

“Embrace the World” Community Service Program

In the spirit of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, who respond to the Gospel by “embracing the world,” Nardin Academy Upper School commissions its students to perform a **minimum of 80 hours** of community service during their four years at Nardin, with specific requirements for each year. As a graduation requirement, this service program provides every student with experiences that cultivate discipleship, compassion, respect for life, care for creation, and a life-long commitment to service.

Each student will record, monitor, and verify service hours using the online platform *Mobileserve*. Mr. Whalen will visit with the freshman class during the first few weeks of school to help each student navigate and enroll in *Mobileserve*. **If you are an incoming freshman, any service hours you complete during the summer before school begins will count toward your freshman year requirement.**

Tiers of Service

The “Embrace the World” Service Program allows students to grow in their commitment to service, and **challenges students to serve and develop relationships with the marginalized**. As such, throughout their four years at Nardin, students will be asked to complete their service hours using the “tier” system below. **All service hours can be completed in Tier 1 and/or Tier 2. However, students are limited to the number of service hours they can complete in Tier 3.**

Tier 1: Service to the Underserved and Marginalized

This tier includes agencies and community partners outside of Nardin that specifically serve the most vulnerable in our society. Tier 1 agencies include soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, refugee services, civil rights organizations, etc.

Tier 2: Service to the General Community

This tier includes agencies outside of Nardin that serve general needs within the community. Tier 2 agencies include nursing/retirement homes, child services, health care facilities and initiatives, services for those with special needs, etc.

Tier 3: Service to Nardin

This tier includes service specifically to Nardin Academy. Tier 3 includes working at special events like Open House and Fortune, tutoring students throughout the entire academy, and helping teachers with specific tasks throughout the school year.

Yearly Requirements

Class Year	Minimum Requirements (Note: Any additional hours done beyond the yearly requirement will be applied to the next year’s requirement)
Freshman	10 hours (only 5 hours can be done in Tier 3)
Sophomore	20 hours (only 10 hours can be done in Tier 3)
Junior	20 hours (only 5 hours can be done in Tier 3)
Senior	30 hours (All hours must be in Tier 1 and/or Tier 2)