

Merion Mercy Academy
Senior Activity Awards May 2016

Last summer, Sister Deirdre Mullan, RSM, Director of Mercy Reaches Mercy, and currently working at the United National with UNICEF, offered nine Mercy schools at the Mercy Leadership Conference at new challenge – to answer, in a video format, What is Mercy? The following six students from Merion Mercy were awarded 1st place in the competition and are awarded the “Courage to Make a Difference Award” from UNICEF:

Lauren Bambach, Grace Campbell, Lucy Fanto, Kyleigh Graham, Emmalee Graham, Maeve Moran

For leading the *National Honor Society* with a strong sense of duty and dedication, awards are presented to:

Kathryn Derewicz and Kelsey Mullen
Honorable Mention: Courtney Pellegrino and Kristen Harrison

For outstanding performance and commitment to the development and excellence of the *National Math Honor Society*, awards are presented to:

Emmalee Graham and Sabina Maurer

For outstanding performance and commitment to the development and excellence of the *National Science Honor Society*, awards are presented to:

Meghan McDermott and Kristin LaMonaca

For outstanding performance and commitment to the development and excellence of the *Tri-M Music Honor Society*, an award is presented to:

Theresa Dierkes
Honorable Mention: Emmalee Graham

The National Art Honor Society is based in the Mercy-core values and on the principles of art scholarship, character, and service. Members use their creative talents in service to those in need. In recognition of her efficient management of the *National Art Honor Society* as well as individual service projects, an award is presented to:

Alyssa Pizzi
• *Honorable Mention:* Elizabeth Rizzo and Isabelle Rosini

For generously sharing their many talents and for the unfailing dedication that they demonstrated as editors of the 2016 Image Explosion, awards are presented to:

Fiona Kennedy and Clare McCabe
Honorable Mention: Kristin LaMonaca and Mary (Molly) Sutter

In recognition of and appreciation for her dedicated service to Meriannal as editor-in-chief, an award is presented to:

Olivia Hoffner
Honorable Mention: Lauren Thomas

For outstanding commitment and faithful service to Ricordia as editor-in-chief, an award is presented to:

Morgan Dougherty

For active participation in and dedication to the *French Club*, an award is presented to:

Sarah Laske

For dedication and excellence as a member of the *Latin Club*, an award is presented to:

Julia Leodori

For outstanding enthusiasm and commitment to the *Spanish Club*, and for working very hard to unite the club and to plan exciting events that celebrated the Spanish language and Spanish culture, awards are presented to:

Katherine (Kyleigh) Graham, Maria Leone, and Kennady Wright
Honorable Mention: Madison Brown

For outstanding achievement in devising, implementing, and managing a club to "welcome" and to instruct American students about the Chinese culture and traditions, awards are presented to founding members and co-presidents of the *Huan Ying Club*:

Jingru Xu and Min (Jennifer) Liu

Members of the *Mock Trial* team face the daunting task of analyzing and arguing a fictitious case in a real courtroom before an actual judge and jury composed of practicing lawyers. Student witnesses are judged on their knowledge of the witness statement and their credibility; attorneys are judged on their presentation style, forensics skills, and knowledge of the courtroom rules of evidence. Commitment to do one's own best work as well as to inspire the same out of others was the key element to our team's success this year. In recognition of their overall contributions, the team members by consensus vote would like to recognize the following individuals for their exceptional effort:

For the Gold Team, Lauren Marshall
For the Blue Team, Gwen Mattia

For outstanding management and model governance as a leader of the *Student Council*, an award is presented to:

Grace Campbell, President
Honorable Mention: Lucy Fanto, Vice President

For their commitment as members of *Women for Life and Love* to promoting chastity and a greater respect for the life and dignity of every human person, awards are presented to:

Lucy Fanto, Katherine (Kyleigh) Graham, Jacqueline Malloy, Máire Sturm

For a genuine desire to develop an economic, political, and cultural understanding of people from other countries as a member of the *World Affairs Club*, and in recognition of her passionate advocacy for women and girls within the context of the *Girl Up! campaign*, an award is presented to:

Emma Barrera

For their respect for the natural world, and their initiative and commitment to promoting awareness of important environmental issues as part of *Environmental Club*, awards are presented to:

Genevieve Dooner and Julie D'Agostino

For exemplary dedication to the *STEM Club*, showing outstanding curiosity and creativity in learning the creative skills and interdisciplinary applications of science, technology, engineering, and math, an award is presented to:

Gabrielle Heinsinger

Awards are presented to two seniors who conceived of and instituted the *Business Club* at Merion (also known as *Future Business Leaders of America*). These seniors have been working hard for the past two years to give members of the club the opportunity to hear about and study different careers in business. For their excellence as leaders and businesswomen, recognition is given to:

Katherine Flanagan and Amanda Paolini

Community Service Corps Awards for demonstrating outstanding commitment to promoting social justice in our community and participating in service projects at Merion are presented to the following students:

Lauren Bambach, Sabrina Ciervo, Brianna Giarraputo, Michelle McCann, Maeve Moran, Alyssa Pizzi

Honorable Mention: Maria Raptis and Madeline Resnic

For her relentless interest in the exciting field of biotechnology, and for the passion that fueled her hard work in sharing the contemporary, practical applications of this area of scientific study, an award for excellence in leadership and organization is presented to the following member of the *Biotechnology Club*:

Amelia Piccone

For superlative teamwork, effort, and dedication as a member of *Communications Club*, an award for the *Good Morning, Merion!* Broadcast team is presented to:

Katherine (Kyleigh) Graham
Honorable Mention: Ava Sullivan

For her creativity, teamwork, and perspective in organizing the *Photography Club*, an award is presented to:

Teresa Niznan
Honorable Mention: Sarah Manion

For outstanding leadership, motivational skills, and commitment as members of Merion Mercy's *Literary Bears Book Club*, awards are presented to:

Brianna Vassallo and Myra Brown

For outstanding representation of the values and beliefs of the *Multicultural Club*, for fostering the belief that all cultures enrich the world, and for the spirit and joy of sharing oneself, awards are presented to:

Brooklynne Taylor and Amber Young

The production staff of *Merion Mercy Music Theater* commends the companies of The Miracle Worker and Chicago for their tremendous accomplishments. For going above and beyond what was expected, and for their professionalism, enthusiasm, leadership, and excellence, *MMMT Director's Choice Awards* are presented to the following students:

For performance: Meaghan Rossi
Honorable Mention: Kristen Harrison, Michelle McCann and Kelsey Mullen
For technical matters (stage crew): Katherine Clementi
Honorable Mention: Alessandra Restifo and Mary (Molly) Sutter

For hard work, dedication, poise, and rhythm as a member of the *Liturgical and Modern Dance Troupe*, an award is presented to:

Nichola Cappelli

Honorable Mention: Gianna Giordano

Recognizing our communal prayer in the liturgy, the following student has served the Merion Mercy community by enhancing all of our liturgical celebrations. For outstanding service and commitment through time and talent, an award for the *Liturgical Ensemble* is presented to:

Michelle McCann

Honorable Mention: Sabina Maurer

For outstanding performance and dedication to the *MMA Ensemble*, an award is presented to:

Theresa Dierkes

Honorable Mention: Emmalee Graham

For excellence in performance and dedication to the *Glee Club*, an award is presented to:

Elizabeth Lunardi

Honorable Mention: Diana Striplet and Amber Young

For excellence and commitment as a distinguished member of the *Chorale*, an award is presented to:

Gianna Fresta

Honorable Mention: Meaghan Rossi

For commitment to excellence in performance, consistency in rehearsal, and sharing the gift of music with an infectious spirit and joy as a member of *The Merionettes (a cappella group)*, an award is presented to:

Daisha Crooks

Honorable Mention: Kennady Wright

For excellence in performance and dedication to the *Handbell Choir*, an award is presented to:

Alyssa Pizzi

Honorable Mention: Kristen Harrison