the IHA Blue Devil mascot during her time at Immaculate Heart.



Kathy Krey Sova'78 and Mary Rose Sansevero'78 ride mopeds in Bermuda.

Throughout the years, Serena and Kathy experienced many firsts together. From their first dance in eighth grade, to taking the high school entrance exam, to riding on the bus together to Immaculate Heart Academy. "We commiserated over our first jobs: she worked at Pascack Pharmacy in Hillsdale; I worked at Friendly's in Hillsdale," Serena wrote. "Kathy trained me for cheerleading while she was the IHA mascot, the Blue Devil. We went together on the IHA senior trip to Bermuda; it was our first big trip without our parents!"

Between the two, Kathy was married and had children first; she was the first to land a "real" full-time job and the first to own a house. While independent and successful, Kathy never bragged to Serena—she helped her and encouraged





Serena Bocchino'78, Margaret Smith Buck'78, Leslie Simpson'78, and Kathy Krey Sova'78

her as Serena pursued a career in the arts. “Kathy was always a trailblazer,” she said. “She did not mind being first with a lot of things and was sure to share what she learned with me to help prepare me when it was my turn and my time.”

Serena was always so touched that Kathy would find the time to attend her art openings. They spoke on the phone often and would ensure to see each other several times a year—whether at New Year’s Eve and Thanksgiving, or the traditional Cape May summers with other IHA alumnae. While a petite 5’2”, Serena noted that Kathy embodied a giant love of life and people. Her unique effervescence was notable at only ten years old, but her energy took on more somber hues as they grew and matured.

“Most vividly, I beheld her fearless battle with cancer during the last nine years, where she would not let—not for one

blasted minute—that disease beat her,” Serena said. “She fought it with the same tough love and amazing grace she carried with her always. Finally, when she was overwhelmed by that terrible disease, she definitively declared, ‘Okay. That’s enough!’ My kind, loving, and amazing friend accepted what became, sadly, inevitable. Kathy was and is my hero.”

“Now,” Serena reflected, “Kathy is the first to reach out and touch the face of God. She is in the arms of her loving, heavenly Father and has seen Jesus face-to-face. I miss her terribly but I know that I will see her again in heaven. At that time, I know that she will welcome me to Paradise and—like she has done before so many times—she will once again take my hand and say in her warm, enthusiastic way: ‘Come on, Serene, this is Paradise...we’re going to have some amazing fun here!’”

Leslie Simpson’78 and Kathy met as freshmen at IHA; the two were best friends by sophomore year. “She was always a bundle of energy, upbeat, and good times followed wherever she went,” Leslie wrote. “Over our high school and college years, we spent endless hours together on the phone, hanging out at one another’s homes, and, of course, spending vacations together at the Jersey Shore. We were bridesmaids at each other’s weddings, and I was honored to be the Godmother of her beautiful daughter, Stacey. Our lives and those of our children became entwined. She was my children’s favorite ‘Aunt Kathy.’ She was never just an observer of our children’s lives but a full participant—always with



Kayli, Kathy’s granddaughter, and Kathy Krey Sova’78

a ball, fishing rod, or boogie board in her hand. She took an interest in everyone she met and made them feel special.”

Leslie said that in Kathy’s later years, her pride and joy was her granddaughter, Kayli. “When Kathy was diagnosed with Stage IV Breast cancer nine years ago, I remember saying to her father (my favorite of all the dads) that she would fare well as she had her mother’s tenacity and grit, and his vitality and good humor,” Leslie said. “I think you never really know the full measure of a person until you see how they respond to adversity. For nine years, our conversations always focused on how I was, how my children were, what her children were doing, and then lastly, herself. She never complained and was an inspiration to all who knew her.”

Leslie said she feels truly blessed to have had Kathy as a friend and thankful that she was allowed to accompany her through the journey of life to the very end. “She has not really left us. I see her intelligence, humor, concern for others, and passion for living in her children and granddaughter. I smile as I picture her now. She is standing at the pearly gates of heaven in her blue devil outfit. She is shaking her pitchfork, jumping up and down, telling all of us that we can do it, and shouting, ‘Don’t forget your mammogram!’”



Kathy Krey Sova'78, Leslie Simpson'78, Serena Bocchino'78, and Margaret Smith Buck'78



# IN MEMORIAM

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

**Anita Scocozzo Carlin, Class of 1977**  
August 9, 2019

**Colette Conboy, Class of 1966**  
August 30, 2020  
*Sister of Clare Conboy'64*

**Sheila Boas Scanlon, Class of 1964**  
December 22, 2020

**Frances Sartorio McGillick, Class of 1968**  
June 15, 2021

**Virginia Staunton Sprague, Class of 1964**  
July 9, 2021

**Kathy Krey Sova, Class of 1978**  
September 13, 2021  
*Sister of Mary Jo Krey'72*

**Nancy Walsh**  
May 23, 2021  
*Mother of Nancy Walsh Burlage'68*

**Marilyn Byrne**  
August 10, 2021  
*Grandmother of Emily Byrne'15, Erin Byrne'16, Danielle Esposito'19, and Claire O'Byrne'21*

**Robert Feldman**  
September 1, 2021  
*Father of Chelsea Feldman'07 and Jacqueline Feldman'13*

**Cathleen Ollmann**  
September 2, 2021  
*Mother of Christine Ollmann'10 and Jennifer Ollmann'21*

**Joseph Miller**  
September 27, 2021  
*Father of Lauren Miller Holtz'08*

**Jeff Horohonich**  
September 27, 2021  
*Former IHA faculty member and coach*

**Joan Wise**  
October 30, 2021  
*Mother of Laurie Wise Simms'77*

**Phil Krey**  
November 3, 2021  
*Father of Mary Jo Krey'72 and the late Kathleen Krey Sova'78*

**William Molloy**  
November 7, 2021  
*Husband of the late Patricia Burns Molloy'74; son of the late Mary K. Molloy P'65, '69, GP'09, '11; brother of Patricia Molloy, former IHA president, Kathleen Molloy'65, and Mary E. Molloy'69; and uncle of Carolyn Molloy'09 and Diane Molloy'11*

**Geralyn Sengebush**  
November 12, 2021  
*Sister of Paul McGinnis, IHA guidance counselor*

**William Sartori**  
November 14, 2021  
*Grandfather of Matthew Sartori, IHA social studies teacher*

**Theresa Marcel**  
November 29, 2021  
*Mother of Lorraine Mongelli P'94, IHA Communications Department chairperson, and grandmother of Dara Mongelli Dunn'94*

**Wallace Shrekast**  
December 1, 2021  
*Father of Marie Shrekast'91 and Ann Shrekast Cavanaugh'88*

**Timothy Garvey**  
December 8, 2021  
*Father of Regina Garvey'19 and brother of Ellen Garvey Savino'66*

**Scott Kearns**  
December 17, 2021  
*Father of Sarah Shutrop, IHA director of formation, and Mollie Kearns, former IHA coach*

**Benjamin "Benny" Caputo**  
December 26, 2021  
*Father of Gena Caputo DeVirgilio'94 and Jennifer Caputo Ambrosio'96 and grandfather of Julia DeVirgilio'23 and Victoria DeVirgilio'25*





*Mr. Jason Schlereth, IHA President,  
and Miss Kerry Carroll'04, IHA Principal,  
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Lauretta Miller*

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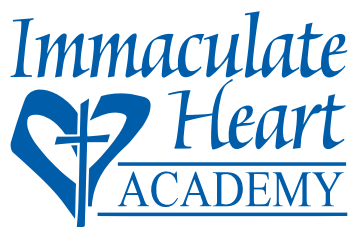
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PLEASE NOTE, ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. ALL NEWS IS CURRENT AND UP-TO-DATE AS OF JANUARY 2022, WHEN THIS ISSUE WAS PRINTED.

# UPCOMING

## 2022 Winter/Spring Events

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### Accepted Students Night 6 p.m.

Accepted members of IHA's Class of 2026 are invited to take one final look at IHA before deciding if they will be making their home @theheart.

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### Blue Eagle Beefsteak 6 p.m., IHA Gymnasium

IHA families are invited to gather together to try their luck at raffle prizes and enjoy a delicious beefsteak dinner.

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### Registration Day

Members of the Class of 2026 fill out enrollment paperwork and take the English Placement Examination.

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### Spring Musical: *Legally Blonde* 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, IHA PAC

For more information and to purchase tickets for IHA's production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*, visit [performingartsattheheart.com](http://performingartsattheheart.com).

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### Hall of Fame

12 p.m., Seasons, Township of Washington  
IHA's Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards Ceremony honors individuals in the categories of Alumna, Educator, Parents, and Community Leader.

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### Spring Open House

6:30 p.m.  
Meet faculty, staff, coaches, and students; tour the state-of-the-art building; and ask questions of our knowledgeable Eagle Ambassadors.

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### Class of 1971 50th Reunion

Welcome Reception at the home of Martha Bauer '71 on Friday; Service Project, Memorial Mass in IHA Sisters' Chapel, Dinner at Bacari Grill, Township of Washington on Saturday; Farewell Brunch at the home of Gail Guillotte Lilgeberg '71 on Sunday. Email [ihaclassof71reunion@gmail.com](mailto:ihaclassof71reunion@gmail.com) for more information.

### Reunion Weekend

Saturday's events include a Run/Walk/Crawl at 10:30 a.m., a Memorial Mass at 5 p.m. in IHA's Sisters' Chapel, and a Cocktail Reception in the gymnasium immediately following Mass. Sunday will feature a Food Truck Festival at 11 a.m.

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### Spring Concert & Arts Festival 7 p.m., IHA PAC

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