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THE RAYGOZA LEGACY



At Our Lady of Tepeyac High School many legacies have paved through. We are always excited to welcome the sisters and daughters of OLT alumnae to fill our classrooms. That is the story of the Raygoza sisters! Yajaira Raygoza, the first of the sisters, definitely began the strong legacy of the hardworking sisters at OLT. Always on top of her academics, a part of Student organizations and a star athlete, Yajaira made Tepeyac a place she could call home. Yajaira finished in 2019 and most recently graduated from Arrupe College. This fall she began her journey at Loyola University of Chicago where she plans to major in Psychology.

The second of the Raygoza clan, Carmen, a recent grad of the Class of 2020 also was involved while a student at Tepeyac. She left her mark through her service to the school with her artistic talent! She did so many great things to beautify our school. Carmen is now a student at Arrupe College; she plans on studying Nursing. The last of the sisters is Yuliana, a freshman, Class of 2025 at OLT! Although over the years she knew all there was to know about Tepeyac, Yuli has continued the legacy by taking off and blazing her own trail! She has already joined the Volleyball team and is a proud Student Ambassador.

The Raygoza sisters are exemplary young women; committed to making Tepeyac, their neighborhood and the world a better place. We look forward to celebrating their future achievements!

CLASS OF 2025

Tepeyac Girls Jumping in!

We welcome the Class of 2025. Our Lady of Tepeyac High School is proud to welcome our largest Freshwoman class in recent years. This class is made up of strong girls from across the city; 18 different zip codes across the south and west sides, 35 Elementary Schools represented, 15 Legacy Scholars (Freshwomen who have had sisters and/or mothers attend or graduated from Tepeyac/St Casimir), 10 Academic Scholars, 3 Madonna Scholars just to name a few. "I am so excited that the Class of 2025 is made up of such amazing girls!" shared Lily De La Luz, Enrollment & Marketing Director.

The Class of 2025 was excited to begin high school. They began their high school journey with our Summer Bridge Program. The girls were ready with a smile everyday! Upon completion of the one week program, they were ready to begin classes. Since the start of school freshwomen have joined the Volleyball Team, Student Council, Student Ambassadors and most importantly showed their OLT pride through school spirit by jumping right into the Tepeyac Community. We are thrilled and look forward to seeing all of the great things they will accomplish over the next four years!



VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

On the Court

The Volleyball program at Our Lady of Tepeyac High School has had a solid start. With two teams of 15 girls each, it is one of the largest programs OLT has had in recent memory. Coaches Christina Motley and Samantha Rill see potential in the Varsity team with the introduction of the JV team members who won 3rd place in the Conference last season. Juniors Giselle Esparza, Jocelyn Balderas, Sadie Bueno, and Ariana Mendez are bringing their grit and determination to a team filled with seniors, most of whom have played for four years. So far, the newly minted varsity players aren't letting their nerves get the best of them on the court. Varsity kicked off their season with a home opener 2-0 win, and while they've faced some tough opponents since, they continue to rally around each other and fight their way back into the game each time.

The coaching staff is incredibly excited for the JV team. "We had so many freshmen come out for the team during tryouts," Coach Christina Motley says, "so we can start aiming for Conference champs now. Diamond Young, Jocelyn Serment, and Yuliana Raygoza are already dominating for us, but the other girls are getting into their own strides and gaining confidence the more games we play, so it's really great to see that teamwork and chemistry grow." Raygoza is also training to be the team's libero, a unique position within volleyball that OLT hasn't had the opportunity to use in a couple of years. She and teammate Mariah Gladney work well defensively when subbing on and off the court, and contributed to a couple of winning sets. The JV has only lost one game thus far in the season; they otherwise continue to dominate in their first two sets to win after win.



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COACH MOTLEY

ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

It Is Only Together That We Are Tepeyac

Tepeyac's general operating budget will reach 1.6 million dollars this year. On an annual basis, an average of 87% of this budget goes directly to educate and support our girls. From the College Readiness Program and Campus Ministry to needs based scholarships, classroom technology and student activities, we will spend \$10,203 to educate each girl this year, while the average tuition paid per student is only \$2,100. **Tepeyac needs your partnership. You can join us in our mission by giving to the Annual Appeal.** Please watch your mailbox this Fall for our Annual Appeal, featuring Class of 2021 grad, Miriam Gama.

It is only together that we move forward, it is only together that we are Tepeyac!

Make a gift today at ourladyoftepeyac.org



MS. SIOBHAN SALANI

New Amate House Volunteer



Ms. Siobhan Salani loves being with her junior and senior students in religion and psychology classes, as she joined the Tepeyac Team of Teachers for the 21-22 school year as an Amate House Volunteer. Tepeyac has benefited greatly from Amate House volunteers since 2004. As in the past, Siobhan brings her faith, her commitment to service and her natural abilities to be a role model and connect easily with her students.

She graduated from St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire with a degree in Psychology and minor in Spanish. In the Benedictine tradition, her college emphasizes the importance of giving back for what one has received; in fact, Siobhan has a few St. A's classmates as fellow Amate House volunteers in Chicago. She chose Amate House based on its strong ties to serving the underprivileged around the city and its affiliation with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Siobhan grew up outside of Boston and attended a small Catholic high school, making it easy to relate to the mission, students and colleagues of OLT. "I knew everyone in my high school and formed strong relationships with my teachers. Teaching religion and guiding the students in Campus Ministry offers me time to discern my first year out of college, deepen my faith through service, and bond with the young women of OLT."

COLLEGE GRAD

Mya Medina, Class of 2017



Mya Medina is a proud graduate of Tepeyac's Class of 2017. During her time at OLT, she was always involved in extracurricular activities while always staying on top of her academics. "From the start of freshman year, I found it very easy to approach my teachers with any questions or concerns regarding learned material. The small classroom sizes not only enabled me to build a connection with my classmates but also my teachers. It was obvious that the faculty genuinely cared for me. My favorite part of OLT was that my classmates and I worked through our challenges together," shares Mya.

She went on to study Nursing at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. "I decided to attend SXU because I wanted a similar environment to OLT," shares Mya. This past summer she graduated with Honors earning her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She spent her summer studying for the boards and was thrilled to share with her OLT family that she passed the NCLEX. Upon passing the exam, Mya joined the team of a local medical spa as a Nurse injector. She shares, "It is definitely a new area of Nursing and I enjoy it because it is a mix of Science and Art, which are two of my favorite things!" We weren't surprised to learn that her journey doesn't stop there. A few months ago Mya interviewed and was immediately hired at Rush University Medical Center. She has also joined the Medical Surgical team there. Congratulations Mya!

THE CLASS OF 2021

31%

First in their family to graduate high school

81%

First generation to attend college

\$5.98M

Earned in Scholarships & Grants

18 Colleges & Universities

To be attended, including DePaul, Dominican, Saint Xavier, Lake Forest, Purdue, Michigan State, and more.

100%

Graduated

521

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We are thrilled to announce that we plan to be back together again to celebrate **!Creemos! Friday, April 8, 2022!**

!Creemos! 2022
APRIL 8, 2022

SAVE THE DATE
