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KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL senior **Melissa Rey** has been named a recipient of a **Buick Achiever Scholarship** valued at \$100,000 over four years. Though she has not yet finalized her college choice, she plans to major in engineering.

Some of Melissa's achievements include work with Special Olympics, Earth Day and Kennedy Catholic's Green Team. She has designed and coordinated a Summer Science Camp for Girls and is active in Kennedy Catholic's drama department using her engineering skills to design and build sets for plays.

View an interview with Melissa at http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/gm/news/news_archive.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2012/Mar/0329_buick_ach

ALIVE IN CHRIST! CELEBRATING ABILITIES AND NEW LIFE!

ST. CATHERINE LABOURE CATHOLIC SCHOOL held its first **Abilities Awareness Day** on March 16 to help students appreciate the abilities God has given each and every one of us, rather than focusing on anyone's "disability," and we all have them—some visible, and others "hidden."

March 16 began with an inspirational talk by **Coach Jake Parent**, a member of the faculty of **St. Mary's High School**.



Then students "traveled" from room to room meeting guests from a variety of organizations who shared their experiences with the students. Topics included sign language, understanding the effects of Alzheimer's disease, the Special Olympics, the work of service dogs, and many others.

The culminating activity was an all-school celebration of the Eucharist with **Fr. Mike Esswein**. As the day ended, students commented that they learned a lot, and had fun, too! (*Pictured—SCL student Luke W. discovers what it's like to be in a wheelchair.*)

"SAINT JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC SCHOOL kindergarten teacher **Madeline Eschmann** provides the highest quality learning experiences for her students!" says SJA Principal **Deborah Dalay**.



(*Pictured—Kindergartners with baby chicks and ducks learning about the life cycle through the hatching of eggs.*)

Happy Easter!

National Day of Appreciation for Pastors

Sunday, April 29, 2012 — Good Shepherd Sunday

Sponsored by the Department of Elementary Schools
National Catholic Educational Association

Plan now to show your pastor your school's appreciation!

The artwork of **NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL** seniors **Claire**



Zimmerman (at right) and **Melissa Willoughby** (above), will be featured in the **Young Artist Showcase** at the **St. Louis Artist Guild**. Gallery Dates—March 30-April 21; 2 Oak Knoll Park, Clayton, MO 63105.



Admission is free and the exhibit is open to the public.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL third graders **Kaeli B.** and **Emma H.** show off their dancing skills at the school's recent talent show.



VISITATION ACADEMY'S Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team placed first in the virtual

sectionals in the large school division. The following students also placed individually—**J. Steger**, first in Biology and third in English, **K. Hermeling**, second in Biology, **M. Murphy**, third in Biology, **C. Sung**, first in Chemistry, **S. Sheehan**, second in Chemistry, **M. Puleo** and **C. Thaxton**, third in Chemistry, and **S. Hayes**, second in English.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL—FENTON second and third graders participated in the **Gifted Resource Council's Academic Challenge Cup** on March 1 at **University of Missouri-St. Louis**.

The competition involved the creation of a design for a monument for a special place, like a school or library. Members of "**The Fantastic Five**" team—**Dominic S., Grant B., Katie S., Rachel S.** and **Gracie E.** Team "**Creative Creatures**"—**Jacob B., Emma B., Emily K., Alyssa P.** and **Kole R.** won first place for their creative costumes!



BISHOP DUBOURG HIGH SCHOOL proudly inducted 35 eighth grade and current freshmen students into the newly-formed **Academy of Advanced Studies** on Friday, March 16. This unique opportunity offers students a more rigorous



program of academics, taking the current honors program to a new level.

Parents, inductees, faculty and staff were on hand to celebrate the occasion with a dinner and ceremony at Bishop DuBourg.

The evening culminated with an address from keynote speaker **Colonel Jeannie Flynn Leavitt '85**, the first female fighter pilot in the United States. Colonel Leavitt's inspiring speech touched on the

importance of a good education, perseverance, and integrity—three key attributes of the Academy. (Pictured—Inductees **Max B.** and **Danny M.** with **Colonel Jeannie Flynn Leavitt '85**)

Eleven students at **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** recently completed the **2011-2012 Bridge Program Saturday Academy** at the **University of Missouri -St. Louis**. The program provides unique and comprehensive college access services to diverse middle and high school students.

Bridge equips students with academic enrichment, college planning and social and professional development competencies critical for a successful matriculation to college. Selected high school students participate in the Saturday program on the first two Saturdays of each month from October through March.



Trinity students who completed the program this year are freshmen **Andre Bernaugh** and **Brian Collins**; sophomores **Chlo'e Rickett-Gay** and **Jordan Torrey**; juniors **Tiffany Campbell**, **MarQuel Collins**, **Deirra Gross**, **Derek Hill**, **Lauren Taylor** and **Tiara Weber**, and senior **Sabrina Gilliard**.



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S National History Day finalists will advance to State completion at Mizzou in April (*See related story at right.*)

ST. BRIDGET OF KILDARE CATHOLIC SCHOOL middle school teacher **Felicia Ostrom** has been selected to attend the **2012 Choices Summer Leadership Institute at Brown University**. This year's Institute will focus on helping teachers develop the knowledge and skills needed to lead their classes in deliberations about human rights and their role in U.S. policy.

The Institute, sponsored by the university's **Choices Program**, will provide 23 selected teachers from across the country with an opportunity to learn about human rights from scholars and foreign policy experts.

"Choices provides valuable tools for teaching the 21st century skills my students need to develop as citizens in our global society," said Mrs. Ostrom. "I am excited to learn more about this important topic and to become more adept at using Choices materials on a range of important topics."

For more information about the Choices Program, visit www.choices.edu or contact Mimi Stephens, Summer Leadership Institute director, at Mimi_Stephens@brown.edu.

"**NATIONAL HISTORY DAY** makes history come alive for America's youth by engaging them in the discovery of the historic, cultural and social experiences of the past. Through hands-on experiences and presentations, today's youth are better able to inform the present and shape the future. NHD inspires children through exciting competitions and transforms teaching through project-based curriculum and instruction." (NHD Website) This year's theme—**"Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History."**



The first level of competition, held at UMSL on March 24, identified the top three projects in each category that will advance to state competition at Mizzou on April 21. As always, St. Louis Catholic schools are extremely well-represented! Congratulations and best wishes to the following schools, teachers and students by category—

Junior Research Paper

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School; Teacher—Christy Connor; Student—Nick Benz (**1st Place**)

Junior Individual Exhibit

Our Lady Catholic School; Teacher—Linda McGuire; Student—Sam Stoll (**1st Place**)

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School; Teachers—Juliann Hesel and Elizabeth Dunlap; Students—Matthey Kelly (**2nd Place**) and Sophie Bailot (**3rd Place**)

Junior Group Exhibit

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School; Teacher—Christy Connor; Students—Henry Benoist, Ray Goedecker and Will Perryman (**1st Place**)

Holy Infant Catholic School; Teacher—Bob Stevens; Students—Jack Kelly and Denny Thompson (**2nd Place**)

Junior Individual Performance

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School; Teachers—Juliann Hesel and Elizabeth Dunlap; Students—Margaret Hagen (**1st Place**); Alexandra Jones (**3rd Place**)

Our Lady Catholic School; Teacher—Linda McGuire; Student—Greg Alcazaren (**2nd Place**)

Junior Group Performance

Holy Infant Catholic School; Teacher—Bob Stevens; Students—Hanley Pandolfa and Ana Gardner (**1st Place**)

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School; Teacher—Christy Connor; Students—Claire McCloud, Caroline Goeddel, Kara Tsikalas, Katie Vollmer and Sofia Rossi (**2nd Place**); Kathleen Magee, Ellie Hoglebe and Molly Mitchell (**3rd Place**)

Junior Individual Documentary

Holy Infant Catholic School; Teacher, Bob Stevens; Student Allison Mispagel (**1st Place**)

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School; Teacher—Christy Connor; Student Jack Perryman (**2nd Place**)

Assumption Catholic School—O'Fallon; Teacher—Jennifer Martin; Student—Tori Woods (**3rd Place**)

Junior Group Documentary

Holy Infant Catholic School; Teacher—Bob Stevens; Students—Sarah Walker and Sophia Rempe (**2nd Place**); Claire Hughes and Kelly Vilbig (**3rd Place**)

Junior Individual Web Site

Holy Infant Catholic School; Teacher—Bob Stevens; Students—Lexie Shomaker (**1st Place**); Kate Thompson (**3rd Place**)

Junior Group Web Site

Holy Infant Catholic School; Teacher—Bob Stevens; Students—Tony Perez and Conor Treese (**1st Place**); Matt Wulf and Trevin Zweifel (**3rd Place**)

To learn more about National History Day, visit nhd.org.

Alive!
IN CHRIST



We pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed in our families, schools, parishes and communities, and especially for...

Marie Sherman, retired chemistry teacher at Ursuline Academy. Mrs. Sherman began her Ursuline Academy teaching career in 1967 and taught and mentored thousands of students.



Ursuline Academy remembers Mrs. Sherman's 45 years of teaching students, and so many others, that "chemistry is pHun."

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

HOLY WEEK AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE...



We adore you, O Christ,

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL (LEFT)

and we bless you,

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL (RIGHT)



because by your holy cross

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL-IMPERIAL (ABOVE)

you have redeemed the world!

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER
WISHES ALL PARISH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
A GRACE-FILLED HOLY WEEK AND A
JOYFUL EASTER—
ALIVE IN CHRIST!