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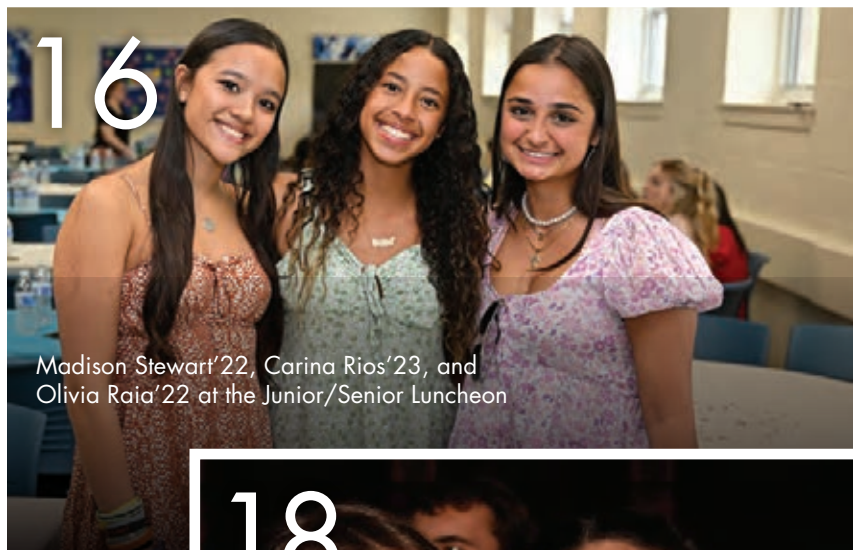
## Our Mission

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.



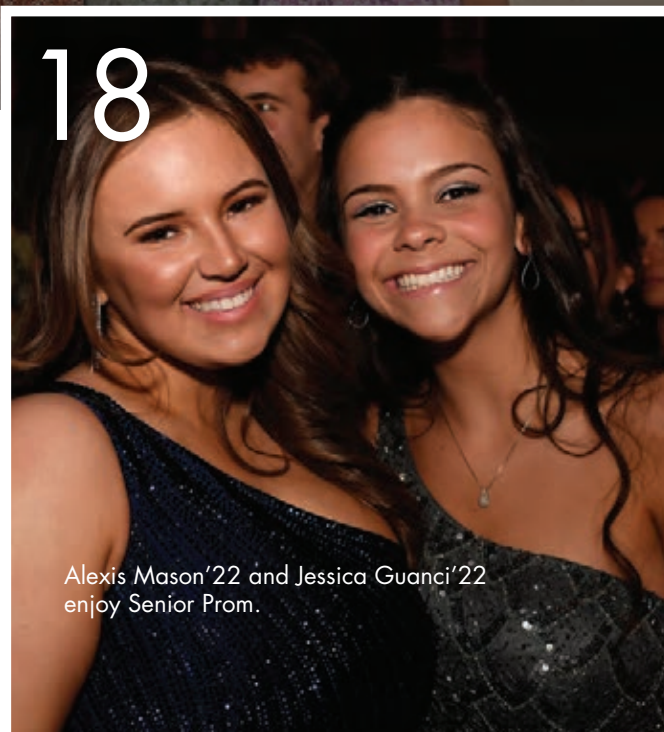
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Madison Stewart'22, Carina Rios'23, and  
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Alexis Mason'22 and Jessica Guanci'22  
enjoy Senior Prom.





Chris and Kendal Garvin of the Tomorrows Children's Fund receive a check from Mrs. Deb Suta FF, co-moderator of the IHA Knitting/Crocheting Club.

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## Immaculate Heart ACADEMY

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Ted Podest P'14, '22; Mary Pat Podest P'14, '22; Molly Podest '22; and Mrs. Sue Adamo, science teacher, celebrate Molly's Soaring Eagle Award.



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Victoria DellaCroce'24, Emily Magee'24, Natalia Maglicic'23, Madeline Heinemann'24, and Christina-Ann Augustin'23 welcome incoming freshmen at the Class of 2026 Ice Cream Social.





# President's Corner



Dear IHA community,

We did it. Thanks to our families' flexibility and understanding, our students' incredible resilience, and our dedicated faculty's ability to pivot and adjust with little notice, we successfully completed another extraordinary academic year at Immaculate Heart Academy. As I conclude my first year as president of IHA, I want to sincerely thank you all for the support and encouragement you've shown both me, personally, and our community as a whole. We are entering our sixty-second year serving the educational needs of young women with the Student Council-chosen theme of "Home is @theheart," and I am very much looking forward to welcoming our IHA family back home.

This issue of the newsletter focuses on our newest alumnae, the Class of 2022, and all of the graduates' many impressive accomplishments and achievements.

I also hope you enjoy reading about the countless highlights that occurred this past spring—from the hundreds of service hours earned and recognized at our 2022 Service Awards to the spring sports season, class retreats, honor society inductions, and the events we were finally able to host for our parents, students, alumnae, and friends. I am eager to kick off another school year and continue cultivating the tradition of excellence in our students for which IHA is so known.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary continue to bless us and watch over our school community as we take on another academic year together.

Sincerely,

Jason Schlereth  
*President*



Katherine Mahoney '22, Cosette Gonzalez '22, Riley Ypelaar '22, Laura Madison Rickli '22, and Grace Martin '22, 2022 Halcyon editorial staff members, smile with their new yearbooks.





# Class of 2022 Commencement Exercises

Immaculate Heart Academy's fifty-ninth annual Commencement Exercises were held on Sunday morning, June 5, 2022. One hundred forty-seven incredible young women received their diplomas from Mr. Jason Schlereth, president; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; and Mrs. Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13 and Mrs. Maureen Layng, assistant principals. Including the members of this year's graduating class, **ten thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine** young women now carry the title of IHA alumna.

Graduates processed into the gymnasium to *Pomp and Circumstance* played by the IHA Orchestra. After a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem sung by [Alyssa Darella'22](#) (University of South Carolina – Columbia), [Alexis Mason'22](#) (Marist College), [Laura Madison Rickli'22](#)

(The University of Alabama), and [Aniela Sanders'22](#) (Franciscan University of Steubenville), the ceremony opened with [Olivia Raia'22](#) (Boston College), Student Council president, offering the invocation and [Riley McGovern'22](#) (Boston College), salutatorian, giving a thoughtful welcoming address. Riley credited IHA for helping to make her the woman she is today. "This year has truly shown me the incredible difference that IHA has made in my life," she said to the almost one thousand people in attendance. "Immaculate Heart Academy has prepared all of us for bright futures and I could not be more proud of each and every one of you. I am so grateful for everyone who helped make my high school experience so memorable. I have no doubt that all of you are going to do amazing things and I cannot wait to

see it all. You all are strong, bright, and beautiful women. You have so much to give. Don't be afraid to use your voice; our world needs to hear it."

[Ms. Sarah Pagano](#), an alumna from IHA's Class of 2009 and a professional runner, served as Commencement Speaker, addressing the graduating class with an encouraging speech. She fondly remembered sitting in those same seats in the IHA gymnasium thirteen years prior when she graduated from IHA. "It makes me so excited to think about what lies ahead for each and every one of you. When I look out into this sea of caps and gowns, I am seeing a group of well-prepared, confident young women with endless possibilities ahead of them. I see a community of people who, together, made their way through four years at IHA, overcoming a huge obstacle of a





Faculty and staff members cheer on the Class of 2022 as the seniors process into their Commencement Ceremony.

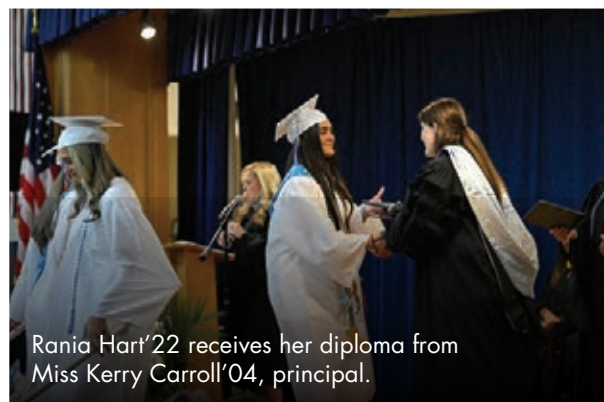
global pandemic smack dab in the middle. I see a bunch of determined individuals, eager and ready to start the next chapter of their lives."

Diplomas and special awards were then distributed to members of the Class of 2022. This year, we invited alumna mothers to present diplomas to their graduating daughters, a tradition IHA will continue for years to come. Mothers who distributed diplomas to their daughters included **Gloria Kolakowski Amoroso**'86 P'20, '22 to Grace and Julia Amoroso; **Pamela McKenna Arone**'90 P'22, '24 to Kayla Arone; **Lisa Belulovich**'85 P'22, '26 to Samantha Campana; **Karin Hempel Darella**'86 P'20, '22 to Alyssa Darella; **Rosemarie Paniscotti Kuchenmeister**'87 P'16, '22 to Brianna Kuchenmeister; **Ann Clohessy Lawson**'86 P'22 to Abigail Lawson; **Kathleen O'Connell Martin**'89 P'22 to Grace Martin; **Stacey Rossicci-Vale**'92 P'19, '22 to Jacqueline Vale; and **Jacqueline Galano Woods**'87 P'22 to Madison Woods.

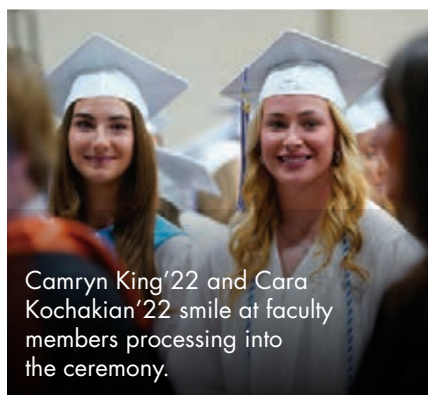
After diplomas were presented to each graduate, several students were honored for a variety of accomplishments in and out of the classroom. We send heartfelt congratulations to this year's IHA Award



Stacey Rossicci-Vale'92 P'19, '22 hugs her daughter, Jacqueline Vale'22, after presenting her with her diploma.



Rania Hart'22 receives her diploma from Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.



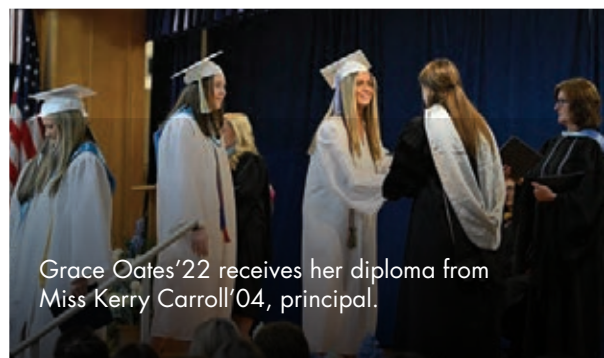
Camryn King'22 and Cara Kochakian'22 smile at faculty members processing into the ceremony.



Juliana Vitti'22 and Katherine Webb'22



Valerie Vivas'22 and Madison Stewart'22 process into their graduation ceremony hand-in-hand.

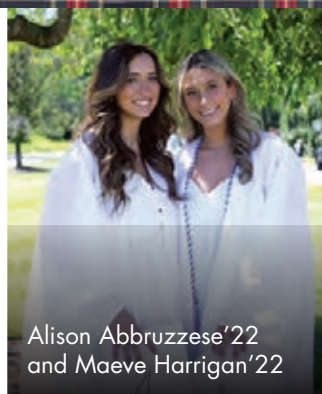


Grace Oates'22 receives her diploma from Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.

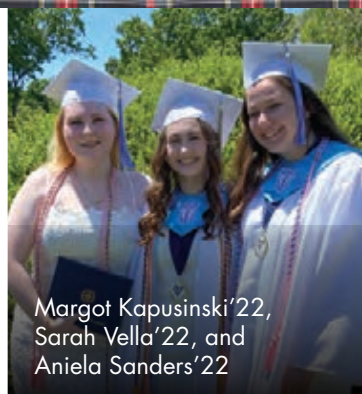




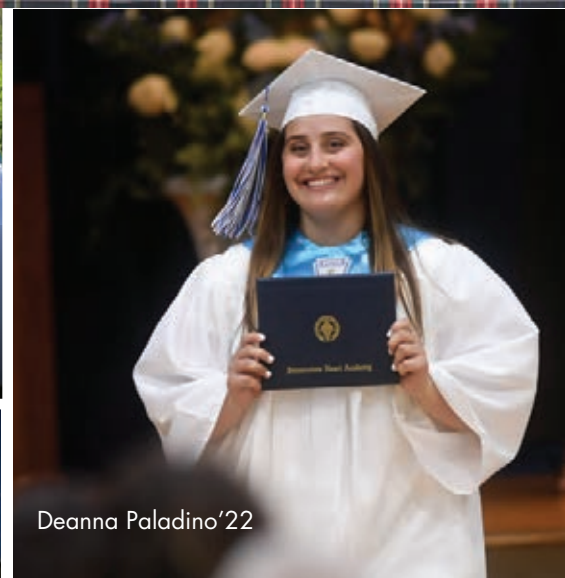
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Alison Abbruzzese'22  
and Maeve Harrigan'22



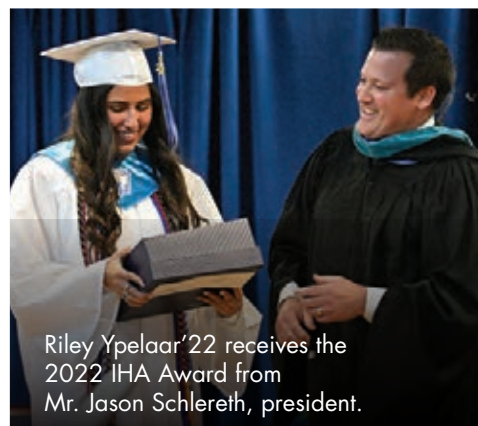
Margot Kapusinski'22,  
Sarah Vella'22, and  
Aniela Sanders'22



Deanna Paladino'22



Katherine Garbett'22 and Anna  
Gehres'22 show off their diplomas.



Riley Ypelaar'22 receives the  
2022 IHA Award from  
Mr. Jason Schlereth, president.

winner, [Riley Ypelaar'22](#) (Clemson University), and the many other award and scholarship recipients recognized at this year's Commencement Exercises. See a list of all Graduation award winners on pages 8-12.

Following the award presentation, Mr. Schlereth addressed the graduates and guests, reminding the members of the Class of 2022 that during their four years at IHA, they have been encouraged to "see what's broken and fix it."

Mr. Schlereth emphasized the importance of empowering IHA's women to carry them through their journeys in life.

"To go into a job interview and know you're the right choice. To get into college and be a leader on campus. To be part of the next generation of women leading in the Church," he said. "You've invested in yourselves here, and others have invested in you—your parents, your teachers, your coaches, your family. Your charge as you move on to your next journey is to take

those gifts and, as empowered women, use them for the good of others and the world. Women of Valor, that's who you are."

Class of 2022 valedictorian, [Katherine Young'22](#) (Villanova University), delivered a moving farewell address recognizing the gifts that she believes IHA has instilled in her and her classmates of which they will continue to embrace. From a transformative education to a strong sisterhood to deepened faith, Katherine reminded her fellow graduates of these gifts that will take them far into the future. "I'll leave you with a quote by my patron saint, St. Catherine of Siena, that I have seen hung up in Mrs. Kruk's classroom these past few years. It reads, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.' That is, be the preserving, passionate young women, backed by a strong sisterhood and led by faith, that you were meant to be. And I promise you, you will set the world on fire."

[Laura Madison Rickli'22](#) concluded the ceremony by leading her classmates in the school's Alma Mater before IHA's newest alumnae walked out to *Allegretto* played by the IHA Orchestra.

Members of the Class of 2022 received more than forty-one million dollars in scholarship awards and will be continuing their education at some of the most esteemed colleges and universities in the country—from University of Michigan, Georgetown University, and Boston College to McGill University (Canada), New York University, and Wake Forest University.



Sydney Severini'22 and Natalie Ronen'22



Madison Woods'22 and  
Jacqueline Galano Woods'87 P'22

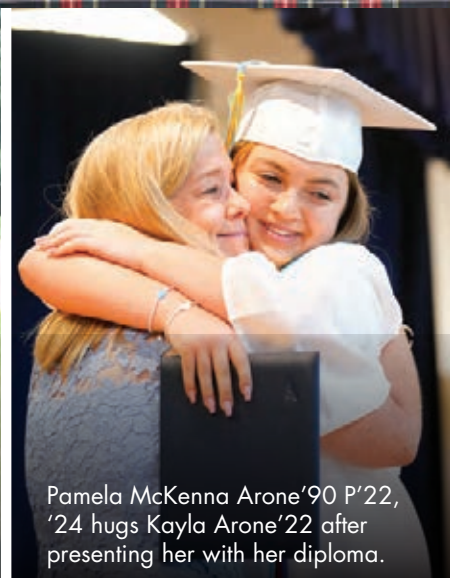




Laura Madison Rickli'22, Alexis Mason'22, Alyssa Darella'22, and Aniela Sanders'22 open the Commencement Ceremony with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.



Faustino Quiles, Marie Quiles P'22, Azriela Quiles'22, and Kama Patterson GP'22



Pamela McKenna Arone'90 P'22, '24 hugs Kayla Arone'22 after presenting her with her diploma.



Riley McGovern'22, Gabrielle Park'22, Caitlin Croci'22, and Kayla Arone'22



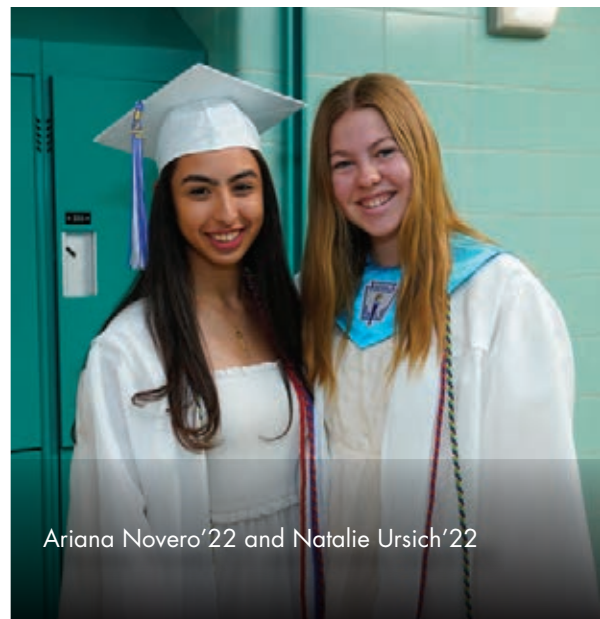
Christopher Karach P'22, Meghan Karach'22, and Christine Karach P'22

Thirty-eight students are attending Catholic institutions, thirteen students are attending schools in New Jersey, and forty percent are attending colleges and universities outside of the northeast. Some of the most popular choices this year include Marist College, Fordham University, and Clemson University with seven each; Fairfield University, Pennsylvania State University, Sacred Heart University, and Syracuse University with five each; University of South Carolina and University of Delaware with four each; and Boston College, Bucknell University, and Stevens Institute of Technology with three each. Eighty-eight percent of this class is attending their first or second-choice colleges.

Congratulations to Immaculate Heart Academy's Class of 2022. Keep soaring, Blue Eagles!



Brooke Muller'22 and Kyra Toskos'22



Ariana Novero'22 and Natalie Ursich'22



# Class of 2022 Graduation Awards

The following awards were presented at the 2022 Commencement Exercises:

**Valedictorian**

**Salutatorian**

**IHA Award**

**Academic Excellence Award**

**The Sr. Beatrice Ryan Award**

**The Visitation Award**

**The Mary Ann Molinari Memorial Award**

**The KariAnn Dellapenta Award**

**The Marie Sellers and Dorothy Savarese Memorial Award**

**The Jeffrey E. Silver Memorial Award**

**The Catherine Larkin Award**

**The Caren Cavallo Memorial Scholarship**

**The Marian Award**

**The Marisa Suarez Memorial Award**

**The Denise Gartner Memorial Award**

**The Tammy Medzadourian Memorial Award**

**The Michael Thomas Noone Memorial Award**

**The Amen Award**

Katherine Young (Villanova University)

Riley McGovern (Boston College)

Riley Ypelaar (Clemson University)

Margaux Yannacci (Boston College)

Gabriella Fava (Clemson University)

Erin Burke (Clemson University)

Madelyn Panebianco (University of Richmond)

Grace Capeless (University of Cincinnati –  
College Conservatory of Music)

Aniela Sanders (Franciscan University of Steubenville)

Gina Gaccione (Saint Anselm College)

Jessica Guanci (Sacred Heart University)

Sanaiya Villanueva (Stevens Institute of Technology)

Katherine Mahoney (Providence College)

Brigid Kearns (Fairfield University)

Sarah Vella (Syracuse University)

Cara Kochakian (Fairfield University)

Brianna Kuchenmeister (Villanova University)

Isabella Vaughn (Marist College)

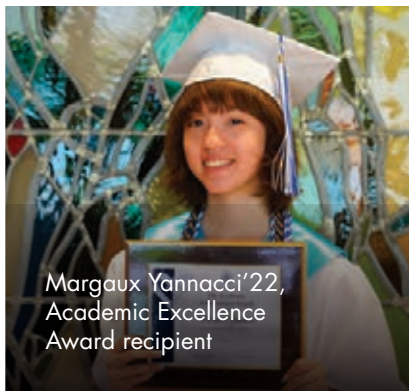
Jessica Boyd (University of Miami)



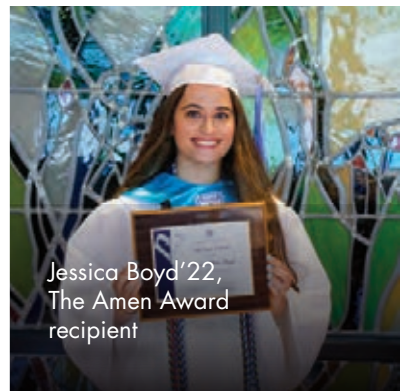
Madelyn Panebianco'22,  
The Mary Ann Molinari  
Memorial Award  
recipient



Ms. Sarah Pagano'09, 2022  
Commencement Speaker, and  
Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal  
recipient



Margaux Yannacci'22,  
Academic Excellence  
Award recipient



Jessica Boyd'22,  
The Amen Award  
recipient





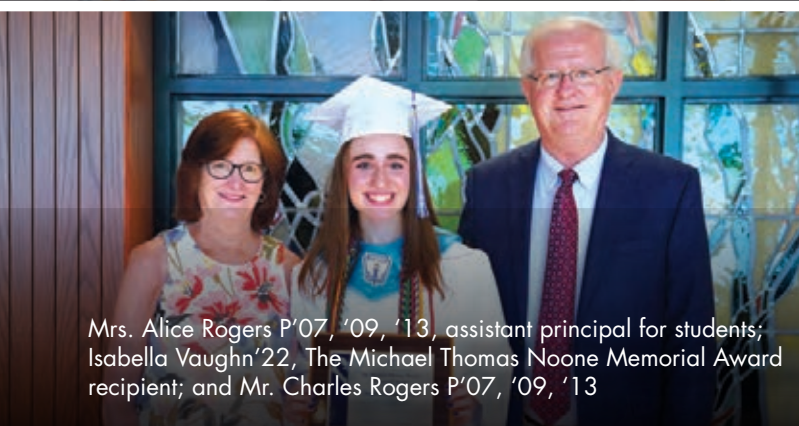
Katherine Mahoney '22,  
The Marian Award recipient



Grace Capeless '22, The KariAnn  
Dellapenta Award recipient



Riley McGovern '22, salutatorian; Riley Ypelaar '22, IHA Award  
recipient; Ms. Sarah Pagano '09, commencement speaker; and  
Katherine Young '22, valedictorian



Mrs. Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13, assistant principal for students;  
Isabella Vaughn '22, The Michael Thomas Noone Memorial Award  
recipient; and Mr. Charles Rogers P'07, '09, '13



Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; Mrs. Maureen Layng,  
assistant principal for academics; Erin Burke '22, The Visitation  
Award recipient; and Miss Kerry Carroll '04, principal



The Tammy Medzadourian Memorial Award recipients,  
Brianna Kuchenmeister '22 and Cara Kochakian '22



Yleana Contreras; Ryan Ypelaar; Yvette Ypelaar P'22; Mario Espinoza GP'22;  
Riley Ypelaar '22, IHA Award recipient; Robert Ypelaar P'22; Richard Ypelaar GP'22;  
and Kelsey Contreras



Joan Gartner P'90; Ann Gartner;  
Sarah Vella '22, The Denise Gartner  
Memorial Award recipient; and  
Gene Gartner



# 2022 Baccalaureate Mass & Awards Ceremony

Members of the Class of 2022 were celebrated and honored at the Baccalaureate Mass & Awards Ceremony on June 4, 2022. Thank you to Fr. Geno de la Rama and the IHA staff who planned and participated in the beautiful Mass and to the IHA administration and Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, senior class moderator, for honoring our seniors in such a special way.

“Class of 2022, you have accomplished so much,” Mrs. Kearns said during her Baccalaureate speech. “What highly intelligent, spiritual, and service-oriented young women you have become. I have no doubt you will make significant contributions to our society and the world. I hope in some small way we have helped you to grow as you navigated your way through the many challenges you faced throughout these four years. I know that because of our interaction with you, we have become better teachers, mentors, and administrators.”

Congratulations to this year's graduates for their incredible contributions to IHA over the past four years. On the evening of Baccalaureate, our valedictorian, Katherine Young'22 (Villanova University), and salutatorian, Riley McGovern'22 (Boston College), received medals to be worn on Graduation day. Honors students were then recognized—eleven with Distinguished Honors by maintaining an average of 95 or better for the year and eighty-nine with Honors by maintaining an average of 90 for the year. IHA Family Awards were presented to six families this year; read about the Family Award recipients on page 12.

## Subject Area Awards

**The Arts** – Olivia Salkowsky (*Indiana University - Bloomington*)

**Communications** – Grace Capeless (*University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music*)

**English** – Jessica Boyd (*University of Miami*)

**French** – Margaret Dillon (*University of Wisconsin - Madison*)

**Mathematics** – Sanaiya Villanueva (*Stevens Institute of Technology*)



Sanaiya Villanueva'22, the Mathematics Award recipient

**Religious Studies** – Aniela Sanders (*Franciscan University of Steubenville*)

**Physical Education** – Gabrielle Montegari (*Kennesaw State University*)

**Science** – Sarah Vella (*Syracuse University*)

**Social Sciences** – Lauren Plastina (*McGill University*)

**Spanish** – Sofia Linzan (*University of Delaware*)

**Technology** – Isabelle Villanueva (*Stevens Institute of Technology*)

Additionally, congratulations to the following scholarship award recipients:

## Athletics Awards

**The Immaculate Heart Academy Scholar Athlete Award**

Gabrielle Park (*Georgetown University*)

**The NJSIAA New Jersey Scholar Athlete Award**

Riley McGovern (*Boston College*)

**The Immaculate Heart Academy Athletic Achievement Award**

Maegan Feeney (*University of Connecticut*)

**The Immaculate Heart Academy Athlete of the Year Award**

Jocelyn Moody (*Fairleigh Dickinson University*)

## Graduation Awards

**IHA Parents' Club Robert Ryan Memorial Scholarship**

Olivia Mulligan (*Santa Clara University*)

**The Virginia "Ginny" Panicucci Memorial Award**

Emily Prussak (*University of Rhode Island*)

**The Kim Montelaro Memorial Award**

Caitlin Croci (*University of South Carolina - Columbia*)

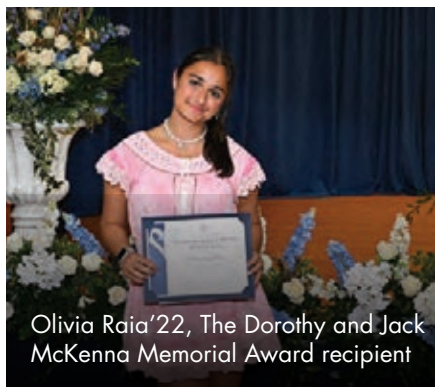


Caitlin Croci'22, The Kim Montelaro Memorial Award recipient



### The Dorothy and Jack McKenna Memorial Award

Olivia Raia (*Boston College*)



Olivia Raia'22, The Dorothy and Jack McKenna Memorial Award recipient

### The Kathleen Farley Memorial Award

Alyssa Darella (*University of South Carolina – Columbia*)

### The Fine Arts Award

Christina Mastellone (*Syracuse University*)

### The Minerva Echeverría Memorial Award

Emma Hawryluk (*George Washington University*)



Emma Hawryluk'22, The Minerva Echevarría Memorial Award recipient

## Outside Scholarships

### The Lakeland Bank Scholarship

Jessica Kielur (*College of the Holy Cross*)

### The Ramsey Knights of Columbus

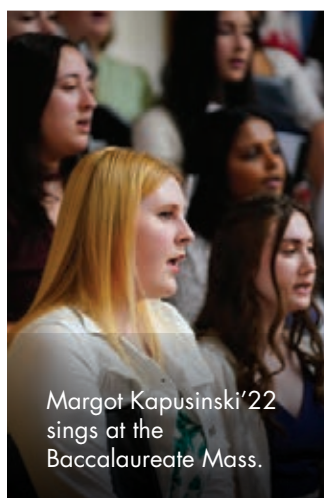
Margaret Dillon (*University of Wisconsin - Madison*)

### The Bergen County Directors of Guidance Scholarship

Haidyn Gilmore (*University of Mississippi*)



Cara Kochakian'22, Katherine Sposa'22, Natalie DiLorenzo'22, and Jessica Guanci'22



Margot Kapusinski'22 sings at the Baccalaureate Mass.



Taeva Parent'22, Sophia Gervino'22, Natalie Ursich'22, Anna Gehres'22, Kieran Farley'22, and Jessica Kielur'22



Marissa Roberge'22



Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, senior class moderator, hugs Gabriella Fava'22, senior class president.



**Above:** Maegan Feeney'22, the IHA Athletic Achievement Award recipient



**Left:** Gina Gaccione'22 shakes the hand of Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.



# Immaculate Heart Academy Family Awards Presented

**W**e presented the Immaculate Heart Academy Family Awards at our 2022 Baccalaureate Mass & Awards Ceremony to the families who have their last daughter of three or more graduating. Congratulations to:

**Gloria Kolakowski Amoroso**'86 and **James Amoroso**, parents of Lily'20, Grace'22, and Julia'22

**Lisa and Thomas Calianese**, parents of Elizabeth'13, Nicole'19, and Grace'22

**Donna and Gerard Galiger**, parents of Carly'19, Kelsey'20, and Kylie'22

**Grace and Scott King**, parents of Courtney'16, Cassidy'19, and Camryn'22

**Janine and Vincent Priolo**, parents of Olivia'17, Alessandra'19, and Sabrina'22

**Eileen and Thomas Walsh**, parents of Lauren'16, Jenna'19, and Ciara'22



The Calianese Family



The Walsh Family



The Galiger Family



The Priolo Family



The King Family



The Amoroso Family





Members of the Class of 2022 proudly sport their college gear!

# College Signing Day

Our Class of 2022 Blue Eagles are headed to so many incredible colleges and universities! IHA celebrated National College Signing Day on Monday, May 2, 2022. Students sported their new school apparel, signed their names and schools to a custom College Bound canvas, enjoyed IHA senior cookies, and took their final group photo together as a class.

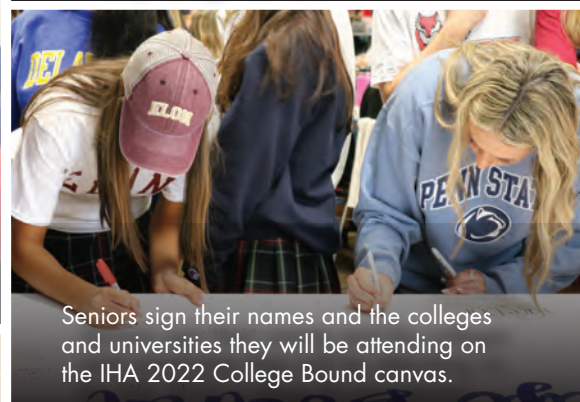
Thank you to Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling; Mrs. Corinne Fritzky, college counselor; and the IHA administration for planning a memorable day, and Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts, and her students for creating the College Bound sign. Fly high, Blue Eagles!



Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling, and Mrs. Corinne Fritzky, college counselor



Shannon LaMotta'22, Grace Calianese'22, and Natalie Ursich'22



Seniors sign their names and the colleges and universities they will be attending on the IHA 2022 College Bound canvas.



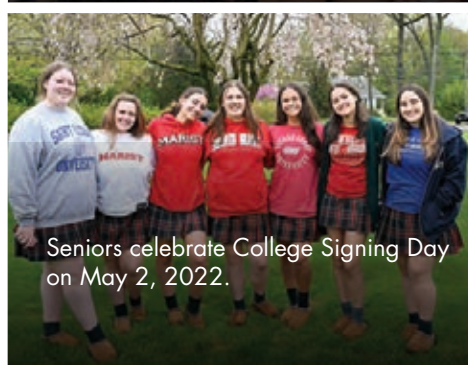
Ciara Walsh'22, Riley Benedik'22, and Meghan Karach'22



Angelina Daniel'22, Ariana Novero'22, Azriela Quiles'22, and Sofia Linzan'22



Anna Gehres'22, Jessica Boyd'22, and Sinead Gilmartin'22



Seniors celebrate College Signing Day on May 2, 2022.



Britney Lyons'22, Isabella Vaughn'22, Jessica Boyd'22, and Margot Kapusinski'22



# Handbag Happy Hour

Immaculate Heart Academy's Handbag Happy Hour proved to be an enjoyable and fun way to close out our events for the 2021-22 school year! Congratulations to all of the winners throughout the evening, especially Dawn Costanza, aunt of Olivia Pantano'25, who won the Louis Vuitton raffle, and Christine Hayes P'23, '25, who won the 50/50.

Special thanks to Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06, director of alumnae engagement and special events, and the IHA Development Department staff; the Pisani Family P'23 for the cookie donation; Grace King P'16, '19, '22; Stacy DeMicco P'21, '24, '25; and the parent and faculty volunteers who donated gifts, wrapped and decorated baskets, and worked on the many details of this event.

**Right:** Julia Incognito, Danielle Incognito, and Denise Checki GP'25



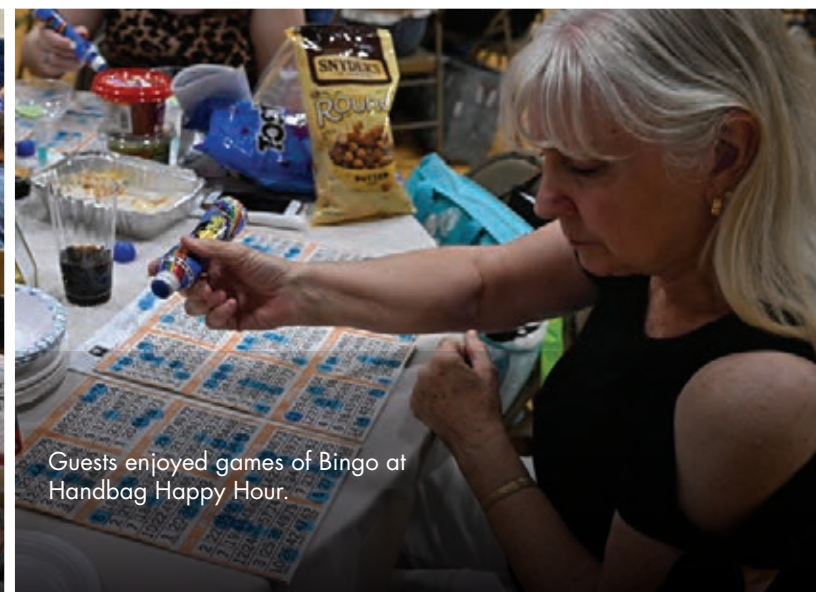
Marissa Quinn Donahoe'08



Lauren Dolivier



Mary Beth Coyne Mulry'91 P'25



Guests enjoyed games of Bingo at Handbag Happy Hour.



# End-of-the-Year Luncheon and Retirement Celebration

## New Staff Announced

The faculty and staff ended the school year with a special reception on June 15, 2022. We were thrilled to recognize faculty members celebrating milestone work anniversaries, in addition to our outstanding retirees. Congratulations to:

### 35 Years

Lynn Gansley

### 20 Years

Shemayne Williams

Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06

### 10 Years

Erika Brennan

Janell Caufield

Linda Chelotti'76

Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13

At the end of the 2021-22 academic year, we said goodbye to three teachers who have dedicated so much time, love, and energy to their IHA family. We send our most heartfelt well wishes to **Mr. Phil Bernardi**, communications teacher and production coordinator; **Mrs. Lori Cellini P'99, '02, '05, '11**, mathematics teacher; and **Mrs. Susan Derrick Butler'64**, mathematics teacher. Congratulations on your retirements, and thank you for the many years each one of you has devoted to Immaculate Heart Academy!

As we enter the 2022-23 academic year, we are thrilled to welcome **Ms. Lauren Rhein'09** as our new director of admissions and **Mr. Steve Ferro** as our new director of athletics. We also welcome **Mr. Ian Elfers** to the Social Studies Department; **Mrs. Yvonne Provost** and **Mr. Gregory McDonald** to the Mathematics Department; and



Mrs. Susan Derrick Butler'64 and her guests



Mr. Phil Bernardi and his guests



Mrs. Lori Cellini P'99, '02, '05, '11 and her guests

**Ms. Marnie McGuirk** to the Science Department. **Mr. Gabe Valle** has been named our new music minister, and **Mrs. Nicole Keller St-Onge'06** has been hired as IHA's school nurse.

In-house changes include **Ms. Jessica Shaheen** being named Communications

Department chairperson; **Mrs. Helen DeMartini P'21, '23** being named Science Department chairperson; and **Mr. John Downey** joining the Physical Education Department. We look forward to another spectacular year teaching, mentoring, and guiding the amazing young women @theheart.





# Junior/Senior Luncheon 2022

IHA's beloved tradition, the Junior/Senior Luncheon & Awards Ceremony, was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The Class of 2023 and moderator, Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, hosted lunch from Wilkes Deli, Ridgewood for the members of the Class of 2022 and the faculty. The juniors also made a variety of sweet treats for dessert.

After the luncheon, the student body gathered in the PAC for the first awards ceremony for the graduating Class of 2022, in which club, honor society, and activity awards were presented. The fun afternoon concluded with a photo slideshow of the seniors from their freshman year through present day. Congratulations to this year's graduates for their incredible contributions to IHA over the past four years.

## Senior Members of the Student Council Executive Board

**President** – Olivia Raia (Boston College)

**Vice President** – Isabella Vaughn (Marist College)

## Senior Class Homeroom Representatives

Ariana Novero (Marist College)

Mackenna Olsen

(The Catholic University of America)

Heerali Patel (Seton Hall University)

Jenna Savino (University of Rochester)

Isabelle Villanueva

(Stevens Institute of Technology)

Victoria Marian

(Pennsylvania State University)

Camryn King (University of South

Carolina - Columbia)

Jessica Kielur (College of the Holy Cross)  
Mackenzie Keelen  
(Saint Louis University)

## Senior Class Officers

**President** – Gabriella Fava  
(Clemson University)

**Vice President** – Erin Burke  
(Clemson University)

**Secretary** – Jessica Guanci  
(Sacred Heart University)

**Treasurer** – Kayla Arone  
(Kenyon College)

**Cabinet Officers** – Kyra Toskos  
(Clemson University) and  
Jayda Yatko (Clemson University)





**Above:** From left to right are Jenny Lee'22, Cleo Kepka'22, Mackenzie Keelen'22, Marissa Roberge'22, Ava Kazias'22, Deanna Paladino'22, Taeva Parent'22, Mary Grace Maurer'22, Alexis Mason'22, and Daniella Allen'22.

**Top Right:** Margaux Yannacci'22, Emma Hawryluk'22, Olivia Salkowsky'22, and Daniella Allen'22



Sophia Rowell'23, Emma Burgess'23, Maeve Sayre'23, Caitlin Croci'22, Riley McGovern'22, Gabrielle Montegari'22, Natalie Coulter'23, Olivia Toohey'23, Grace Cassin'23, and Juliette Wittig'23



Clockwise from bottom left are Mary Stoker'23, Elizabeth Bolado'23, Maya Hickey'23, Willow Thomas'23, Haylie Kenney'23, Magdaly Pierre-Louis'23, Christina-Ann Augustin'23, and Natalia Hudak'23.



Daniella Osorio'23, Rynne Kelleher'22, Brigid Kearns'22, Jenna Ghiosay'23, and Alexa Aranas'22



Shannon LaMotta'22



Erin Burke'22

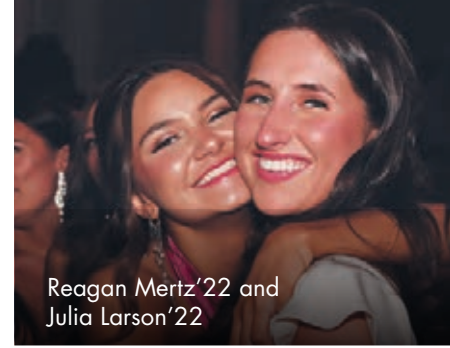


Sophia Bednarek'22

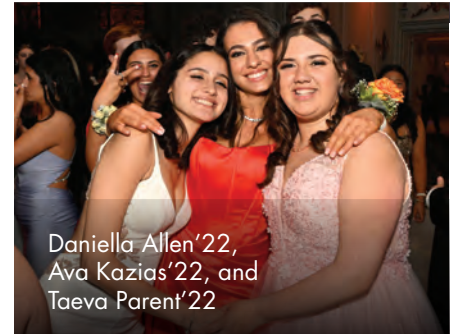


# Class of 2022 Celebrates Senior Prom

The Class of 2022 Senior Prom was held at The Legacy Castle in Pompton Plains on April 29, 2022. It was a memorable and beautiful night for our seniors! Thank you to Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, senior class moderator, and the Senior Class Executive Board for planning the evening.



Reagan Mertz'22 and  
Julia Larson'22



Daniella Allen'22,  
Ava Kazias'22, and  
Taeva Parent'22



Senior Class Officers including Gabriella Fava'22; Erin Burke'22; Jessica Guanci'22; Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11; Kayla Arone'22; Jayda Yatko'22; and Kyra Toskos'22



Katherine Mahoney'22, Catriona Caputo'22, and RYanne Kelleher'22



Katherine Sposa'22, Christina Sanchez'22, and Jocelyn Moody'22



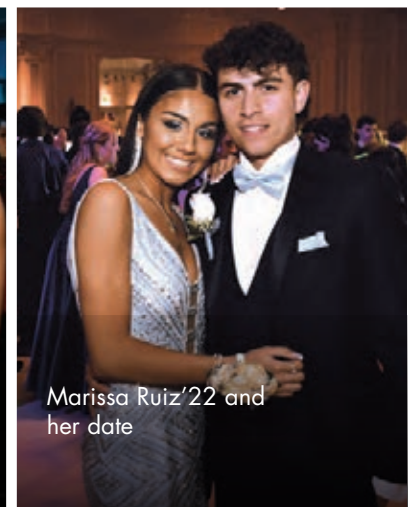
Taylor Terry'22, Alyssa Darella'22, Grace Capeless'22, and Samantha Emr'22



Hayley DiLisi'22, Lana Artusa'22, and their dates



Rhea Mittal'22, Lindsay Keogh'22, and Madelyn Panebianco'22



Marissa Ruiz'22 and  
her date



# Spring Arts Festival

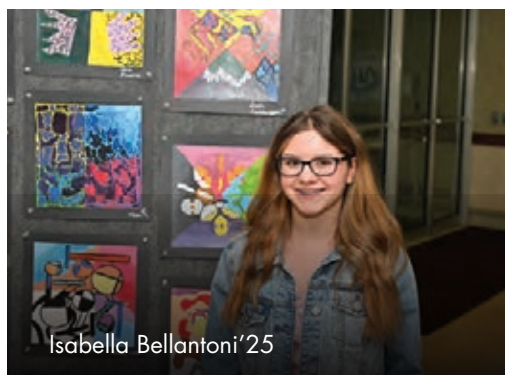
## Molly Offer'06 Memorial Scholarship Award Presented

IHA's Spring Arts Festival was held on the evening of May 5, 2022. Exhibiting artists in the Art Show included students from Art I, Art II, Digital Photography, 3D Art, Advanced Painting & Drawing, 3D Art II, Honors Studio, and AP Studio Art, courses taught by Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts, and Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, art teacher.

The concert featured beautiful performances by the IHA Orchestra, led by Mr. Joseph Martorano P'09, and Voices and Praise, led by Mrs. Barbara Donatacci P'19. Seniors in Tri-M and the National Art Honor Society were presented their graduation honor cords and the 2022 Molly Offer'06 Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to Carolyn Sandt'23. Thank you to the Tech Corps students, moderated by Ms. Taryn Tonelli'09, who assisted with the concert!



Back row, left to right, are Brennan Offer Burke'94; Mary Ellen Offer P'94, '96, '98, '01, '06; Carolyn Sandt'23, the 2022 Molly Offer'06 Memorial Scholarship Award recipient; and Rob Sandt P'20, '23, '24. Front row, left to right, are Bridget Burke; Kathleen Burke; Grace Sandt; Mrs. Kathy Sandt GP'17, '20, '23, '24, FF; Mrs. Donna Sandt P'20, '23, '24, F; and Bob Sandt GP'17, '20, '23, '24.



Isabella Bellantoni'25



Johanna Murphy'23



Laura Madison Rickli'22; Alexis Mason'22; Mrs. Barbara Donatacci P'19, F; Alyssa Darella'22; Aniela Sanders'22; Anna Gehres'22; Britney Lyons'22; and Sarah Vella'22

Members of IHA's vocal ensembles



Lauren Grae'23 and Sarah Vella'22





# IHA Globetrotters Visit Spain and France

By: Isabella Galan'23

After two years of pausing IHA's Summer Europe Trip, students and teachers had the opportunity to go this past June. Thirty-eight students and six teacher chaperones traveled across Europe from Barcelona, Spain to Provence, France and finally to Paris, France. Chaperones included Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, Dr. Sue Kenney, Mrs. Maria Daly-Valls, Ms. Ellen Donoghue'76, Ms. Julia Clinton'11, and Mrs. Helen DeMartini P'21, '23. This ten-day trip allowed students to not only educate ourselves on the unique history of each region, but also experience a greater sense of independence.

The trip began in Barcelona, where our IHA group seized the day and started sightseeing around the area as soon as we arrived. After some exploration time, we visited the Cathedral of Barcelona and took an in-depth tour that taught us about its history and the artifacts that lie within the cathedral. We then continued our walking tour through the city and ended the day with an authentic Spanish meal. The next day started bright and early; we walked through Park Güell, which houses the Hall of the Hundred Columns, as well as the home of Antoni Gaudí. Following the park, we visited La Sagrada Família, which is currently the largest unfinished Roman Catholic Church. We ended our second day with an incredible bicycle tour. We split up into three groups and biked all over the city of Barcelona; we were even able to dip our toes in the Mediterranean Sea near the Olympic Port of Barcelona built for the 1992 Olympics!

On our last day in Spain, we traveled to the city of Tortosa to visit the Holy Family sister school that has been participating in an email exchange program with IHA. Some of the e-pals



The full IHA group poses in front of the Eiffel Tower.

from the school met up with our group and gave us personal tours of Tortosa, as well as their own school. We toured their historic library, ate traditional fideuà, and finished the visit with a swim in their pool overlooking the city. Joining together with the students from this school was truly a major highlight; many girls shared that it was their favorite day of the whole trip! Upon returning to Barcelona that evening, the IHA students and chaperones enjoyed a farewell dinner that included tapas and paella.

Next, we explored Carcassonne, the medieval walled city in the region of Occitanie, France. We explored within the city walls before resting in the Roman city of Nîmes. Our second day in Provence was spent in Avignon, visiting the famous lavender fields and the Pont du Gard Aqueduct. We had an incredible time taking tons of photos in the lavender fields and picking up many



Haylie Kenney'23 makes crêpes at École de Boulangerie et de Pâtisserie de Paris.





The group takes a break in Avignon, Provence, France.

lavender-themed souvenirs to take home to remember the beautiful city.

As the trip came to a close, it was finally time to travel by a high speed train to the highly anticipated city of Paris. As soon as we got off the train, a local guide narrated a bus tour that led us around the city and allowed us to stop for photos at the Arc de Triomphe, Musée de l'Armée, and the Eiffel Tower. After the sightseeing tour,

The next day was spent taking the metro all over Paris, which was a bit hectic, but overall, a fun experience. Our group started the day by going to Musée d'Orsay, where we walked through history and learned about the many impressionist painters that changed the world of art. We even had the opportunity to take a watercolor painting class inspired by impressionists. At dinner that evening, many IHA girls were adventurous and



IHA students and Ms. Ellen Donoghue '76 stop to pose for a photo while on a Barcelona Bike Tour.

we checked into our hotel and discovered we were going to go to the very top of the Eiffel Tower after dinner. We dressed in our very best outfits and experienced the most beautiful view of Paris at night from approximately one thousand feet high. The night was officially topped off when we were on our way back to the hotel and saw the tower sparkle as the clock hit midnight! Many IHA girls said they felt it was the most beautiful part of their Paris experience, and expressed how they were very lucky to be able to witness it in person.

tried escargot for the first time. After reflecting on the trip, it was clear that the food made it the most memorable. Being able to experience true, authentic cuisine inspired us to take a baking class on our final day. We made our own crêpes as well as many other French desserts. We then visited Musée du Parfum to learn about the history and development of different perfumes internationally. To finish off our final evening in Paris, we traveled down Le Seine entertaining and waving hello to all of the people we passed along the way.



Sarah Vella '22, Ava Kazias '22, Deanna Paladino '22, Marissa Roberge '22, Taeva Parent '22, Nora Kavanagh '22, Sophia Gervino '22, and Emily Prussak '22 in Avignon, Provence, France



IHA students pose on the stairs of Santuario de Nuestra Señora de la Cinta, in Tortosa, Tarragona, Spain, the location of IHA's sister school.



The IHA group is on its way to the lavender fields in Provence, France.

The ten days spent in Europe offered my peers, teachers, and me once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that enabled us to walk away with so much new-found knowledge about different countries and cultures. Not only did we learn about the historical significance surrounding each location, but we also saw firsthand the everyday life of the Spanish and the French. There may have been long days, short nights, and a lot of walking, but the trip gave us a whole new perspective on traveling! We are truly fortunate to have a program like this at IHA for our sisters to experience together.



# Legacy Night

## A Parent and Student Retreat for the Class of 2022

On the evening of May 16, 2022, IHA Campus Ministry presented Legacy Night, a parent and student retreat and banquet for the Class of 2022. Almost one hundred seniors and their parents joined together at Biagio's to celebrate and reflect on their time at IHA. Speakers included Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal; and Ms. Lauren Rhein'09, IHA Golf coach.

Seniors and their parents participated in thought-provoking guided discussions and the evening concluded with parents praying over their daughters, asking for God's guidance as they leave IHA and continue to use their gifts and talents to change the world.



Basia Danilow P'22, Aniela Sanders'22, and Peter Sanders P'22



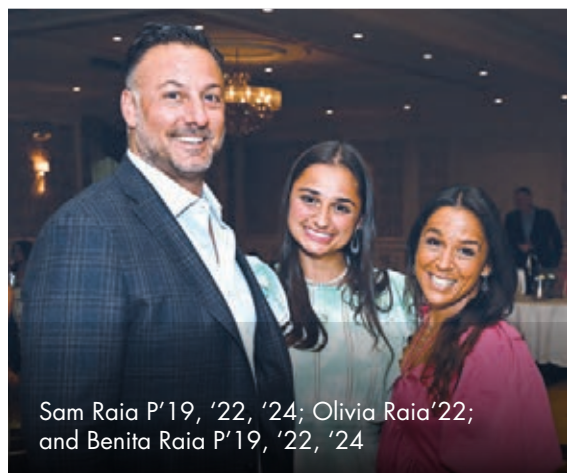
Clement Farley P'22, Kieran Farley'22, and Maureen Farley P'22



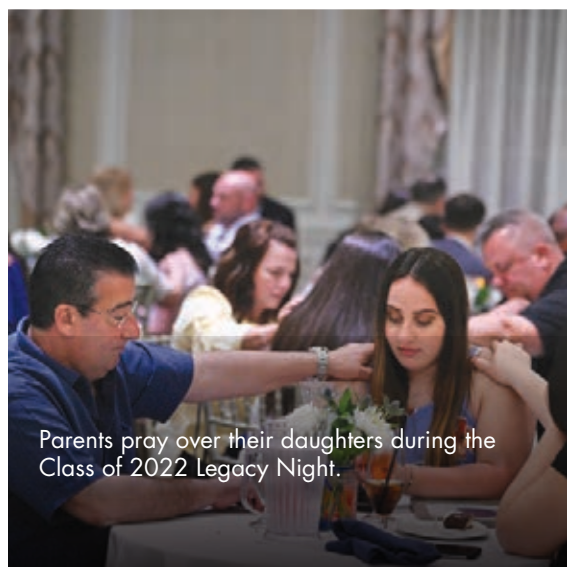
Mary Pat Podest P'14, '22; Molly Podest'22; and Ted Podest P'14, '22



Nitiika Mittal P'22, Rhea Mittal'22, and Anubhav Mittal P'22



Sam Raia P'19, '22, '24; Olivia Raia'22; and Benita Raia P'19, '22, '24



Parents pray over their daughters during the Class of 2022 Legacy Night.

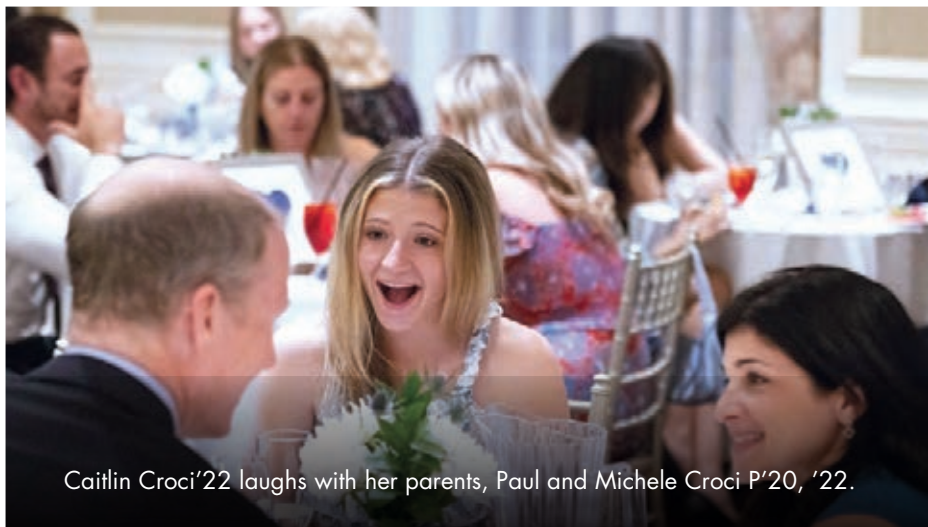




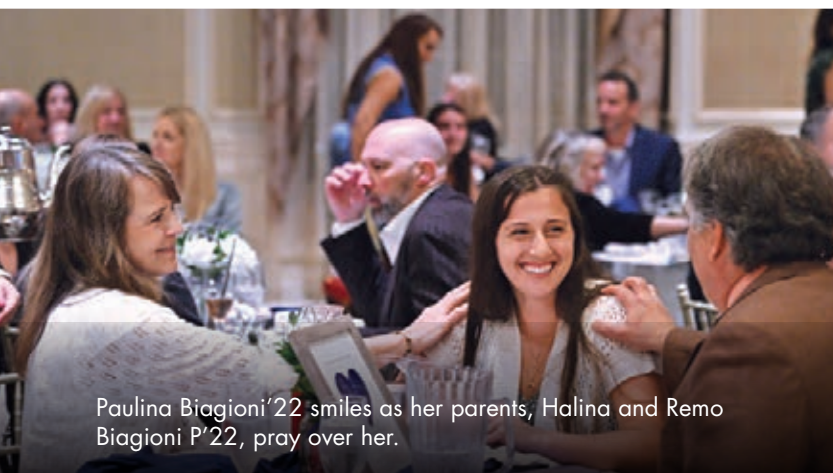
Natalie DiLorenzo'22, Brigid Kearns'22, Riley Ypelaar'22, Katherine Mahoney'22, Ryanne Kelleher'22, Grace Martin'22, and Ella Scimeca'22



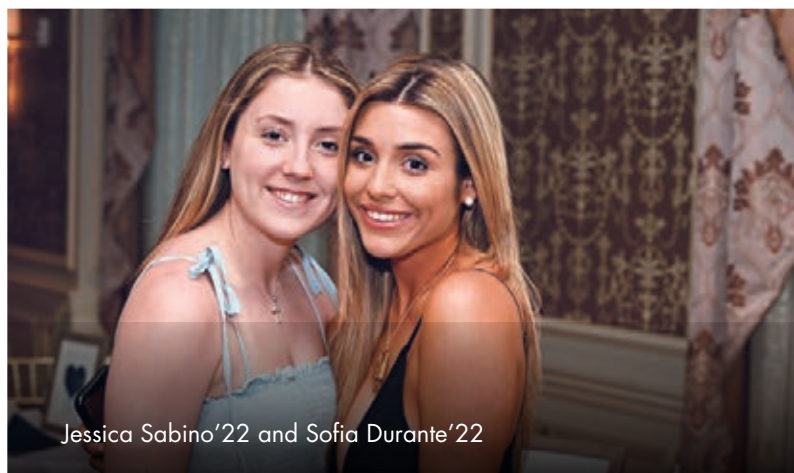
Tori Totaro'22, Sabrina Priolo'22, Giuliana Costello'22, Brooke Muller'22, and Kyra Toskos'22



Caitlin Croci'22 laughs with her parents, Paul and Michele Croci P'20, '22.



Paulina Biagioni'22 smiles as her parents, Halina and Remo Biagioni P'22, pray over her.



Jessica Sabino'22 and Sofia Durante'22



Isabella Vaughn'22, Sarah Vella'22, Aniela Sanders'22, Paulina Biagioni'22, Sofia Alvarez'22, and Margot Kapusinski'22



Frank D'Amico P'22, Francesca D'Amico'22, and Tracie D'Amico P'22



# Senior Fashion Show



Members of the Class of 2022 who walked in the Senior Fashion Show

**F**orty-five seniors walked the runway in Immaculate Heart Academy's Senior Fashion Show on May 23, 2022. The event took place at the stunning Highlawn in West Orange and included a cocktail reception that boasted the New York City skyline view.

Thank you to the Development and Special Events team for planning this great event, especially Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76 P'06; event chairperson, Stacy DeMicco P'21, '24, '25; Grace King P'16, '19, '22 and the IHA Parents' Club; mistresses of ceremonies, Mrs. Tara Hopfenspirger, director of communications & marketing, and Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling; and all of our beautiful models and their supportive and encouraging parents.







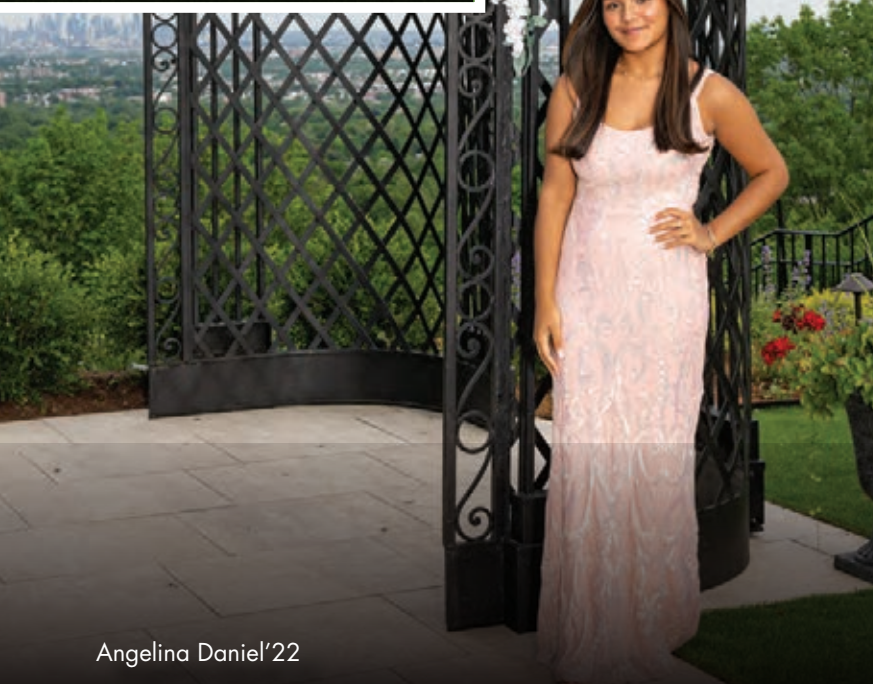
Jessica Iacono'22 and  
Amanda Zanfardino'22



Riley Ypelaar'22, RYanne Kelleher'22, Arabella Pastena'22, Natalie DiLorenzo'22, Ella Scimeca'22, Erin Burke'22, and Brigid Kearns'22



Samantha Mullins'22



Angelina Daniel'22



Camryn King'22



Isabelle Morr'22



Katherine Young'22, Madison Woods'22, Brianna Kuchenmeister'22, and Natalie Ronen'22



Gina Gaccione'22, Madison Stewart'22, Olivia Raia'22, Maeve Harrigan'22, Molly Podes'22, and Alexa Aranas'22



# Class of 2022 Powderpuff + Senior BBQ

**O**n May 16, 2022, IHA seniors attended their first graduation practice, had fun playing a few Powderpuff games with their classmates, and enjoyed the Senior BBQ, catered by The Market Basket, to kick off 2022 Senior Week!



Giuliana Costello'22 and Jayda Yatko'22



Top row, left to right, are Ella Scimeca'22, Erin Burke'22, and Brigid Kearns'22. Bottom row are Olivia Raia'22 and Madison Stewart'22.



Margaret Dillon'22, Lindsey Polchin'22, Anna Gehres'22, Jenny Lee'22, and Cleo Kepka'22





Julia Amoroso'22 and Grace Martin'22



Margaret Dillon'22 and Sophia Gervino'22



Natalie DiLorenzo'22 and Arabella Pastena'22



Elizabeth Muzilla-Fullem'22 and Samantha Campana'22



Gabrielle Montegari'22 and Maegan Feeney'22



Victoria Marian'22, Sophia Bednarek'22, Lindsay Keogh'22, Madelyn Panebianco'22, Camryn King'22, Kylie Galiger'22, and Jacqueline Vale'22



Jocelyn Moody'22





# Scholae@theheart Program Introduced at IHA

Immaculate Heart Academy has announced its inaugural Scholae@theheart Program to begin in the 2022-23 academic year. This novel program enhances IHA's superlative college preparatory curriculum by providing increased opportunities for specialization and recognition in areas that capitalize on students' strengths and interests. Scholae@theheart allows students to investigate areas for postsecondary education and receive additional extracurricular experiences to support their discernment and learning.

## Student Benefits

- **Quarterly after school enrichment opportunities** including alumnae panels, documentary viewings, field trips, collaborative service projects, and more
- **The opportunity** to design and implement a senior capstone project
- **A designation** of schola participation on college transcripts
- **Participation** in an academic distinction program while still meeting the increasingly demanding college admissions course requirements

All of the scholae share a common liberal arts core curriculum that provides the foundation and skills that universities expect from top tier applicants. Scholars enrolled in one of the five initial scholae offered at IHA will benefit from guided course selection, exposure to community professionals within the chosen emphasis field, afterschool enrichment opportunities, and the experience of developing a capstone synthesis presentation in their senior year. All successful scholars receive a designation on their transcripts. The initial scholae introduced, all named after female saints, include:

- The St. Hildegard Arts Schola
- The St. Clare of Assisi Communications Schola
- The St. Barbara Engineering Schola
- The St. Catherine of Siena Humanities Schola
- The St. Gianna Molla Life Sciences Schola

Female saints were carefully selected to encourage students to recognize themselves, and their academic passions, in the stories of the saints. "As students face academic challenges and discover new interests, their signature saint stands as an example of another faithful young woman who pursued her dreams, often against great odds, and found a deep relationship with God and with her community as the fruit of that pursuit," said Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal.

"We hope our saints will inspire our students to grow and give of the talents with which God has blessed them."

Scholae@theheart does not require a prescriptive curriculum nor is it tied to an academic scholarship. The program serves all students with emphasis classes available at every academic level and provides in-depth study opportunities for all core disciplines. It also allows the flexibility of students to join a schola as early as March of their ninth grade year or as late as March of their eleventh grade year, enabling them to truly explore all of IHA's offerings and pursue new interests. Other practical benefits of the Scholae program are that it provides counselors with an additional discussion point for recommendation letters, diffuses division between STEM@theheart Program students and the rest of the student body, mitigates placement challenges for incoming freshmen, and makes a positive impact on the college admissions process. All students currently enrolled in the STEM@theheart Program will be able to finish their course of study. STEM courses will continue to be offered moving forward for all students.

"Harvard, among other top tier universities, asks, 'Do you have a direction yet?' 'Do you care deeply about anything?' 'What have you learned from your interests?'" explained Miss Carroll. "The Scholae@theheart Program equips students with the experiences and vocabulary necessary to answer these



## Scholae@theheart FAQs

**Q: Do students need to apply?**

**A:** Students submit a statement of intent.

**Q: Is a certain GPA required?**

**A:** Students of all academic levels can participate in any of the scholae.

**Q: Are students "locked in"?**

**A:** No, students can withdraw at any point prior to course selection for 12th grade.

**Q: Are students required to join a schola?**

**A:** No, they are completely optional.

questions persuasively and will graduate students who exemplify colleges' desire for well-rounded specialists who can actively contribute to campus communities."

At Immaculate Heart, we are committed to offering exemplary courses in a wide variety of disciplines, as we believe that high school is the time for students to begin exploring their passions and to take advantage of diverse opportunities for growth. Scholae@theheart allows students to discover an area of passion in-depth while also allowing enough freedom in their schedule to undertake other coursework outside their area of emphasis. Looking into the future, IHA plans to augment the Scholae program by adding the disciplines of Business, Global Citizenship, and Performing Arts. Additionally, the new program emphasizes community cultivation and growth.

"IHA's sisterhood is truly special and empowers students to recognize that they are children of God," Miss Carroll said. "The Scholae program provides students an additional community of like-minded classmates, promotes inter-grade level friendships, and connects students with an expert faculty advisor."

Miss Carroll continued on to say that she is thrilled with the opportunities that Scholae@theheart will provide for Immaculate Heart Academy students. "It is a truly unique program that further enhances our students' academic and community experience. I believe it provides an unparalleled balance of in-depth study, academic flexibility, community support, and leadership experiences. I am looking forward to working with our director of studies, assistant principal of academics, and our amazing faculty academic coordinators to help introduce this program to our students and families."

# Second Semester Distinguished Scholars

Congratulations are extended to the following students who have been named Distinguished Scholars by earning an average of 95 or better for the second semester of the 2021-22 academic year:

## Freshmen

Ileana Asencio  
Madison Assanah  
Isabelle Bertussi  
Elizabeth Burgess  
Paige Burgess  
Lauren DeLuccia  
Victoria DelJuidice  
Caitlin Donovan  
Allison Egan  
Ella Feola  
Leah Finley  
Caroline Francisco  
Grace Guglielmetti  
Ariana Hernandez  
Lana Langevin  
Megan McCarthy  
Emma McElroy  
Hailey McGrath  
Katelyn Mikros  
Jillian Milstein

Clodagh Moore  
Alison Morris  
Lauren Mulry  
Emma Neyland  
Victoria Niziol  
Addison Olsen  
Rachel Paton  
Isabella Piccinich  
Oliwia Piwowarski  
Maggie Polchin  
Kathleen Reck  
Zoe Sarno  
Marina Scalcione  
Sarah Schiller  
Rebecca Schutz  
Julia Sobilo  
Bergen Sollecito  
Sierra Tofts

## Sophomores

Alexandra Barry  
Ella Bosse  
Caitlin Carr  
Emily Caton  
Ella Crane  
Sophia Cremona  
Meghan Deane  
Natalie Deegan  
Gianna DiMeglio  
Julia Grzybowski  
Hannah Hart  
Meaghan Keating  
Rose Martin  
Samantha McGee  
Reagan Pace  
Angelina Parrino  
Bryana Saenz  
Kiera Stevenson  
Adrianna Uykan  
Eileen Wynne

## Juniors

Megan Anderson  
Marie Baldwin  
Katelyn Coughlan  
Katherine Deane  
Emma Dillane  
Lauren Grae  
Noelle Haskell  
Leanna Johnston  
Chelsea Lapp  
Layla Libanan  
Allison Lynch  
Natalia Maglicic  
Judith Mathew  
Payton McIntyre  
Kate Menake  
Johanna Murphy  
Olivia Seitter  
Jessica Sundlin  
Mary-Kathryn Sweeney  
Olivia Tacconi

## Seniors

Riley Benedik  
Abbey Benus  
Paulina Biagioni  
Alexandra Birdsall  
Grace Calianese  
Caitlin Croci  
Alyssa Darella  
Margaret Dillon  
Kylie Galiger  
Katherine Garbett  
Skyler Hunt  
Ava Kazias  
Shannon LaMotta  
Ashley Mariscal  
Lauren Plastina  
Christiane Wahba  
Jayda Yatko  
Katherine Young  
Riley Ypelaar



# Service-minded IHA Students Recognized

**A**t our Service Awards Assembly on May 11, 2022, Immaculate Heart Academy recognized and celebrated those students who continued to serve in substantial and creative ways over the last year.

Service at Immaculate Heart isn't just something that is required; it's a central part of who we are. Over the last year, our students served a total of twenty-six thousand, six hundred and six hours. On average, IHA's young women serve double the amount of hours required of them. The highest achieving class in the 2021-22 academic year is the Class of 2022, with a total of eight thousand five hundred and eighty-three hours. Additionally, IHA students have accumulated a total of seven hundred and forty President's Volunteer Service Awards, with sixty-six this year alone.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was founded in 2003 by the United States President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to recognize the important role of volunteers in America's strength and national identity. This award honors individuals whose service positively impacts communities in every corner of the nation and inspires those around them to take action too. We honored forty-four students for achieving the [President's Volunteer Service Award](#) at the Bronze level (100-174 hours per year), nine at the Silver level (175-249 hours per year), and thirteen at the Gold level (250 and more hours per year). Recipients received a pin and a certificate signed by the President of the United States. Big congratulations to the top service hour earner, [Jessica Gerber'23](#), who earned five hundred and thirteen total hours in the last year. Listed are all President's Volunteer Service Award recipients, in order of hours earned.



President's Volunteer Service Gold Award recipients

## GOLD

Jessica Gerber'23  
Aniela Sanders'22  
Margot Kapusinski'22  
Ellie White'24  
Rose Marie Shamoon'24  
Samantha Raia'24  
Summer VanWyckhouse'24  
Nora Kavanagh'22  
Lily Valentin'22  
Emma McElroy'25  
Caroline Joel'23  
Lauren Hroncich'24  
Arabella Pastena'22

## SILVER

Melanie Niziol'23  
Eileen Wynne'24  
Jenna Savino'22  
Camryn King'22  
Jessica Kielur'22  
Marisa Arone'24  
Mary Grace Maurer'22  
Marissa Roberge'22  
Abigail Hoffman'24



Raelene Kunz McKay'94 P'21, '23;  
Madison McKay'23; Mary Grace Maurer'22; and Mary Ann DeLorenzo P'22



Marisa Arone'24; Pamela McKenna Arone'90 P'22, '24; and Kayla Arone'22



**BRONZE**

Olivia Mulligan'22  
 Lauren Grae'23  
 Gracyn Pisa'23  
 Mackenna Olsen'22  
 Catriona Caputo'22  
 Judith Mathew'23  
 Sinead Gilmartin'22  
 Anna Gehres'22  
 Madison McKay'23  
 Madeline Heinimann'24  
 Jillian McCoy'24  
 Mary Stoker'23  
 Sydney Kearney'24  
 Jessica Boyd'22  
 Emily Magee'24  
 Halle Emr'24  
 Natalia Hudak'23  
 Kara Ignacio'23  
 Catherine Goldstein'23  
 Allison Lynch'23  
 Ella Crane'24  
 Olivia Raia'22  
 Sofia Alvarez'22  
 Samantha Landolfi'23  
 Ava Previzi'24  
 Payton McIntyre'23  
 Isabella Bedoya'24  
 Brooke Muller'22  
 Carson Bielen'24  
 Hannah Sengul'24  
 Isabella Galan'23  
 Meghan Minogue'23  
 Isabella Pizzi'24  
 Kahlia Content'23  
 Alexandra Barry'24  
 April Ramsey'23  
 Karlie Sheehan'23  
 Madyson Ayers'24  
 Sofia Giannella'24  
 Kaitlyn LeSuer'24  
 Caitlin Croci'22  
 Erin Burke'22  
 Riley Ypelaar'22  
 Cara Kochakian'22

During the Service Awards Assembly, Riley Ypelaar'22, Christian Service Board service president, reflected on her journey at Immaculate Heart. Riley stressed how the heart of our school revolves around service and giving back to others. "By coming to IHA, you have agreed to uphold a higher standard of service for a cause bigger than yourself," she explained to her peers. "I want to remind my sisters at IHA that service is not about getting those awards or adding them to a resume,

but about the dignity of the humans that we uphold during the service. Through service, we are completing God's mission that was sent forth to us. You won't be remembered by how many followers you have on Instagram or who you sat with at lunch. Instead, you will be remembered by the legacy you leave behind based on the lives you positively impacted."

Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation, said we are teaching our IHA students to leave a legacy. "Service is central to IHA because part of empowering women means raising the next generation of female leaders to advocate for the marginalized," she said. "For us as Catholic women, service is not a charism for some, it is a mandatory part of our Baptismal call. Caring about the dignity of all people is required, based on what Jesus calls us to in Matthew 25."

This year, we introduced the Kathy Krey Sova'78 Breast Cancer Awareness & Research Award. This memorial award, presented by her IHA classmate and friend, Serena Bocchino'78, was established by Kathy's family and friends in her memory. Congratulations to the 2022 recipient, [Marissa Roberge'22](#).

Due to modified service requirements beginning in the 2020-21 school year, IHA students were responsible for planning and executing a Valor Project. This project allowed our students to use their specific gifts and talents to leave the world better than they found it. One thing that has not changed over the last year is IHA's commitment to helping its young women grow as "Women of Valor." Women who, in the spirit of Proverbs 31, recognize the gifts and passions God has given them, take the reigns of leadership, and use them to make the world a better place.



Back row, left to right, are Anna Gehres'22; Mackenna Olsen'22; Marissa Roberge'22, Mrs. Sarah Shutrop, director of formation; Erin Burke'22; Aniela Sanders'22; and Madison McKay'23. Front row, left to right, are Kayla Arone'22, Caitlin Croci'22, Riley Ypelaar'22, and Samantha Raia'24.



President's Volunteer Service Silver Award recipients





Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal, with Kayla Arone'22, Erin Burke'22, and Olivia Raia'22, the recipients of awards recognizing Exceptional Service to IHA

Those interested could then submit their Valor Projects for a chance to win *The Dorothy Day Valor Project of the Year* contest. Congratulations to this year's winner, **Gracyn Pisa'23** for her work founding Beads for Buddies. Gracyn taught herself how to make bracelets during the pandemic and turned her new hobby into a way to give back in a big way. Through Beads for Buddies, she sells custom bracelets with 100% of the proceeds going to the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, whose mission is to help families tackle childhood cancer by providing comprehensive financial, emotional, and practical support.

Congratulations are extended to the following students who were recognized with Exceptional Awards for service in a particular area or with specific populations.

#### Exceptional Service to the International Community

Amber Estevez'23

#### Exceptional Service to the Elderly

Carson Bielen'24

#### Exceptional Service to the Special Needs Community

Brodie Augustensen'23

Mary Grace Maurer'22

Ava Kazias'22

#### Exceptional Service to the Sick

Samantha Raia'24

#### Exceptional Service in the Area of Music

Aniela Sanders'22

#### Exceptional Service in the Area of the Arts

Lauren Grae'23

#### Exceptional Service to Under-Resourced Communities

Megan McCarthy'25

#### Exceptional Service to IHA

Kayla Arone'22

Erin Burke'22

Olivia Raia'22

The **Spirit of Service Award** is presented annually to one student per grade who demonstrates a dedication to helping others that is core to who she is as a person. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Mackenna Olsen'22

Madison McKay'23

Hannah Hart'24

Megan McCarthy'25

The **Servant Athlete Award** is presented to students who are both exceptional athletes and servant leaders. Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Caitlin Croci'22

Cara Kochakian'22

Marissa Roberge'22



Megan McCarthy'25, recipient of the award recognizing Exceptional Service to Under-Resourced Communities and the Spirit of Service Award for the freshman class, and Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal



Marissa Roberge'22, Caitlin Croci'22, and Cara Kochakian'22, recipients of the Servant Athlete Award

The **Servant Leadership Award**, the largest service award given at IHA, is presented annually to a senior whose commitment to service has transformed the culture of IHA. Past winners include Kaylee McKay'21, Elizabeth Encke'20, Elizabeth Croci'20, Victoria Bertussi'19, Regina Garvey'19, Emily Ash'19, Tess Szydluk'18, and Isabella Somera'17. Congratulations to this year's Servant Leadership Award recipient, **Riley Ypelaar'22**.

Thank you to Mrs. Shutrop for continually leading our young women in their passion to serve. Congratulations to all of IHA's generous, compassionate, and kind-hearted students!



Serena Bocchino'78 presents the Kathy Krey Sovo'78 Breast Cancer Awareness & Research Award to Marissa Roberge'22.



Gracyn Pisa'23, The Dorothy Day Valor Project of the Year Contest winner, and Miss Kerry Carroll'04, principal



Robert Ypelaar P'22; Riley Ypelaar'22, Servant Leadership Award recipient; and Yvette Ypelaar P'22



# Class of 2023 Celebrates Junior Prom

Members of the Class of 2023 gathered together for their Junior Prom at the Hilton Pearl River on June 2, 2022. Thank you to the IHA administration; Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, junior class moderator; and the junior class officers for planning the beautiful event.



Isabella Galan'23, Olivia Toohey'23, and their dates



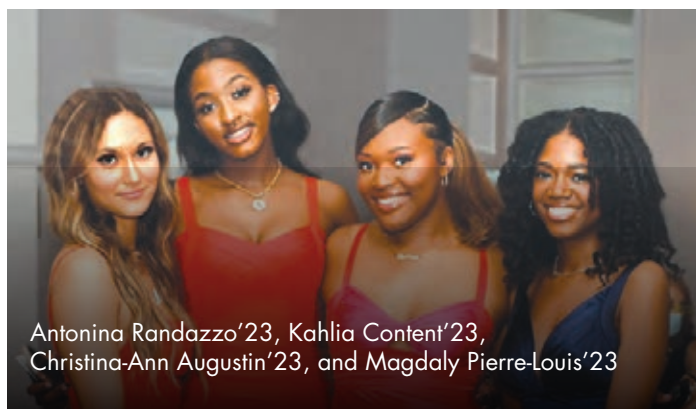
Mya Soto'23, Julia DeVirgilio'23, and their dates



**Left:** Ms. Ana Echeverría's Spanish III Honors Class Section 01 including, back row, left to right, Isabella Galan'23, Magdaly Pierre-Louis'23, Shaelyn Auer'23, Abby Cavlov'23, Lianna Held'23, Madison Klak'23, Noelle Haskell'23, and Abigail Diehl'23. Middle row, left to right, are Grace Cassin'23, Leanna Johnston'23, and Marie Baldwin'23. Front row, left to right, are Amber Estevez'23, Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, Mary-Kathryn Sweeney'23, Lauren Grae'23, and Ariana Chen'23.



Arianna DeMarco'23 and Gracyn Pisa'23



Antonina Randazzo'23, Kahlia Content'23, Christina-Ann Augustin'23, and Magdaly Pierre-Louis'23



# SCENE | Around IHA



Mr. Michael McCormick from NJM is a retired NJ State Police Officer who visited Driver Education classes, taught by Mrs. Terry Skjold P'11. His presentation titled, "What Do You Consider Lethal?", reinforced behavior that helps to keep teen drivers and passengers safe when in a car.

On April 11, 2022, IHA's Global Citizens club sponsored a Pysanky Workshop led by Sophia Salewycz '24 and her mom, Ksenia Salewycz P'21, '24. In this workshop, the Salewycz Family detailed the complexities of creating pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter eggs, as well as shared the history and geography of Ukraine. Student participants and members of the Global Citizens Club, moderated by social studies teacher, Ms. Trish Carleton, learned about the symbolism of images and colors traditionally used, which inspired their own work as they were guided through the process by Sophia and Ksenia.



Kathleen Reck '25





The members of IHA's Knitting/Crocheting Club, moderated by Mrs. Kerri Sheehan P'20, '24 and Mrs. Deb Suta FF, crocheted dolls for children fighting cancer at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital Tomorrow's Children's Fund (TCF) in-patient unit within Hackensack University Medical Center. Chris and Kendal Garvin, the treasurer and president of TCF, visited IHA on May 11, 2022 to receive the dolls and a check for \$700. This money was raised from selling our students' knitted and crocheted products from the past few years at Parent/Teacher Conferences and other events. IHA young women have been knitting since 1995 and, since 2009, have donated more than \$20,000 to cancer research. According to Mrs. Suta, most of the funds have contributed to childhood cancer studies, as "research into childhood cancer is terribly underfunded since it's considered 'rare.' Sadly, when it comes to research, 'rare' means fewer than two hundred thousand people at the same time with the exact same cancer. Childhood cancer has about sixteen primary cancers and about one hundred subtypes, so that two hundred thousand number is not reached within the category."



Ms. Valentina Kuryliw, the director of the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium for the University of Alberta, spoke with students in Dr. Sue Kenney's Genocide and Film class on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Ms. Kuryliw shared the story of her parents' escape of Stalin's genocide of Ukrainians in 1931-32 (known as the Holodomor, which means "to murder by starvation") and how she was born in a refugee camp in Germany. These experiences propelled Ms. Kuryliw into a lifelong dedication to teaching, learning, and human rights activism. Ms. Kuryliw said that the final chapter of the Holodomor is yet to be written, and that even one person can make a difference by standing up to injustice.



In celebration of Endangered Species Day on May 20, 2022, AP Biology students put their creativity to work by composing submissions for the Endangered Species Coalition's 2nd Annual Endangered Species Chalk Art event. The students were completing their final academic unit on Conservation Biology and Global Change, and featured a threatened or endangered species of their choosing in chalk art to celebrate its beauty and to raise awareness for these organisms that are threatened with extinction. AP students and their endangered species included: Erin Erturan'23 – Sea Turtle, Megan Anderson'23 – Sea Otter, Emma Dillane'23 – Galapagos Penguin, Isabella Conde'23 – Snow Leopard, Layla Libanan'23 – Saola, Caitlin Fritz'23 – Whale Shark, Leanna Johnston'23 – Pygmy Three-toed Sloth, Gracyn Pisa'23 – Polar Bear, Maria Byrnes'23 – African Wild Dog, Jessica Sundlin'23 – Vaquita, Maria Mathew'23 – Gharial, April Ramsey'23 – Axolotl, Molly Hekemian'23 – Irrawaddy Dolphin, and Johanna Murphy'23 – Orangutan.



Following our End-of-Year Liturgy on June 10, 2022, the IHA community witnessed a beautiful candle lighting ceremony for our current juniors as they officially enter into their final year at Immaculate Heart Academy.

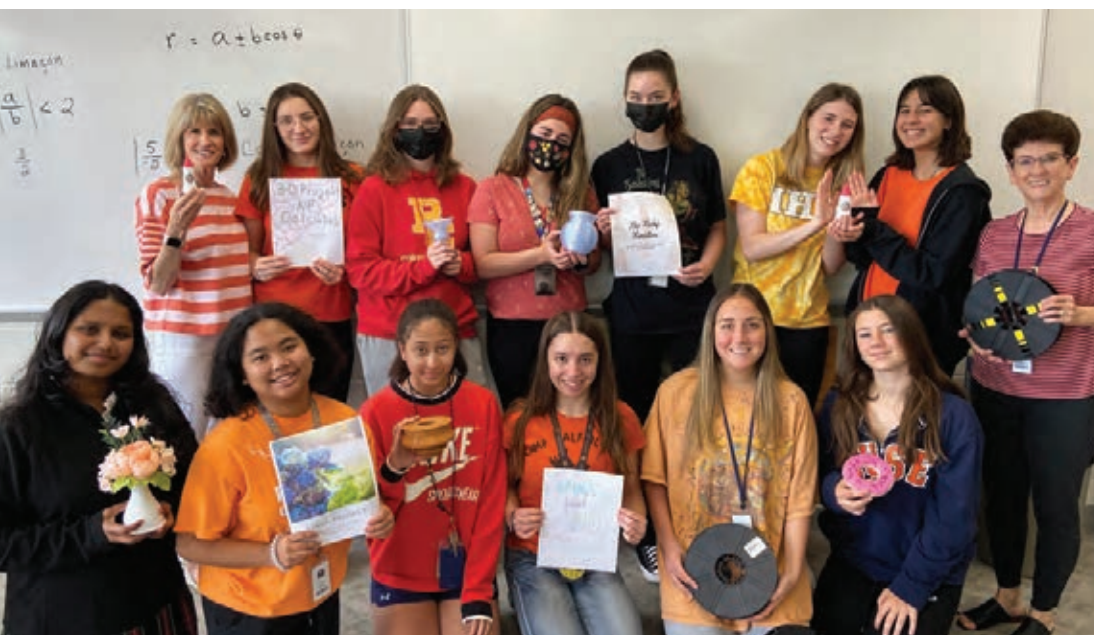
**Right:** We wrapped up the school year by saying thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers at a reception on June 13, 2022. The Development Office and administration showed special thanks to the outgoing senior parents, especially IHA Parents' Club board members, Mary Ann DeLorenzo P'22; Grace King P'16, '19, '22; and Janine Priolo P'17, '19, '22, and Campus Shop manager, Gloria Kolakowski Amoroso'86 P'20, '22.







The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) hosted its Second Annual Freshman/Sophomore Paint Event on May 10, 2022. Students were invited for an afternoon of painting instruction in a relaxed atmosphere. Three junior members gave step-by-step instructions to create sunflower paintings. The NAHS chose the theme of sunflowers to show support for the people of Ukraine, as the sunflower is the country's national flower. Freshman and sophomore artists enjoyed each other's company while creating these beautiful paintings.



For their final exam project, AP Calculus AB students, taught by Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, designed and 3-D printed solids of revolutions using integral calculus. Students wrote and graphed their own functions in the coordinate plane, allowing them to capture and calculate the area underneath those curves. They revolved the captured area around a chosen axis using CAD software to create a three-dimensional solid. Mrs. Kearns and the class thank Mrs. Alice Nudelman, IHA teacher, for her help in 3-D printing their mathematical designs.



On May 11, 2022, six therapy dogs visited IHA to help students relieve stress and to provide a mental and emotional rest. Thank you to Ms. Ellen Donoghue '76, guidance counselor, for coordinating the visits from Bright and Beautiful pairs, Crusader and his owner, Gina O'Rourke P'15; Molly and her owner, Linda Valentini P'04; Yankee and his owner, Dotty LoRusso P'04; Maddy and her owner, Dr. Mike Philbin; and Charlie and his owner, Pam Marzano; and Alliance of Therapy Dogs' Deegan and his owner, Linda Rupinski.



Our College Counseling Department hosted a College Admissions Panel on the evening of May 17, 2022. Thank you to panelist admissions representatives, Stephen Quinn - Caldwell University, John Buckley P'15 - Fordham University, Danielle Toglia - San Diego State University, and Sheryl Tingling - University of Tennessee. Big thanks to Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling, for planning and hosting the event! Panelists offered an in-depth perspective of the admissions process. They shared insight into the past year, advice on the year ahead, and overall insight into the admissions process and how to gain an edge.



# Reunion Weekend 2022

Alumnae from a wide range of anniversary classes joined together at IHA's Reunion Weekend this spring! Classes celebrating their anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 waited years to gather together for a Memorial Mass and Alumnae Cocktail Reception on April 30, 2022.

Special thanks to the IHA Development team, our dedicated committee chairs, The Market Basket, and AJ Duo for all their talent and contributions. Additionally, members of the Class of 1971 celebrated their 50th Jubilee with their own class reunion this year!



Mary-Catherine Cannon Bohan'80 and Patricia Casaprima Whitman'81



Members of IHA's Class of 1971 celebrate their 50th!



1971 alumnae remember their classmates who have passed away at a Memorial Mass in IHA's Sisters' Chapel.



Mary Patricia "Patty" McGeary'81, Eileen Collins-Jugan'81, Kathleen McKay'81, Catherine Donovan'81, Maureen Sexton Hansen'81, Nicole Goudey Rigger'81, Jeanene Schreiner'81, Carol DiCiancia Kaufmann'81, Ann Maloney Frankowski'81, and Ottilia Abreu Stura'81



Colleen Stalter'10, Tess Quinlan'10, Murphy McVey'10, Marisa Oddi'10, Alexandra Kaprielian'10, Lauren Sachs'10, and Caitlin Kulig'10



IHA alumnae toast each other with their Blue Eagle Martinis.



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# SAVE THE DATES

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## Reunion Weekend

Nov. 4-5, 2022

For the anniversary classes of '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12, and '17

For more information and to register, please visit [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com) or contact Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76 P'06, director of alumnae engagement and special events, at [bgarrigan@ihanj.com](mailto:bgarrigan@ihanj.com) or 201.445.6800, ext. 182.

## IHA's Fall Drama +

## Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 18-20, 2022

Immaculate Heart Academy will present its fall drama production on **November 18** at 7:30 p.m., **November 19** at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and **November 20** at 2 p.m. Please support our amazing cast and crew members at one of these four performances! Tickets are \$20 and more information can be found at [performingartsattheheart.com](http://performingartsattheheart.com).

On Saturday, **November 19**, senior citizens are invited to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner at IHA, following the 2 p.m. matinee performance. IHA grandparents welcomed! Reservations are required for the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner; please call IHA's main office to make reservations at 201.445.6800.



# DID YOU KNOW THAT...



**T**his year, IHA's **Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society members** took part in a civic service project working with the State of New Jersey's Palisades 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 State Park. On April 5, 2022, Rho Kappa members, along with Ms. Linda Chelotti'76, social studies department chairperson and Rho Kappa moderator; Dr. Sue Kenney, social studies teacher and Rho Kappa moderator; and Ms. Darla Addabbo P'07, science teacher, assisted the park service with beautifying the area around the Women's Federation Monument. Dr. Kenney said the young women's "spirit of cooperation and willingness to give of themselves to help the park service was truly special to see."

**C**ongratulations to our very own **Isabella Galan'23** on being crowned Miss New Jersey Teen USA 2022! Bella competed in the three-day pageant in April 2022, beating out ninety other contestants. She competed in three categories, including Evening Gown, Active Wear, and Personal Interviews. Bella secured her crown with her final interview question where she talked about her passion for mental health awareness and her podcast "Be Well." Bella will now go on to represent New Jersey in the Miss Teen USA competition.



**T**he **IHA Traffic Safety Squad (TSS)** has been named a Grand Champion of the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey UGotBrains Champion Schools Teen Safe Driving Program for the third time! IHA TSS members, moderated by physical education department chairperson and driver education teacher, Mrs. Terry Skjold P'11, and social studies teacher, Ms. Lia Kunnapas'09, received the news at Six Flags Great Adventure during the BIANJ UGotBrains Showcase on May 26, 2022. Sponsored by BIANJ, the UGotBrains Champion School Program allows schools to promote safe teen driving. Thanks to the program and NJM Insurance, IHA was awarded a \$10,000 check to be used to promote safe driving at Immaculate Heart Academy!



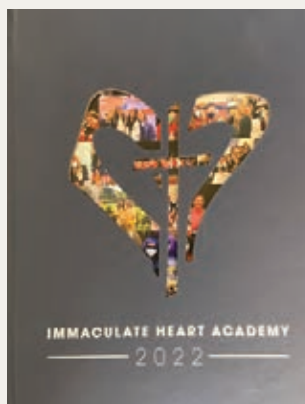
Congratulations to the **cast, crew, and production team of IHA's *Legally Blonde*** for being recognized by the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards with nine final nominations in total! Final nominations included *Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical*, *Outstanding Supporting Performer in a Female-Identified Role* (Taylor Terry'22), *Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role* (Katherine Ryan'25), *Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group* (The Delta Nu Greek Chorus), *Outstanding Performance by a Chorus* (The *Legally Blonde* Ensemble), *Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director* (Jodi Capeless P'22), *Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction* (Edward Ginter), *Outstanding Scenic Achievement* (Vincent Gunn), and *Outstanding Lighting Achievement* (Nikki Belenski). Because IHA was nominated in the category of *Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical*, the cast was given the honor of performing at the award ceremony on the Paper Mill Playhouse stage on June 6, 2022.



**Caitlin Croci'22** has been ranked as a Scholar in this year's National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) program. In recognition of her achievement, Caitlin has earned a scholarship as well as an invitation to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy—a multi-week online program based on the nationally recognized SANS Foundations training course and certification, valued at more than \$3,000. The NCSF is a national nonprofit whose mission is to identify, nurture, and empower the next generation of cybersecurity experts and eliminate the cybersecurity skills gap in the United States. Thousands of high school students nationwide participated to score points while solving a wide range of cybersecurity challenges through an exciting online cybersecurity training program sponsored by the NCSF. More than forty-five thousand students nationwide sought to qualify for a National Cyber Scholarship, with less than 3% meeting the requirements.



**Natalie Deegan'24** was recently named the 2022 AAA Northeast Driver Education Student of the Year! Mrs. Terry Skjold P'11, driver education teacher, presented Natalie with her award at the end-of-year liturgy in June.



**Immaculate Heart Academy's yearbook** was featured in the Jostens Look Book 2022 for this year's yearbook design. A team of experts selected four hundred fifty-eight yearbooks from nearly one thousand submitted for consideration, and IHA's 2022 edition of *Halcyon* was one of them! Our outstanding yearbook achievements featured in the Look Book will inspire students at more than eleven thousand high schools throughout the United States, Canada, and around the world.



# Soaring Eagle Awards Presented

Congratulations to our final two groups of Soaring Eagle Award recipients for the 2021-2022 academic year! The students were recognized and celebrated with family members and their nominating teachers on April 11 and June 7, 2022.



Seated, left to right, are third group recipients, Nicolina Elisano'25 (Physical Education – Ms. Jennifer Bednarek), Marisa Arone'24 (Communications – Ms. Taryn Tonelli'09), and Mikayla Nizza'23 (English – Mrs. Donna Sandt P'20, '23, '24). Standing, left to right, are Alexa Gentile'24 (Technology – Mrs. Alice Nudelman), Marina Scalcione'25 (World Languages – Mrs. Angie Delima), Taeva Parent'22 (Social Studies – Dr. Sue Kenney), Isabelle Morr'22 (The Arts – Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14), Molly Podest'22 (Science – Mrs. Sue Adamo), Sofia Giannella'24 (Religious Studies – Ms. Heather Christman), and Caitlin Carr'24 (Mathematics – Mrs. Cori Tucker).



Seated, left to right, are fourth group recipients, Madeline Lively'25 (Mathematics – Miss Catherine Meagher), Ella Feola'25 (Technology – Mrs. Theresa Seymour Dolan'95 P'26), and Dylann Kammen'25 (Religious Studies – Mrs. Jackie Kruk). Standing, left to right, are Mina Cocca'24 (World Languages – Mrs. Maria Daly-Valls), Alexa Darienzo'25 (English – Miss Margaret Biedenkapp), Johanna Murphy'23 (Social Studies – Ms. Diama Fischer), Sophia Ditchfield-Agboh'24 (Science – Mrs. Sue Adamo), Kiera Vicini'23 (Physical Education – Ms. Shemayne Williams), Emma Neyland'25 (The Arts – Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20), and Katelyn Coughlan'23 (Communications – Ms. Jessi Shaheen).

## Spring 2022 Sports Signing

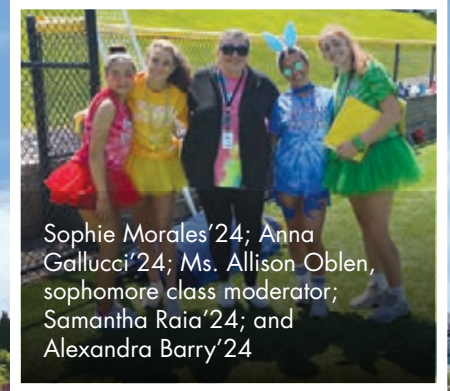


Congratulations to six IHA Blue Eagle senior athletes who officially signed to their colleges on the afternoon of April 26, 2022.

From left to right are Paulina Biagioni'22 (Susquehanna University – Track & Field), Niki Matthews'22 (Muhlenberg College – Track & Field), Angela Lee (Georgetown University – Golf), Ariana Novero'22 (Marist College – Crew), Cleo Kepka'22 (Felician University – Swimming), and Natalie DiLorenzo'22 (High Point University – Soccer).



# Sophomore Spirit Day 2022



Sophie Morales'24; Anna Gallucci'24; Ms. Allison Oblen, sophomore class moderator; Samantha Raia'24; and Alexandra Barry'24



IHA's Class of 2024

Our Class of 2024 had a blast at Sophomore Spirit Day (SSD)! The holiday-themed day boasted a ton of games and activities for Team Christmas, Team Easter, Team Valentine's Day, and Team New Year: from Jeopardy and Teacher Baby Picture Match to Tug of War, relay races, Water Balloon Toss, and more! The sophomores enjoyed lunch together outside and concluded the day with a Sing-Off in the PAC and an Ice Cream Party on the front lawn. Congratulations to Team New Year for earning the most points and being named the SSD Champions! Thank you to Ms. Allison Oblen, sophomore class moderator, and sophomore class officers, Samantha Raia'24, Alexandra Barry'24, Sophie Morales'24, and Anna Gallucci'24, for planning the day.

Team New Year performs its Sophomore Spirit Day Sing-Off song.



Members of Team Valentine's Day pull with all their strength.



Livia Iuliano'24, Sophia Cremona'24, Sophia Ditchfield-Agboh'24, and Sophie Morales'24



Arianna Barrett'24, Reagan Pace'24, Tess Gambale'24, Bryana Saenz'24, and Gianna DiMeglio'24



Members of Team Easter



Members of Team Christmas



Gianna Sinocchi'24 and Daniella Villafuerte'24



# SPORTS

# REPORT

Spring 2022



Casey Roberts '23





2022 Spring Track & Field Team



### Big North All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Maegan Feeney'22, Paulina Biagioni'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, Leanna Johnston'23, Meaghan Keating'24, Abigail Romero'24, and Kate Shepler'24

#### Second-Team

Niki Matthews'22, Olivia Raia'22, Olivia Salkowsky'22, Noelle Haskell'23, Carina Rios'23, Casey Roberts'23, Elizabeth Burgess'25, Paige Burgess'25, and Emily Wunsch'25

#### Honorable Mention

Catherine Goldstein'23

#### Coach of the Year

Matt Joyce

#### Team of the Year

Immaculate Heart Academy

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Maegan Feeney'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, Leanna Johnston'23, and Abigail Romero'24

#### Third-Team

Carina Rios'23 and Olivia Tacconi'23

### All-North Jersey Honors

#### First-Team

Maegan Feeney'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, Olivia Tacconi'23, and Abigail Romero'24

#### Second-Team

Leanna Johnston'23

### All-American Honors

#### Fifth in the Country - Shuttle Hurdles

Maegan Feeney'22, Niki Matthews'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, and Kate Shepler'24

## SPRING TRACK & FIELD

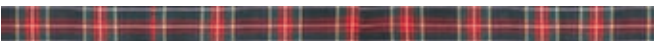
It was a special year for IHA Track & Field, as seven school records were broken and numerous championships were won. For the second consecutive year, the Blue Eagles went undefeated in dual meet competition; won the Comet Relays, Bergen Relays, the league title, the Bergen County Championship; and again won the Non-Public A North Championship in addition to placing second in Non-Public A. Maegan Feeney'22 broke a thirty-year-old school record in the 100 meter hurdles and Lauren Dunnigan'23 broke a thirteen-year-old school record in the triple jump. At the Bergen Meet of Champions, Leanna Johnston'23 won the 3200 to move to #2 in school history and Abigail Romero'24 won the long jump. At the Outdoor Nationals in Philadelphia, Maegan Feeney'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, Kate Shepler'24, and Niki Matthews'22 placed fifth in the country in the 4x100 shuttle hurdle relay to earn All-American Status. Leanna Johnston'23, Maegan Feeney'22, Lauren Dunnigan'23, and Abigail Romero'24 were also selected First-Team All-Bergen County.



Leanna Johnston'23



Maegan Feeney'22



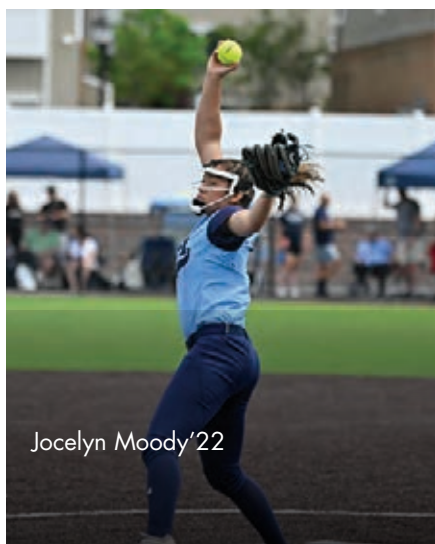




2022 Varsity Softball Team

## SOFTBALL

The IHA Softball team had a great season, finishing with a 27-2 record. The team finished undefeated in both the Big North United Division and in Bergen County this year. IHA Softball won its first Bergen County Championship since 2016 and outscored their opponents 240 to 42. Offense had thirty home runs on the season, with thirteen triples and forty-six doubles. Pitchers had twenty-four earned runs on the season, with an ERA of 0.91. The team also boasted fifteen shutouts including two no-hit games and one perfect game. IHA Softball ranked #6 in the state and #17 in the country in the *USA Today* Sports/NFCA High School Super 25.



Jocelyn Moody'22

### Big North All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Cara Kochakian'22, Jocelyn Moody'22, Gabrielle Park'22, Noelle Urbaniak'23, Arianna Barrett'24, Gabriella Shadek'25, and Sofia Valente'25

#### Second-Team

Natalia LoCurto'23, Chelsea Lapp'23, Sophia Noriega'23, and Gianna DiMeglio'24

#### Honorable Mention

Anabella Martino'23 and Reagan Pace'24

### Big North Team of the Year

Immaculate Heart Academy

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Cara Kochakian'22, Jocelyn Moody'22, Gabrielle Park'22, and Gabriella Shadek'25

#### Second-Team

Noelle Urbaniak'23

#### Third-Team

Sofia Valente'25

### Bergen County Team of the Year

Immaculate Heart Academy

### northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

#### First-Team

Cara Kochakian'22, Jocelyn Moody'22, Gabrielle Park'22, and Gabriella Shadek'25

### northjersey.com North Jersey Softball

#### Player of the Year

Jocelyn Moody'22

### northjersey.com North Jersey Softball

#### Player of the Year Nominees

Cara Kochakian'22 and Gabrielle Park'22

### All-Non-Public Honors

#### First-Team

Cara Kochakian'22, Jocelyn Moody'22, and Gabriella Shadek'25

#### Second-Team

Gabrielle Park'22

### NJ.com All-State Honors

#### Second-Team

Jocelyn Moody'22 and Gabriella Shadek'25

#### Third-Team

Cara Kochakian'22





2022 Varsity Lacrosse Team

## LACROSSE

The 2022 Varsity Lacrosse team was one with great chemistry and excitement for the game. A younger team with only three seniors, the varsity members worked hard, learned a lot, and

created amazing memories. IHA's J.V. Lacrosse team continued to perform with incredible determination and skill, completing a season filled with challenging competition, fun practices, skill development, and, most importantly, lifelong friendships.

## GOLF

The 2022 IHA Golf team finished the season with an undefeated Big North Conference central division record of 10-0 and an overall regular season record of 11-2. The team achieved a low match score of 161, averaging 40.25 per golfer. IHA Golf placed second at the Red Devil Invitational, third at the Big North League Tournament and the Bergen County Tournament, second at the North State Sectional Tournament, and fourth at the State Tournament of Champions. All ten members of the team worked hard, pushed each other, matured, improved, and came together from the beginning of the season to the end.



### Big North Central Conference All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Angela Lee'22, Reagan Mertz'22, Marisa Flores'24, and Madisyn Falto'25

#### Second-Team

Isabella Del Bosco'25

#### Honorable Mention

Grace Anderson'24

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Angela Lee'22 and Marisa Flores'24

#### Honorable Mention

Reagan Mertz'22 and Madisyn Falto'25

### NJ.com All-State Honors

#### Second-Team

Marisa Flores'24

**Left:** Grace Anderson'24 and Isabella Del Bosco'25

### Stars and Stripes North All-League Honors

#### First-Team

Gabrielle Montegari'22

#### Second-Team

Grace Cassin'23 and Alexandra Kucharz'24

#### Honorable Mention

Maeve Sayre'23

### BCWCA All-County Honors

#### First-Team

Gabrielle Montegari'22 and Grace Cassin'23

#### Second-Team

Alexandra Kucharz'24

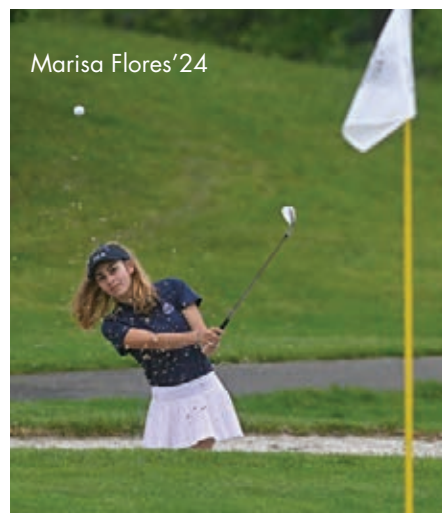
### northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

#### Second-Team

Gabrielle Montegari'22, Grace Cassin'23, and Alexandra Kucharz'24



2022 Golf Team



Marisa Flores'24



# The Arts Honor Societies Induct New Members



Newly inducted NAHS members

Congratulations to the many students inducted into the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) and the Tri-M Music Honor Society on the evening of April 7, 2022 and to the International Thespian Society (ITS) on the afternoon of May 26, 2022.

## Newly inducted National Art Honor Society members:

### Grade 10

Angelica Cece  
Olivia Coleman  
Meghan Deane  
Riley DeMicco  
Evelina Drellich  
Cassandra George  
Emily Gelewski  
Maura Hesler  
Abigail Hoffman  
Milana Indyk  
Isabella Kelly  
Kaitlyn Klaus  
Alexa Luna  
Amber Luna  
Brooke Mazzer  
Mackenzie Mir  
Darcy Moore  
Elena Pitrelli  
Camila Quevedo  
Bryana Saenz  
Sophia Salewycz

Paula Sarango  
Evangelina Savas  
Hannah Grace Sengul  
Julia Tumino

### Grade 11

Megan Anderson  
Anais Aguero  
Shaelyn Auer  
Christina-Ann Augustin  
Emma Burgess  
Maria Byrnes  
Ariana Chen  
Olivia Dabal  
Faith Dalessandro  
Ava DiMeo  
Delilah Doda  
Lea Duman  
Charlotte Farcy  
Carly FitzSimons  
Lindsay Ford  
Jessica Gerber  
Lauren Grae  
Molly Hekemian  
Natalia Hudak  
Samantha Landolfi  
Olivia Leyden  
Allison Lynch  
Olivia Morrison  
Johanna Murphy  
Magdaly Pierre-Louis  
Isabella Rossi  
Layla Salaheldin  
Alicia Serrano  
Olivia Tacconi  
Lily Wilmot

### Grade 12

Jessica Boyd  
Erin Burke  
Samantha Campana  
Grace Capeless  
Natalie DiLorenzo  
Anna Gehres  
Jessica Guanci  
Ava Kazias  
Brigid Kearns  
Ryenne Kelleher  
Camryn King  
Brianna Kuchenmeister  
Shannon LaMotta  
Ashley Mariscal  
Grace Martin  
Christina Mastellone  
Mary Grace Maurer  
Riley McGovern  
Reagan Mertz  
Isabelle Morr  
Ariana Novero  
Grace Oates  
Lauren Plastina  
Olivia Raia  
Jessica Sabino  
Olivia Salkowsky  
Christina Sanchez  
Madison Stewart  
Natalie Ursich  
Isabella Vaughn  
Valerie Vivas  
Deanna Whelpley  
Madison Woods  
Margaux Yannacci  
Katherine Young  
Riley Ypelaar  
Amanda Zanfardino





Newly inducted Tri-M members



Jacquelyn Galano Woods '87 P'22,  
Madison Woods '22, Lauren Grae '23,  
and Jacqueline Linares '87 P'23

## Newly inducted Tri-M Music Honor Society members:

### Grade 10

Sophia Cremona  
Angelina Escobinas  
Madeline Heinimann  
Livia Iuliano  
Emily Keizer  
Isabella Pizzi  
Alyssa Torres

### Grade 11

Madeleine Gilson  
Lauren Grae  
Layla Libanan  
Alyssa Pisani  
Sophia Rowell  
Mary Stoker

### Grade 12

Grace Capeless  
Angelina Daniel  
Alyssa Darella  
Samantha Emr  
Anna Gehres  
Margot Kapusinski  
Jessica Kielur  
Britney Lyons  
Alexis Mason  
Rhea Mittal  
Laura Madison Rickli  
Aniela Sanders  
Sarah Vella



ITS members, new and old

## Newly inducted International Thespian Society members:

### Grade 9

Katherine Ryan

### Grade 10

Samantha Andersen  
Marisa Arone  
Sophia Reina Ditchfield-Agboh  
Isabella Falletta  
Madeline Heinimann  
Alyssa Mack  
Sophie Morales  
Ava Previzi  
Sophia Salewycz  
Lily Schwedhelm  
Madeline Sullivan  
Alyssa Torres  
Adrianna Uykan

### Grade 11

Katelyn Coughlan  
Arianna DeMarco  
Amber Estevez  
Kara Ignacio  
Bella Klouda  
Olivia Morrison  
April Ramsey

### Grade 12

Anna Gehres  
Margot Kapusinski  
Olivia Mulligan



# Beefsteak 2022

After a two-year hiatus, the Immaculate Heart Academy community was able to join together at our popular IHA Beefsteak event to celebrate our outstanding Athletics program. As stated by Mr. John Downey, IHA director of athletics, in those two years, our Blue Eagle athletes won four State Championships, five State Sectional Championships, three County Championships, and fifteen League Championships!

Special thanks to Mrs. Beth DiCiancia Garrigan'76 P'06, Mrs. Sarah Hill Frasure'07, the Development team, Mrs. Tara Hopfenspirger, and the Beefsteak Parent Committee including Grace King P'16, '19, '22; Mary Ellen Sayre P'20, '23; Janine Priolo P'17, '19, '22; and Stacy DeMicco P'21, '24, '25. Thank you to our caterers, George Kuzma P'26 of Gourmet Dining LLC and Peter Fischbach of Fischbach Enterprises LLC. Additionally, the support of the administration and the efforts of the faculty, staff, coaches, parents, alumnae, and students are very much appreciated. Congratulations to all of our tricky tray winners and the big winners of the night:

## Mega Raffle

*Two Billy Joel concert tickets and an overnight stay at JW Marriott Essex House, NYC*

Mr. David Marinaro P'25

## 50/50

Mrs. Lauren Thomas, IHA athletic trainer

## Key Game

*Two tickets to MJ the Musical and gift cards to Capital Grille and Uber*

Mr. Richard Scarpelli P'25



Janine Priolo P'17, '19, '22; Trish English Sweeney'92 P'23; Sheri Saingas Malenda'92 P'25; and Christian Malenda



Richard Scarpelli P'25 wins the Key Game.





Standing, left to right, are Steve Ferro, IHA Basketball and Soccer varsity assistant coach; Melissa Ferro; and Janell Caufield, IHA main office staff member. Seated, left to right, are Tom Harris; Tara Harris, IHA Basketball assistant coach; Steve Silver, IHA Basketball varsity head coach; Michele Silver; Patty Pecoraro; and Gregg Pecoraro, IHA Basketball J.V. head coach and assistant varsity coach.



Mr. Jason Schlereth, president



Christopher Barry P'24, '26; Jeannine Boyajian Barry'94 P'24, '26; James Abbruzzese P'18, '22; Michelle Abbruzzese P'18, '22; Sam Raia P'19, '22, '24; Benita Raia P'19, '22, '24; James DiMele P'22; and Erlene Aranas P'22



Mr. John Downey, director of athletics, and Mrs. Lauren Thomas, athletics trainer



Reshma Thomas, Lana Randazzo P'23, Lia Caravella, Gina Karlicki, and Yemi Benedict Vatel



Ricardo and Miguelina Bolado P'20, '23, '25; Shawn and Jamie Bevec; and Rudy and Lori Grossetti



Stacy DeMicco P'21, '24, '25; Daniela Nizza P'23; and Grace King P'16, '19, '22



# Remembering Two Cherished Former Faculty Members

Beatrice “Bea” Mondare and Mary Jane Beshar

IHA fondly remembers two former faculty members, Beatrice “Bea” Mondare and Mary Jane Beshar, who both died this past winter.

Bea, mother of Catherine Mondare Donovan’91 P’25 and Mary Mondare Mercadante’94 and grandmother of Caitlin Donovan’25, passed away on December 30, 2021. She spent twenty-one memorable years at IHA, embracing her passion for teaching and working with high school students. After studying mathematics in college and spending years as a computer programmer and technical writer, she searched for and discovered a pathway that brought her faith to the forefront and left a remarkable impact on the lives of young women.

Catherine said her mother loved her time as a theology scholar and religious studies teacher at Immaculate Heart. “She cherished the IHA community for providing her the ability to bring those passions together,” Catherine said, “an environment in which to champion her social justice ideals, and a place to continuously pursue her love of learning.”



The late Bea Mondare P’91, ’94, GP’25, FF and her granddaughter, Caitlin Donovan’25

Clare Puccio Gebhardt’66, former IHA English teacher and colleague of Bea, said those who had the privilege of knowing Beatrice understand that she was “not only an outstanding teacher, but also a woman of deep faith and inner strength; one who selflessly worked toward achieving IHA’s mission statement of making a difference in the lives of all the students who entered her classroom.” Clare continued, “Daily, year after year, Bea treated every young woman

For Bea, my Anam Cara...

“...All I know is that ‘thank you’ should appear somewhere.

So, just in case I can’t find the perfect place- ‘Thank you, thank you.’ ”

Mary Oliver,  
“I Have Just Said”

– Clare Puccio  
Gebhardt’66 FF



Mary Mondare Mercadante’94; the late Bea Mondare P’91, ’94, GP’25, FF; and Catherine Mondare Donovan’91 P’25

with endless patience and kindness, empathy and respect, and yes, at times, with firmness when necessary,” she said. “Bea’s classroom offered a serene place of welcome for all seeking support and encouragement. She instilled in her students the need to value the truth and always speak out for what they believe to be important. Bea had a heart that overflowed with love for her family, her students, and her colleagues. IHA brought us together as sisters, and I carry memories of our halcyon years at IHA deep within me.”





The late Mary Jane Beshar P'72, FF teaching biology at IHA.

Mary Jane Beshar, mother of Hope Beshar Sferra'72, was a dedicated biology teacher at IHA for fifteen years from 1967 to 1983. She passed away on January 10, 2022 at the age of 93.

Mary Jane was a mother to four children, Leslie, Hope, Marc, and Luke. She and her late husband, Joseph, shared sixty-three years of marriage before he died in August of 2014. Mary Jane, a grandmother to eight and a great-grandmother to two, is remembered as a fashion-forward, refined woman who loved dressing her very finest. She is described by her children as a skilled seamstress, an outstanding baker, and a bright and intelligent woman with a continual thirst for knowledge.

"She was an avid reader and prided herself on her mastery of the English language," Hope said about her mother. "She loved opera, especially Wilhelm Richard Wagner, and all aspects of New York City culture. She rarely missed a show of *Jeopardy!* and loved the trivia contests at the Oaks (and often, humbly winning)."

Mary Jane left an indelible mark on her many students, as well as on the staff at Immaculate Heart Academy. Hope shared that over the years, her mother's former students still stop her at the most unexpected places, recognizing her as Mrs. Beshar's daughter and proceeding to emphasize the impact her mother had on their lives. After motherhood, Hope

said that teaching at IHA was something that gave Mary Jane the greatest purpose in her life.

After retiring, Mary Jane did extensive volunteer work including service at the Oradell Public Library, Meals on Wheels, and Hospice Care. A devout Catholic, she was a weekly lector at church and a Eucharistic Minister at Hackensack Medical Center. Mary Jane was also a longtime member and, for a time, served as president of the Oradell Book and Needle Club.

"The sign of a worthy life is not how much you loved, but how much you are loved by others," Hope said. "My mother enjoyed her days as part of the IHA community and put her heart and soul into providing her students with the very best she had to give. She was loved and appreciated by her IHA students and colleagues."



The late Mary Jane Beshar P'72, FF poses with three of her children in 1957. Hope Beshar Sferra'72 is on the right.

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— Hope Beshar Sferra'72



# Celebrating the Life of Mr. Vince Herold



On January 26, 2022, the Immaculate Heart Academy community lost one of its biggest and most dedicated fans. Mr. Vincent Herold passed away peacefully at the age of ninety-one, leaving behind countless people who loved and admired him deeply.

Mr. Herold graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Paterson in 1948, and continued his education on a basketball scholarship at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He was a Korean War era veteran in the U.S. Army, trained as a medic, and was given the Outstanding Medical Soldier award at Camp Pickett, Virginia in 1952. Mr. Herold began his teaching career at Don Bosco Prep in 1955, where he taught biology and coached basketball. In 1959, he was chosen as Bergen County Coach of the Year. He earned two master's degrees: a Master of the Arts degree from Seton Hall University in 1958 and a Master of Science degree in biological sciences from Syracuse University in 1963.

His next stop was Mahwah High School, where he taught all levels of biology and coached basketball, before landing at Northern Highlands Regional High School where he served for more than thirty years as a teacher, then vice principal, and finally principal.

Mr. Herold retired from Northern Highlands in 1994, but his passion for teaching and mentoring led him out of retirement. He served as interim principal for a private school for autistic children before settling into his final teaching position at Immaculate Heart Academy from 1998 to 2014.

During his time at IHA, Mr. Herold became a mainstay and easily one of the most passionate and steadfast fans of all things IHA, especially Blue Eagle Athletics. He had the distinguished honor of being inducted into the IHA Hall of Fame in 2004. In the spring of 2012, an anonymous donor requested that IHA's recently built fitness center be named after him; a plaque for the Vincent Herold Fitness Center was unveiled and blessed on April 29, 2012. The plaque reads, "You're here at our practices, you're here at our games. To our biggest fan... you're here in our hearts. Thank you, Mr. Herold, for your enthusiastic support of and service to the IHA community." For the last decade, IHA student-athletes and physical education students have utilized the fitness center while being constantly reminded of their most passionate supporter.

Joseph James McNulty, III P'06, '09 first encountered Mr. Herold at Meet



Mr. Vince Herold, Rita Williams P'05, Tahirah Williams Guice'05, and Ira Williams P'05

the Teachers night during his daughter Meghan's freshman year in 2002. Joseph wrote that Mr. Herold lived his life as "a soldier, a thinker, a scholar, a teacher, and, most definitely, an inspiration."

"With his smile always on and cheerful wave always ready, he became the spirit of this all-girl's Catholic high school," he continued. "He has served as more than just a teacher; each student in his classes adopted him as their 'grandpa.' He was there to listen to them share their joys and sorrows, but was also always available in their time of need for help and extra work in science class."

Joseph said that Mr. Herold's love for IHA went beyond academics, as he was the biggest cheerleader for IHA students' sports games and artistic shows. He made an attempt to go to a number of events a season for every sport; fellow fans would regularly "see him on the sidelines cheering his heart out for his 'girls,' who he would always defend to the end."

Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, IHA world languages teacher, first met Mr. Herold "the old gentleman," as she called him, in 1998. She said the first things she noticed about him were that he was a good listener with a great sense of humor and a die-hard Yankees fan. "Mr. Herold was



The Herold Family join together at Mr. Vince Herold's Celebration of Life at IHA on June 11, 2022.





Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05 reads at the Mass held at IHA in Mr. Herold's memory.

very passionate about IHA, especially the sports program," she fondly remembered. "He was a very wise man and was never shy about giving me advice. He not only became a dear friend but a father figure to me. Any time I'm in the gym, I always look up to the balcony where he would save a chair for me so we could watch a basketball game together. The old gentleman will always be in my heart."

The love IHA students had for Mr. Herold did not cease once they left the building. Countless alumnae and their parents kept in contact with him via social media, email, phone calls, and visits up until his passing. Family and friends, including numerous former students, attended a Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life held at IHA on June 11, 2022. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Louis Molinelli, former president of Don Bosco Prep, who knew Mr. Herold well. Long-time friend and IHA Basketball coach, Mr. Steve Silver, shared his memories of Mr. Herold with attendees of the celebration. Their more than twenty-five-year friendship began when Steve started coaching basketball at IHA.

"We would talk three times on a big game day," Steve reminisced. "Before the game, in the gym afterward, and at midnight when he knew we both couldn't sleep. He would call after the first day of summer camp and ask 'Any Mesropayans or T. Williams come through the doors? When's the first scrimmage? Any good teams lined up?' Mind you, this was in July. He couldn't wait for the season to start."

The aforementioned T. Williams refers to Tahirah Williams Guice'05, who attended Mr. Herold's Celebration of Life with her husband and three children. Steve said in

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– Joseph James McNulty, III P'06,'09



Mr. Steve Silver, IHA Basketball coach and longtime friend of Mr. Vince Herold

his speech that while coaches and teachers are not allowed to choose favorites, T. was most definitely Mr. Herold's. Tahirah first met him at IHA's Open House. While she actually didn't want to attend IHA at the time, it was Mr. Herold's kindness and warmth that convinced her to try it out. "During my first day at IHA, I remember looking for him," she said. "I vaguely described him to a couple of girls in the hallway and they instantly knew who I was talking about. They pointed me in his direction and we instantly became friends. My Grandpa Herold."

Tahirah considered Mr. Herold a teacher, a coach, a mentor, and a friend. Their special bond grew even stronger after she graduated in 2005. She said they would talk for hours about his upbringing, his sister, his children, her family, and, of course, basketball. "Our relationship was so much more than sports," she explained. "He helped me through the passing of loved ones, some years of teenage growing pains, and after graduate school. Mr. Herold was more than just my friend, he was my living angel on earth. He genuinely loved everyone he met and would give to anyone in need, whether it was monetary or emotional support. You could go to him for

anything without him passing judgment. From the moment I met him, I feel that he lived life the way God wanted us too. That's why he was so special."

Mr. Herold will forever be remembered for his quick wit, great laugh and sense of humor, joy of teaching, and the positive impact he had on the lives of so many young men and women. He is survived by his children, Jan Marie Neilan, Christopher Vincent Herold, Marcella Ann Carney, and Lee Santaromita. Mr. Herold was the cherished grandfather of eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. He also leaves behind his beloved sister, Rita Ruffing, and two nieces.

In honor of Mr. Herold's dedication to and love for IHA, memorial donations may be made to Immaculate Heart Academy, 500 Van Emburgh Avenue, Township of Washington, NJ 07676, Attention: Development Office.



Tahirah Williams Guice'05, Abdul Guice, Cordelia Guice, Josiah Guice, and Norah Guice





# CLASS notes



**'76** *STRUCTURE* magazine featured [Carol Post](#) in April 2022 as she approached her retirement from a nearly forty-year career as a structural engineer this past June. Carol most recently served as the chief quality assurance officer at Thornton Tomasetti. Prior, she led the firm's Higher Education Market Sector in her role as principal. "Structural Engineering (SE) is the right career for individuals who enjoy people, solving problems, and with a knack for driving efficiency," she said in the article. "The most successful SE leaders are intellectually curious about mathematics,

physics, and materials and want to explore how their focus integrates with architecture and constructability. They are capable of being the smartest ones in the room, delighted to share their knowledge, as well as being the person most willing to learn something new from someone else." In an endnote, she mentioned IHA. "Thank you for allowing me to reflect on a career that unfolded in ways I could never have imagined when I graduated from an all-girls Catholic high school in New Jersey. I am grateful, pleased, proud, and energized to begin a new era in my life using the skills and experiences from a rewarding career as a Structural Engineer."

**'67** [Ruth Romer](#) writes, "The Five-Boro Bike Tour in New York City has been on my bucket list for a while. COVID-19 shut down the tour for a few years. This year, I was able to do the tour as part of a five-day bicycle tour in NYC with People Cycling. The ride is about forty miles, starting in Lower Manhattan and ending in Staten Island. Then you take the ferry back to Manhattan. My total mileage was fifty-two miles, including riding to the start and riding back to the hotel. New York City has become a real cycling city, with safe paths almost all the way around Manhattan. I found out during a ride on the West Side that there is a little red lighthouse below the George Washington Bridge; I never knew that."

**'97** On Sunday, June 26, 2022, family and several IHA friends gathered at Immaculate Heart Academy to remember [Mary Grace Dolores Dirks](#), who died on April 23, 2020. Her classmates collected funds for a tree to be planted on IHA grounds, with a dedication plaque to be placed under it. The group enjoyed a breakfast reception in the information commons where they told stories and remembered Mary Grace, a wife, daughter, mother, and friend. Special thanks to [Cristina DiMaria '97](#) and [Kasey Regan '97](#) for organizing the event.







**'02** Mary-Andrée Ardouin-Guerrier writes, "In the spring of 2021, I successfully defended my doctoral dissertation titled, 'Assessing the Role of Mobile Device Applications as an Educational Tool for Increasing Knowledge and Awareness of Volatile Organic Compound Exposure,' from the Department of Health & Behavior Studies at Teachers College, Columbia University. In May of 2021, I was awarded my Doctorate in Health Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. I am currently serving as an adjunct professor at CUNY York College within the Department

of Health and Human Performance. In addition, in the summer of 2021, I was an assistant research scientist for a SARS-COV-2 research study funded by the NIH at the NYU School of Global Public Health. As of January 2022, I was promoted and now serve as project director of the research study. Our most recent paper, 'How Vaccine Ambivalence Can Lead People Who Inject Drugs to Decline COVID-19 Vaccination and Ways This Can Be Addressed: Qualitative Study,' was recently published in the JMIR Formative Research Journal, March 2022 issue. I currently reside in Chelsea, Manhattan with my husband, Gregory, and our two sons, Lucas and Leo.

of the most diligent media executives I've ever known. She is highly respected and trusted by her artists, managers, industry colleagues, and partners alike. I am confident that her passion for country music combined with her diverse experience and knowledge across multiple genres will serve our team and artists well, and I'm thrilled to welcome her to the Sony Nashville Family!" Meg said she has been a fan of country music for as long as she can remember. "I'm excited to further expand the profiles and reach of the company's artist roster and am grateful to Sony Music for supporting my career growth with this new role as part of the team in Nashville." Most recently, Meg held senior media relations roles at RCA Records for fourteen years where she developed and implemented the media campaigns for artists including P!NK, Pentatonix, Kelly Clarkson, Ray LaMontagne, Jimmy Eat World, Fousheé, and, most recently, breakout star, Tate McRae. She was also an integral member on the campaigns for Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears, G-Eazy, Cam, Backstreet Boys, Elle King, Kane Brown, Tenille Townes, and so many others. Meg was one of the leading architects for the label's external media storytelling, as well as handled the strategy for RCA's Grammy submissions (which led to fifty-two nominations this year alone), Clio Awards (leading to a Grand award), CMA Awards, and ACM Awards, among other initiatives. Meg began in the music industry as an intern for Jive Records and graduated from Fordham University in 2008.



Meghan Kehoe'04

**'04** Meghan Kehoe has been appointed head of media at Sony Music Nashville (SMN) and began this past July. In this role, Meg is responsible for the label group's media team, as well as for overseeing the press strategy for both SMN and its entire artist roster. In addition to designing and implementing media campaigns and strategies for Sony Music Nashville artists, she identifies and pursues new opportunities and partnerships for the label that will help amplify the artists' narrative, maximize audience growth, and drive consumption. Meg has relocated to Nashville, Tennessee for the job. In making the announcement, Jennifer Way, senior vice president, marketing, said, "Meg is a dynamic leader and one

**'15** Sabrina Santamaria graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law on June 1, 2022. In August 2022, she began a judicial clerkship with the Honorable Judge Joseph G. Monaghan in the Bergen County Superior Court. "I can confidently say that without the foundation that IHA provided me with, I would not be the woman that I am today," Sabrina writes.



**'17** Alyssa Pawlowski was among more than five hundred master's and doctoral degrees conferred at The University of Scranton's graduate commencement ceremony on May 21, 2022 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Alyssa earned a Master of Accountancy degree.

Kayla Pantaleo earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from The University of Alabama in May 2022.

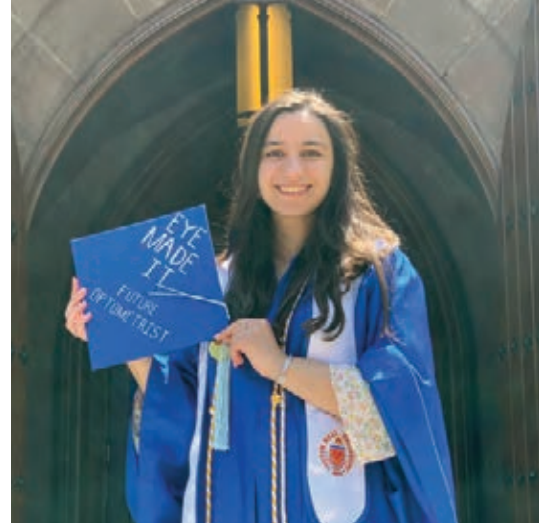
**'18** Gabriela Russo was named to the Fall 2021 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

Annie Walsh, a business administration major, was one of the honorees at the Montclair State Department of Athletics National Student-Athlete Day Celebration on April 25, 2022. Annie was recognized as a Second-Year Chi Alpha Sigma Inductee for Women's Basketball.

Arelissa Gonzalez graduated magna cum laude from Seton Hall University in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. In the fall of 2022, she will be starting optometry school at Salus University, Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

Danielle Bonistalli and Magdalen Cooney received Bachelor of Arts degrees from College of the Holy Cross. The two IHA graduates are among seven hundred fifty-five graduating seniors Holy Cross celebrated at its 176th Commencement held on May 27, 2022 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Isabella Roselli is the recipient of a Hamilton College Class of 1979 Travel Award. The award, established by the alumni of Hamilton's Class of 1979, offers financial assistance to certain outstanding Hamilton students who wish to pursue extensive research projects in different parts of the world or present at conferences. Isabella is using the award for a project that examines food preparation tools and domestic architecture at the Tilcayete sites, located near Oaxaca, Mexico.



Arelissa Gonzalez '18

Kristina Pestic, a member of College of the Holy Cross' Class of 2022 majoring in history/Russian, was awarded a Certificate in Business Fundamentals from College of the Holy Cross' Carlyse and Arthur A. Ciocca '59 Center for Business, Ethics, and Society. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree at the 176th Commencement held on May 27, 2022 at the DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts.



Catherine Petretti '18

**'18** Catherine Petretti graduated summa cum laude from Villanova University in May 2022. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in astronomy & astrophysics and also completed minors in physics, mathematics, and classical studies. Throughout her time at Villanova, Catherine completed five research projects in astronomy. She worked closely with her Astronomy and Physics professors at Villanova, in addition to conducting two research projects at MIT Haystack Observatory. These projects have resulted in two publications of her research. She also participated in the 237th and 240th Annual Meetings of the American Astronomical Society in 2021 and 2022 to present her research. In 2021, Catherine received the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, recognizing her strong commitment to a STEM research career, effective display of intellectual achievement in STEM, and potential for a significant future contribution to research. Within the Department of

Astrophysics and Planetary Science at Villanova, Catherine was the recipient of the Fr. Edward F. Jenkins, O.S.A. Medallion Award, which was conferred by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to a graduating senior who has the highest GPA in the astronomy & astrophysics major. She was also recently inducted into the Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society and the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Catherine is overjoyed to pursue her dream of becoming an astrophysicist after graduation. She will be continuing her career by attending the Ph.D. program in astronomy and astrophysics at Harvard University beginning in Fall 2022. Catherine plans to research theoretical astrophysics, with her interests ranging from the study of the large-scale structure of the universe to quantum fluctuations in the earliest stages of the Big Bang to supermassive black holes at the centers of galaxies. She said she cannot thank her teachers at IHA and the STEM@theheart program enough for setting her on a path for success in academia.



**Megan Rice** and **Heather Farrell** graduated from the University of Notre Dame on May 15, 2022.



Megan Rice'18 and Heather Farrell'18

**Daniella Cangelosi**, **Maeve Kelly**, **Olivia Labosky**, **Reilly Medzadourian**, and **Erin Palermo** were among more than eight hundred fifty bachelor's degrees conferred at The University of Scranton's undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 21, 2022 at the Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre. Daniella earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, Maeve earned a Bachelor of Science degree in occupational therapy, Olivia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in counseling and human services, Reilly earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early and primary teacher education, and Erin earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health promotion.

**Marielle Riccardelli** was named to the Siena College president's list for the Spring 2022 semester. The president's list requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

As part of The University of Alabama's spring commencement ceremonies held May 6-8, 2022, **Tori Buckman** earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, **Jada Gotay**

earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, **Megan Miele** earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and information sciences, and **Brianna Wynne** earned a Bachelor of Science in Education.

**'19** **Sofia Sabella** was among the ninety-two University of Scranton students inducted into Omega Beta Sigma, the women's business honor society. Induction is open to students who major or minor in business, have at least sophomore academic standing, and have a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Sofia is a senior international business major at the Jesuit university.

**Emily Primavera** was inducted into College of the Holy Cross Alpha Alpha Alpha (Tri-Alpha) Honor Society, a national honor society recognizing the achievements of first-generation students, alumni, staff, faculty, and administrators. Emily, a member of the Class of 2023, was one of one hundred twenty-three students inducted into the honor society's new chapter at Holy Cross named Delta Omicron.

**Alexa Trubiano**, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2023, has earned the Fall 2021 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. Alexa is an environmental geology major.

**Gabriella Cali** was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester at Sacred Heart University. She is a student in the 3 + 3 Physical Therapy program.

**Nicole Piserchia** achieved dean's list at Sacred Heart University in the School of Nursing for the Spring 2022 semester. In addition to her heavy schoolwork load, Nicole is employed at the Connecticut Orthopaedic Institute at St. Vincent's Medical Center. She is looking forward to her senior year and completing her nursing degree.

**'20** **Allison Sandt** received the SUNY Oneonta 2021-22 Susan Sutton Smith Award for academic excellence. The awards are given each spring to first-year students, sophomores, and juniors who have earned a grade point average of 3.9 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Additionally, Allie earned dean's list honors for the Spring 2022 semester. She is majoring in music industry.

**Hayley Cummins**, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2024, has earned the Fall 2021 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. Hayley is a political science major.

**Angeline Jacob** was named to the Siena College president's list for the Spring 2022 semester. The president's list requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

**Kylie Waskas** just completed her sophomore year at The University of Richmond. She has been named to the dean's list with straight A's for all four semesters. A member of the Class of 2024, Kylie is majoring in healthcare studies and minoring in biology and data science.

## 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:

**Janet Tulin Horan, Class of 1967**  
May 23, 2022

**Sandra D'Alfonso Molé, Class of 1968**  
August 1, 2022

**Mary Beth Mueller**  
August 27, 2021  
*Sister of Jane Ann Sargia'64*

**Michael Kummerfeldt**  
November 21, 2021  
*Husband of Frances Petermann Kummerfeldt'70*

**Theresa Cocozza**  
February 19, 2022  
*Grandmother of Isabella Vaughn'22*

**Hannah Grace Falcon**  
May 6, 2022  
*Daughter of Kelly Duby Falcon'03, faculty member; niece of Erin Duby'01; great-niece of Carol Petersen'78; granddaughter of Cynthia Petersen P'01, '03*

**John Barnes**  
May 8, 2022  
*Husband of Beta Barnes, former faculty member*

**Michael Conzo**  
May 8, 2022  
*Husband of Lucille Franco Conzo'79 and father of Gabrielle Conzo'14*

**Joseph Tieng**  
June 6, 2022  
*Father of Arlene Tieng'97*

**James Smith**  
June 7, 2022  
*Father of Ellen Smith Mahoney'80, Betty Ann Smith Dobson'82, Kerrie Smith Brennan'93, and Mariann Smith Odierno'93; grandfather of Meghan Mahoney'14 and Katherine Odierno'25; and IHA Hall of Fame Class of 1995*

**Joseph Ugliarolo**  
June 12, 2022  
*Father of Ava Ugliarolo'19*

**June Adams**  
June 20, 2022  
*Mother of Cori Tucker, faculty member*

**Emilio "Buddy" Dellapenta**  
June 24, 2022  
*Father of the late KariAnn Dellapenta'93, Christy Dellapenta Murrell'95, and Nicole Dellapenta Tynan'99*

**Carole Basso**  
July 2022  
*Former faculty member and wife of the late Ralph Basso, former faculty member*

**Beverly Joan McGeary**  
July 5, 2022  
*Mother of the late Colleen McGeary Koscuizka'76, Mary Pat McGeary'81, Katie McGeary Kenny'84, and Michael McGeary P'19, and grandmother of Kirstin McGeary'19*

**Cecilia DeGeorge**  
July 11, 2022  
*Mother of Lauren DeGeorge'04*

**Karen Mansfield**  
July 11, 2022  
*Sister of Darla Addabbo P'07, faculty member, and aunt of Darlayne Addabbo'07 and Rayna Addabbo'07*

**Nicholas T. Matich**  
July 17, 2022  
*Father of Leigh Matich'80*

**Ignazio "Iggy" Belgiovine**  
July 24, 2022  
*Father of Bridget Belgiovine'75, Rosemary Belgiovine Kwaterski'76, and Camille Belgiovine Spera'81*



# 2022 OPEN HOUSES

## Will you be a member of IHA's Class of 2027?

If you are a young woman searching for a school known for its academic excellence, athletic competition, and creative expression grounded in traditional Catholic values, Immaculate Heart Academy is the place for you. Students from eight different counties in New Jersey and New York presently call IHA

their second home, and we would love for you to join them. The sisterhood formed at IHA is incomparable, and the memories made here last a lifetime—just ask the more than ten thousand graduates who have graced our halls. Come decide if you belong @theheart by attending our Fall Open Houses:

**Sunday,**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2022**  
11 a.m. through 2 p.m.

**Thursday,**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2022**  
6:30 through 8:30 p.m.

### What to Expect

- Take a tour with our knowledgeable and friendly student Eagle Ambassadors, who will guide you through the state-of-the-art building and campus.
- Meet teachers, administrators, directors, students, and coaches—all of whom are essential members of the IHA family.
- Learn about the admissions process, including the High School Placement Test (HSPT).
- Ask questions about curriculum, financial aid, transportation, and much more.

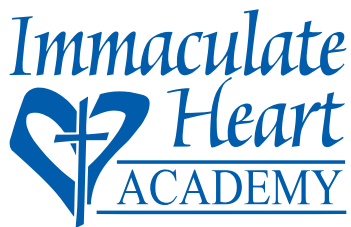
### How to Apply

- Take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) on November 11, 2022.
- Complete IHA's online application on [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com) by December 1, 2022.
- Have transcripts from sixth through eighth grade sent to IHA by December 15, 2022.


*Online registration is requested for our Open Houses. Walk-ins are also welcome.*

For more information, please contact **Ms. Lauren Rhein'09**, director of admissions, at 201.445.6800, ext. 112 or [lrhein@ihanj.com](mailto:lrhein@ihanj.com).





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If this is not you or if your daughter no longer lives at home, please let us know. Reach out to Beth DiCiancia Garrigan '76, P'06 at 201.445.6800, ext. 182 or bgarrigan@ihanj.com with updated information.

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 AUGUST 2022, WHEN THIS ISSUE WAS PRINTED.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP  
24&25

### Class of 1972 50th Reunion

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

NOV  
11

### HSPT for Class of 2027

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

OCT  
06

### Blue Eagle Open

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

NOV  
15

### Virtual Book Club

7 p.m.  
Read and discuss *Carville's Cure: Leprosy, Stigma, and the Fight for Justice* by Pam Fessler '71.

OCT  
23&27

### Fall Open Houses

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

NOV  
18-20

### IHA Fall Drama

Productions will be Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19 at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 20 at 2 p.m.

NOV  
4&5

### Reunion Weekend

Alumnae from this year's anniversary classes of '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12, and '17 are invited to celebrate at IHA!

DEC  
01

### Class of 2027 Application Deadline

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