



REGINA DOMINICAN

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

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Junior named finalist in Shakespeare competition

Junior Martha Cordeniz brought Lady Macbeth's famous soliloquy to vivid and moving life, and as a result was named a finalist in the English-Speaking Union's Shakespeare Competition, held February 28 at Chicago Shakespeare on Navy Pier. Martha was one of nine finalists out of field of 27 high school contestants. To represent Regina Dominican in the Chicago area competition, Martha competed against other students. Each student's recitation of a monologue from Shakespeare was judged on the criteria of diction, drama and stage presence.

An honors student, Martha has excelled in the school's Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team and in the Science, Math And Reading Test (SMART) administered to freshmen and sophomores. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the school's Youth Ministry Team.

Martha has shared her gifts in the performing arts throughout her years at Regina Dominican. A member of the Modern Music Masters (Tri-M) Honor Society, she was double-cast in the leading role, Dolly Levi, in the school's 2004 Fall Musical, *Hello, Dolly*, and was also in the cast of the 2003 Fall Musical, *The Wizard of Oz*. In addition, Martha has served as cantor at school liturgies.

The Shakespeare Competition is a project of the English-Speaking Union of the United States, a network of 76 branches and 10,000 members. Headquartered in New York City, the organization strives to "promote scholarship and advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global community." Other programs include visiting speakers and scholars in local communities and English in Action, in which volunteers tutor newcomers to the United States in the English Language.