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ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

St. Joseph's Academy recognizes Outstanding Angel Students of the Month

This new academic award recognizes academic excellence and the cultivation of intellectual distinction. It is given to one student in each grade-level once a month who has been nominated by faculty members and chosen by panel from those nominated.

Faculty nominate students who exemplify the Academic Qualities of an Outstanding Angel:

**Present Participates • Collaborates • Leads • Goes Above and Beyond • Manages her Time and Responsibilities
Masters the Content • Honest**

Below are **October's Outstanding Angels of the Month** are with selected quotes from their teacher nominations:



Sydney M. '26

"Sydney is diligent and goes above and beyond in her work. She writes detailed answers with support that always clarify thinking. She asks questions which lead the class to higher learning."

"Her intellectual curiosity is unparalleled."



Reagan W. '25

"Reagan is someone who elevates everyone around her. She volunteers numerous times per class period to answer questions, goes beyond expectations in the depth of her reading and annotating of texts, is intentional in every single assignment or activity she does -- no matter how many points it is worth, comes prepared to class every single day, collaborates well with her peers, helping them feel heard and valued, and maximizes each learning opportunity she has."



Karina W. '24

"Karina is always actively engaged in the lessons and is visibly attentive to every word I say. Every day she has a positive attitude, even during difficult assignments. She creates a positive classroom environment for everyone."



Kanella K. '23

"Kanella always pays attention and participates in class; and she works well with her peers. She manages her time so well- always completing her assignments far before they are due. She comes and sees me with any questions and always gets one of the highest test scores in the class. On top of all this, she is a leader of the school in STUCO."

"She is always coming in to ask questions and then leads others around her once she has gained understanding."

Student of the Month for Mission

In addition to the Outstanding Angels Award, each month faculty and staff are asked to nominate one student who exemplifies the charm of the sisters of St. Joseph. This student challenges herself to grow in faith, knowledge, and respect for self and others. She is joyful, unifies people, moves toward the more, and goes out of her way to serve the dear neighbor without distinction. The Student of the Month for Mission exudes our motto "Not I, but We."

The Student of the Month award is based upon character, integrity, our motto, and our charisma; and is chosen by a panel from those nominated by faculty and staff.

The **October Student of the Month for Mission** is:

Abbie D. '23

"Abbie exudes peace, kindness, and openness to all people who cross her path. She is always willing to help everyone and never fails to greet people. She is one of those people who would never be happy in one group of friends. She is creative and always creates original religious images to enrich the lives of others."

"Abbie goes out of her way to be a glimpse of God's love to anyone who crosses her path. She is deeply rooted in faith and has many talents that she so willingly shares with the world, especially her gift of creativity. Because of this, it seems like a lot is asked of her, yet she never acts like she is burdened by those asks. She is authentic, fully present, her joy is contagious, and she serves as a constant bright spot at our school. "



"She is a positive influence who leads by example."

"She radiates JOY, has a deep faith, and inspires others around her. "

Growth Mindset Awards

Looking ahead, the Growth Mindset Awards are granted to any student who has shown examples of hard-work, grit, perseverance, and a growth mindset throughout the semester by working hard, having a positive attitude, and overcoming obstacles. These students are not necessarily at the top of their class, but their teachers have seen and recognized these positive qualities in them. They have called forth courage and confidence. Each teacher may award as many students as they choose. The students will be called forward and given their awards during Community Time on December 12, 2022, the last Community Time of the semester.



SJA's 2023 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Representatives

For over 50 years, the **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program, HOBY**, has inspired young people to become catalysts for positive change in their communities, focusing on personal leadership, group leadership, and leadership for society. HOBY has a long and impressive history of successfully motivating youth and volunteers to outstanding leadership and is considered one of America's foremost youth leadership organizations. HOBY aims to inspire and develop our global community of youth & volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation.



Congratulations to these sophomores on being selected by faculty nomination as our 2023 HOBY representatives.

Lilly K. '25

Emily M. '25

Anna S. '25

SJA's Missouri State Leadership Seminar Representative

The **Missouri State Leadership Seminar** is one of the activities sponsored by HOBY. According to HOBY, "the [Missouri State Leadership Seminar](#) is designed to help high school rising juniors recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community." During the three-day seminar the students participate in hands-on activities, meet state leaders, and explore their own leadership skills. This year's seminar will take place at Webster University from June 9-11 and will feature Maxine Clark, Founder of Build-A-Bear Workshop, as the keynote speaker.

Congratulations to Sydney C. '25, on being selected by faculty nomination as our 2023 Missouri Leadership Seminar representative.



Mu Alpha Theta Outstanding Math Students

The St. Joe section of [Mu Alpha Theta](#), the math honor society, completed their first virtual contest of the year on Oct 19th with AMAZING results!

For the first time in many years, we had a perfect score (6/6) achieved by sophomore Megan S. on this Missouri Math League contest. We also had wonderful runner up scores from the students below!



Score of 5:

Caeleigh E. '25, Molly P. '25, Annie R. '25, Sarah S. '25



Score of 4:

Enza B. '25, Bella E. '25, Paige E. '25, Emily R. '25



Student Opportunities

Notices about academic opportunities for students outside of school will be provided in the Academic Accolades as they become known. The running list of student opportunities available [here](#).

[Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship](#)

Students can boost their future for themselves and their community with the support of college funding, paid internships, and industry mentors provided through the Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship.



Amazon provides \$40K scholarships and a guaranteed internship at Amazon to a select group of high school seniors planning to pursue computer science degrees in college.

The criterion for selection includes:

- › Seniors planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in computer science, software engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, robotics, or other computer science related field of study and are planning to attend an accredited 4-year college or university (or an accredited 2-year college, with the intent to transfer to a 4-year institution)
- › Students having taken computer science or engineering classes in high school or at a college dual program, or currently be enrolled in one. SJA course examples include Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science A or AP Computer Science Principles, Engineering Methods, Principles of Engineering, Engineering Design Applications and Robotics.
- › Offered to support students with a notable need for financial assistance.
- › Students with at least a 2.3 cumulative GPA out of a 4.0 scale, or equivalent.

Amazon Future Engineer Applications open November 1 and close **January 20, 2023**. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

[United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#)



The United States Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs offers several foreign exchange and study abroad programs. Four with upcoming deadlines are featured below.

The [YOUTH AMBASSADORS program](#) brings together high school students and adult mentors from countries across the Americas to promote mutual understanding, increase leadership skills, and prepare youth to make a difference in their communities. This is a three week summer program which is fully funded by the program. Exchanges are primarily from Latin America and the Caribbean to the United States, but also include delegations from the United States to select countries.

Participants will engage in workshops, community service activities, team building exercises, meetings with community leaders, and live with local host families. Upon their return home, students apply what they have learned to implement projects that serve needs in their communities.

Priority deadline: **November 14, 2022**

Final Application Deadline: **December 12, 2022**

[The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study \(YES\) Abroad](#)

program offers U.S.-citizen high school students and recent graduates (age 15-18.5) the opportunity to live and study for an academic year in select countries with significant Muslim populations through competitive, merit-



based scholarships. The locations include countries in the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Application deadline is **December 7, 2022.**

[The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange \(CBYX\)](#) program is a dynamic and immersive exchange program jointly offered by the U.S. and German governments. American high school students can apply for a funded study abroad opportunity to spend an **academic year** attending a German school while living with a **host family**. Similarly, the Vocational and Young Professional programs provide American high school graduates with a chance to study and train in Germany for an academic year, while gaining real-world work experiences and German **language instruction**. In addition, Americans can explore German culture without leaving home by hosting a CBYX participant.

High School applications are due by **December 1, 2022**

[Future Leaders Exchange \(FLEX\) Abroad](#) Program provides a unique fully funded exchange experience for American high school students to build global awareness and intercultural competency. This experience positively impacts students' personal growth and ensures global mutual understanding through direct interaction with another culture. FLEX Abroad students live with a host family and attend high school for the academic year in one of three FLEX countries: Georgia, Kazakhstan, or Poland. As citizen diplomats, they form lasting relationships and promote mutual understanding between the United States. FLEX Abroad is a full scholarship program .

Application Deadline is **Dec. 7, 2022.**



On October 17, **Earth Angels** had guest speaker during their lunch meeting. Maggie McCoy, from Earthways at the Missouri Botanical Garden presented on Greenwashing. **Greenwashing** is defined as the act of misleading consumers regarding the environmental practices of a company or the environmental benefits of a product or service.

One of the points that Ms. McCoy made was that there are three things to think about as a conscientious consumer:

Where did it come from? How was it made? Where is it going?

The [Environmental Working Group](#) is a great resource to help you determine how products were made.



Trademarks to look for on consumables to avoid greenwashing include USDA Organic, Fair Trade Certified and Rainforest Alliance Certified.

