



REGINA DOMINICAN

THE COLLEGE PREPARATORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR WOMEN

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Academic departments award Regina Medals to 13 seniors

Thirteen Regina Dominican seniors were recognized for their outstanding performance in 14 Academic Departments and were thus presented with Regina Medals. The announcement of the 2005 Regina Medalists came during the school's annual Senior Honors Convocation, held June 2. This year's Regina Medalists are:

Theology: Sarah Niersbach has excelled in theology both academically and in living out her faith through service and leadership. In the classroom, she earned an "A" average for all eight semesters, including Level 3 work, which requires advanced performance and mastery of skills. An independent thinker, Sarah respects the beliefs of others. She has also shown her commitment to service through her two years as a peer leader and by leading the Frosh retreat and Kairos. "In all she does," the Theology Department notes, "Sarah demonstrates her passion for truth and love for others" and "consistently puts her faith into action." Sarah will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Art: Felicia Doolin stands out as "one of the strongest student artists in the Art program" at Regina Dominican. As a visual artist, "she meets the challenges of a field that commands an exacting knowledge and extensive practicum." In her class work in art, Felicia brings grace, freshness, and a desire for excellence. Extraordinarily mature in her approach to art, Felicia is disciplined, energetic, intelligent, insatiably curious and hard-working, with a "depth and creativity rare in someone her age." She will continue her studies at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Biology: Hilary Bouxsein has earned 10 semesters of straight "A"s in her science courses, including Advanced Placement courses, and was always prepared for class, tests and labs. In her lab work, Hilary has been "the epitome of precision," going well beyond what is required. As a freshman, she joined Regina's Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team and immediately began earning medals in biology, English and Math. In her senior year, she took a first place in state competition, with a score that matched all 75 of the schools represented, of all sizes. She will continue her study of science at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Chemistry: Elizabeth Labuz has shown "superior achievement" in chemistry, completing 12 semesters of honors science courses in her four years at Regina. Through her efforts, Elizabeth has consistently placed in the top two students in science. She scored 760 in chemistry on her SAT II exam, and a 5 on her AP chemistry exam. As a member of the WYSE chemistry team, Elizabeth competed on the state level in her junior and senior years. She will continue her science studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Choral: Kalyna Durbak has been "a delight and an asset" to Regina's music program, first in the Regina Singers and, for the past two years, in the Regina Chorale. With her exemplary skills in music, she has achieved straight "A"s and earned first- and second-place ratings in Illinois High School Association (IHSA) music contests. A two-year member of the Modern Music Majors (Tri-M) Honor Society, Kalyna served as secretary this year. Her service to the school has also included singing at liturgies and performing backstage and onstage at recent musicals. Above all, Kalyna is considerate, kind and thoughtful. She will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago this fall.



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Drama: Amanda McCullough has “enriched the Drama program through her dedicated and creative work in the classroom, performances on the stage, and in leadership roles.” She has been thorough, conscientious and insightful in her academic work, creating and directing original scripts for her Dynamics of Acting and Directing coursework. Amanda performed in the school’s Fall Musicals for the first three years and served as student director in this year’s Fall Musical, *Hello, Dolly*, as well as in the 2004 Spring Play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

English and Forensics: Kathryn McEneely has earned two Regina Medals, distinguishing herself as both a literary scholar and an active member of the forensics team.

The English Department honored her for great love of reading and writing, and for her generosity in sharing those loves. A true bibliophile, Kathryn immerses herself in books and, outside of Regina, shares that love by working at a bookstore. The College Board recognized her as “well qualified” in the English language exam. She has taken every writing course available at Regina; served as a columnist and artist for the school’s monthly news magazine, *Crown*; and published book reviews in *Forest and Bluff Magazine*. Kathryn recently created and performed *The Disappearing Life*, a collection of poems she’d written on the voiceless characters she studied in AP English.

Kathryn’s love for literature also shines through in her four-year involvement in the school’s forensics team. She has proven skillful in congressional debate as a member of the Student Congress team, but most especially has been outstanding in making literature come to life through oral interpretation. In Chicago Catholic Forensic League competition, Kathryn has consistently ranked in the top 10 in oral interpretation and, last year, represented Regina Dominican at the National Catholic Forensic League’s Grand National Tournament in Boston. Kathryn will continue her studies at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan this fall.

French: Mary Fox has distinguished herself in the study of French both in the classroom and in extra-curricular involvement. She has maintained an “A” average in French courses, recently completing Advanced Placement French V. A member of the French National Honor Society, she took part in the National French Contest, volunteered her time as a tutor, and participated in the school’s trip to France in 2004. As President of the French Club, Mary has proven to be an enthusiastic, creative, well-organized and responsible leader, planning numerous activities for the group. She will study at Xavier University this fall.

Latin: Alexandria Elliott has set a “legendary mark for achievement” in language study for future Regina Dominican students. She enrolled in Latin 3 as a freshman – the first freshman in 10 years to do so – and continued with AP Virgil as a sophomore and a second AP Latin literature course in her junior year. She earned “well-qualified” designations on both AP Latin exams. This year she has proven to be an “outstanding student of first-year Ancient Greek.” Alexandria shares her enthusiasm with her fellow students and is an active member of the Latin Club. Her



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skill in language has already been proven at Marquette University, which has given her a Foreign Language scholarship for her study of the classics. She scored the highest on Marquette's foreign language exam, surpassing all students of Latin, Spanish, French and German.

Mathematics: Rebecca Dieschbourg has earned an "A" average for all four years of Honors math study, beginning as a freshman with Honors Algebra I and completing her 10 semesters of Math with AP Calculus. Becky has been very active in math tutoring and in competitions. As a member of the WYSE team, she was a regional and sectional medallist and a state qualifier. A four-year member of the Math Team, she earned medals in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) regional competition in 2002 and 2004 and twice qualified for state competition. She received first-place Regina awards for the Illinois Math League in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Becky will study at Santa Clara University in California.

Orchestra: Maria Anichini has earned straight "A"s in her eight semesters in Regina Dominican's Orchestra and performed in the Fall Musical and Spring Benefit orchestras for all four years. Maria has consistently earned first- and second-place ratings in clarinet solos and ensembles in the IHSA music contest. A cooperative and conscientious musician, she has demonstrated leadership, a deep love of music and the arts, and commitment, always setting high goals for herself. Her five semesters in drama and 14 semesters in music have prepared her well for her study of music business at Columbia College.

Social Studies: Valerie Lengerich has maintained an "A" average in nine semesters of Social Studies courses and competed with distinction in the National Social Studies League contest. Valerie earned a well-qualified grade during her sophomore year in her AP American History exam and in her junior year in the AP European History exam. She demonstrated her interest in social studies by taking a summer school course at Northwestern University's Civic Leadership Institute. In addition, she was team leader this year during the school's Close-Up Trip to Washington, D.C. She will begin her college studies this fall at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Spanish: Kerry McGuire began her four-year study of Spanish at Regina Dominican with Spanish II and continued through AP Spanish V. She participated in the National Spanish Exam, levels 3 and 5, and placed second in Levels 4 and 5 in the Spanish poetry contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. The president of the Spanish National Honor Society, Kerry has been very enthusiastic in her study of the language and the culture of Spanish-speaking nations. Last summer, she spent a month in Cuernavaca, Mexico, studying Spanish and volunteering at an orphanage. She will continue studies at the University of Notre Dame, and hopes one day to use Spanish in her career.