



Sparkling Curiosity Through STEM



The goal for Our Lady of Tepeyac High School STEM course is twofold. One part is the opportunity to learn more science, the second to perform more experiments. STEM is a project based course; students move from project to project with analysis and vocabulary woven into the builds.



Our field trip last semester was to a Women in Technology Conference at the Purdue University Polytechnic Institute. It gave the students a chance to see the variety of options and careers available if they choose to major in a technical field.



The second part is the chance to focus on topics not covered in any depth in other courses: the environment and engineering. Projects include building amusement park rides out of K'NEX, structures out of legos, and planes of various weights and sizes as they relate to the forces that allow planes to fly. Students also get to build robot puppies with coding that allows them to perform various feats such as sleeping, sitting, barking, and even singing. One group modified the barking tones to play tunes including the melody to Hedwig's theme in Harry Potter. We are thrilled at the success of this course and the doors that it opens for our young women interested in STEM fields.

Amazing Support FOR OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

We are deeply grateful for all of the generous gifts and your belief in our mission to empower young women by creating opportunity and equity through education. Thank you for making a Catholic education possible for our students!

Tepeyac has committed \$700K in scholarships for the 2021-22 School Year.

It's not too late to make your gift to support the young women at Our Lady of Tepeyac High School.

Donate online at ourladyoftepeyac.org or mail a check today!

2022 Posse Scholar

Stephanie Ruiz, Connecticut College



Tepeyac is thrilled to announce that senior Stephanie Ruiz received a full-tuition scholarship to Connecticut College through The Posse Foundation; Stephanie will major in government/political science with the ultimate goal of attending law school. Posse identifies, recruits and trains incredible young leaders and sends them to top colleges and universities across the country. Stephanie went through a rigorous, three step application/interview process.

Stephanie chose Connecticut due to its strong liberal arts programs, small size, and professional support after college. "The size of the college and the support of Connecticut reminded me of Tepeyac. I was so excited when they called me; I almost cried. Connecticut will not only educate me for the present but will launch my future, so I can return to my community and help those often ignored. Tepeyac has taught me the importance of hard work, service for others, and always pursuing your dream." We are so proud of Stephanie.

Mentoring Relaunched



Our Lady of Tepeyac relaunched our Mentoring Program this past September. The pandemic had put the program on hold for part of 2020 and the 20-21 school year. We are happy to be able to be together again! Started by our Advisory Board, the goal of the Mentoring Program is to connect our young women with caring adults who are committed to providing guidance and support, rooted in the school values of Opportunity, Unity, Service and Excellence. The OLT Mentoring Program enhances the social emotional curriculum already being implemented at the High School.



Mentors come from all over the Chicagoland area to meet with small groups of Sophomores. Mentoring groups spent their September session getting to know one another and finding common interests. In October, mentors joined their students on a college visit to Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. Current and former Amate House volunteers and their Program Director visited in November for a conversation about service. One former volunteer was our own OLT grad, Rocio Buzo! Mentors joined girls in a Christmas painting party for their December session.

Looking ahead, we will pair mentors each year with the rising Sophomore class.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity as an alumnus to support, engage, and learn from the dynamic, and intelligent young women at OLT through the mentorship program..."

Carina Ruiz, Mentor and OLT Grad Class of 2000

OUR LADY OF TEPEYAC HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Career Day
March 9, 2022
8am - 12pm

If you or someone you know would like to share information about your career, please call Joni Thompson or April Dumas-Gray at (773) 522-0023. We want to share as many career options that exist with our young women as possible.

THANK YOU!

We Exceeded Our Goal of \$8,000!

Thank you to all who donated for the new Tepeyac Days of Giving. These generous gifts will help to renovate our Student Center, making a big difference for our school community. **The Student Center will be named in honor of Sr. Kathryn Wojcik, C.R. Tepeyac's beloved teacher and principal who retired in 2003.** We look forward to updating you on the progress of this project!

Beyond OLT, Alum Spotlight



Maryfer Ortiz is a proud grad of the Class of 2020. During her years as a student she was always looking for ways to be involved with the school community. She was a student athlete and Student Ambassador.

Upon graduation, Maryfer went on to study at National Louis University in the city. She shares, "I've enjoyed college so far because my professors are all helpful and offer many valuable resources. I'm majoring in Psychology in hopes of becoming a child and adolescent psychiatrist, and I hope to one day work in the city."

Maryfer was a part of a recent Admissions presentation for our Parish's Catechism classes. She shared about her Tepeyac experience, "I loved attending an all-girls school because this is where I found my voice. My teachers pushed me to get out of my comfort zone." Maryfer has truly carried on the values she learned at OLT. We look forward to all the great things she'll do in the future!

Tepeyac Together through Unity and Connection



Tepeyac's guiding values are: Opportunity, Unity, Service and Excellence. Since the start of our school year together as a completely in person school community, faculty and staff have been planning activities that focus on UNITY and making connections. Student Organizations including Student Council, National

Honor Society, Student Ambassadors, Service Club, Sports teams and clubs have created opportunities for students to be engaged through school spirit.

"It is wonderful to see Tepeyac students, faculty and staff come together with so much joy! Everyone is just having fun and enjoying the opportunities to be united."

– Lily De La Luz, Director of Marketing, Class of 2006

From fundraisers like the "Head to Toe" Fundraiser for Haiti led by the Service Club to all of the amazing December festivities, to the Black Student Union launching, it has been a busy first semester at OLT. We are amazed by the efforts of our faculty, staff and students. Students have also participated in college visits, mentoring, and hands-on activities in classrooms.

Great job, Tepeyac. Together we can do anything!

Class of 2022

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Albion College	Moraine Valley Community College
Arizona Western College	Morgan State University
Aurora University	National Louis University
Bradley University	New England College
Centenary College	New Mexico State University
Central Michigan University	Norfolk State University
Coe College	North Central University
College of Dupage	North Park University
Colorado State University	Northern Illinois University
Colorado State University Pueblo	Nova Southeastern University
Connecticut College (Posse Scholar)	Richard J Daley College
DePaul University	Roosevelt University
Dillard University	Saint Mary's College
Dominican University	Saint Xavier University
East Los Angeles College	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Eastern Illinois University	St. Catherine's University
Elmhurst College	St. Mary's College of Notre Dame
Fisk University	Tuskegee University
Grand Canyon University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Hampton University	University of Dayton
Harold Washington College	University of Mount Union
Hope College	University of St. Francis
Illinois College	Valparaiso University
Illinois State University	Wartburg College
Iowa Wesleyan University	Western Illinois University
Lake Forest College	Western Michigan University
Lane College	York College
Lincoln College	Youngstown State University
Lindenwood University	
Loras College	
Loyola University Chicago	
Malcolm X College	
Milwaukee School of Engineering	

MERITT SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED
\$2,852,900

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED
451

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES RECEIVED
166

% OF CLASS OF 2022 RECEIVED A COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE
89%

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- 1 Posse Scholar
- 3 Chicago Scholars
- 2 Few Initiative Program Ambassadors
- 1 Chicago Coalition of Women Lawyers Scholar
- 4 Bottom Line Scholars



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For Their Families, For Their Communities,
For Our World

Who Create a
Brighter Future



Empowering
Young Women

!Creemos! We Believe

The 27th annual!Creemos! We Believe! Benefit for Scholarships, honoring John & Susan Dewan and the Dewan Foundation, will be held in person, on Friday, April 8, 2022.

We will share stories of our young women, their families, and the amazing impact a little place in Little Village is having on our world. Our Lady of Tepeyac High School is truly empowering our young women to create brighter futures for their families, the community, and our world.

Join us in raising funds to help meet the needs of our families.

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR YOUNG WOMEN BY:

- Sponsoring!Creemos!
- Buying a Grand Raffle ticket or 6
- Participating in the Auction or Giving Tree
- Funding a Student
- Attending!Creemos! 2022 on April 8th at the Chicago Cultural Center