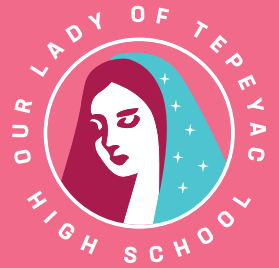


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Class of 2023: *On Their Way!*

The Class of 2023 are on *their way* to campuses and career programs near and far this fall.



2023

As Tepeyac concluded celebrating 95 years of empowering young women, the seniors were sent off in grand style beginning with the Baccalaureate ceremony. Many academic and school service awards, plus a number of College Memorial Scholarships, were announced and celebrated. Following the ceremony, students received "Off to College" baskets chocked full of needed dorm supplies at the Senior Luncheon. Every senior was thrilled to receive their special college basket, donated by the generous Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Club. Graduation mass was celebrated that weekend in a church packed with family and friends applauding their accomplishments, as a few grads shed tears as they left their beloved OLT behind.

The Graduation mass was a perfect reflection of the seniors' faith in themselves and their purpose to go out into the world and make it a better place. Parents' pride was bursting in their joyful smiles and cheering. 25% of the seniors are the first in their family to graduate high school and 72% the first to attend college; the class earned \$8.3M in scholarships and financial aid. We are so proud of these young women.



The Vicenza Chelotti Scholarship

The Importance of Educating Women



For over ten years, Mary Chelotti Smith, former Advisory Board member, current mentor and long time Tepeyac supporter, has given a scholarship in memory of her mother, Vicenza Chelotti.

"The scholarship is in memory of my mother whose family were first generation immigrants. Growing up, my mother taught me the value of educating women. There was never any doubt in her mind that her daughters would attend college."

"This scholarship, named for my mother, is awarded to a Tepeyac senior who is enthusiastic about learning and who will contribute to society in a meaningful way. I also look for students that are first in their family to attend college."

This year, the Vincenza Chelotti Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Dana Gill who will attend St. Xavier University and Ms. Ariana Mendez who will attend University of Illinois at Chicago. Our Lady of Tepeyac is grateful for Mary and her commitment to our mission.

Big Shoulders Fund Fellow



My name is Jackie Morales and I am excited to be working with Tepeyac as a Big Shoulder Fund Fellow. I graduated from Tepeyac in 2022 and currently attend the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.

During my summer with Tepeyac, I worked on numerous projects. My favorite was designing social media posts to upload to the school's Instagram account. I was able to express my creative side while sharing the school's mission. This summer's internship has helped me learn many marketing strategies in order to target different audiences. This opportunity has helped me with my decision on pursuing a major in marketing at UIUC.

One Summer Chicago



Hello! We are Kimberly Rubio and Valeria Hernandez, Seniors at Our Lady of Tepeyac High School. We are a part of One Summer Chicago, a program that brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and companies to offer employment

and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24. This summer we worked with the faculty and staff at OLT to get ready for the upcoming school year. We helped organize supplies and textbooks, distribute marketing materials and worked on a stewardship project. One Summer Chicago gave us great experience in knowing what goes on behind the scenes in the school building and gaining skills for future jobs.

OLT Internships



My name is Carmen Raygoza. I graduated from Our Lady of Tepeyac in 2020 and am currently a student at Arrupe College, getting ready to head off to Loyola University in the fall.

During my time at OLT, I worked with the school's database to help staff with daily tasks, assisted with a stewardship project and did fundraising research. I learned to work collaboratively as a team and gained problem solving skills. Another skill I would say I gained was commitment and learning how to balance my time between work and school. It was quite difficult to find time in my schedule and really organize myself at times but planning ahead was key for my full commitment to this internship. These skills are definitely transferable to my future career path.

Meet Mr. Patino,

"With God, there is always a way."

Last school year, Our Lady of Tepeyac High School welcomed Mr. Miguel Patino to our faculty. Prior to answering the call to teach, Mr. Patino studied electrical engineering and worked as an electromechanical automation engineer. He is a long serving CCD teacher at Blessed Sacrament Parish in McKinley Park, which in turn, drew him to teaching Religion at OLT.

Mr. Patino is known for his kind smile and willingness to engage in conversation with his students as well as his colleagues. "I've enjoyed being available to talk about life choices and career planning. I grew up in the Back of the Yards neighborhood and gained experience navigating through a low income, high risk area. This experience helps me to build relationships with my students.



"I encourage our girls to treat life experiences as challenges for them to grow through and to identify helpers along the way..."

...I always promote a relationship with God/Jesus, so as to build faith, hope, and to teach us to love better. I tell my students, 'We never give up. With God, there is always a way.'

As an engineer, Mr. Patino also shares his passion for STEM and Robotics with our young women. He will take on more Math courses this school year and looks forward to entering a team in a local Robotics competition.

We wish Mr. Patino the best of luck as he continues on his journey as a teacher. Tepeyac is lucky to have you!

Summer Fun for Girls



In the month of June, Tepeyac hosted Summer Camp for girls. Energetic 4th through 8th graders joined us. These girls represented many excellent elementary schools from across the city.

Summer Camps were led by Tepeyac coaches and current students. The group began the days with tons of energy with Sports camp. The days concluded with creativity in the Arts and Crafts camp. Tepeyac campers loved the joyful week at OLT.

"My favorite thing about the camp was watching our own high school girls create a fun, loving camp for the middle schoolers..."

...They played volleyball with them and made it so fun and enjoyable. My favorite memory was the last day where we let the Camp Leaders completely take over and they created the simplest game, but they played for the entire time and all we could hear was laughter."

—Ms. Ramirez, Sports Camp Coach

Welcome, Class of 2027!



The newest generation of Tepeyac girls are on their way. Our Lady of Tepeyac High School is excited to welcome the Freshwomen Class. Last fall the Admissions team had the pleasure of meeting incredible young ladies through school visits, Shadow Days and Open Houses.

The group is ready to tackle high school and all of the wonders that come with it. During the Summer Bridge Program the Freshwomen expressed their excitement by participating enthusiastically in all of the activities. Tepeyac can't wait to see the class thrive over the next four years!

Fun Facts of the Class of 2027:

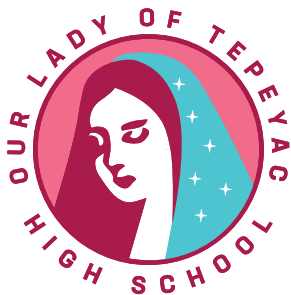
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Alumnae Meet Ups

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you!

The Alum Committee of our Advisory Board is planning two Alum meet ups this school year. Locations and dates have not been determined but please be on the lookout for invites.

Tepeyac encourages all alum to maintain strong personal and professional connections with the entire school community by updating your personal contact info. Our Faculty & Staff are gearing up for the school's 100th anniversary by launching a campaign to reconnect with as many grads as possible. Tepeyac invites all Alum - St. Casimir and Tepeyac-- to connect with us on our social media and follow all of the creative ways that Tepeyac is ramping up for this big celebration. Help us spread the word and encourage your friends and classmates to do so as well!

Update your info here: ourladyoftepeyac.org/alumnae

