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Our Mission

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





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President's Corner



Dear IHA Community,

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year! As we look ahead to another exciting year at Immaculate Heart Academy, we also continue to joyfully honor our 65th Anniversary celebration.

For seven decades, IHA has been an institution committed to providing quality education to young women in an environment characterized by exceptional academic standards, traditional Catholic values, and undeniable sisterhood. During my 19 years at IHA, I have been privileged to witness students grow and develop into confident women who continue to lead, impress, and succeed in our ever-changing world.

As we continue to commemorate our incredible milestone in 2025, we look forward to welcoming the incoming Class of 2029 to the sisterhood. We are also excited to embark on the final year

of our senior class with many memorable events leading up to graduation, as well as celebrating many Masses together, recognizing International Women's Day, and experiencing all of our school's traditions as one united community.

I know we will celebrate many more milestones together in the years and decades to come. As always, we are incredibly grateful for our entire community of staff, students, alumnae, and families. We would not be here today without your dedication.

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary continue to bless us all in the coming year.

Jason Schlereth
President P'27, '28



SPOTLIGHT ON...Scholae@theheart



Each newsletter we plan to spotlight one of the many incredible programs offered at Immaculate Heart Academy.

Our first profile is on our Scholae@theheart Program which was introduced in the 2022-23 academic year. Scholae@theheart provides students increased opportunities for specialization and recognition in areas that capitalize on their strengths and interests. The program enables students to investigate areas for postsecondary education and receive additional extracurricular experiences to support their learning and career discernment.

Scholars enrolled in one of the six 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.

According to Miss Kerry Carroll '04, principal, "IHA is committed to providing students with not only excellent academics but supportive communities and real world engagement. Seeing the first scholae extracurricular activities take place this fall is truly the fulfillment of a dream. We are grateful that so many alumnae and community members are willing to generously share their time, talents, and experience with our students. I know they are eager for the next exciting opportunities planned for them."



Some of the 2024 events hosted by the academic coordinators of our six scholae:

IHA welcomed back Ms. Stef Sopelsa '14 to speak with students enrolled in the **St. Clare of Assisi Communications Schola**. A production coordinator at *Inside Edition*, Stef spoke to students about her experiences at IHA and how they provided the foundation for her future career in television. The students were able to ask questions about internships, job opportunities, and in depth details about Stef's exciting career. Thank you to Ms. Jessica Shaheen, Communications Department chairperson, for coordinating this enrichment opportunity for students.





The **St. Hildegard Arts Schola** was visited by alumna Melissa Wahler '14, a photographer and co-owner of Sava Studio which creates journalistic, documentary style wedding photography for its clients. Melissa shared her journey from Saint John's University and the International Center of Photography to her successful career as a professional photographer. The Arts Schola also welcomed back Annalyce D'Agostino '13, founder of FocusPosters.com. Annalyce started her

business as a way to empower others to create customized visual support posters for kids with characters designed to look like them. Annalyce is passionate about growing her business while also helping to inspire young artists and creators to carve their own path in this career field. Thank you to Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, art teacher, for giving students an opportunity to explore the many career options available in this field.



Mrs. Denise Lenihan, a civil engineer and project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at West Point, visited students from The **St. Barbara Engineering Schola**. She spoke to students about her experiences in the field of engineering, why she chose this career path, and how she advanced to her current position, overseeing multiple

design projects at one time. While engineering lacked female representation when she first began her career, Denise said she is now encouraged to see more women embracing this path for their future. Thank you to Mrs. Theresa Dolan '95, technology and engineering teacher, for coordinating this event.





The **St. Catherine of Siena Humanities Schola** welcomed back former IHA teacher Ms. Patrice McDonough to talk about her career as an accomplished writer of historical mysteries, including *Murder by Lamplight*. Patrice discussed the writing, development, and publishing processes with students and shared her vast knowledge of creating characters, growing

plot elements, completing a novel, and navigating the publishing industry. Thank you to Ms. Megan Moser, English teacher, for coordinating this insightful event and be sure to keep an eye out for Patrice's new book, *A Slash of Emerald*, which is set to be released in February 2025.



The **St. Gianna Molla Life Sciences Schola** was pleased to welcome back Dr. Angelica Otiępka '09, a veterinarian at Banfield Pet Hospital in Paramus, NJ.

Angelica came to speak to students about her college experience, veterinary school, and post-school career path. Thank you to Mrs. Lauren Tereshko, science teacher,



for coordinating this event to help students learn more about what it takes to pursue a career in the field of life sciences.

Students of the **St. Zelig Martin Business Schola** visited the Innovation Center at Bergen Community College and explored cutting-edge technology laboratories, including the Bloomberg Finance lab which helped them expand their knowledge of the world of financial markets and investing. The Business Schola also hosted a guest speaker event featuring four alumnae from the Class of 2017: Erin Carroll, marketing manager at Hungryroot; Katie Jones, portfolio associate at Fidelity; Reagan Jones, FX corporate sales at Bank of America; and Olivia Sprofera, prime brokerage risk manager at Fidelity. The alumnae told students how their IHA education prepared them for professional success and shared valuable insight about their respective industries. Thank you to Mrs. Christine Capizzi '89 P'25, mathematics and business teacher, and Mrs. Amy Baskin, assistant principal of academics, for coordinating these events.





Junior Ring Day Liturgy and Ceremony

The Junior Ring Ceremony for IHA's Class of 2026 was held on the morning of December 5, 2024.

This special day began with a liturgy, presided by Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, and then a ring ceremony where Miss Kerry Carroll '04, IHA principal, reflected on this important tradition at Immaculate Heart Academy, "The ring

represents not only each student's growth but the unique role that she plays in our community of faith, learning, and sisterhood. It is not only about your individual achievement but also about your connection to this school and your place among your sisters." Miss Carroll went on to say, "Whether through acts of kindness, academic achievements, leadership, or service, you have the power

to shape not just your own high school story, but the story of our IHA family." Afterward, a reception was held in the cafeteria for the juniors and their families. Thank you to the IHA administration; Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, junior class moderator; and IHA Campus Ministry for beautifully executing this special day for the members of the Class of 2026.





65th Anniversary Gala

Members of the IHA community gathered together to celebrate an important milestone at the school on November 14, 2024. Immaculate Heart Academy commemorated its 65th year of educating and empowering young women with a special gala at Seasons in the Township of Washington.

The IHA administration, current and former faculty and staff, alumnae, parents, grandparents, and students enjoyed a memorable evening together that showcased our extraordinary history that began with the Class of 1964.

We are so grateful for the incredible support of the IHA community in celebrating our 65th anniversary. Thank you to our generous donors, co-chairs and committee, volunteers, and all who attended and supported our Gala.

A special thank you to our Silver Sponsor, Ms. Janet Martin GP'22, '26; our Blue Sponsors, Acme Industrial, Alfred Sanzari Enterprises, and the Geerlof Family '20; our Heart Sponsors, Bergen Catholic High School and St. Joseph Regional High School; and our Eagle Sponsors, D&B Building Solutions, Gem Electrical Contracting, LLC, and Robertson & Associates.





50th Reunion of the Class of 1974



The Class of 1974 reunited 50 years after their IHA graduation on the weekend of November 2-3, 2024. The alumnae celebrated this special jubilee reunion at a luncheon at Sear House in Closter on Saturday, followed by a Mass and brunch at IHA on Sunday. Thank you to members of the 1974 50th Reunion Committee, Glynis (Burke) Dolan '74, Patti (Hughes) Meder '74, Sheila (Flynn) Towson '74, and Drew (Scherrieb) Wotyca '74, for their hard work in planning this memorable event. We are grateful for your continued dedication to your alma mater!



60th Reunion of the Class of 1964

On November 24, 2024, the Class of 1964 reunited 60 years after their IHA graduation. The alumnae celebrated together at Immaculate Heart Academy with a Memorial Mass, brunch, and tour of the school by our Eagle Ambassadors. Members of the Class of 1964 then gathered together to watch our incredible fall drama, *Sense and Sensibility*. Thank you to the IHA Advancement Office and Bonnie Ryan '64 for planning this wonderful event.





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Catholic Schools Week 2025

United in Faith and Community @theheart!

Catholic Schools Week 2025 was a huge success at IHA. We began the celebration with a beautiful Mass presided by Fr. Frank Fano on Monday and on Tuesday everyone at the school watched an exciting volleyball game between students and faculty. On Wednesday, the IHA community joined together for a pep rally hosted by the officers of the freshman and sophomore class. Students had a blast playing wheelbarrow relay races; a basketball free throw game; back-to-back beach ball carry; teacher and IHA trivia; and musical Hula-Hoops.

At the end of the week, we celebrated Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day and Student Appreciation Day. On Thursday, faculty and staff were treated to an amazing lunch from Clemente Bakery. Thank you to the IHA Parents' Club for coordinating this special day. On Friday, students were treated to cookies at lunchtime. The IHA administration was happy to deliver this special treat to our well-deserving students!

As part of Catholic Schools Week, IHA also participated in its annual charity drive. This year, students and staff supported the organization Pencils for Pula by bringing in more than 3,500 school supplies to help support students and teachers in need.







Father/Daughter Dance

On February 2, 2025, IHA held a special dance for IHA students and their dads, stepdads, granddads, uncles, and godfathers! At this memorable Bows & Bowties event, everyone enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of music, dancing, food, games and prizes. Thank you to the Advancement Office and IHA Parents' Club board members for planning this dance, and to all the volunteers and parents who donated items for this special day.





Renovated Multi-Purpose Room

Students were thrilled to begin the school year and see their newly renovated multi-purpose room when they first walked into the school this past September. The new design includes comfortable couches and chairs; a picture wall celebrating our 65 years as a school; new lighting including a sparkling chandelier; and a beautiful lighted IHA logo that is visible from the parking lot. The renovated room is a relaxing new space for students to study and unwind with their fellow sisters.



Did You Know...

DECA Leadership Training

IHA's amazing DECA leadership team — Caitlyn Capizzi '25, Grace Guglielmetti '25, Ella Turnamian '25, Lilé Policastro '25, Emma Neyland '25, Francesca Velardo '25, and Dylann Kammen '25 — attended the DECA Chapter Officer Leadership Training at Kean University on October 17, 2024. The all-day conference was an incredible opportunity to connect with DECA students from across New Jersey to expand leadership skills, team building, and chapter management best practices. Thank you to DECA chapter advisor and teacher, Mrs. Christine (Cabrera) Capizzi '89 P'25 for taking students to this important team-building event.



Separately, IHA is pleased to announce that 13 IHA DECA members qualified for the NJ state competition after 68 of our students competed in a district competition at Ramapo College in January. The 13 students listed below will compete at Harrah's Atlantic City in March. Congratulations!

Financial Consulting

Grace Guglielmetti '25
Emma Neyland '25
Kristina Ahn '27

Professional Selling

Ella Turnamian '25
Olivia Buldo '27
Anjeelee Marte '27

Hospitality & Tourism

Danielle DellaVolpe '27
Anne Maciejewski '27
Gianna Muliero '25

Personal Financial Literacy

Lilé Policastro '25

Principles of Business Management Administration

Clare Wenzke '26

Principles of Entrepreneurship

Keira Collins '27

Principles of Hospitality & Tourism

Samantha Kerrigan '26





Courtesy: FIFA

IHA Student Plays in Women's World Cup

Congratulations to IHA's own Jaylene Rondon '26 for making the Dominican Republic U-17 team and playing in the Women's World Cup as the team's goalkeeper! Jaylene has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old and playing competitively since she was 8 years old. She currently also plays for the IHA Varsity Soccer Team and the New York Soccer Club. Jaylene previously played with World Class FC soccer where her team qualified twice for the national championship games for the Elite Clubs National League. According to the Dominican newspaper, *El Nuevo Diario*, "Dominican U-17 goalkeeper Jaylene Rondon has captured national and international attention after her outstanding performance in the match against Nigeria, one of the strongest teams in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. Rondon, with a display of reflexes and courage, only allowed one goal in 90 minutes, keeping the constant Nigerian attack at bay. Nigeria, a powerhouse in women's football, found in Rondon a true defensive wall, managing to keep the Dominican team in the fight." Congratulations Jaylene!

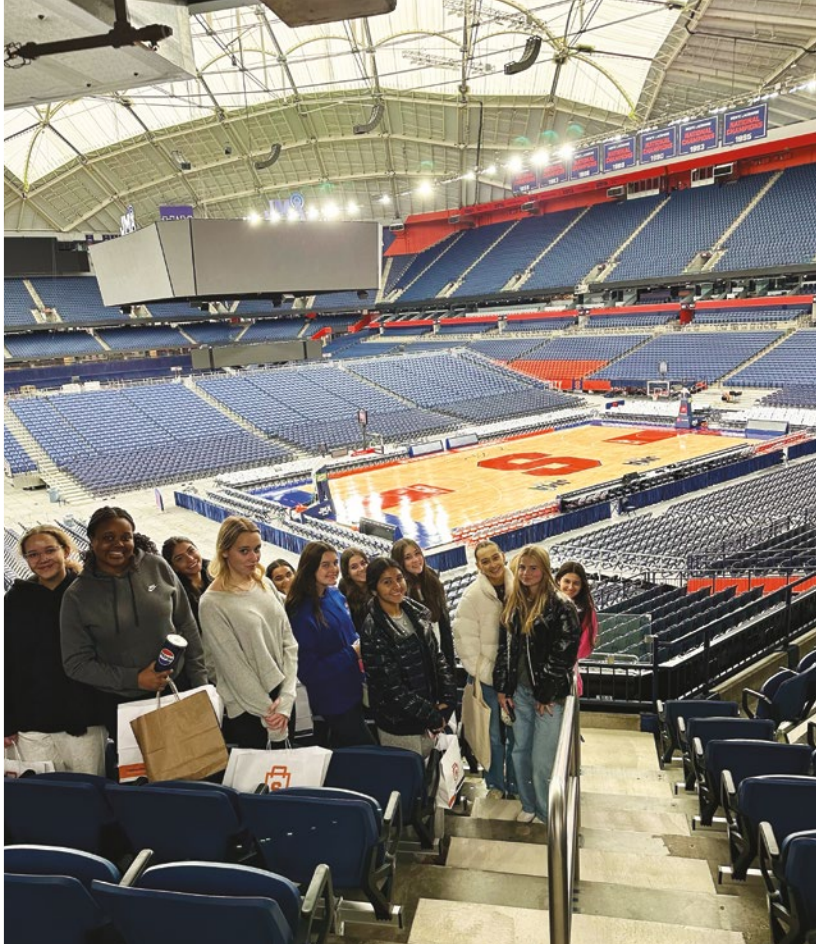


Model United Nations (UN) Club Visits New York City

The Model UN Club took a trip to the United Nations on December 4, 2024. Seventeen students were given a guided tour of the UN headquarters where they learned about the history of the UN and its purpose in the international community. The students also witnessed a vote in the General Assembly and a meeting of the Security Council via closed circuit television. Thank you

to club moderator and teacher, Mrs. DeMartini P'21, '23, for taking students on this field trip to help them learn about the dynamics of international relations.





College Tour

IHA sisters are everywhere to lend a hand to their fellow sisters! On a recent college tour of Syracuse University, Riley Benedik '22 showed IHA students around her beautiful campus. Thank you to Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling, and Mrs. Corinne Fritzky, college counselor at IHA, for taking more than 30 sophomores, juniors, and seniors on this informative trip!



Empowering the Next Generation of STEM Leaders

In honor of National STEM Day on November 8, 2024, IHA's Club Être had the incredible opportunity to visit Johnson & Johnson's world headquarters in New Brunswick, NJ. Students connected with senior female leaders across a variety of fields, including marketing, finance, accounting, engineering, medical research, and Information Technology. The day was filled with inspiring conversations, valuable networking, and firsthand insight into exciting career paths in STEM. Thank you to Club Être moderator and teacher, Mrs. Christine (Cabrera) Capizzi '89 P'25 for putting together this informative trip!



The Arts, Culture, and Theater (ACT) Club Visits Radio City Music Hall

IHA's ACT Club took a trip to New York City to see The Radio City Christmas Spectacular on December 5, 2024. Forty students were able to watch fellow sister and IHA alumna Jaclyn Scerbak de Nicola '15 perform in the show as a Radio City Rockette! Thank you to chaperones, Mr. Paul McGinnis, guidance counselor and ACT Club moderator, and Ms. Nicole Clermont, theology teacher, for taking students on this trip. Also in attendance were teachers Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, and Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11.



Empty Bowl Fundraiser

The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) crafted 20 handmade ceramic bowls and 75 clay ornaments in order to help support an Empty Bowls fundraiser at Athenia Veterans Post in Clifton, New Jersey. The Empty Bowl fundraiser is an internationally recognized effort that raises money and awareness in the fight to end hunger. For each ticket purchased at the fundraiser, participants took home one of the hand-crafted ceramic bowls and enjoyed a cup of soup or chili. Proceeds from the event helped support St. Peter's Haven, a food pantry in Clifton. Thank you to the National Art Honor Society and Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts and NAHS moderator, for their efforts in supporting this amazing cause, and to Bridget Dooley '26 and Ella Matts '26 for participating in the Empty Bowl event on November 8, 2024.





IHA Student Appears in CBS Drama

IHA's own Eva Bayersdorfer '26 appeared on the television program *FBI* in December. The fast-paced drama about the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation airs on CBS. To see the episode with Eva, you can stream it on Paramount+ by looking for Season 7, Episode 7. Eva has been acting in school productions since 2019 and has performed in IHA's fall drama *Sense and Sensibility*, and in Don Bosco's *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *Guys and Dolls*. Eva is pictured above in an action shot from the *FBI* television series and is standing next to Eriq La Salle, actor and director of episode 7. Congratulations Eva on your television debut!

Trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Students from Advanced Painting and Drawing, Honors Studio, AP Studio Art, and Spanish IV Honors Art History took a trip to New York City on December 10, 2024, to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Students participated in a self-guided tour in preparation for their Art Analysis papers. Thank you to chaperones and teachers, Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, and Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20 for exposing students to such an enlightening experience!



Promoting Childhood Reading

Katelyn Negrete '26 is committed to promoting the importance of early childhood reading among the Hispanic community. She is the co-founder of Pages of Promise for Every Hispanic Child, along with her cousin Brandon Gutierrez. Katelyn recently spoke at the Mexican flag raising ceremony in Clifton to discuss this initiative. As part of her efforts, she reached out to Scholastic to publicize her initiative and they were so inspired by her commitment that they supported her by donating books to give to children during the ceremony. Katelyn's efforts to emphasize and teach others the importance of reading to help build success was also highlighted in *The Clifton Times*. Great work Katelyn!



Mock Trial Competition

The defense team of the IHA Mock Trial Club took home a win against Barnstable Academy on January 8, 2025. The team had the opportunity to compete in a real courtroom at the Bergen County Justice Center. Thank you to club moderator, Mrs. Emily Fernandez for coordinating this event. Standing left to right in the group photo are Sophia Nemeth '26, Madison Les '26, Kathryn Williamson '26, Katherine Montesano '28, Grace Higgins '28, Juliet Fisher '27, Maureen Hennelly '26, Victoria DelJuidice '25, and Kathleen Brancato '26.



National Coach of the Year

IHA Swim Team coach and history teacher, Ms. Lia Kunnapas '09, was named National Coach of the Year by NFHS. Coach Lia is among 24 coaches across the United States that received this honor for the 2023-24 school year. The 24 category winners are based on the most participated boys and girls sports across the NFHS membership, which includes various sports, including swimming, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, and softball.

In reference to Coach Lia's accomplishment, NFHS stated, "This award designates you among the most elite coaches in the country, as well as the state and sectional coach of the year for your sport. You should be proud of your contributions to your sport, school, and community! You

were specifically nominated by your state high school athletic/activity association to receive this award."

Coach Lia received this incredible honor based not just on her coaching performance in the 2023-24 school year but also on her history as a coach, school and community involvement, and philosophy of coaching. She was also recently selected as New Jersey Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools Coaches Association for girls swimming in the 2023-24 school year.

Congratulations Coach Lia, Immaculate Heart Academy is extremely proud of your achievements and your incredible efforts as a coach and history teacher at the school.



Honors Convocation

On September 20, 2024, IHA recognized and celebrated the academic achievements of students during the 2023-24 academic year.

Miss Kerry Carroll '04, principal, welcomed the student body to the ceremony and led the IHA community in an opening prayer. Lauren DeLuccia '25, the 2024-2025 president of the National Honor Society, then shared her thoughts on the incredible accomplishments of the students being recognized at the Honors Convocation.

During the 2023-24 school year, 43 students earned Distinguished Honors for the year by earning averages of 95% or better each quarter, and 206 students were recognized with Honors by earning averages of 90% or better each quarter. Mrs. Amy Baskin, assistant principal of academics, commended each of the students for their hard work and perseverance and then presented each one with a certificate.

Special awards were also presented to members of the junior and senior classes from various colleges and universities, in addition to several in-house IHA awards.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

The Promising Young Scientist Award - Riley Cannon '26



College Recognition Awards

The University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award - Grace Guglielmetti '25

The University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award - Sierra Tofts '25

The University of Rochester Xerox Award - Caitlin Donovan '25

The University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award - Lauren Mulry '25

The St. Lawrence University Book Award - Paige Burgess '25

The Student Sage Award - Anne Marie Kelly '25

The Brown University Book Award - Lana Langevin '25

The University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award - Victoria DelJuidice '25

The St. Bonaventure University Bonnie Scholarship - Elizabeth Burgess '25

The Springfield College Award - Isabelle Bertussi '25

The St. Michael College Book Award - Katelyn Mikros '25 and Rachel Paton '25

The Tulane University Book Award - Carmella Madlinger '25

The Chatham University Rachel Carson Award - Piper Portacio '25

The Bowdoin Book Award -

Victoria Niziol '25

The St. Anselm Book Award -

Kathleen Reck '25

The Clarkson University Leadership**Award -** Madison Assanah '25**The Clarkson University****Achievement Award -**

Ileana Asencio '25

The Sacred Heart Book Award -

Emma McElroy '25

The Rensselaer Medal Award -

Allison Egan '25

IHA also recognized seniors for their scholarly pursuits outside of the traditional school setting. This summer, our scholars participated in a variety of activities including EMT training; volunteering at Chilton Medical Center; attending college programs in engineering and neuroscience; and taking part in programs that honed their artistry and classical vocals. Additionally, students became immersed in Girls State, led younger teens with a Guild experience in England, and worked with middle school students in a summer CCD program. These experiences have given the students a better understanding of the world outside of IHA and the impact they can have in the future.

**St. Brigid Summer Scholar Awards**

Evelyn Roman '25

Avery Connors '25

Emerson Focht '25

Grace Coster '25

Elizabeth Marino '25

Clodagh Moore '25

Alexa Harding '25

Jillian Gaglioti '25

Chloe Kadien '25

Katherine Ryan '25

Lauren Mulry '25

Isabella Sarlo '25



In recognition of the extraordinary rigors of our curriculum, IHA believed it was also essential to honor our junior students with in-house awards for academic distinction. These awards recognize students who have excelled in the following subject matters through a combination of academic excellence, superior skill, and genuine interest in the subject area.

In-house Awards for Academic Distinction**Social Studies:** Gabriella DellaVolpe '26**English:** Elliott Daniels '26**Science:** Danica Libanan '26**Technology:** Veronica Brenner '26**Communications:** Roisin McLaughlin '26**Fine Arts:** Sofia Ghomi '26**Performing Arts:** Tara McCarthy '26**Physical Education:** Kathleen Hahn '26**Spanish:** Sophia Kuzma '26**French:** Gabriella Butto '26**Italian:** Alliana Campana '26**Mathematics:** Isabella Ragone '26**Theology:** Cavan Clancy '26

National Honor Society Q1 Awards

IHA's National Honor Society presents awards each quarter to students representing the four pillars of the society: service, leadership, scholarship, and character. For the first quarter of the 2024-25 academic year, congratulations are extended to the following seniors:



Left to right: Isabelle Bertussi, Avery Connors, Allison Egan, Rachel Paton

SERVICE

Isabelle Bertussi: Isabelle is dedicated to serving her community and the less fortunate. Her role as an Eagle Ambassador and president of service for IHA's Campus Ministry is a testament to this dedication. Isabelle is constantly looking out for her peers and working toward bettering the world around her through her various roles at IHA, including as president of the senior class. Isabelle's school spirit and passion for serving others showcase her selfless generosity and dedication to her community.

LEADERSHIP

Avery Connors: Avery's warm smile and positive attitude exemplify the qualities of a leader. Avery demonstrates outstanding leadership skills both in and out of the classroom. Her commitment to leading the IHA community is seen through her membership in the Student Council, serving as the 2024-2025 vice president. Avery is also captain of the IHA Field Hockey Team and co-president of Eagles Nest and the Irish Club. Avery inspires peers to become active members of the sisterhood.

SCHOLARSHIP

Allison Egan: Allison is the embodiment of an IHA scholar. Allison has shown a great deal of dedication and commitment to her academics, as seen through her membership in the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society, and Math League. She is also a member of the Bergen Catholic Varsity Cheer Team. Allison's rigorous academic schedule does not stop her from using her talents to benefit others. Her passion for learning shines through the IHA community and acts as a role model for her fellow students.

CHARACTER

Rachel Paton: Rachel exudes positivity and genuine kindness into the IHA community. Her humor fosters an uplifting and supportive environment. Rachel's character is seen in her dedication to the IHA Varsity Volleyball Team. She never fails to cheer on her teammates, while also being her authentic self. Rachel's teamwork, leadership, resilience, and discipline exemplify the character every IHA student strives to have.

National Honor Society Q2 Awards

IHA would also like to congratulate the following seniors who were presented with awards by the National Honor Society for the second quarter of the 2024-25 school year:



Left to right: Emma McElroy, Sofia Valente, Madison Assanah, Isabella Piccinich

SERVICE

Emma McElroy: Emma is dedicated to serving those around her. Her role as president of sisterhood on the Christian Service Board and dedication to leading campus ministry shows her consideration for the needs of others. Emma also serves her community as an Eagle Ambassador, the president of heartTV, and president of Mu Alpha Theta, the National Mathematics Honor Society. Emma is a shining example of the importance of selflessly caring for those around her and how compassion positively impacts the world.

LEADERSHIP

Sofia Valente: Sofia's vibrant personality and contagious smile are what make her a true IHA leader. Sofia demonstrates outstanding leadership skills both in and out of the classroom. Her commitment to leading IHA is evident as she is co-captain of the IHA Varsity Basketball Team, co-president of Eagles Nest, and a key member of the IHA Softball Team. Sofia inspires her peers to become active members of the sisterhood.

SCHOLARSHIP

Madison Assanah: Madison has truly shown what it means to be an IHA scholar. Madison has shown a great deal of commitment to her academics through her involvement in the National Honor Society and Science National Honor Society. She is also vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and captain of the IHA Swim Team. Despite having a rigorous academic schedule, Madison's talents and passion for learning shine through the IHA community.

CHARACTER

Isabella Piccinich: Isabella is a positive influence whose character shines in the IHA community. She exemplifies honesty, humility, and kindness. Her presence and positivity brighten every classroom she is in. Her involvement in the National Honor Society and Future Doctors of America Club, and position as captain of IHA's Varsity Swim Team testifies to her dedication to IHA. Isabella is always eager to help her classmates and never fails to put a smile on someone's face.

Quarter One Distinguished Scholars

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Distinguished Scholars by earning an average of 95 or better for the first quarter of the 2024-25 academic year:

FRESHMEN

Alicia Eldridge
Isabella Fusaro
Caroline Geisler
Mia Goldfarb
Margaret Hahn
Natalie Joung
Colette Karg
Ashley Kim
Olivia Kim
Kristen Lee
Alyssa Lo
Antonella Malone
Riley Mitchell
Katherine Montesano
Lyla Murphy
Pavni Patel
Addison Porod
Emilia Reilly
Victoria Rizzotti
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Lily Chap
Olivia Cook
Ellie Higgins
Alexandra Jacobsen
Anne Maciejewski
Riley Marino
Clare McCarthy
Madeline Schlereth
Juliet Sok
Gabriella Tarinelli
Abigail Twomey
Katarina Van Tassel
Samantha Vaz
Ania Winger

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Riley Cannon
Gabriella DellaVolpe
Christina Festa
Alana Flores
Ashlyn Gillespie
Angela Giuliano
Paige Haemmerle
Kathleen Hahn
Jaylene Hernandez
Sophia Kuzma
Madison Les
Meghan Long
Catalina Maglicic
Katelyn Negrete
Mary Quinn
Isabella Ragone
Aiva Reid
Gabrielle Rivera

SENIORS

Ileana Asencio
Elizabeth Burgess
Paige Burgess
Allison Egan
Leah Finley
Grace Guglielmetti
Madeline Hayes
Lana Langevin
Emma McElroy
Alison Morris
Lauren Mulry
Alessandra Nazor
Victoria Niziol
Olivia Pantano
Rachel Paton
Estefania Pogue
Maggie Polchin
Piper Portacio
Kathleen Reck
Bergen Sollecito
Sierra Tofts

Quarter Two Distinguished Scholars

Congratulations to the following students who have been named Distinguished Scholars by earning an average of 95 or better for the second quarter of the 2024-25 academic year:

FRESHMEN

Emma Arevalo
Kiera Burke
Savannah Callea
Isabela Duarte
Katie Eckes
Alicia Eldridge
Riley Espaillet
Mia Fanelli
Sabrina Freda
Isabella Fusaro
Caroline Geisler
Soraya Gershenhorn
Autumn Giglio
Mia Goldfarb
Margaret Hahn
Kaitlyn Higgins
Natalie Joung
Colette Karg
Ashley Kim
Olivia Kim
Giada Laiolo
Marly Larkin
Kristen Lee
Alyssa Lo
Antonella Malone
Taylor McGuire
Riley Mitchell
Katherine Montesano
Lyla Murphy
Siobhan Murphy
Madilyn Olenick
Pavni Patel
Addison Porod
Juliana Rambadt
Emilia Reilly
Victoria Rizzotti
Emily Schlereth
Madison Schoch
Mia Tirabassi
Amara Villareal
Quinn Villaruel

SOPHOMORES

Kristina Ahn
Sofia Barrera
Burke Audrey Bello
Lia Carballo
Elizabeth Cetina
Elysia Chae
Lily Chap
Jenna Circelli
Olivia Cook
Zaria Degenhardt
Juliet Fisher
Carolina Guardascione
Ellie Higgins
Alexandra Jacobsen
Michelle LaFace
Riley Marino
Clare McCarthy
Grace McLoughlin
Madison Nese
Lucie Schell
Madeline Schlereth
Giada Scialpi
Gabriella Tarinelli
Abigail Twomey
Vivienne Ujhely
Katarina Van Tassel
Samantha Vaz
Ania Winger

JUNIORS

Daniela Ayala
Alliana Campana
Riley Cannon
Elliott Daniels
Gabriella DellaVolpe
Christina Festa
Lily Filippazzo
Alana Flores
Ashlyn Gillespie
Angela Giuliano
Giara Gonzalez
Paige Haemmerle
Jaylene Hernandez
Sophia Kuzma
Madison Les
Danica Libanal
Meghan Long

Catalina Maglicic
Katelyn Negrete
Mary Quinn
Isabella Ragone
Gabrielle Rivera
Kylie Sullivan
Samantha Sundlin
Olivia Valente

SENIORS

Ileana Asencio
Isabelle Bertussi
Elizabeth Burgess
Paige Burgess
Lauren DeLuccia
Allison Egan
Madisyn Falto
Leah Finley
Madeline Garbett
Grace Guglielmetti
Alexa Harding
Lana Langevin
Emma McElroy
Clodagh Moore
Alison Morris
Lauren Mulry
Alessandra Nazor
Emma Neyland
Olivia Nini
Rachel Paton
Orietta Pisciotta
Estefania Pogue
Piper Portacio
Kathleen Reck
Sarah Schiller
Sierra Tofts

Q1 and Q2 Soaring Eagle Awards



Quarter One Recipients (standing left to right in group photo): Alyssa Lo '28 (Science/Technology – Dr. Erika Brennan), Elliott Daniels '26 (World Languages – Mrs. Maria Daly-Valls), Mary Mahoney '26 (Mathematics – Mr. Greg McDonald), Cali Caprio '28 (The Arts – Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20), Isabelle Bertussi '25 (Communications – Ms. Jessica Shaheen), Olivia Gilligan-Ollert '27 (English – Mrs. Alison Curley '00), Adrianna Rispoli '26 (Theology – Mrs. Beth Szydluk '84 P'13, '18), Rihanna Desruisseau '25 (Social Studies – Ms. Caitlin Bonanno), and Rachel Mathew '27 (Physical Education – Mr. John Downey)

The Soaring Eagle Program recognizes the distinctive accomplishments of one student from each discipline at Immaculate Heart Academy four times a year. Teachers nominate students for achievements that are benchmarks in their academic career or for demonstrating classroom leadership, perseverance, or growth as a student.

Quarter One and Quarter Two Soaring Eagle Award recipients celebrated their achievement with their families, nominating teachers, and IHA staff at special receptions held on November 12, 2024 and February 7, 2025.

Soaring Eagle Quarterly Award recipients are more than students with an impressive GPA; they are students who have

distinguished themselves by embodying the ideals of an IHA education. They are enthusiastic, compassionate, creative, and intelligent young women dedicated to personal and academic growth.

Congratulations to all of our Soaring Eagles pictured for demonstrating excellence in a particular subject area.





Quarter Two Recipients (standing left to right in group photo): Nina Cardella '28 (World Languages – Ms. Beverly Cardino), Ella Turnamian '25 (Mathematics – Mrs. Christine Capizzi '89 P'25), Clara Byrnes '26 (The Arts – Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20), Mia Severino '26 (Science/Technology – Mrs. Lauren Tereshko), Brooke Rodriguez '25 (English – Mr. Frank Kearns), Ileana Asencio '25 (Theology – Mrs. Renee Thunell), Marina Scalcione '25 (Physical Education – Ms. Shemayne Williams), Abigail Twomey '27 (Social Studies – Ms. Megan Olsen), and Samantha Lanari '28 (Communications – Mr. David Lee)



Two IHA Students Named National Merit® Commended Students



Madison Assanah '25 and Allison Egan '25

On September 24, 2024, Miss Kerry Carroll '04, IHA principal, presented Madison Assanah '25 and Allison Egan '25 with a Letter of Commendation and flowers for being named Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit® Scholarship Program.

Approximately 34,000 high-performing Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/

NMSQT®). Congratulations to Madison and Allison on this tremendous achievement!

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."



AP[®] Scholars Recognized



Thirty-five students in the classes of 2024 and 2025 earned the designation of AP[®] Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the 2024 AP[®] Exams. The College Board's Advanced Placement[®] Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while

still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the end-of-course AP[®] Exams. Students took AP[®] Exams in May 2024. In order to be designated as an AP[®] Scholar by the College Board, a student must earn a score of 3 or higher on the AP[®] scale of 1-5.

Twelve students earned AP[®] Scholars with Distinction, eight were named AP[®] Scholars with Honor, and fifteen students were designated AP[®] Scholar Award Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

AP[®] Scholar with Distinction Award Recipients

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

Samantha Andersen '24
Ella Bosse '24
Ella Crane '24
Hannah Hart '24
Meaghan Keating '24
Ellie Kim '24
Rose Martin '24
Elizabeth Ogden '24
Isabella Pizzi '24
Lily Schwedhelm '24
Adrianna Uykan '24
Eileen Wynne '24

AP[®] Scholar with Honor Award Recipients

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

Madyson Ayers '24
Caitlin Carr '24
Mina Cocca '24
Madison Fasolo '24
Karina Folwarski '24
Giana Fontanetta '24
Lindsay Probst '24
Kathleen Reck '25

AP[®] Scholar Award Recipients

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

Anvi Batra '24
Brooke Bjerke '24
Emily Caton '24
Alyzza Chino '24
Meghan Deane '24
Victoria DellaCroce '24
Alexandra Kucharz '24
Darcy Moore '24
Sophie Morales '24
Lauren Mulry '25
Bryana Saenz '24
Paula Sarango '24
Sarah Schiller '25
Marcelle Seckin '25
Kiera Stevenson '24



Class of 2026 NHS Inductees

Nearly 90 Students Inducted Into National Honor Society

On the evening of January 29, 2025, an Induction Ceremony was held for IHA's chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). In order to be inducted into the NHS, junior and senior students must be recognized by the faculty and administration for outstanding achievement in four areas: scholarship, character, leadership, and service. All students are also required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.7.

The NHS induction ceremony opened with an invocation led by Victoria Niziol '25, NHS secretary, and congratulatory remarks from Lauren DeLuccia '25, NHS president. NHS executive board members led a candle lighting ceremony followed by the induction of new members by Grace Gugliemetti '25, NHS vice president, and Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, NHS moderator and director of college counseling. Megan McCarthy '25 led the newly inducted members in the Honor Society pledge. Inductees then listened to a keynote address from Mrs. Amy Baskin, assistant principal of academics, and closing remarks from Mr. Jason Schlereth P'27, '28, president. The ceremony concluded with Victoria DeVirgilio '25 and Megan McCarthy '25 singing the IHA Alma Mater accompanied by Danica Libanan '26.

Thank you to IHA Administration, Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, and the NHS executive board members for coordinating this ceremony and Inserra Supermarkets for the donation of refreshments prepared by ShopRite of Hillsdale.



Class of 2025 NHS Inductees

Congratulations to all the new NHS inductees listed below:

Grade 12

Ileana Asencio
Madison Assanah
Madisyn Falto
Leah Finley
Zoe Giacomini
Ariana Hernandez
Karina Linzan
Lila Manuelian
Katelyn Mikros
Alison Morris
Christina Napolitano
Katherine Odierno
Jennifer Park
Isabela Pereira
Estefania Pogue
Sophia Prins
Isabella Sarlo
Angelica Smith
Bergen Sollecito
Katherine Spizzo
Lucyann Tappan
Ella Turnamian
Sofia Valente

Grade 11

Brielle Bakker
Katherine Barry
Abigail Bennett
Sophia Bertino
Emma Bossbaly
Kathleen Brancato
Veronica Brenner
Kylie Bryan
Clara Byrnes
Riley Cannon
Tara Caputo
Cavan Clancy
Bernadette Grace Colonna
Morgan Connell
Elliott Daniels
Gabriella DellaVolpe
Zoe DePhillips
Kate Dolan
Bridget Dooley
Isabella Duca
Hayden Edwards
Christina Festa
Alana Flores
Ashlyn Gillespie
Angela Giuliano
Giara Gonzalez
Kathleen Hahn
Mackenzie Handy



NHS Executive Board Members

Jaylene Hernandez
Madelyn Hryniw
Dahlia Iuliano
Ella Kovalcik
Anna Kuchar
Madison Les
Danica Libanan
Meghan Long
Natalie Lovaglio
Julia MacEwen
Catalina Maglicic
Mary Mahoney
Grace Masterson
Ella Matts
Tara McCarthy
Roisin McLaughlin
Anne Moore
Etain Moore
Diya Moorjani
Madeline Murphy
Molly Neafsey
Katelyn Negrete
Mary Quinn
Isabella Ragone
Aiva Reid
Kailyn Rejent
Adrianna Rispoli
Grace Sciortino
Mia Severino
Alexandra Sosa
Mikayla Sticco
Samantha Sundlin
Olivia Valente
Ella Vrtis
Colleen Woods
Victoria Zalewski
Kimberly Zhang



Senior Dance

HA's senior dance was a blast for the Class of 2025! Our seniors had a fabulous time, dancing and enjoying delicious treats with their sisters on the evening of January 24, 2025. Thank you to the senior class moderator, Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, and all of the volunteers who helped to make this night memorable for the Class of 2025.





Big Sister/ Little Sister Day

A favorite tradition at IHA was once again an amazing celebration of sisterhood as students of all grade levels gathered for the annual Big Sister/Little Sister Day on October 8, 2024. Seniors, moderated by Mrs. Liz Kearns P'05, '08, '11, and sophomores, moderated by Ms. Jessica Whelan '13, joined together with their sisters on the field to enjoy field games, bonding time, and ice cream from Ice Cream Creations.

Juniors, moderated by Ms. Ana Echeverría P'05, and freshmen, moderated by Mrs. Maureen Layng, participated in a volleyball game in the gym to celebrate their sisterhood and then later enjoyed Kona Ice together outside.

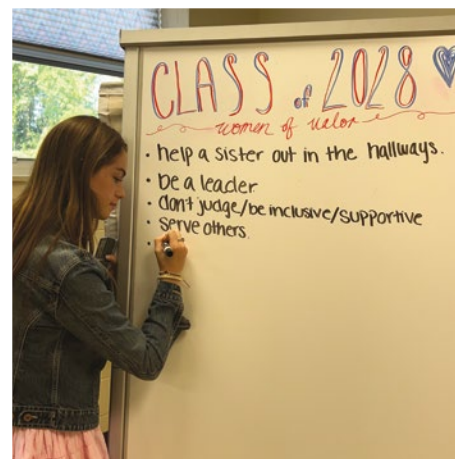
As always, the sisters decorated each other's lockers and brought gifts to share with one another. Thank you to the class moderators and faculty/staff volunteers who helped to organize the day for all of the big and little sisters.





Freshman Day of Sisterhood

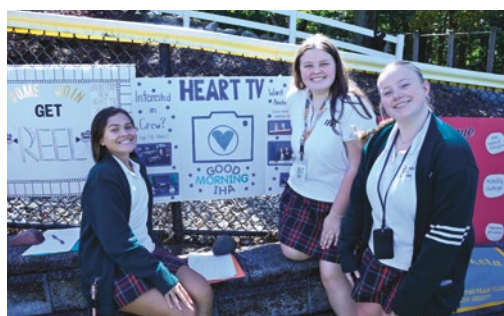
The Class of 2028 celebrated their first day at Immaculate Heart Academy on September 4, 2024. The memorable Freshman Day of Sisterhood welcomed the incoming freshman class to the school and helped students meet their future classmates. The freshmen created a class mission statement and learned what it means to be part of the sisterhood at IHA. The Class of 2028 also participated in group games and activities, enjoyed breakfast and lunch together, and listened to speeches from teachers and the Christian Service board members. Thank you to IHA Campus Ministry, our Eagle Ambassadors, and additional student volunteers for welcoming our newest sisters the IHA way!



Activity Fair Hosted by Students

Students were excited to represent their clubs, activities, and honor societies at this year's Activity Fair on September 30, 2024.

From our new Pickleball Club and Military Appreciation Club, to our various language clubs, Robotics Club, and more, there is something for everyone at Immaculate Heart Academy.





Fall Open Houses

Our 2024 Fall Open Houses were held on October 20 and 24. Hundreds of families visited IHA to meet faculty, staff, and coaches and receive tours from our knowledgeable and friendly student Eagle Ambassadors.



Senior Sunrise



The Class of 2025 showed up early on their first day of school on September 5, 2024, to decorate their cars ahead of a special senior tradition. Senior Sunrise, held the following day, was a way for the class to gather for their first event of the new school year. The students arrived at 6:30 a.m. to enjoy time together and focus on all the exciting activities planned for the 2024-25 school year!





Opening Liturgy for the 2024-25 School Year

The IHA student body, faculty, and staff members gathered together for the opening Liturgy of the 2024-25 school year on September 13, 2024. Thank you to Fr. AJ DeSilva from St. Peter the Apostle Church in River Edge for celebrating our Opening Liturgy and leading the installation of this year's Eucharistic Ministers. Our STUCO president, Anne Marie Kelly '25, announced this year's school year theme, "Bound By Sisterhood. Driven By Success" and the 2024-25 school pins were distributed to everyone at the Liturgy.



Class of 2029 Accepted Students Night

HA Eagle Ambassadors, staff, faculty, and coaches welcomed members of our newly accepted Class of 2029 at Accepted Students Night on January 27, 2025. Congratulations! We can't wait to see our new sisters in September.



Save the Date!

• IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY'S 2025 •
BEEFSTEAK
to benefit **IHA**
 ATHLETICS

SATURDAY APRIL 12 • 6:30 P.M.

IHA GYMNASIUM • 500 VAN EMBURGH AVE, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, NJ



Blue Eagle Open

The Blue Eagle Open was held on September 23, 2025, at the Edgewood Country Club.

We are grateful to our three Dinner sponsors, ACME Industrial Inc./Joseph Martucci P'28, Hackensack Meridian Health, and Marcum LLP, for their continued support of our golf outing. An additional thank you to our four Brunch Sponsors, Armhr/Evan Mitchell P'28, Bergen Catholic High School, CohnReznick LLP, and Noble Lantern Candles/The Sigrist Family P'26, for their generosity.

We also wish to show our appreciation to our additional sponsors, generous donors and vendors, dedicated volunteers and staff, impressive IHA Golf Team, and enthusiastic golfers for making IHA's golf outing a great success!

Congratulations to all our raffle winners and top golfers:

First Place

Thomas Del Bosco P'25
Tony Caggiano
John Maiolo
Gibson Smith

Most Honest Team

Greg Bakker P'26
Ronnie Guirland P'26
Nick English P'27
Dino DeVirgilio P'23, '25

Longest Drive (Women)

Kate Lillis-Magnus

Longest Drive (Men)

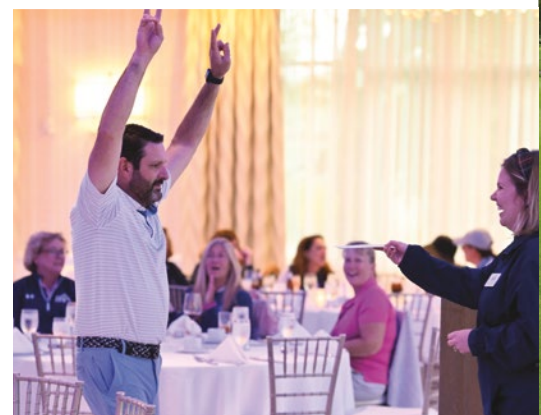
Will Saracino

Closest to the Pin (Women)

Meryl Conte '75

Closest to the Pin (Men)

Matt Glovaski





Powderpuff Tournament

HA Campus Ministry hosted a Powderpuff Tournament on November 13, 2024. Proceeds from the class vs. class flag football tournament will be used for scholarships to the BELIEVE. Catholic Women's Leadership Conference. The senior class once again won the tournament in the final game against the Class of 2027.





Fall 2024 College Sports Signing

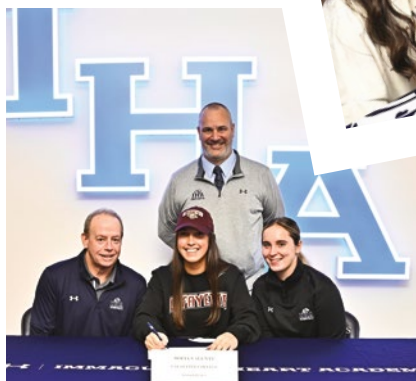
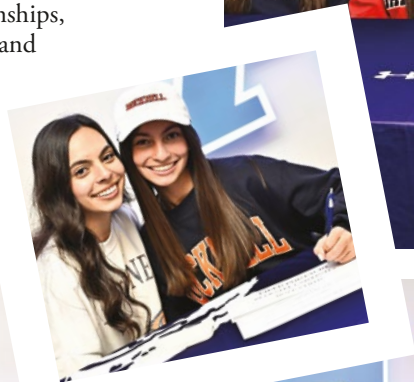
Congratulations to the 17 outstanding IHA Blue Eagle senior athletes who officially signed to their colleges and universities on the afternoon of November 12, 2024.

The athletes who signed their National Letter of Intent are pictured in the group photo above.

Over their four years at IHA, these signees have accumulated more than 1,400 service hours combined and are members of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society. In addition to their impressive grades and academic achievements, these student-athletes also have a combined total of 22 league championships, 17 county championships, and 11 state titles.

Seated left to right in the bottom row are: [Sofia Valente](#) (Lafayette College, Basketball), [Riley Ng-Knepper](#) (Franklin & Marshall College, Lacrosse), [Madeline Lively](#) (Sacred Heart University, Lacrosse), [Kayla Rodriguez](#) (Northwestern University, Swimming), [Grace Dalessandro](#) (Seton Hall University, Soccer), [Gianna Modica](#) (Franklin & Marshall College, Basketball), [Gabriella Shadek](#) (Duke University, Softball), [Piper Portacio](#) (Bucknell University, Track & Field)

Standing left to right in the top row are: [Isabella Piccinich](#) (Hamilton College - Swimming), [Katelyn Mikros](#) (Middlebury College, Softball), [Gianna Muliero](#) (University of Scranton, Softball), [Madeline Hayes](#) (Wagner College, Soccer), [Rylee Smith](#) (Emmanuel College, Softball), [Ariana Hernandez](#) (University of Hartford, Softball), [Jennifer Park](#) (Union College, Softball), [Madison Assanah](#) (Carnegie Mellon University, Swimming) [Carla Tobin](#) (Alvernia University, Ice Hockey)





FALL

sports wrap-up





SOCCKER

The IHA Varsity Soccer Team marched all the way to the Non-Public A State Championship game on the back of an incredible state tournament run. At 14-6-1, this year's team grew into a defensive force that will be remembered for its endless effort and ability to bend but not break. Scoring 58 goals and only conceding 18, the Blue Eagles knew when to turn on the offense and lock it down on the defensive side. Led by captains Grace Dalessandro '25, Madeline Hayes '25, Ella Burkholder '26, and Christina Festa '26, this year's team finished with a #6 ranking in the final northjersey.com poll and a #19 statewide ranking by NJ.com. The Freshman and Junior Varsity Soccer Teams also had a successful season, with the IHA Freshman Soccer Team winning the 2024 Bergen County Championships! Congratulations to all three teams on another impressive season.

Big North Conference All-League Honors:

First-Team

Sophia Bertino '26
Ella Burkholder '26
Grace Dalessandro '25
Hayden Edwards '26
Christina Festa '26
Madeline Hayes '25

Second-Team

Madisyn Abella '28
Alliana Campana '26
Riley Marino '27

Honorable Mention

Riley Piscitelli '27

BCWCA All-County Honors

First-Team

Grace Dalessandro '25

Second-Team

Ella Burkholder '26
Christina Festa '26

Third-Team

Madeline Hayes '25

Honorable Mention

Sophia Bertino '26
Hayden Edwards '26

northjersey.com All-North Jersey Honors

First-Team

Grace Dalessandro '25

Second-Team

Ella Burkholder '26

NJ.com All-State Honors

Second-Team

Grace Dalessandro '25

NJ.com All-State Non-Public Honors

First-Team

Grace Dalessandro '25

Third-Team

Madeline Hayes '25

New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Association (NJGSCA) Honors

Grace Dalessandro '25
Madeline Hayes '25
Ella Burkholder '26
Christina Festa '26
Sophia Bertino '26

Regional All-American

Grace Dalessandro '25



Big North Conference United Division Honors

First-Team

Jennifer Park '25
Anna Kuchar '26

Second-Team

Katarina Van Tassel '27
Emma Bossbaly '26
Dylann Kammen '25
Madeline Edelson '27
Sabrina Freda '28

Honorable Mention

Zoe DePhillips '26
Chloe Manoukian '28
Nina Cardella '28

Sportsmanship Award

Immaculate Heart Academy

TENNIS

The IHA Tennis Team did an amazing job this year finishing with a winning overall record of 9 wins and 6 losses. The Varsity Tennis Team advanced to the second round of the Team State Tournament by defeating Mount St. Dominic in the first round but ultimately lost to Newark Academy in the second round. Our 3rd singles player, Katarina Van Tassel '27, had an amazing comeback win during the Bergen County Tournament against Dwight Englewood and our 1st singles player, Jennifer Park '25, advanced to the second round during the State Tournament, fighting hard for every point with a lot of heart and spirit. We began the season with only one returning varsity player, Jennifer Park, and while we are sad to lose our team captain next year to college, we have a lot of promising players on varsity and junior varsity that are ready to come back even stronger.





FIELD HOCKEY

The IHA Field Hockey Team worked extremely hard in its second season at the varsity level. The girls played well together and developed into a strong team unit. Several of the players were

named to the second-team of Big North Conference all-league and BCWCA all-county. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. We are looking forward to watching both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Field Hockey Teams in action next year.

Big North Conference All-League Honors:

Second-Team

Megan McCarthy '25
Erin Sullivan '26

Honorable Mention

Alexa Harding '25

BCWCA All-County Honors

Second-Team

Megan McCarthy '25

Honorable Mention

Kylie Bryan '26





CROSS COUNTRY

The 2024 IHA Cross Country Team continued its extraordinary tradition of winning divisional and county championships, as our student-athletes showcased the incredible depth and talent of our program. The Freshman Cross Country Team had a phenomenal year, dominating the Big North Conference Championships and the New Jersey Catholic Track Conference Championships. The Junior Varsity Cross Country Team also delivered

outstanding performances, securing key victories throughout the season and playing a crucial role in maintaining our program's winning tradition. Our Varsity Cross Country Team upheld its legacy of excellence by capturing another Big North Championship title, as well as the County Championship. Our seniors led with heart and determination, leaving an inspiring legacy for the younger runners to follow. We are looking forward to the 2025 Cross Country season.



Big North Conference All-League Honors

First-Team

Mary Roberts '28
Marcelle Seckin '25
Alison Petrie '28
Madeline Schlereth '27
Emily Wunsch '25

Second-Team

Abigail Silvera '28
Reagan Scarpelli '25

Honorable Mention

Kaitlyn McCormick '27

BCWCA All-County Honors

Honorable Mention

Mary Roberts '28
Marcelle Seckin '25
Emily Wunsch '25
Madeline Schlereth '27
Alison Petrie '28

Bergen County Non-Public Team of the Year



VOLLEYBALL

IHA Volleyball finished the 2024 season #2 in the Big North and #4 overall in the state. The team received the State North Sectional Championship title and the Non-Public State Championship title for the 3rd time in a row. This impressive season also marked IHA's 23rd league championship and 19th overall state title in program history. Julia Sobilo '25 was awarded Max Preps NJ Player of the Year, AVCA all-region, and first-team all-state and all non-public. Evelyn Roman '25 was awarded AVCA all-region, third-team all-state, and first-team all non-public. Alessandra Nazor '25 was awarded North Jersey Player of the State Tournament, AVCA all-region, and second-team all non-public. We also want to acknowledge that Adrielle Crump '28 was awarded third-team all-county honors, the only freshman in Bergen County to receive an all-county award. Additionally, the IHA Volleyball Team was awarded the AVCA Team Academic Award and received honor roll distinction for finishing among the top 20% of all high school programs in the country by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Congratulations IHA Volleyball on an impressive 26-4 season. The Junior Varsity and Freshman Teams also had a strong season. The Freshman Volleyball Team won the Bergen County Championships and the Junior Varsity Team finished with a 19-4 record.

Big North Conference All-League Honors

First-Team

Julia Sobilo '25
Evelyn Roman '25
Alessandra Nazor '25
Rachel Paton '25
Adrielle Crump '28

Second-Team

Maggie Polchin '25
Lilith Roman '26
Lauren Henneberry '27

Honorable Mention:

Izabella Hoxholli '26
Paige Coughlin '25

BCWCA All-County Honors

First-Team

Julia Sobilo '25
Evelyn Roman '25

Second-Team

Alessandra Nazor '25
Rachel Paton '25

Third-Team

Adrielle Crump '28

NJ.com Honors

All-State All Groups First-Team

Julia Sobilo '25

Third-Team

Evelyn Roman '25

All-State Non-Public:

First-Team

Julia Sobilo '25
Evelyn Roman '25

Second-Team

Alessandra Nazor '25

northjersey.com Honors

First-Team

Julia Sobilo '25

Second-Team

Alessandra Nazor '25
Evelyn Roman '25

AVCA Best and Brightest

First-Team

Alessandra Nazor '25
Rachel Paton '25

Second-Team

Maggie Polchin '25
Evelyn Roman '25
Julia Sobilo '25

AVCA All-Region

Julia Sobilo '25
Evelyn Roman '25
Alessandra Nazor '25

SCENE | Around IHA



HOBY 2025 Ambassadors

Congratulations to three IHA sophomores for being chosen as our 2025 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) ambassadors. Skylar Blake '27, Arianna George '27, and Madeline Schlereth '27 were chosen to attend the HOBY New Jersey Leadership Conference this year for IHA. The three sophomores were selected by faculty and staff to represent Immaculate Heart Academy at the conference May 30 - June 1, 2025, at Drew University.



Standing left to right in group photo are Ms. Jessica Whelan '13, English teacher and sophomore class moderator, Skylar Blake '27, Arianna George '27, Madeline Schlereth '27, and Miss Kerry Carroll '04, principal, of Immaculate Heart Academy. Congratulations!

The annual seminar hosts high school sophomores from across the state for three days of inspiring speakers, skill-building activities, and community

service. Skylar, Arianna, and Madeline were presented with their certificates at our Immaculate Conception Mass on December 9, 2025.

Voice of Democracy Award Winner

On December 9, 2024, representatives from VFW Post 6192 awarded Evangeline Budelman '28 the second place award for its 2024-25 VFW Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest. This year's contest was themed "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" As the second place winner, Evangeline received a monetary award of \$300 from VFW Post 6192. Standing left to right in group photo are Thomas Sears, Evangeline Budelman, and Steve Kalish. Congratulations Evangeline!



Northern Lights at IHA

The Northern Lights were shining over Immaculate Heart Academy on October 10, 2024. Thank you to Brooke Lefever '28 for capturing this spectacular image of the Aurora Borealis which was visible farther south than normal, transforming the sky over IHA!



Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy

As part of Chick-Fil-A's One Million Book Giveaway, IHA students donated more than 700 books to Oasis, a nonprofit organization that provides food, clothing, and counseling to women and children in Paterson, in addition to educational classes and after-school programs. The IHA Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy is part of a national program dedicated to growing leadership skills in high school students across the country. The program is also focused on teaching students how to create a lasting impact on their community. Thank you to IHA social studies teacher and club moderator, Ms. Caitlin Bonanno, for organizing this event with students.



New Parent Welcome Reception

Thank you to all of the freshman class parents and parents of new students for attending our Welcome Reception on September 12, 2024. The IHA administration, advancement team, and Parents' Club enjoyed meeting you all to help kick off another great year at The Heart.



Military Appreciation



One of the newest clubs at IHA, the Military Awareness Club, was busy this past Veterans Day creating posters that were displayed all around the school to thank our veterans and spread awareness about this important day in our country. According to Ms. Caitlin Bonanno, teacher and club moderator, "This club aims to educate, support, and honor the sacrifices of military personnel, veterans, and their families within our school community." The club also recently welcomed back IHA alumna, Deb Majkowicz '15, who is currently an active duty service member at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington. Deb answered questions from students about her time at West Point and



how IHA prepared her for her life at college and beyond. According to Maeve Dorfner '27, the president of the Military Awareness Club, "We strive to respect and understand the sacrifices made by those who serve in the armed forces. We hope to inspire and connect the IHA community with the acts of leadership and service of our military. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow as a club." Vice president of the club, Maeve Houston '27, added, "Members of our military and their families sacrifice so much. Through the Military Awareness Club, we can come together at IHA to recognize members of the military for their service, support them, and thank them for all they do."

Medical Missions Presentation

Susan Ketigian '75, a nurse and IHA Hall of Fame honoree, visited IHA on December 13, 2024, to speak with students about her medical missions to other countries. Sue and her team of doctors, nurses, and medical specialists from Healing the Children Northeast, travel all over the world at their own expense to perform facial reconstruction surgery on children. These medical

missions have taken her to Ethiopia, India, Peru, Colombia, Ukraine, and many other countries. Sue has been a practicing nurse for over 45 years and students were excited to ask questions about her career and experiences with these very important missions. Thank you to Dr. Sue Kenney, social studies teacher, for coordinating this informative presentation by an IHA alumna.





Meet, Paint, and Be Merry Event

The Class of 2029 met some of their future sisters at our annual Meet, Paint, and Be Merry Event on December 12, 2024. The National Art Honor Society welcomed 50 eighth graders to an afternoon of sweet treats, painting, and

friendship. We can't wait to see our entire Class of 2029 in September. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts, and Ms. Lauren Rhein '09, director of admissions, for coordinating this fun-filled event.



Wellness at The Heart

The IHA Guidance Department continued its ongoing commitment to support the mental health of our students. Through its Wellness Wednesday program and other activities, students learned about the importance of self-care and ways the entire IHA community could foster our Stigma-Free philosophy as it relates to mental health. Monthly activities included blowing bubbles at lunchtime; a presentation on mental health from Wendy Sefcik from the Bergen County Department of Health; a yoga lesson by Danielle DePiero from FLOW Yoga Studio; a body scan meditation session at lunchtime, led by Mrs. Tara (Tashjian) Maka '02, director of guidance; and a workshop to reframe negative self-talk by Georgia Homsany '99, founder and CEO of Daily Dose Wellness. Students also received resources such as stress-relief tools which included gratitude journals, stress balls, and literature on managing stress. Once a month, therapy dogs also visit IHA to help give students time to find calm, ease stress, and uplift their mood. Thank you to the entire IHA Guidance Department for all of these efforts to help support our students.





Black History Month

Members of IHA's Black Culture Club created an impressive display in the school's main lobby for the month of February to celebrate Black History Month. This year, some of the featured

women highlighted in the exhibit included Bessie Coleman, the first female African American pilot; Mae Jemison, former NASA astronaut, physician, and engineer; and Daisy Bates, journalist and civil rights activist. Thank you to the club members who curated the lobby display,

especially executive board members Madison Assanah '25, Brenna Augustine '25, Penelope Fleming '25, Shoshana Thompson '25, Amelia Meade '25, and Chloé Peña '26; and club moderator and social studies teacher, Dr. Sue Kenney.



College Counseling

It's never too early to start planning for college! Our College Counseling Department invited parents of freshman students to come to the school to meet our college counselors and learn about the department in November 2024. Mrs. Melissa O'Sullivan, director of college counseling, and Mrs. Corinne Fritzky, college counselor, answered questions from the parents and reviewed a timeline for the next four years as it relates to the college process. Over the summer the college counselors also provided the first of many workshops to help students with their college applications.



Dig Pink Fundraiser

The IHA Volleyball Team hosted its annual Dig Pink game and fundraiser on October 2, 2024, in the IHA gym. The team sold pink IHA Volleyball t-shirts and hosted a bake sale and tricky tray before their game to help raise money for the Side-Out Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to

helping people living with metastatic breast cancer. Overall, the team raised nearly \$4,000 and surpassed its initial goal of \$2,500. According to Ms. Avery Dravis-Stark, coach of the JV Volleyball Team, "The dig pink event is more than just a fundraiser for our program; it is a way for us to come together and support the women in our lives who have been affected by breast cancer. Showing

compassion and relentless hard work to make a difference in fighting this battle is something our program takes great pride in and all the girls love to help provide people who are currently living with breast cancer a better tomorrow." Congratulations to IHA Volleyball on such an impressive and important initiative.



Sense and Sensibility Performed at IHA



On the weekend of November 22-24, 2024, Immaculate Heart Academy proudly presented the stage adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel, *Sense and Sensibility*, set in the gossipy late 18th-century England. Cast and crew members expertly told the story of the Dashwood sisters and life after their father's sudden death which left them financially destitute and socially vulnerable.

Congratulations to all the students involved in this amazing fall drama. Your artistic abilities, both on stage and behind the scenes, are truly a blessing from God and we are so lucky that you continue to share them with the IHA community. A special thank you for this spectacular production to IHA's coordinator for the performing arts and artistic director, Ms. Elizabeth Scully '15; the rest of the production team; parent and student volunteers; faculty moderators; IHA administration; and Mrs. Maureen Layng, English and theatre arts teacher.







Campus Ministry Service to Those in Need



IHA students attended two Midnight Runs in New York City so far this school year to provide food, clothes, and conversations with individuals experiencing homelessness. The dedication to service at IHA is truly inspirational, as these students give up their Friday evening and put their faith into action by ministering to people in need and serving approximately 150 meals at each Midnight Run. Before they leave for New York City, students participate in a prayer service to remind them that authentic service is rooted in the love of Christ and that we serve others because Christ calls us to.

all of these heartwarming events. We are also grateful for our very own Santa Claus and teacher, Mr. Gregory McDonald; and all of our chaperones on these trips, including Ms. Nicole Clermont, Ms. Megan Olsen, Ms. Jillian Hynes, Ms. Jessica Whelan '13, Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, and Mr. Frank Kearns; alumna Ms. Lauren Foote '17 and her father Mr. James Foote; and IHA Photography Club moderator, Mr. Mike Hamlett.

Our students truly embrace IHA's commitment to service. We are so proud of all that our students have accomplished as they continue to use their amazing gifts in service to others.

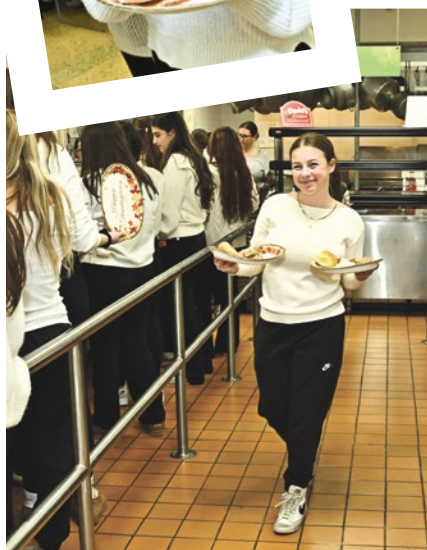
In addition to the Midnight Runs, Campus Ministry also held its annual Christmas drive and visit to Sacred Heart School in Jersey City. On December 11, 2024, students spread Christmas joy and love to Sacred Heart students and delivered more than 160 bags of special treats. Due to the many generous Christmas Drive donations, students were able to fill each bag with gift cards to Five Below, boxes of candy, and new books for each grade level. A special thank you to Ms. Emily Ash '19, director of Campus Ministry, and students from the Campus Ministry executive board for coordinating



Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens

On November 26, 2024, IHA Campus Ministry hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens in the IHA cafeteria. More than 200 senior citizens attended the event and were treated to a free dinner and raffle prizes.

This special event is hosted annually and is a wonderful way to share the blessings of IHA with our older friends in the community!



Trunk or Treat



IHA Campus Ministry hosted the school's annual Trunk or Treat event on October 25, 2024. More than 75 trick-or-treaters visited the many trunks in IHA's parking lot for a spook-tacular time.



Halloween@the heart 2024

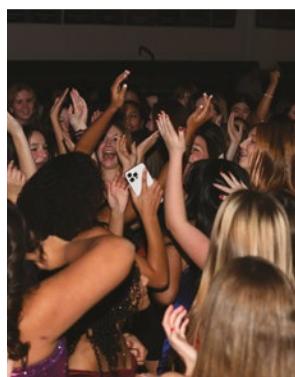
Students and staff celebrated Halloween with creative costumes and an exciting pep rally on October 31, 2024. The entire IHA community gathered together for our annual end-of-day pep rally, and as always it did not disappoint! Each grade powerfully cheered on their fellow sisters as they competed against each other in a variety of games, including mummy wrapping the class moderators, musical chairs, wheelbarrow races, and Knockout Basketball.



Holly Day Dance



On December 6, 2024, more than two hundred freshmen and their dates danced the night away at our Holly Day Dance. The Class of 2028 had an amazing time together as they celebrated IHA's annual freshman class dance. Thank you to members of the Student Council and STUCO moderator, Mrs. Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13, assistant principal of students, for hosting the dance.



Christmas Concert and Art Show

The IHA community joined together for our annual Christmas concert and art show on December 19, 2024. IHA's main lobby displayed artwork by the talented students in Art I, Art II, 3-D Art, Digital Photography, Advanced Painting and Drawing, Honors Studio, and AP Studio Art. The concert featured our incredible singers and musicians in IHA's Choral Ensemble, Voices; the Tri-M Music Honor Society; and IHA's Music Ensemble Orchestra. The concert also featured members of the St. Joseph Regional High School Orchestra.

A special thank you to Mrs. Lisa Encke P'20, director of the arts; Mrs. Ana Sullivan, art teacher; Ms. Patrizia Tersigni P'14, art teacher; Ms. Olivia Lionetti, choral director and moderator of Tri-M Honor Society; Mr. Joe Martorano P'09, orchestra director; and Mr. David Lee, moderator of Tech Corps, for collaborating to host this beautiful event. We also appreciate all the hard work of our students who gave of their time and talent to help with this year's Christmas celebration.





CLASS notes

'67

Mary Brawley-Fuat of Colchester, New York and **Janet Holden** of Oak Park, Illinois toured Ireland counties Cork and Kerry with an Irish-Scottish music group called Men of Worth in September 2024. In the photo to the right, Mary and Janet are cruising the River Shannon and Lough Derg with the group. What a great way for IHA sisters to enjoy their retirement together!



'96

Lillian (Montagnino) Aaronson is now working as a registered nurse in California, where she resides with her husband and three children. Lillian graduated from Fordham University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and later obtained her Certified Public Accountant designation. In 2006, Lillian also received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

'76

Sisters from the Class of 1976 once again participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. On November 28, 2024, the alumnae were balloon holders for the float that featured Kung Fu Panda. Standing left to right in group photo are **Dale (Quinn) Murphy**, **Beth (DiCiancia) Garrigan P'06**, **Ellen Burke**, and **Ellen Donoghue**, IHA guidance counselor.



'86

IHA sisters from the class of 1986 gathered together at a wedding for the son of **Terri (Lundy) Evans** on July 20, 2024. Pictured left to right are **Trisha (Sweeney) Rice**, **Terri (Lundy) Evans**, and **Gloria (Kolakowski) Amoroso**.



'99

Marian Montagnino recently published her book, *Building Modern CLI Applications in Go*, which is now available for purchase on Amazon and other websites. Marian is currently a senior software engineer at Netflix and has given lectures at locations around the world, including Singapore, Australia, Germany, Iceland, and South America. She has a bachelor's degree in computer science and mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a master's degree in applied mathematics from Stevens Institute of Technology.



'07

Sarah (Hill) Frasure

and her husband Will are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Liam Patrick Frasure.

Liam Patrick was born on December 19, 2024. Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to welcome Liam into the IHA family! Sarah is currently the director of advancement and alumnae relations at IHA.



'03

Eileen Monahan recently completed the Swim for Alligator Lighthouse open water event. The eight-mile swim off the coast of Islamorada, Florida, raises funds for the restoration and upkeep of the historic Alligator Lighthouse. Battling choppy seas, strong currents, and hordes of jellyfish, Eileen finished the course in five hours and 49 minutes. Her husband Kevin provided kayak support along the way. A graduate of Columbia Law School, Eileen currently serves as assistant general counsel for Ferguson Enterprises. She currently lives in Ocean Township, New Jersey, and thinks fondly of her time at IHA, including her time on the swim team.

'08

Dr. Mary Alcaro recently obtained her Ph.D. from Rutgers University. Mary, a former IHA English teacher, will be teaching at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the 2024-25 academic year.



'12

Megan D'Alessandro

married Jeffrey Clark on September 13, 2024.

In attendance at the wedding were several of her fellow IHA sisters from the Class of 2012, including (left to right in photo): **Caroline Costello**, **Taylor Strothmann**, **Amanda Carpenter**, **Megan (D'Alessandro) Clark**, **Erin Tyll**, and **Noelle Riverol**.



'12 **Jenna Latushko** married **Conor Scavone DBP '12** on September 21, 2024, in Belmar, NJ. Conor and Jenna met in 7th grade in Franklin Lakes, NJ, where they both

grew up. In attendance at the wedding were several of her IHA sisters from the Class of 2012, including (left to right in group photo): **Juliana Schurig**, **Colleen (Painter) Kittredge**, **Emily Shaw**, **Caitlin (Fay) Cronin**, **Lea (Candelmo)**

Manilla, **Jenna (Latushko) Scavone**, **Nicole (Layton) Licalzi**, **McKenna Paulson**, **Brittany (Tarantino) Kiselick**, **Clara O'Neill**, and **Carly Piccinich**.

'14 **Annette Roldan** received a marriage proposal from **Collin Borow** on August 21, 2024, in front of the Royal Palace of Madrid in Spain. Annette and Colin plan to marry in March of 2026 with many of Annette's IHA sisters by her side! Annette is the daughter of Mrs. Berta Roldan, Spanish teacher at Immaculate Heart Academy.



'16 **Rebecca Kryceski** recently graduated with a Master of Science in nursing from Johns Hopkins University in Healthcare Organizational Leadership. Rebecca completed a three-part practicum totaling 500 hours shadowing nursing leadership at John Hopkins Hospital, including more than half of the hours with the chief nursing officer. Earlier this year, Rebecca also earned her Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification. She continues to be RN3 in surgical oncology at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

'18 Members of the Class of 2018 gathered together for a relaxing weekend in October 2024 and enjoyed an incredible sisterhood bonding opportunity in Napa County, California. Pictured in the top row, left to right, are **Megan Lee**, **Alaina Harris**, and **Sarah Horne**. In the bottom row, left to right, are **Leah Ramege**, **Caroline Quill**, **Megan Rice**, **Tori Muller**, and **Sarah McLoughlin**.



'22 Riley Ypelaar was accepted into the New Jersey Governor's Hispanic Fellows Program for the Class of 2024.

The Fellows Program attracts high-performing students with an interest in diversity and inclusion who seek to acquire the skills necessary for success in a professional workplace. In the 2024 program, students were coached on skills such as written communication, negotiation, public speaking, organization, professional etiquette,

and giving and receiving feedback. The program combined practical, hands-on experience with traditional classroom instruction, guest presentations by leading professionals, as well as other unique skill-building opportunities. As part of the Fellows Program, Riley performed as the legislative intern for Assemblywoman Jessica Ramirez of New Jersey's 32nd District. Riley graduated from the program on July 31, 2024, and received the Outstanding Leadership Award. She is pictured below with Governor Phil Murphy.



'23 Katie DeMartini has become the first signed artist for the University of South Carolina's own record label, Greene Street Records.

Katie quickly established herself as a standout singer-songwriter in the USC music scene. Her debut single "him, i guess" released on January 31, 2025, on all music platforms. Follow her on Instagram: katedemartinii and Tik Tok: katedemartini. Katie is the daughter of Helen DeMartini P'21, '23, teacher and Science Department chairperson at IHA.



'24 Cassandra George earned the Girl Scout Gold Award for her organization, Crochet for Love. As part of her initiative, Cassandra organized multiple crochet teaching sessions for young people in the community, and donated nearly 100 of the handmade crochet hats and scarves to individuals experiencing homelessness. Cassandra aimed to promote the social and emotional learning and mental health benefits of crocheting to counteract the effects of the isolation experienced by young people during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn.

Kaitlyn Klaus continued her incredible diaper drive for the Center for Food Action in Mahwah, collecting over 12,000 diapers so far this year. She collected donations from across the country with a social media campaign and in-person collection. Since Kaitlyn began her drive as a freshman at IHA, she has collected over 43,000 diapers for families in need and has been highlighted on News 12 New Jersey for her achievements!



IN MEMORIAM

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

Suzanne (Duetsch) May
Class of 1971

June 17, 2024
Sister of Judith (Duetsch) Piazza '72, Irene (Duetsch) Ryding '75, and Diane (Duetsch) Lamb '77

Elizabeth (Burich) Velez
Class of 1966

August 3, 2024

Joan Cara (Pekmezian) Lyons
Class of 1981

September 1, 2024

Felicia Caruso
Class of 1974

October 25, 2024

Dawn Annette (Kollins) Hall
Class of 1971

October 27, 2024

Karen (Makocy) Philbrick
Class of 1969

December 9, 2024

Patricia (Fanning) Dixon
Class of 1965

January 17, 2025

Nicole (Cowen) Papenmeyer
Class of 1994

January 24, 2025

Kevin Malone

August 18, 2024
Former IHA faculty member and husband of Susan Malone, former faculty member

Robert Raspanti

September 17, 2024
Husband of Patricia (O'Keefe) Raspanti '76 and father of Morgan Raspanti '13

Robert Sandt, Sr.,

October 3, 2024
Husband of Kathleen Sandt, former faculty member; father-in-law of Donna Sandt P'20, '23, '24, current faculty member; and grandfather of Justine Sandt '17, Allison Anne Sandt '20, Carolyn Sandt '23, and Madeleine Sandt '24

Justine Post

October 14, 2024
Mother of Carol Post '76, Martha Post '77, and Ann Post '79

Judi Segalas

November 5, 2024
Mother of Suzanne (Segalas) Haaf '79, Patricia (Segalas) MacDonald '80, and Donna Segalas '81; and grandmother of Jillian MacDonald '20 and Alexandra MacDonald '13

Mary Ann O'Sullivan

November 7, 2024
Mother-in-law of Melissa O'Sullivan, current faculty member

Dolores M. Sweatlock

November 19, 2024
Mother of Donna (Sweatlock) Noctor '76

Constance Dinallo

November 24, 2024
Mother of Carol (Dinallo) Hall '75 and Susan (Dinallo) MacDonald '79

Anthony "Tony" Daniel Seymour

November 28, 2024
Father of Caitlin Seymour '06

Janet Delia

November 30, 2024
Mother-in-law of Gary Trotter, current faculty member

John O'Neil

December 7, 2024
Father of Tara O'Neil '06 and former IHA consultative board member

Mary Noone

January 8, 2025
Mother of Alice Rogers P'07, '09, '13, current faculty member; and grandmother of Meaghan (Rogers) Hill '07, Kristen (Rogers) Bohling '09, and Caroline (Rogers) O'Neill '13

Debbra M. Velez

January 23, 2025
Mother of Chloe Velez '28

WELCOME

Class of 2029 Legacies!

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

The extraordinary members of the Class of 2029 were
selected from more than four hundred applicants.

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

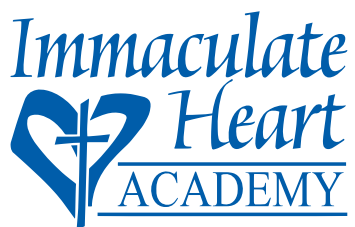
The incoming Class of 2029 includes 34 sisters of past and/or present students, as well as 17 daughters of alumnae, who will one day share the title of “IHA alumna” with their moms! Additionally, this year we welcome the granddaughters of three IHA

alumnae — Charlotte Solimando '29: granddaughter of Patricia (Rainis) Griffiths '72, daughter of Amanda (Griffiths) Solimando '01, and sister of Meredith Solimando '27; Piper Bocchino '29: granddaughter of Carole (Wagenseil) Harrison '64 (a member of IHA's first graduating class) and sister of Brooke Bocchino '27; and Camryn Martucci '29: granddaughter of Patricia Killeen '68 and sister of Riley Martucci '28.

We cannot wait to welcome our newest students and their families into our sisterhood!

The following members of the Class of 2029 are daughters of alumnae:

Jenna Abramson, daughter of Sabrina (Vanore) Abramson, Class of 1996
Ella Bundrick, daughter of Danielle (Latona) Bundrick, Class of 1999
Brooke Carney, daughter of Diana (Prince) Carney, Class of 1995
Ava DeJesus, daughter of Lauren (Tomaszewski) DeJesus, Class of 1999
Kaylie FitzPatrick, daughter of Monica (Marchese) FitzPatrick, Class of 1992
Maeve Gagliardo, daughter of Christine (Monahan) Gagliardo, Class of 1993
Olivia Gagliardo, daughter of Christine (Monahan) Gagliardo, Class of 1993
Elizabeth Kellogg, daughter of Diane (Sullivan) Kellogg, Class of 1990
Madeline Lorentzen, daughter of Kelly (McPeak) Lorentzen, Class of 1993
Madelyn Magill, daughter of Lynda (Kaounis) Magill, Class of 2000
Sienna Moreda, daughter of Suzanne (Spinella) Moreda, Class of 2000
Elizabeth Mulder, daughter of Erica (Montgoris) Mulder, Class of 1995
Katherine Murphy, daughter of Sarah (Curtin) Murphy, Class of 1989
Nicole Pinto-Spiegel, daughter of Debra Pinto, Class of 1992
Charlotte Sein, daughter of Kathryn (Mayurnik) Sein, Class of 1994
Charlotte Solimando, daughter of Amanda (Griffiths) Solimando, Class of 2001
Julianna Truberg, daughter of Chrissy (Picinich) Truberg, Class of 1998



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If this is not you, or if your daughter no longer lives at home, please reach out to Sarah Frasure '07, director of advancement & alumnae relations, at 201.445.6800, ext. 185 or sfrasure@ihanj.com with updated information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Spring Musical: *Matilda*

7:30 p.m. on Friday;
2:00 & 7:30 p.m. on Saturday;
2 p.m. on Sunday — IHA PAC

Join us for a rousing musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic book, *Matilda*. Visit www.performingartsattheheart.com for more information

APR
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IHA Beefsteak

6:30 p.m. — IHA Gymnasium

Celebrate and support IHA athletics with a delicious beefsteak dinner and many chances to win incredible raffle prizes.

MAY
07

Spring Concert & Arts Festival

7:00 p.m. — IHA

Families and friends are invited to view the work of our student-artists and enjoy performances by our vocal ensembles and orchestra at 7 p.m in the IHA main lobby and PAC.

Class of 2025 Graduation Events

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Senior Send-Off Prayer Service

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Senior BBQ

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Junior/Senior Luncheon
Senior Legacy Dinner

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Baccalaureate Mass & Awards Ceremony

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Commencement Exercises