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Two McAuley Seniors Honored as National Hispanic Scholars

October 8, 2019 (Chicago, Ill.) Mother McAuley seniors Olivia “Rosie” Wantuck (Oak Lawn) and Alena Pedroza (Orland Park) have been recognized as scholars through the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) for scoring in the top 2.5 percent among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers in the region.

Alena Pedroza is a member of National Honors Society (NHS) and a Catherine McAuley Honors Scholar (CMHS), which is a program that recognizes superior academic achievement. She also is a member of the Math Macs and has played volleyball for the Mighty Macs for three years. Outside of school, Alena plays club volleyball and assists with tournaments for local great school teams. She is involved with Orland Park Baseball for All, a student-led organization with the goal to build an all-inclusive baseball field. Alena is a graduate of Cardinal Joseph Bernadin grade school.

Rosie is a member of NHS and a CMHS. She has played tennis for the Mighty Macs for four years, joining the varsity team as a freshman. Rosie also is a member of Model UN and is involved at her parish of St. Linus where she volunteers with the COR youth program by planning and leading retreats, and helping with volunteer outreach to local food pantries and shelters. Olivia is a graduate of St. Linus grade school.

About the National Hispanic Recognition Program

The National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) recognizes approximately 5,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors each year from among the more than 400,000 juniors who take the PSAT. As with the National Merit Scholarship Program, NHRP uses the junior year PSAT/NMSQT as the qualifying test.

About Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School

Founded in 1956 by the Sisters of Mercy, Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School currently educates more than 900 young women in grades 9 through 12 and is the largest all-girls high school in the country. McAuley promotes a single-gender education platform that encourages young women to grow in faith, envision their future and discover their talents through a challenging and motivating academic and co-curricular program. Mother McAuley’s tradition of excellence has made it a top choice for all-girls private education in the Chicago area. The school boasts 28,000 alumnae.

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Photo: Olivia “Rosie” Wantuck ‘20 (left) and Alena Pedroza ‘20.