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# INAUGURAL STUDENT ART SHOW AND DONOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION

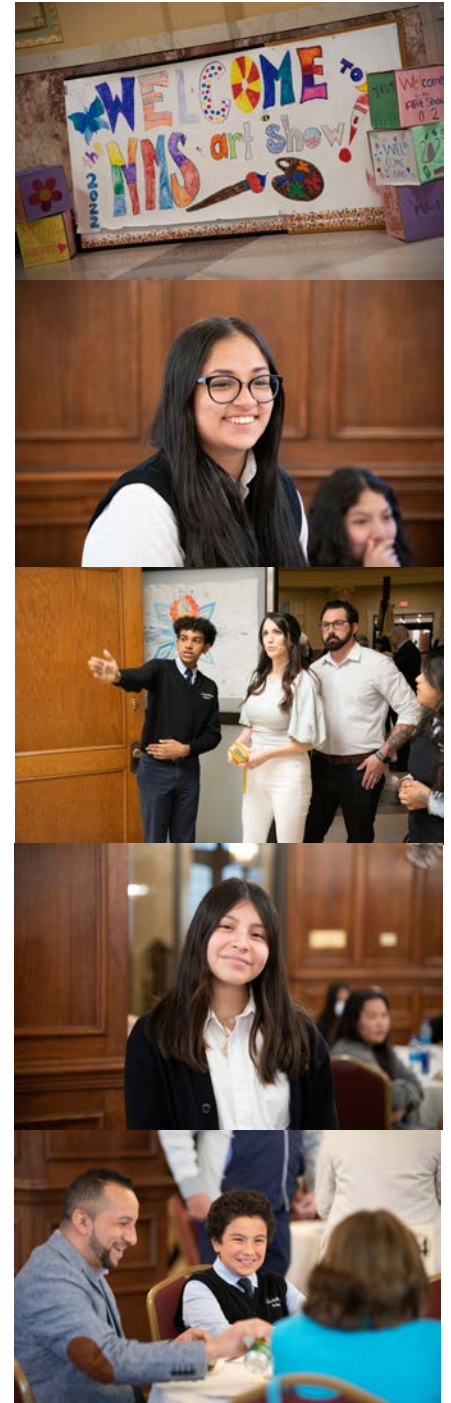
**O**n **Wednesday, April 27th**, NativityMiguel School of Scranton held its first-ever **Student Art Show and Donor Appreciation Reception** event!

Throughout the night, students' artwork (over 150 pieces!) was displayed for donors and visitors to enjoy. Donors and visitors were then invited to walk through the school to interact with students, faculty, and staff and explore the classrooms. Lastly, they were then guided into the event space for the Donor Appreciation Reception.

At the reception, sponsors from our **Sponsor A Student Scholarship Program**, their scholarship recipients, and the scholarship recipients' families were given time to meet and interact with one another. Then, during the program, sponsors and their scholarship recipients were recognized and acknowledged for their contributions to the school. It was a beautiful event that would not have been possible without the help of our generous event sponsors! Thank you to everyone that was involved in the event.

**If you would like to learn more about our Sponsor A Student Scholarship Program, please go to page six of this newsletter.**

Please enjoy these wonderful photos from the event, courtesy of **Tom Duncan Photography**.



## TRIMESTER 2 RECAP

### Catholic Schools Week

By: Evelin Yanez Sanchez ('23) and Ashley Zhagnay ('23)

Catholic Schools Week, a time when students engage with their chosen teams and learn to work together to present a skit, is a week-long celebration. The week includes dress down days, expressing cultural differences, and fun activities. The theme chosen for this year was **resilience** - to show toughness in the face of adversity. The school was split into four teams: Green Goblins, Midnight Ravens, Orange Oracles, and Black Bulls. Some things that we did this week include: crazy hair, a fun day with different team competitions, cultural dress, and more!

A favorite part of the week was Culture Day where students expressed their cultures through dancing and their outfits. Some heritages that were celebrated were Mexico, Nepal, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Tanzania and more. Everyone had an entertaining time working together, competing, and performing their skits. The prize was revealed and the winners would get a day of dress down. On Friday, the teams were to present their skits. All the skits were amazing and creative. It was very difficult for the judges to decide who would win, but the decision was made with Black Bulls and Green Goblins tied for third. Coming in second was Orange Oracles and in first we had the Midnight Ravens. All teams congratulated the winner. The week concluded with having fun outside, playing, and laughing.



### Community Collaboration

#### MARYWOOD

- **MU Nutrition and Dietetics Department** - social and cultural food lesson
- **MU School of Architecture** - 5th grade architecture class and architecture project exhibition
- **MU School Counseling Program** - college and career development lessons for grades 5 through 7
- **MU Student Concert** - schoolwide concert hosted by MU students
- **MU ESports** - tour of MU ESports Center
- **MU Vocal Masterclass** - hosted for the 8th grade by Broadway vocalists and MU music theatre majors
- **MU Environment and Faith Event** - Earth Day planting in the MU gardens

#### OUTSIDE AGENCIES

- **Women's Resource Center** - 8th grade Safe Dates Program
- **Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)** - 7th grade college and career development lessons
- **Johnson College** - 7th grade tour of campus, sponsored by EOC
- **Temple Hesed - Rabbi Daniel Swartz** - presentation on Rabbi's visit to the Vatican and environmental justice
- **Casa Hogar - Sister Elvia Mata** - presentation about Casa Hogar school in Mexico
- **Sisters of Christian Charity - Sister Maria Angeline** - vocation presentation
- **Scranton Preparatory School** - facilitated the Catholic Schools Week kickoff event and moved and organized our school library
- **University of Scranton** - volunteered to help clean up the school and organized a field day event

Upcoming:

- **Indraloka Animal Sanctuary** - school field trip
- **NEPA Philharmonic** - Young People's Concert at Lackawanna College



## TRIMESTER 2 RECAP (CONT.)

### TRIMESTER 2 HONORS

#### FIRST HONORS

Onix Crespo Flores ('23)  
Justin Matute ('23)  
Juma Sylvain ('23)  
Ashley Zhagnay ('23)  
Diwakar Baniya ('24)  
Lianyz Crespo Flores ('24)  
Jennifer Lopez ('24)



NMS Principal Mr. Casey,  
Jennifer Lopez ('24)

#### SECOND HONORS

Sujata Ghimirey ('22)  
Ashim Giri ('22)  
Jesus Hernandez Becerril ('22)  
America (Iliana) Fuentes ('23)  
Gabriel Garcia ('23)  
Shalya Nacipucha ('23)  
Dania Vargas ('23)  
Sarianny Hernandez Canela ('24)  
Kimberly Fuentes Camacho ('24)  
Cynthia Kiyungi ('24)  
Ivan Martinez ('24)  
Aditya Rai ('24)  
Sane Subba ('24)  
Isabella Garcia ('25)  
Sally Ghimirey ('25)  
Prince Gurung ('25)  
Prisha Khadka ('25)  
Smriti Pradhan ('25)  
Mark Soriano Moreno ('25)  
Aileen Vasquez ('25)  
Alexandra (Lexi) Villarreal ('25)



NMS Principal Mr. Casey,  
Gabriel Garcia ('23)

### MONTHLY AWARDS

#### JANUARY

**Student of the Month - Sarianny Hernandez Canela ('24)**

**Student of the Month - Sane Subba ('24)**

Honor - Defne Ramos Licona ('24)

Respect - Carlos Santana ('25)

Integrity and Respect - Aileen Vazquez ('25)

#### FEBRUARY

**Student of the Month - Alexandra (Lexi) Villarreal ('25)**

Perseverance- Daniella Mulonda ('22)

Respect - America Iliana Fuentes ('24)

Integrity - Simron Gurung ('25)



NMS Teacher Mr. Williams,  
Sane Subba ('24)



NMS Teacher Sister Regina,  
Alexandra (Lexi) Villarreal ('25)

## STUDENT PROFILE

# ALDO CAMACHO

GRADE: 6

By: Ashley Zhagnay ('23)



**Q: Where do you want to go to high School?**

A: Probably Scranton Prep because we went there for a week for the Summer Program and I really enjoyed it. It looked interesting and cool.

**Q: What clubs are you in?**

A: I am in Anime, Tabletop Adventure Games, and STEM.

**Q: Favorite NMS Memory?**

A: My favorite memory was when we went to Scranton Prep for a week. I had a lot of fun.

**Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A: I want to be a chef because I'm very good at cooking and also baking.

**Q: Interests?**

A: I like to play video games, watch anime, and bake. I also like dressing fancy.

**Q: If you could eat only one thing what would it be?**

A: Cheeseburgers

# LEXI VILLARREAL

GRADE: 5

By: Evelin Yanez Sanchez ('23)



**Q: Where do you want to go to high School?**

A: Scranton Prep because it's an amazing school and I like it.

**Q: What clubs are you in?**

A: Improv, Cross Country and American Sign Language (ASL).

**Q: Favorite NMS Memory?**

A: When I first went to Scranton Prep.

**Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A: I would like to be a photographer.

**Q: Interests?**

A: I like to bake, play soccer, and be with my friends!

**Q: If you could eat only one thing what would it be?**

A: Tamales!



# DONATE



## SPONSOR A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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[Click here](#) to  
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Sponsor

The Sponsor a Student Scholarship Program recognizes students for their academic and leadership qualities. Sponsors are matched with a student who will communicate with their sponsor throughout the school year on academic progress, programs and projects, and classroom experiences. Personal meetings are encouraged with the sponsors and the student. A reception is typically held in which the sponsor, the student, and their families are invited and recognized.

Investment opportunities for this program range from \$10,000 for a full-year sponsorship to \$2,500 for a quarter-year sponsorship. Funds are applied directly to the instructional costs of the student while enrolled at NativityMiguel School of Scranton.

Donors can contribute annually and are encouraged to make a multi-year commitment to follow the student's progress during the student's stay at the school. Students chosen for this program are among the most accomplished at the school and proud to be a recipient of this recognition.

***"Sponsoring a NativityMiguel student is an investment in the future. I recently received a note from my scholarship recipient and she assured me that her time at NativityMiguel had 'changed [her] life and helped [her] grow.' How special to be a small part of that young person's life journey...to encourage, to support, to experience with her the joys and challenges of moving into high school and beyond!"***

- Dr. Lois Draina

## NEPA GIVES

On June 3rd, 2022, NativityMiguel School of Scranton will be participating in NEPA Gives, which is an online giving day for NEPA-based non-profit organizations. More information about NEPA Gives will be sent out as the day gets closer, so keep an eye out and mark June 3rd on your calendars!



[Click here](#) to check out our NEPA Gives website and remember to give to NativityMiguel School on June 3rd!



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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