

Ava DelGaudio

Maya Vaidya

I am proud to introduce Ava DelGaudio to you because we grew up alongside each other and have been best friends for over a decade. I have had the personal privilege to watch Ava set her mind to something and not only push to get it done, but push to get it done well, a quality that proves to be necessary in accomplishing many NHS service projects. Ava's drive can be clearly seen in her rigorous classes where she succeeds academically or out on the tennis court where she has led the Varsity Girl's Tennis team as captain for three consecutive years. As President of the Student Council, I can personally attest to Ava's leadership abilities and her important role as Senior Class Vice President. Florida Atlantic University is lucky to have Ava for the next four years where she will study to become a successful accountant, just as the National Honor Society is blessed to have Ava's membership. Congratulations, Ava. Welcome to the National Honor Society!

Kaylee Drakakis

Kayla Bower

Kaylee has always been an active member of the DePaul Catholic community.

Since her freshman year, she has been a valued and contributing member on the DePaul Catholic Girls Varsity soccer team.

As a member of the Interact Club, she helps to raise money and organize drives for those in less fortunate. She has also taken on the role of being a student

Ambassador where she helps with tours at open houses. In her free time Kaylee gives back to the community by volunteering to coach younger players in soccer at the TSF Junior Academy.

Kaylee can also be found at her parish, Our Lady of Holy Angels, where she volunteers for their many activities and drives. During the summer she works as a lifeguard at the North Jersey Country Club. After high school, Kaylee plans to work towards a degree in biology and then continue on to dentistry school.

Congratulations Kaylee!

Lea Rubenacker

Madison Miniutti

I am excited to introduce my best friend, Lea Rubenacker. Her consistent hard work and dedication have brought her to this point. Lea is a dedicated student-athlete who has spent countless hours volunteering her time at DePaul. She is currently planning to go on the upcoming Midnight Run and is always eager to help out a teacher in need of assistance.

She is a 4-year Varsity starter on the softball team, played 2 years of basketball, and even helped with the musical. She is a student ambassador who has made countless people enjoy their experience shadowing at DePaul. Lea's friendly personality has led her to find a job working at Trader Joes, where she is always helping people. One of Lea's favorite things to do is to hang out with her friends and family, as well as spending time in Myrtle Beach. Her future plans include attending Ramapo College, majoring in Social Work, and following in her mother's footsteps. Congratulations Lea!

Tami Adedeji

Madison Miniutti

I am thrilled to introduce Tami Adedeji to you as our first inductee this evening. Tami is an amazing young woman who is a big part of athletics here at DePaul. She is involved in many Varsity sports including soccer, competition cheer, basketball, and spring track. If you ever see her on the field you'll know that no matter what happens she always has your back. Tami has logged numerous hours as a volunteer at her church as a summer camp counselor as well as a Sunday school teacher for ages 4 through 12. She feels that these experiences hone many qualities that make up the best leaders. Some of her hobbies include playing the trombone, as well as the piano. She also has a strong interest in cooking. Last year, Tami was selected to represent DePaul at the HOBY leadership program. Tami's future plans include attending college and following the path to pre-med. She has hopes of getting a summer internship and becoming an OB-GYN. Congratulations Tami!

Kayla Agnoli

Jade Rose Martorano

As a fellow classmate over the years, I was able to witness first hand Kayla's ambition and drive to reach her goals. Her character exemplifies all of the qualities needed to stand here tonight: dedication, responsibility, and leadership. As a member of the DePaul Community, over the past three years, Kayla played softball for the JV team, served as student ambassador, and participated in Midnight Runs, trips that aid the homeless. Outside of school, Kayla commits herself to service. She volunteered to coach the buddy baseball league for two years and also babysitting. One of Kayla's many passions include expressing her creativity and imagination through many forms of art, whether she is painting, writing, or listening to music. She is also an avid reader who aspires to one day pursue a career in English Literature. Kayla's character, commitment, and leadership have made her a perfect fit for the National Honor Society. We welcome and congratulate her!

Jason Alcott

Briana Franco

We are pleased to welcome Jason Alcott to the National Honor Society. Jason is a student athlete who is determined to spread good wherever he goes. He is a very well-rounded person who has been involved in many in and out-of-school activities, including student council as vice-president since his freshman year. He is involved in Interact, is a student ambassador, participates in Midnight runs, and is a proud member of the Engineering Academy. He is truly a devoted student here at DePaul Catholic. Outside of school Jason was a New Jersey Scholars Program Nominee, and participated in HOBY in 2021, which is a huge honor. He enjoys spending his time weightlifting and studying about sports science.

Jason has been involved in varsity baseball for two years and is an avid baseball player and fitness enthusiast. He is looking to pursue a Master's degree in sports science and plans to continue playing baseball in college. As his friend, I know he has a bright future ahead of him, and will be very successful anywhere he goes. I am proud to welcome Jason into the National Honor Society, Congratulations!

Anthony Almeida

Arianna Silva

Anthony is a well-rounded, talented leader both on and off the football field. A two-year varsity athlete, he leads by example and shows his tenacity through his hard work in practice and games. Accompanied by his teammates, Anthony helped distribute Christmas gifts to the mentally disabled of the Murray House and the members of Fitzpatrick. Outside of school and football, Anthony hits the gym every day after school and enjoys trying new recipes and improving his culinary skills. He also takes pride in his self-built computers and monitors, and often takes camping trips with his family. Anthony has a strong love for animals, shown through his seven pet reptiles, a dog, and two fish tanks. He aspires to play Division I football while also studying to be a veterinarian. As a member of the NHS, Anthony will contribute his inventiveness and good character to the betterment of our school. Congratulations Anthony Almeida on your induction.

Kevin Barahona

Samantha Suter

I am delighted to introduce Kevin Barahona. He has played soccer and wrestled here at DePaul, which exhibits his dedication and commitment to balancing many activities. Kevin also plays club soccer and isn't afraid to venture into new experiences as he recently decided to join the track and field team this year. In addition to all of his own activities, Kevin helps his mother at her nail salon in many ways with a willing spirit and attitude.

His diligence is not only shown in his sports but also in his academics, taking challenging honors and AP courses also in his participation in the church group. He is a great example of what it means to be a DePaul Catholic Spartan. He puts his best foot forward in everything that he does and tries his hardest, both in and out of the classroom. Congratulations Kevin!

Joseph Bernardo

Joseph Bernardo is a dedicated member of DePaul's student body. He enjoys his participation in athletics and is a member of both the varsity soccer and baseball teams. He consistently works to improve himself on and off the field.

He is active in school as he has worked with the spring musical, Interact club and the March for Life. Through his participation, he hopes to influence others by simply doing the right thing in the right situation.

Outside of school, Joseph stays busy, balancing club baseball and a job. In addition, he is a CCD teacher for young children at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

Joseph is very interested in economics and he likes to follow what is happening with the stock market. His future goals include a place on the baseball team at Bucknell University and a career as an investment banker.

Congratulations!

Chayse Lombardo

Maggie Blum**Kaylee Drakakis**

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Maggie Blum. As many of you may know, Maggie is an eager and motivated individual that contributes her skills and qualities to the community of DePaul Catholic. In her three years at DePaul, she has been an influential and active member as a student ambassador, an interact member, and the current student council secretary. Outside DePaul, she volunteers for Reading Buddies at the Nutley Public Library, and is a coach for recreational basketball. Maggie is a two sport athlete, participating in both lacrosse and soccer. As the varsity captain of Soccer, Maggie helped lead the team to its first every State Championship. I can attest that she is encouraging, passionate, and confident. As a member of a highly competitive club soccer club she attends some of the top showcases in the country. Her future plans consist of college, hopes of playing soccer there, and studying in the STEM field.

It is without a doubt that Maggie will succeed during her time in the National Honor Society. Congratulations.

Michael Dox

Zachary Ruighaver

Michael is an enterprising and inquisitive individual with a keen interest in learning, especially when it comes to science and engineering. Fueled by his curiosity, Michael has demonstrated a knack for coding, computer science, entrepreneurial engineering, information technology, and business. In fact, he has even had the chance to intern at a water treatment plant. However, his interests are not limited to academia. During his time at DePaul, Michael has also shown commitment to athletics and community service. He is a member of the cross country, winter track, and spring track teams, and he has volunteered his time to help prepare for Midnight Run. Given his wide array of pursuits, Michael is a passionate student and teammate who possesses the ambition to attain success, and I have witnessed his ambition and leadership first-hand in the class we share. I have no doubt that he will not only make a great asset to the NHS, but that he will go on to make a difference in the world using his talent, diligence, and innovation. Congratulations!!

Daniel Genzale

Lea Rubenacker

I would like to introduce Daniel Genzale, who exemplifies the values of faith, family, and academic excellence. Daniel has had many achievements throughout his high school career such his participation in the midnight runs to New York City, where food and clothing are provided to the homeless. Outside of school he has been giving back to his community through a variety of activities. He works at a daycare, tutors younger children, and uses his artistic talents to draw the pets of those around him. His hobbies include drawing, graphic design, and art.

A part time job also keeps Daniel busy, as he finds it important to assist his parents in paying his tuition.

Future plans include to attending college, where he would like to follow his passion into the graphic design field. I have total confidence that you will continue to accomplish great things as an NHS member.

Congratulations!

Taylor Ghee

Kailey McKenna

As a current member of the National Honor Society I am honored to have the opportunity to induct such a hardworking and dedicated person. There are so many qualities that make Taylor a perfect member, but some that stand out include her current presidency of the Bergen-Pasic Chapter of the Jack and Jill of America. She has been a part of this organization for 8 years and she has volunteered for three years at the Children of Promise, NYC.

At DePaul Catholic, she has been varsity captain for both the cross country and track and field teams. In addition, she is the co-founder of the Student Cultural Resource Group.

Taylor enjoys playing the piano, baking, and photography and is interested in the flaws of the American criminal justice system, civil rights, and topics surrounding diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a result of this, she plans to either attend law or medical school after she graduates from DePaul Catholic. Congratulations Taylor, this honor is very well deserved.

Ashleigh Hofsommer

Daniella Bayuelo

Ashleigh is a prominent member of the DePaul Catholic community. She has achieved academic excellence and is no stranger to the Principles List. In addition, Ashleigh is a very enthusiastic Spartan. She loves to share her school spirit on both the varsity cheer and competition cheer teams.

You can also find Ashleigh dedicating her time to helping the less fortunate as an active member of the interact club and through her participation on midnight runs. As a peer minister, she lends a helping hand to her fellow students. Her selflessness extends beyond the classroom setting. Ashleigh contributes to her own community by volunteering at her town's animal shelter and babysitting.

She enjoys trips to the beach and quality time with family and friends. Ashleigh's positive attitude brightens the room, and she never fails to bring a smile to my face. I am lucky to have her as a friend and am confident that her kindness will leave an impact. Welcome Ashleigh to the National Honor Society!

Madeline Karlicki

Sofia Mastellone

Madeline is a valuable member of the DePaul Catholic community. In school, she is a member of Girls Lacrosse, Girls Basketball and Stage Crew. She is also an active student ambassador.

As she is an extremely talented artist, I absolutely love seeing the work she does through Honors Art Portfolio. She has immense school spirit, and she absolutely thrived as the Boys Basketball Team Manager.

Madeline also loves to give back. Outside of school, she is a Girl Scout Troop member-and won various awards, she is a social media consultant for Incorruptible Us, and has worked at the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center. Her Ukrainian culture is very important to her, and so she has attended cultural classes, Ukrainian Dance classes, and has volunteered for the Ukrainian American Youth Organization as well as for the Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church. In the future, she plans on furthering her education and working towards the Girl Scout Gold Award. Congratulations, Maddy!

Patrick McEvoy

Anes Abdrabou

As a teammate and a friend, Patrick has immersed himself into the DePaul Catholic community in several ways. In his freshman year, Patrick was already a varsity member of both the cross-country and track teams at DePaul, setting himself as an example for student-athletes schoolwide.

When he's not dedicating his time to becoming the best runner he can be, Patrick can be seen contributing his services toward a midnight run, food bank, or local clothing drive. And when he's free to spend his time how he pleases, Patrick is either working out at the gym, reading, programming, or hanging out with his friends.

In the future, Patrick would like to pursue a degree in finance and take on a rigorous, yet sophisticated career in the field, just like him. To that, there is nothing to say but the National Honor Society warmly welcomes you. Congrats, Pat!

Anna McHugh

Megan Chorba

I am honored to welcome Anna McHugh into the National Honor Society. Anna is a hardworking, diligent, and well-rounded member of the DePaul Catholic community. On top of maintaining her grades and serving as a peer minister, Anna is a prime example of what it means to be a student athlete.

While at DePaul, Anna has played on the varsity softball team for three years and the JV volleyball team for two. As her teammate, I can say without a doubt that Anna always strives for greatness and is determined to succeed. Outside of school, she plays on her club softball team and works at Anthony Francos.

In her free time, Anna enjoys reading, writing, and hiking. She plans on continuing her softball career in college while working towards a degree in science or mathematics. Anna has a very bright future ahead of herself and we cannot wait to see what she accomplishes. Congratulations Anna, and welcome to the National Honor Society!

Matthew McLean

Kayla Gonzalez

The National Honor Society, and I, are pleased to welcome Matthew McLean. He is a bright student-athlete, who participates in both basketball and track. He is a member of the service-oriented Interact club and also maintains a job. As a tri-county scholar, he has a genuine passion for knowledge and finds that putting his efforts into the learning process will naturally result in better grades.

Some of his many skills include coding for robotics, drawing, and playing the piano. Within his community, he has been an active member of the Bill McKoy Foundation and his favorite event is the toy drive. In particular, he likes seeing those smiles when the toys are distributed.

In the future, traveling and seeing the world are definitely on his bucket list, but before that can happen, he hopes to attend the college of his choice. There's no doubt in my mind that he is clearly taking steps in the right direction. Matthew, welcome to the National Honor Society, and congratulations!

Nicole Okur

Maria

Nicole is a very active member of the DePaul Catholic community. She has been a part of the soccer team for the past three years, and a member of the State Champion Varsity team this season. She has also participated in Spring Track and Field for two years. Acting as a school ambassador, she represents our community well and is a proud part of the Engineering Academy for the past three years.

Her contributions are not restricted to DePaul Catholic, but she is also a member of her Church Youth Group, tutors, babysits her younger cousins, and does club soccer. During her free time, Nicole enjoys going on walks, playing soccer, spending time with friends and family, and baking. In the future, she plans to attend a university with a degree in engineering as her goal. Nicole is a motivated and driven student that is always improving herself along with everyone around her. She is extremely hard working and always achieves whatever she puts her mind to. Congratulations Nicole and welcome to the National Honor Society.

Lorissa Pangaro

Shannon Tuttle

I am pleased to introduce our next inductee, Lorissa Pangaro.

Lorissa embodies the virtues of a DePaul Catholic Spartan. She participates in many service and volunteer activities that demonstrate her selfless character. She carries these qualities into our school's community and into her home life.

Lorissa takes on responsibilities around her house and is happy to lend a helping hand. She also finds a creative interest throughout her artwork. Lorissa has a vast and broad art portfolio and is very passionate about her works.

Not only is she a great artist, but she is also a great student. Lorissa successfully maintains high grades and is a student ambassador. Her outstanding character is a gift to our school and there is no doubt that she will be a great addition to the National Honor Society. Congratulations, Lorissa!

Luciano Polifonte

Kelsie Butler

Luciano began freshman year as a member of the football team, but he did not abandon his teammates when an injury ended his season. He understood the meaning of teamwork and helped however he could. He has carried that spirit as a member of the Varsity Golf Team for the past two years.

For the past three years, he has been a Student Ambassador at DePaul Catholic and has also worked with the Fairfield Town Recreational Sports Association where he has a variety of responsibilities.

Luciano is not one to take it easy as his numerous jobs include working more than full-time during the summer, delivering pizza, snow removal and power washing. In addition, his other activities are just a plentiful and interesting. He partakes in homemade wine and tomato sauce, enjoys gardening, surfing, and fishing and he holds a boating certificate.

Future plans include a college with his sights on a career in Engineering.

Congratulations!

Angelia Rattacasa

Morgan O'Malley

Angelia takes pride in participating in multiple aspects of the DePaul Catholic Community. Playing soccer, cheerleading, and babysitting for three years shows the dedication and ability she has to balance multiple responsibilities. However, not only is she a well-rounded individual outside the classroom, but within the classroom as well. She is involved in peer ministry, interact, yearbook, student ambassadors, and the spring musical, all while maintaining impressive grades. As much as I could continue to boast about her hard work, I would like to acknowledge her positivity and kindness that I have experienced. Throughout my time cheerleading here, Lia never failed to encourage her teammates or put a smile on their face when needed. All of the qualities she holds will allow her to pursue her dream of becoming a lawyer and attending Georgetown, or any other path she takes in life. I am thrilled to welcome Angelia Rattacasa into the National Honor Society. Congratulations!

Christoph Reyna

Jenna Troiano

I've known Christoph for three years and one thing I have noticed is he has this large coin that he likes to spin. He enjoys running, participates in JV Winter and Spring Track, and is a member of the Winter Running Club. He likes history, photography, and music, so he is listening to music at every chance. He also enjoys taking photos, drawing, reading, and playing chess.

Christoph volunteers at a food pantry and has been mowing lawns for his own company, Act Now Landscaping, for 5 years. His future plans include going to college, pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy, and getting a bachelor's degree in marketing. Honoring the meaning of service and character, Christoph wishes to donate 10% of the profits he earns from his company to any charity of his customers' choice. He has been a very versatile person from the beginning of his high school life. Despite experiencing a pandemic, he overcame all that was thrown at him and emerged on top consistently. His adaptability to new situations will benefit the NHS and the contributions he will make will positively impact his underclassmen who will look up to him as he achieves greater things.

Congratulaitons!

Damian Scelba

Saverio Marinelli

It goes without saying that Damian Scelba is one of the faces of DePaul Catholic. Not only does he excel on the golf course, but in the classroom as well. Being the captain of the golf team for three years and one of the leaders of the DePaul Pit demonstrates the leadership qualities he possesses, which match up greatly to the requirements of the National Honor Society. Damian also serves as a role model to underclassmen and prospective students considering DePaul for high school, as he is a Student Ambassador. Likewise, he is enrolled in the Honors Engineering Academy.

Outside of school, Damian keeps himself occupied by caddying at a local country club, delivering pizzas, and working for a snow removal business in the winter. In his leisure time, he frequently goes skiing, hunting, and fishing. Additionally, he has had his boating license for 3 years. In the future, Damian sees himself participating in Naval Architecture Marine Engineering and working as an Entrepreneur with a focus in real estate. On behalf of the National Honor Society, it is my pleasure to welcome Damian Scelba.

Deana Tejada

Tyler Olechowski

I've been very close to Deana throughout all of high school, and I can genuinely say she is deserving of membership in the National Honor Society. She has always gone above and beyond in her schoolwork. I've seen her take board games apart and assemble them for a basic presentation and complete an entire 15-page workbook that she made for her Anatomy class.

Even when not in school, she tries incredibly hard to be the best she can. Since 6th grade she has been taking classes at a music school, where she regularly performs.

Along with this she has been heavily involved in the School Musical and Music

Ministry since her Freshman year. She's incredibly creative, draws in her free-

time, and then turning that art into stickers and shirts. Her creative mind and

genuine desire to be the best she can, is what will make her a great addition to the

National Honor Society.

Congratulations!

Andrea Toledo

Olivia Kuzma

It is my honor to introduce you to Andrea. Not only is she a great student around the school, but she is a great part of the community as well. Within the school she is a part of the medical science club and has participated in both cardboard city and midnight run. These activities highlight the needs of those less fortunate and homeless. I am sure she will continue to be involved in such service activities and will lead others to participate in.

In her free time, she enjoys painting, reading, cooking, and dog walking. Even with all of this she has still managed to be an altar server, play soccer and basketball, and work at her mom's job. Andrea's future plan is to continue to study something that interests her in the medical field. Andrea is a very well-rounded student that I am certain will be a great attribute to the NHS. I am honored to say congratulations Andrea!

Skyler Weaver

Ava DelGaudio

It is my great honor to welcome Skyler Weaver into the National Honor Society. Since attending DePaul Catholic, Skyler has demonstrated leadership, service, and scholarship. Although Skyler transferred during her sophomore year, she still managed to become involved in many of the activities available at DePaul. Skyler is a part of the Girls Varsity Tennis Team, Peer Ministry, Music Ministry, and the Interact Club. Not only is she a part of several sports and clubs, but she has been extremely successful in all of her academic classes. Skyler has shown consistent dedication to extracurricular activities and organizations, while managing her academic performance. Skyler has always given back to the community, proving her passion for helping those in need. Skyler was twice recognized for the Exceptional Volunteer Award For The Friendship Circle, an organization serving children with special needs. Congratulations, Skyler, on being inducted into the National Honor Society!

Nicholas Wilderson

Natalia Barranco

It is my honor to introduce Nicholas Wilderson to the National Honor Society.

Nicholas is very involved in his communities in and out of DePaul Catholic; he volunteers at a soup kitchen, is a part of the interact club, and participated in Midnight Run and in Catholic Charities events. Within his 4-H club, he organized a drive to create individual care packages for soldiers.

Nicholas attended the DePaul summer football camp at the age of 9 and knew he wanted to be a Spartan, so it is no surprise that he is a member of DePaul's Football and Basketball teams.

His future plans consist of attending a good college and pursuing a career in sports management. Nick's fine qualities will give him the opportunity to join with the other members in making an impact on the National Honor Society as well as the school. Please join with me in congratulating Nicholas Wilderson.

Garret Wolf

Nicholas Scirocco

Garret Wolf has been one of my best friends ever since we were little kids. We've played baseball together for almost a decade. Currently, we are the Co-Captains of the DePaul Catholic Varsity baseball team. If someone asked me what two things define who Garret Wolf is, I would have to say his leadership skills and his loyalty. Garret is a natural born leader and displays it in everything he does. He leads by example and never just follows the pack. He leads not just on the baseball field, but also in the community as a youth football coach and a youth baseball coach. As for his loyalty, Garret is the type of person who you can trust with your life. He always has his friend's back and will never let you down. I know for a fact that these qualities, among others, will translate not just into NHS but into his future plans to major in business, or whatever he chooses to pursue in life. It is an honor to introduce my good friend into the National Honor Society... Garret Wolf.

Vanessa Wolf

Vanessa has always been a member of the DePaul Catholic community as she is a legacy student. She is a very well rounded and dedicated student, balancing her time between schoolwork, sports, and community service. Vanessa has been playing soccer for 12 years and travels all over the country for games and tournaments. At DePaul Catholic, she has been on the varsity team since her freshman year.

Vanessa takes community service very seriously and enjoys helping those in need. She has participated in the Midnight Run twice, helps teachers weekly, is a coach for youth soccer camps, and has been donating food to Eva's Kitchen once a month for the past five years. After high school, Vanessa plans to attend a university for a degree in finance and accounting, while still playing the sport she loves. I know that she will continue to be dedicated to her academics and athletics and go on to do great things. Congratulations to one of my best friends, Vanessa Wolf, on being inducted into the National Honor Society.