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Seniors pass torch of leadership on to juniors

Leadership at Regina Dominican was formally passed on to next year's elected leaders during the school's May 12 Exchange of Officers Assembly. In the traditional rite of passage, the 2004-2005 Student Council officers and Senior Class Council officers handed on their responsibilities to their counterparts for next year.

School leadership will fall into the capable hands of the 2005-2006 Student Council, led by the following officers: current junior Aura Labatete, president; junior Amy Garvey, vice president; sophomore Colleen Quirk, corresponding secretary; sophomore Latoya Winters, recording secretary; and freshman Elizabeth Anichini, treasurer.

They succeed this year's Student Council officers: senior Alexandria Elliott, president; senior Mary Paxson, vice president; junior Aura Labatete, corresponding secretary; junior Emily Forester, recording secretary; and junior Karoline Roderer, treasurer.

The Student Council assumes leadership of Regina Dominican's student body, fosters school spirit and loyalty to school policies, and promotes a smooth relationship between students and faculty and staff members. In addition, the Student Council organizes such activities as Gnimocemoh (Homecoming) Week, Appreciation Week, the Dad-Daughter Dance, the Variety Show, and faculty luncheons.

Next year's Senior Class Council officers are the following current juniors: Sara Berrafato, president; Lauren Nawrocki, vice president; Therese Dombai, secretary; Erin Guevarra, treasurer; Katie Hurley, social chair; and Annie Tierney, service chair.

They will be carrying on the work of their predecessors, the 2005 Senior Class Council officers: Lauren Schober, president; Mary Fox, vice president; Michelle Erwin, secretary; Kerry McGuire, treasurer; Kathleen McGann, social chair; and Gabriella Gobbo, service chair.

Made up of officers and homeroom representatives, the Senior Class Council plans class activities throughout the year and in particular organizes the Senior Social, the Senior Fund-Raiser and the prom.

Also during the assembly, senior Mollie Wegerson read Emma Dobson's popular children's book, *Badly Drawn Dog*, as each page was displayed on a large screen. Mr. Douglas Gleber, campus minister, shared his reflections on the book and how it pertains to the senior class.

"Seniors, this is the beginning of the end, the first of many farewells," he told the Class of 2005. He gave a brief synopsis of the story of the *Badly Drawn Dog*: how the dog was rejected by other dogs for the way he was drawn and continually returned to the artist, asking to be redrawn in a better way. Like us, Mr. Gleber said, the badly drawn dog is smudged, flawed, faulty, imperfect. The media continually tell us that, "with a nip here and a tug there," we can be made perfect. "Well, we won't be," he assured the seniors. "Dare to be different. Dare to be the women God has called you to be."

Mr. Gleber encouraged the seniors to accept their faults and limitations and go out into the world as they are, as God created them. Accepting their limitations will make them more compassionate, more able to forgive the faults of others. In this way, he said, the seniors can go out into the world and proclaim, "This is who I am. This is who God called me to be. I will not change."