

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION CLASS OF 2021



The Resurrection College Prep High School Class of 2021 was composed of one hundred and nineteen young women. The graduates celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement ceremony at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Reverend Robert Carlton celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass and diplomas were conferred by Resurrection College Prep President Dr. Richard Piwowarski and Interim Principal Krishna Millsapp.

Since 1922, Resurrection has focused on developing strong, capable women who are confident, healthy, well-rounded and college ready. For many years, Resurrection has been continuing rich traditions and shaping futures. Nineteen members of the Resurrection Class of 2021 are the daughters or granddaughters of Resurrection alumnae. The members of the Class of 2021 have distinguished themselves in academics, service, athletics and the arts and will be attending colleges and universities nationwide. Nine graduates were Illinois State Scholars in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, including **Casey Brannigan, Mary Carr, Kayla Dorgan, Bailey Finley, Caroline Gawronski, Juliana Gisler, Lauren Lessner, Mary Grace Murphy and Kayla Villaraza**. Eight members of the Class of 2021 graduated with the distinction of being a Resurrection College Prep High School Mother Celine Scholar, including **Casey Brannigan, Josephine D'Angelo, Kaylee Dolatowski, Bailey Finley, Gech Sruan Hoy, Angelique Kamarinos, Antonina Lattuca, and Ella Narowski**.

The Resurrection motto, *Charity & Truth*, is core to the values and philosophy of Resurrection and is part of the school's approach to education. During the Commencement ceremony, Salutatorian and Sauganash resident **Casey Brannigan** presented a student address on the topic *Truth*. While at Resurrection, Casey was a Res Scholar, a Mother Celine Scholar, and an Illinois State Scholar. She was President of both the National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society, Editor-in-Chief for the school's yearbook, and was a member of the National English Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society). She served as Class Treasurer and as a Student Council Officer, Recruiting Officer of the Student Ambassadors, and President of the Go Green

Club. Casey was a member of the Anastasia's Campus Ministry Leadership team, served as a Kairos retreat leader and was a co-director and retreat leader for the Freshmen Mentor program. As a student-athlete, Casey was a member of the Varsity Lacrosse team and captain of the Varsity Tennis team.



Casey Brannigan shared that her journey at Resurrection was a great choice and “the all-girls atmosphere is so empowering. I have been able to accomplish so much more than I could have ever imagined. Every classmate, friend, and teacher has positively impacted the young woman I am today, and I am so thankful for all the fun and exciting times I experienced. Res is truly a family in which every person cares for one another, and I will definitely miss that bond the most.” Casey Brannigan attended St. Mary of the Woods and will be attending Purdue University to study Industrial Engineering.



Valedictorian **Mary Grace Murphy** presented a student address on the topic *Charity*. While at Resurrection, Mary Grace was Res Scholar, a Mother Celine Scholar and an Illinois State Scholar. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Science National Honor Society, Spanish Club, DIY Club, and Math Club. She shared that she enjoyed attending an all-girl's school because “I was able to focus on what truly mattered to me — learning, participating in clubs, and growing as a person — alongside other girls who pushed me to be more determined and hardworking every day. Mary Grace Murphy attended St. Paul of the Cross and plans to attend the University of Mary to study biology and clinical laboratory science.

Members of the Resurrection Class of 2021 will be attending colleges and universities nationwide, and over one-third of the class members were awarded \$1000,000 or more in scholarships and awards. Graduates will be attending the following institutions: the University of Arizona, Aurora University, Belmont University, Bradley University, Carroll University, Carthage College, City Colleges of Chicago, Clemson University, University of Dayton, DePaul University, DePauw University, Dominican University, Eastern Kentucky University, Grand Canyon University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, Indiana University-Bloomington, University of Iowa, University of Kansas, Lake Forest College, Loras College, Loyola University Chicago, Marian University, Marquette University, University of Mary, University of Maryland-College Park, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Missouri-Columbia, National University of Ireland, Northern Michigan University, Nova Southeastern University, Oakton Community College, Ohio University, Purdue University, Ringling College of Art and Design, Rollins College, Saint Leo University, Saint Louis University, Saint Mary's College, Seattle University, Saint Norbert College, The University of Tampa, The Ohio State University, Triton College, William Rainey Harper College, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

About Resurrection College Prep High School

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic Lasallian school located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago. Resurrection is the largest all-girls high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated nearly 15,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 or visit www.resh.org.