



### Upcoming Events

May	2-13	AP Testing
	11	Golf Outing
	11	Last Full Day of Classes for seniors
	13	Senior Day
	19	Noon Dismissal
	20	Class of 2022 Baccalaureate and Commencement   No school
	26	Ascension Thursday
	30	Memorial Day   No school
	31	Final Exams Begin

## A Retreat Reflection by Mrs. Bartleson, Theology Teacher and Director of Student Life

On the evening of March 24th, 122 OLMA students embarked on a service retreat to raise money and awareness for homelessness. The sophomores and juniors involved in the retreat raised \$4,135 for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, which provides food and shelter to thousands of homeless people each year. In addition, the Atlantic City Rescue Mission is the largest provider of comprehensive services to about 25% of the state of New Jersey's homeless population.



The retreat began at 6 pm with a prayer service led by the Campus Ministry team. The prayer service centered the students and sent them forth to begin their immersive experience. Students then traveled outside where they worked together to build cardboard structures as part of the Cardboard Box City initiative, an experiential learning experience that other schools, churches and youth groups have been participating in across the country. Students used limited resources, such as tape, scissors, and cardboard to construct their boxes with the understanding that some homeless people rely on cardboard boxes as their only means of a "home".



After constructing their boxes, students were greeted by an employee of the Rescue Mission who spoke to them about homelessness and ways to get involved with their ministry. The students also worked together to make more than 200 Sunbutter and jelly sandwiches for the Vineland Soup Kitchen. They finished off the evening with a praise and worship service led by the Praise and Worship team.



The following morning, students returned to school and were tasked with cleaning up their Cardboard Box City after the rain and storms had battered a good portion of their structures. Students were faced with the stark reality that weather conditions can really threaten and deteriorate the box that a homeless person may call home. The students worked for hours to pull apart cardboard, clean up supplies and load dumpsters with trash.

Our OLMA students worked hard to embody the corporal works of mercy that Jesus taught us: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and shelter the homeless. Students were humbled and grew in empathy and compassion as they truly became the hands and feet of Christ working for the poor.

## Easter Basket Joy

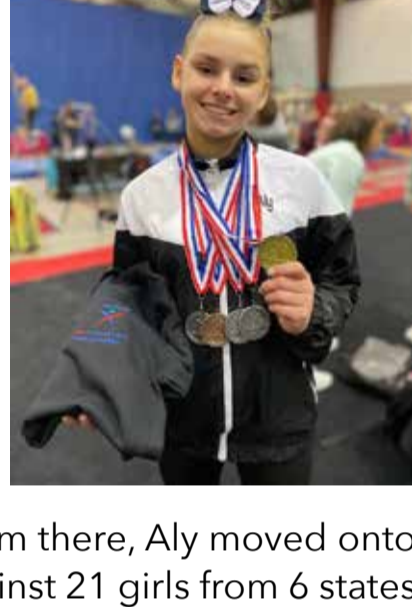
Last month, Mr. Bergholtz, who teaches Freshman Theology, had his classes collect and prepare Easter baskets for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland and Salem County. The freshmen were assisted by upperclassmen who are Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors. The Easter baskets benefited the Easter Egg Dash hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters. **Well done, Class of 2025!**



## Gymnast in the Making

by Reilly Pizzelli, Class of 2024

Aly Sobczak is an OLMA freshman with a passion for gymnastics. She has been doing gymnastics since she was 4 years old and is currently a level 9 gymnast (there are 10 levels) at Star Bound Gymnastics in Bridgeton. Now in her 10th year of competing, Aly estimates that she practices 20 hours a week and has attended eight meets this year. Recently, Aly competed in the N.J. State Competition where she placed 2nd on "beam and bars" and 1st on "floor". Aly earned 2nd All-Around with a score of 38.00. From there, Aly moved onto the Regional meet in Pennsylvania where she competed against 21 girls from 6 states for a chance to compete at Eastern Nationals. She placed 1st on "floor" and made it to Eastern Nationals with an all-around score of 37.175. She will compete at this high level later this month.



Aly is determined to live out her dream of furthering her gymnastics career by earning a scholarship to compete for a Division I collegiate gymnastics team. When asked why she loves gymnastics so much, Aly responded, "It makes me happy to go into the gym and see my friends; I enjoy being there."

**Good luck to Aly as she heads to the Eastern Nationals!**

# SISTERHOOD DAY 2

Sisterhood Days here at OLMA never disappoint. And our second Sisterhood Day of the 2021-2022 academic year was legendary! The students competed with their classmates in activities that ranged from trivia to volleyball. The day capped off with a tug-of-war between classes and even the faculty. The winners this year? The Class of 2022! To say they were pumped is an understatement; the senior class was feeling the power of the sisterhood!



## Meet our Val and Sal!

We are thrilled to announce the Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. **Amanda Hastings** has earned and been awarded the recognition of OLMA Valedictorian; **Hannah Hargrave** has earned and been awarded the recognition of OLMA Salutatorian.



"Both Amanda and Hannah are excellent students, but more importantly, they are wonderful young women with passion, drive, and the determination to Lead a World of Change," Mrs. Coyle said. "Both Amanda and Hannah have been impactful in our school community in different ways, and I look forward to hearing about their future successes. I know they will continue to have a positive effect on their communities - both locally and globally."

Amanda, who resides in Vineland, will be attending Franklin & Marshall in the Fall. She plans to study public policy/pre-law. Hannah, who also resides in Vineland, will be attending Loyola University Maryland in the Fall. She plans to study environmental law.

Both Amanda and Hannah are scheduled to speak at OLMA's graduation on Friday, May 20th.



## Now Accepting Applications for The Class of 2026 and Transfer Students!

OLMA student Ambassador, Madi Brown, delivers an acceptance to one of our newest Villagers!



### OLMA Golf Outing

**Reserve your foursome for a round of golf and/or join us for dinner!**

OLMA's Green and Gold Booster Club is hosting its 2nd Annual Golf Outing on Wed, May 11th at Running Deer Golf Club. Join us for a 12 noon lunch and 1 pm shotgun start. Not a golfer? Not a problem! Purchase a non-golfer dinner ticket and be part of the fun.

[Register](#)

## Alumnae "Leading a World of Change"

### Stacie Halscheid '96

Stacie Halscheid '96 was a fantastic student when she was at OLMA, and after graduation, she continued to make her mark at Towson University in Maryland. Halscheid graduated with a degree in special education. We caught up with Stacie to see how she is doing her part to lead a world of change.

Stacie Halscheid has been blazing a trail in education for more than 20 years. After graduating from OLMA in 1996, Stacie attended Towson University for occupational therapy and then changed her major to special education. In 1999, Stacie joined the faculty at Larc School, a non-profit special needs school in Bellmawr. Since then, she has served as head coach of the Special Olympics team, ran the art festival, started an annual science fair and started an after-school activities club that allows students to go out into the community to experience fun things they might not have the opportunity to experience otherwise. Stacie also piloted a program for Larc's secondary students to receive community-based instruction by learning through "doing" out in community settings. After only a few years at Larc, Stacie was nominated as New Jersey Private Special Educator of the Year.



Stacie is currently finishing up her Master's in Administrative Education and will receive her principal certification this May. She has already shifted out of the classroom and is working as the Educational Supervisor at Larc School. Next year, she will be Vice Principal. Stacie loves what she does and can't imagine being anywhere else.

Stacie lives locally in Mullica Hill with her 9-year-old daughter Zoey, her fiance David, and her 9-year-old stepson Calvin.

Stacie still has wonderful and fond memories of OLMA and thinks about her time here often. Stacie is an amazing example of what it means to leave OLMA and help lead a world of change!

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