

# THE SCOOP

ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS



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# BULLETIN

We continue to receive a tremendous amount of positive responses regarding “The Scoop on Secondary Schools” from a wide audience. Please continue to share your successes and wonderful stories by August 15th for the September Newsletter.

*For TACHS 2022 information, visit [tachsinfo.com](http://tachsinfo.com).*

## *Reconsidering Catholic high school?*

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*The Ursuline*



*Kennedy Catholic Prep*

## THE OFFICE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS



The Office of Secondary Schools serves 43 high schools with over 21,000 students within the Archdiocese of New York including The Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island, Westchester, and Upper Counties. Visit [catholicschoolsny.org/secondary](http://catholicschoolsny.org/secondary) for more information regarding the Office of Secondary Schools.

Sean Sullivan, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Schools, along with Carmen Leon, Administrator, are responsible for liaising between the Office of the Superintendent of Schools and high schools located throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

# ACADEMIC & LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES



## Young Life Servant Leadership Program

Cardinal Dolan was excited to learn that Young Life and Catholic High Schools within the Archdiocese of NYC have successfully piloted a Servant Leadership Academy designed to train young people in the principles and experiences of servant leadership. Young Life has a proven track record of over 75 years of building servant leaders on its staff and its ranks of over 50,000 volunteer leaders around the world, with hopes to expand. The Academy of Mt. St. Ursula and Msgr. Scanlan have led the way for other high schools to join in this great mission of servant leadership. For more information, contact Carmen Leon at [carmen.leon@archny.org](mailto:carmen.leon@archny.org).

## CRS – Catholic Relief Services

Young people who are leaders in a movement to build a better world. This wonderful program, a favorite of Cardinal Dolan's, is being launched in a few of our schools this school year and CRS is always looking for more schools to be involved. Reach out to [nancy.mcnamara@crs.org](mailto:nancy.mcnamara@crs.org) for more information.

## Hand Up Paid Forward (HUPF) in New York & Unilever

Unilever, creators of the Hidden Figures program, The Purpose Driven Scholar, and Inspiring Young Minds Program combined with Empathy and Racial Tolerance, selects 200 young minority adults between the ages of 17-20 from all over the country. Through the help of Marcus Knight, for the first time ever, Catholic high schools within the Archdiocese of New York will be offered seats in their Certification Scholarship Program in STEM. If you are interested in bringing the Empathy and Racial Tolerance Program, the STEM awareness program, and the Act of Kindness (AOK) School Activation Program to your schools, contact Marcus Knight for more information at [handuppf@gmail.com](mailto:handuppf@gmail.com).

## ESports

A number of schools have enlisted with Esports and their various projects and college scholarship opportunities. Esports also provides programs for creating drones, applying for drone pilot licenses, virtual reality, STEM and robotics projects as well. Check the website at [shi.com/esports](http://shi.com/esports) or contact Greg Cassiere at [greg\\_cassiere@SHI.com](mailto:greg_cassiere@SHI.com).

## Foroige: Leadership for Life Program

A three-module international leadership program geared toward developing leadership skills in 15-18 year-olds. Module 1 is adopted in the U.S. with the hope to share that knowledge in Modules 2 & 3 at an in-person conference to be held at the National University of Ireland-Maynooth during the first week of August 2022.

## Engineering Tomorrow

ET is a nonprofit organization developed by engineers from Global Infrastructure Partners to increase the number of high school students who pursue engineering degrees. ET offers FREE labs and field trips and all the curriculum is developed by engineers and delivered by engineers. To sign up for the 2022-2023 school year, contact Monica SanMartin at [monicasanmartin@engineeringtomorrow.org](mailto:monicasanmartin@engineeringtomorrow.org).



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Preston's Confirmation Mass

On Thursday, May 19th, six Preston students received the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Edmund Whalen officiated the Confirmation Mass with Fr. Paul Richmond from St. Simon Stock Church in the Bronx, NY. This year, Mrs. Dora Dekajlo, Theology Department Chair, began a Sacramental Preparation course after receiving interest from several families for their daughters to receive one or all of the Sacraments of Initiation. Throughout the year, one student was baptized, two received their first communion, and now six have been confirmed.



## St. Raymond Students Visit SUNY Maritime

St. Raymond High School for Boys students who are members of the Wildlife & Ocean Conservation Club went on a field trip to SUNY Maritime to learn about their Oyster Conservation Program. St. Raymond students worked in teams handling the juvenile oysters collecting and recording data. The students counted which oysters survived the harvesting, took measurements, cleaned them, and tested the waters cleanliness and PH level.

## Cathedral High School Names Inaugural President

Cathedral High School (CHS), an all-girl Catholic College Preparatory school of the Archdiocese of New York, has named Juliette Picciano as its inaugural President. Ms. Picciano will work to advance the mission of CHS through shaping its strategic direction, expanding the school's fundraising and development efforts, and growing enrollment. In collaboration with Maria Spagnuolo, Principal of CHS, Ms. Picciano will lead the management and growth of the school to serve and educate future generations of Cathedral students.



## St. Raymond Seniors Present UrbanPlan Proposals

St. Raymond's seniors participated in the annual Urban Land Institute's (ULI) mock UrbanPlan development team module. St. Raymond students formed teams, working together over the course of 15 hours, in response to a "request for proposals" for the redevelopment of a fictional community. Each team had the following roles: Finance Director, Marketing Director, City Liaison, Neighborhood Liaison and Site Planner. Each team addresses challenging financial, market, social, and design issues. They develop a pro-forma, and create a three dimensional model of their plan. The teams then present their urban plan to the "city council members" made up of ULI volunteers.



## Salesian Outstanding Teacher & Alum

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, the Westchester Lower Hudson Council for Social Studies presented Mr. Nick Federico '09 with the Outstanding High School Social Studies Classroom Teacher Award. Mr. Federico was chosen for his demonstrated excellence in teaching. Salesian has two reasons to be proud, as Mr. Federico is the Social Studies department chair and an alum!

## Stepinac High School Holds Inaugural "40 Under 40" Reception

The renowned all-boys Catholic High School held its inaugural "40 Under 40" Reception honoring young alumni under the age of 40 who have demonstrated success in their careers, supported their alma mater, and made an impact in their communities.







## St. Raymond Academy 2022 Walk-a-Thon

St. Raymond Academy held their annual Fr. John Flynn walk-a-thon on May, 12th at Pelham Bay Park. Fr. Flynn was a priest and teacher at St. Raymond Academy in the 70's. He was known for his love of sports and walking around the neighborhood encouraging students to play sports and stay in school. The faculty, students, alum and benefactors raised over \$6,000.00. This year's scholarship recipient was Gabriela Mieses Class of 2023. Like Fr. Flynn, Gabriela is an advocate for sports and involved in the school community.

## Cathedral HS Celebrates Cultural Diversity

The annual multicultural show at Cathedral High School celebrates the school's ethnic diversity. Cathedral girls collaborated with some boys from Cardinal Hayes and All Hallows to pull off the event, which was a wonderful representation of culture and pride.



## St. Catharine Academy Dedicates Building Renovations to Create a Handicap-Accessible School

On May 5, the Blessing and Building Dedication celebrated the culmination of St. Catharine Academy's capital campaign which enabled St. Catharine Academy to make its first major building update since it came to the Bronx in 1953. The building renovations create a handicap-accessible school and makes it more secure for all.

His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York; Councilwoman Marjorie Velazquez '99; Sister Patricia Vetrano, RSM, Representative of the Sisters of Mercy; and Architect Ernest Harris Architects, P.C. were among the dignitaries joining the dedication. The dedication included a ribbon cutting outside the new grand entrance and blessings of a number of locations within the building including the chapel, the STEM lab, and the Higher Achievement classroom.





## Cardinal Hayes Student Performs in West Side Story Remake

Dan Serafin of News 12 did a feature piece on Cardinal Hayes Freshman German Castillo who was in the new release of *West Side Story* as part of the dance troop. German is a talented young man who is a member of the Cardinal Hayes Band. Listen to their interview at [bronx.news12.com/bronx-teen-reflects-on-role-in-steven-spielbergs-west-side-story-remake](https://bronx.news12.com/bronx-teen-reflects-on-role-in-steven-spielbergs-west-side-story-remake).

## Stepinac's Helping Hands Donations

Students of Stepinac High School's "A Helping Hand Club", a social service club, successfully led a recent campaign to provide snack bags, accompanied with hand-written notes, for homeless men, women and children who are served by the community non-profit organization, Lifting Up Westchester (LUW).

The snack bag initiative is part of the mission of Stepinac's "A Helping Hand Club" whose members also cook hot food to feed the homeless at a local soup kitchen, collect nonperishable foods and clothing to be delivered to two homeless shelters in White Plains, and also conduct online fundraising campaigns to benefit the soup kitchen.



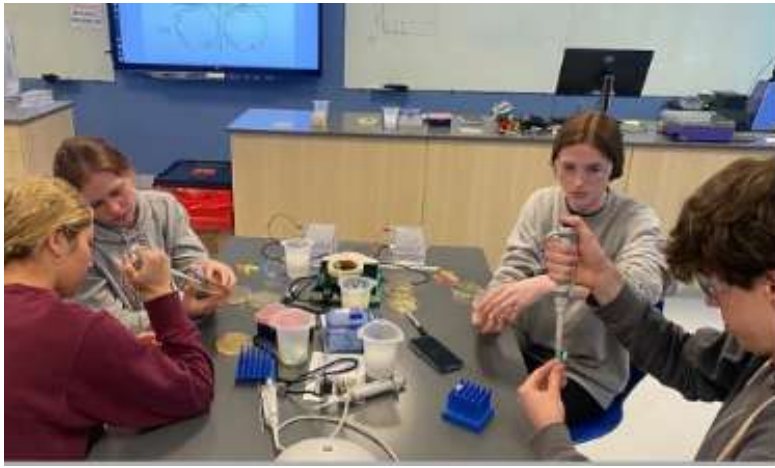
## Maria Regina High School CRS Club Members Make Their Voices Heard About Legislation to Help End Worldwide Hunger

Maria Regina High School CRS Club members (left to right: Alyssa Palmer, Aisling Molloy, Abigail Kenny, and Georgianna Petrino) made their voices heard about an important cause they championed this year with the office of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer.

They joined a group of Iona Preparatory High School students in a Catholic Relief Services Advocacy Senatorial Zoom meeting with Yazeed Abdelhag, legislative correspondent on Senator Schumer's staff, to urge reauthorization of the Farm Bill. The measure would help end worldwide hunger for the most marginalized and vulnerable people.







## Albertus Magnus Spends Two Days at Regeneron DNA Learning Center

Mrs. Arellano's AP Bio students spent two days at Regeneron DNA Learning Center where they performed the Human DNA Fingerprint with Bioinformatics, DNA Restriction Analysis, and Bacterial Transformation Labs. In the Human DNA Fingerprint Lab, students prepared samples of their own DNA, conducted a PCR to amplify the targeted locus on chromosome 16 for ALU insertion, and performed gel electrophoresis to determine the presence or absence of this ALU gene. Class data was then used to explore the allele frequencies and population genetics as well as identify classmates who share this common gene from tens of thousands of years ago.



## Mounties at Montefiore

Students from Mount St. Michael Academy's science classes recently participated in "disaster drills" at Montefiore Hospital. Our students played the part of patients brought to the Emergency Room after a disaster. Not only did the hospital staff get to "practice," but our students saw first-hand what medical professionals have to do when such a disaster does occur.

## Preston HS Student Council Holds Passing of the Gavel Ceremony

The Preston High School Student Council transitioned from one governing body to the next at a school wide ceremony held in the gymnasium. The graduating senior members each gave a speech to thank the student body for allowing them the opportunity to lead the school and then congratulated the rising seniors as they take on their new roles.

The incoming President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary performed their oath in front of the entire school community and look forward to serving their peers in the year ahead. Pictured from left to right: Isabella Vento '22, Jada Espinal '23, Francelys Tavarez '22, Paris Briggs '23, Kalia Noble '22, Kimaya Bruno '23, Nora Krasniqi '22, and Jenaba Baldeh '23.







## St. Catharine Academy Junior Naomi Walters '23 accepted into the West Point Summer Leaders Experience

Naomi Walters '23, a junior at St. Catharine Academy, has been accepted into the West Point Summer Leaders Experience. The highly competitive one-week immersion program includes experiencing the academic, military, and social life of a cadet.



## Another Banner Year for Iona Prep

It was another banner year for Iona Preparatory School as the Maroon & Gold added three more sports titles this spring, bringing the total to six on the year. Their on-field prowess was complemented by the fact that Iona Prep's scholar-athletes—some 873 students across three seasons of competition—maintained a cumulative GPA of 90.34, with 22 of a possible 34 teams (65 percent) averaging over 90. Now THAT is education for higher expectations!

## Spellman Students Awarded National Puerto Rican Day Scholarship... Wepa!

Congratulations to Jayde Ithier '22 and Sarah Torres '22, recipients of the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Scholarship. Both young ladies underwent an extensive application and passed an interview process that demonstrated participation in volunteer and community service.





## Our Lady of Lourdes Mock Trial Team Takes Dutchess County Title

Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Our Lady of Lourdes High School Mock Trial Team on their win at the Dutchess County Finals! Members of the team include: Grace Bolander (captain), Rachel Soliman (captain), Alexander Clark, Brittany Reyes, Rebecca O'Connor, Milagros Smith, Isabella Cho, Liam Gilmartin, Persephonie Rodriguez, Kayla Joseph, McKenzie Cooper, Sofia Giammatteo, Stella Asplund, Logan DeRocha, Kaitlyn Druckenmiller, Luke Leonard, and Joseph Zitz.



## Ethan Bangari, Honored as Recipient of Prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award

Ethan Bangari of Yonkers, a junior at Stepinac High School, was recently honored as the recipient of the prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award! Annually, the United States Military Academy at West Point-sponsored award recognizes the nation's outstanding high school juniors who have demonstrated exceptional performance in academics, athletics, community service, leadership, and moral character.



## All Hallows Gaels Gamers Eastern Conference Champs

All Hallows Gael Gamers Overwatch team are the Electronic Gaming Federation's undefeated Eastern Conference Champions. The Gaels Gamers are off to compete in the National Championships at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Arena in Orlando, Florida.



# PHOTOS

## ADNY Catholic High School Seniors Earn Millions in Academic Scholarships and Grants



Photos: (1) Our Lady of Lourdes (2) St. Catharine Academy (3) Mt. St. Michael Academy (4) St. Raymond Boys HS (5) Salesian (6) Cardinal Spellman



# CLASS OF 2022

## High School Seniors from Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York Graduate with Top Honors

### Academy of Mt. St. Ursula



Chanel Cole  
(Valedictorian, or V)



Annette Varela  
(Salutatorian, or S)

### Cardinal Hayes



Xavier Taveras-Garcia  
(V)



Joshua Awadzie-Okwaning  
(S)

### Dominican Academy



Marielle Kudera  
(V)



Alessia Coluccio  
(S)

### Kennedy Catholic Prep



Megan Flaherty  
(V)



Peter Disimini  
(S)

### Marymount



Emma Hennessy  
(V)



Libby Ferencik  
(V)

### Albertus Magnus



John Dedyo  
(V)



Luke McKenna  
(S)

### Cardinal Spellman



Anastasia Karampimperis  
(V)



Chaise Artemus  
(S)

### Fordham Prep



Arison Cruz (Commencement  
Speaker, or CS)

### La Salle Academy



Frank Reyes  
(V)



Joshua Rocamora  
(S)

### All Hallows



Marc Sandoval  
(V)



Theophilus Acheampong  
(S)

### Cathedral



Jocelyne Villatoro  
(V)



Zemira Meade  
(S)

### Iona Prep



Andrew Tornatore  
(V)



Sean Johnson  
(S)

### Loyola



Olivia Pasquerella  
(V)



Nicolas Corporon  
(S)

### Moore Catholic



Ryan Slaven  
(V)



Chizitara Anozie  
(S)

### Archbishop Stepinac



Carlos Sanchez  
(V)



Eduardo Ramirez  
(S)

### Cristo Rey



Alicia Cage  
(V)



Jordan Balbuena  
(S)

### John S. Burke



Maria Berlingieri  
(V)



Christina Zick  
(S)

### Maria Regina



Megan McVeigh  
(V)



Marianna Synan  
(S)

### Mt. St. Michael



Carlos Navedo  
(V)



Szymon Gwozdz  
(S)



**Msgr. Farrell**



Steven Marinelli (V) James Papandrea (S)

**Msgr. Scanlan**



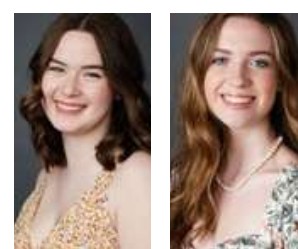
Bernard Juncaj (V) Jesna John (S)

**Notre Dame Academy**



Alanna Rivera (V) Karissa Shamah (S)

**Notre Dame School**



Christina Valenti (V) Hannah Delaney (S)

**Our Lady of Lourdes**



Jacqueline Lehner (V) Valerie Bubel (S)

**Preston**



Dritjona Dule (V) Brianna Hall (S)

**Regis**



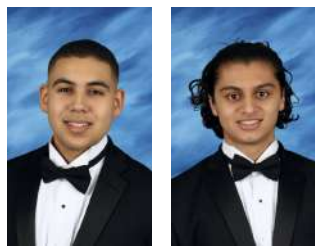
Benjamin Kaiserman (CS)

**Sacred Heart**



Dayana Lucero (V) Madeline Solis (S)

**Salesian**



Christopher Moronta (V) Marco LaVecchia (S)

**St. Barnabas**



Derryn James (V) Leah Castro (S)

**St. Catharine**



Doris Prael (S) Ayya Omar (S)

**St. Joseph by the Sea**



Gianna Cipolla (V) Shannon Keenan (S)

**St. Joseph Hill Academy**



Josie Wong (V) Lauren Scimeca (S)

**St. Peter's Boys**



Deron Boniface (V) Logan Vukovic (S)

**St. Raymond Academy**



Franchesca De La Rosa (S) Mia Garcia (S)

**St. Raymond Boys**



Gabriel Pallares (V) Julian Abreu (S)

**St. Vincent Ferrer**



Esther Lauterbach (V) Sarah Obrycki (V)

**The Montfort Academy**



Malena Sullivan (V) David Rae (S)

**The Ursuline School**



Julia Ognibene (V) Rory Sibley (S)

**Xavier**



Diego Lopez (V) Jack McGillick (S)

**Convent of the Sacred Heart**

Grace Sugrue (V) Alia Balser (S)

**St. George Academy**

Fernando Mack (V) Vitalina Voitenko (S)

**St. Jean Baptiste**

Melanie Polanco (V) Camila Castrillon (S)

# REFLECTION

*As the heat of summer intensifies, let me be mindful of the needs around me. Thank you for the many blessings you've given me. Today, I pray for those without air conditioning or electricity, clean water, and health care. I pray for those who may be in "survival mode." Please give them the communities and resources to not only survive but to thrive this summer. And Lord, remind us to provide you with a drink when we see you thirsty. Amen.*

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