



# Academic Accolades

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## Literary Magazine Recognition



St. Joseph Academy's literary magazine, *Constantly Risking Absurdity*, has been selected to receive the rank of Excellent in the 2025 National Council of Teachers of English Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM). This program publicly recognizes excellent literary magazines produced by students with the support of their teachers.

Student Editor(s): Sarah Schoemehl '25, Leila Phoenix '27, Audrey Giljum '27, Claire Peters '27, Jenna Waters '27, Elise Bruges '27, Lindsay Strickland '27, Lexie Schmidt '27

Cover Art: Kate Burns '25

Faculty Advisor(s): Mrs. Maggie Murphy

## Writing Contest

Freshman Margot Mason received an Honorable Mention in the 2026 Scholastic Art & Awards presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers for her critical essay titled "Running Against the System: Empowerment in Good for a Girl."



## Tornado Relief Support

Since October, sophomore Brooke Butler has volunteered to help rebuild homes in downtown St. Louis. She has worked alongside many people she might not otherwise have met and has listened to their stories while contributing to the projects. Brooke has helped demolish walls, sweep floors, and place bricks, gradually rebuilding homes for families in need. Although the work is not academic, she has gained valuable lessons about “serving the Dear Neighbor.”



## Aquarium Foundation Gala



The Second Annual Aquarium Foundation Gala was held in November. Natalie Conrad and Ally Good worked with the Aquarium Education Manager, Mel Hooper, to create the Night at the Aquarium Teen Conservation program that culminates with students sharing their knowledge with gala participants. This year, students also presented at the National Biology Teachers Association meeting at Union Station. Their program teaches concrete actions St. Louisans can take to improve ocean health.



# Science Olympians



Nine Angels took part in the 3rd Annual Washington University Science Olympiad Invitational, competing against thirty teams from across the region. All of our students performed at a high level and outscored several teams in their respective events.

Abby Butler and Hannah Christianson placed 9th in Entomology (the study of insects)

Annabel Gainey placed 9th in Remote Sensing

Addi Gainey (Disease Detectives)

Constanza Leon-Rossel and Alaina Rose (Astronomy)

Ashley Malsch and Mia Rodemann (Anatomy and Physiology)

Precious Pullen (Designer Genes)



## Computing Awardee



Junior Marley Krenski was selected as a 2026 NCWIT (National Center for Women & Information Technology) Aspirations in Computing High School Awards Honorable Mention. She is being recognized for her interest in computing and technology, as well as her aspiration to use technology to positively impact humanity in the future.

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