



*Complete list of Honors for
Notre Dame Academy's
Class of 2026*

The Senior Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined based on an exemplary academic record as demonstrated by the cumulative GPA of seven semesters at Notre Dame Academy and rigor of course selection, as well as extracurricular involvement, witness of Christian values, demonstrated leadership, and service rendered to school and community.

The **Valedictorian** of the Class of 2026 is Abigail Beier.

The **Salutatorian** of the Class of 2026 is Elise Busse.

The Blue and Gold Spirit Award is presented to the student who has consistently manifested a spirit of selflessness and commitment in support of her classmates and the ideals of Notre Dame Academy.

The Blue and Gold Spirit Award is presented to Maya Spencer.

The President's Award is presented to the student who has exemplified the Notre Dame spirit of leadership and service.

The Notre Dame Academy President's Award is presented to Zoe VanOrden.

The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award is presented by Sr. Colleen Marie Cousino, Class of 1979, to the student who has exemplified the Notre Dame Spirit through academic performance, service to those in the school and community, and strives to live the Gospel values in daily life.

The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award is presented to Tess Luebke.

The highest honor bestowed upon any high school graduate of any Catholic high school in the Diocese of Toledo is the **Bishop's Cross**. The Bishop's Cross is awarded to the student who clearly strives to love God with all her heart, soul, mind and strength. Likewise, she should be one who manifests an active life of Christian charity in the way she relates to and serves her neighbor. Per Bishop Thomas's request, this award will be given at the graduation ceremony.

The Notre Dame Academy Class of 2026 has earned scholarships and awards totaling over \$15.6 million, have been accepted to 137 schools, and has collectively given 10,623 hours of service locally, nationally in Appalachia, and globally in the Dominican Republic.

Blue and Light Blue Honors Cords

Blue and Light Blue Honor Cords upon those students who have completed the full IB Diploma program. This accomplishment includes taking 12 college level courses their junior/ senior year, in addition to taking the Theory of Knowledge course, completing a two year project on Creativity, Action, and Service, and writing a 4,000 word Extended Essay covering one of the 5 core subject areas.

Abigail Beier
Elise Busse
Julienna Koller
Josie Koszycki
Olivia Miller
Addison Monday
Erinn Verkennes

Gold Honors Cords

The Gold Honor Cord is bestowed on those seniors who have a cumulative unrounded GPA of 4.00 or higher at the end of five or more semesters:

Sarah Asad	Grace Hughes	Madeline Riley
Abigail Beier	Amelia Imbrogno	Ta'Nyla Sims
Katherine Bierie	Madison Jones	Morgan Smith
Samantha Burek	Aya Kanaan	Maya Spencer
Elise Busse	Josie Koszycki	Maggie Sulier
Evyne Byrne	Tess Luebke	Giada Terrill
Jenna Chryst	Katie Malone	Macy Valentine
Julia Chryst	Madelyn Martin	Zoe VanOrden
Presleigh Cutcher	Addison Monday	Erinn Verkennes
Emma Firsdon	Reese Morehouse	Sophia Walker
Evelyn Flanigan	Kylie-Emma Obeto	Siming Wang
Violet Gies	Elizabeth Pawlicki	Hadley Wernert
Ava Goodnough	Brynn Peppel	Mia Williams
Lauryn Hancock	Charlotte Perlaky	Rhiannon Zenz
Rebekah Hazard	Marina Porter	
Sarah Hitts	Tyla Rayford	

The following seniors are receiving Outstanding Academic Achievement pins to be recognized as the top student in each of the academic disciplines.

Business: Abigail Beier

Choir: Monica Marvet

English: Elise Busse

French: Samantha Burek

Journalism: Mylee Rochelle

Latin: Sarah Hitts

Math: Zoe VanOrden

Orchestra: Jenna Chryst

Physical Education: Grace Shern

Science: Giada Terrill

Social Studies: Mia Williams

Spanish: Julia Chryst

Speech & Drama: Olivia Fall

Theology: Josie Koszycki

Visual Arts: Eynne Byrne

The Governor's Merit Scholarship is awarded to students who are in the top 5% of their high school class and also plan to attend an institute of higher learning in the state of Ohio.

These students are: **Rebekah Hazard, Josie Koszycki, and Zoe VanOrden.**

National Merit Scholarship Program

Certificates of Merit are awarded to finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program for demonstrating high potential for future academic accomplishment.

Receiving a letter of Commendation: Zoe VanOrden

Receiving a certificate of merit as a finalist: Elise Busse

Service to School Awards

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Tyasia Allen
Sarah Asad
Abigail Beier
Katherine Bierie
Elise Busse
Presleigh Cutcher
Camdyn Escobar
Louise Espindola de
Souza Smidi
Olivia Fall
Lauryn Hancock

Anaya Hawley Ayodeji
Rebekah Hazard
Josie Koszycki
Katie Malone
Valeria Medina-Guerrero
Avalora Nguyen
KylieEmma Obeto
Elizabeth Pawlicki
Charlotte Perlaky
Madeline Riley

Morgan Smith
Maya Spencer
Maggie Sulier
Giada Terrill
Catherine Tohme
Zoe VanOrden
Hadley Wernert
Brooklynn Williams
Mia Williams
Rhiannon Zenz

LINK CREW

Tyasia Allen
Sarah Asad
Katherine Bierie
Chloe Boda
Corinne Bowe
Julia Chryst
Brynn Furey
Ava Goodnough
Lauryn Hancock
Rebekah Hazard
Sarah Hitts
Grace Hughes

Amelia Imbrogno
Maddie Jones
Cadence Kunz
Jamyia Lindsay
Tess Luebke
Claire Ma
Katie Malone
Abigail Misson
Reese Morehouse
Elizabeth Pawlicki
Charlotte Perlaky
Marina Porter

Grace Shern
Morgan Smith
Maya Spencer
Maggie Sulier
Giada Terrill
Catherine Tohme
Zoe VanOrden
Izabella Vargas
Josalyn Vollmer
Mia Williams
Brooklynn Williams
Rhiannon Zenz

6 Year Award

The following seniors were recognized with six year pins for attending Notre Dame Academy for their junior high and high school careers.

Abigail Beier	Na'kai Hinton	Tyla Rayford
Katherine Bierie	Grace Hughes	Madeline Riley
Corinne Bowe	Nora Johnson	Grace Shern
Lilianna Box	Aya Kanaan	Payton Shively
Evyne Byrne	Tess Luebke	Morgan Smith
Reagan Caldwell	Claire Ma	Addison Steer
Jenna Chryst	Katie Malone	Giada Terrill
Julia Chryst	Monica Marvet	Shalyn Testerman
Camdyn Escobar	Reese Morehouse	Izabella Vargas
Olivia Fall	Scarlett Morris	Mia Williams
Evelyn Fuentes	KylieEmma Obeto	Rhiannon Zenz
Lauryn Hancock		

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ribbons were awarded to the following seniors who ministered to the students of Notre Dame Academy by helping to plan and lead retreats.

Kennedy Anderson	Tess Luebke
Abigail Beier	Kaitlyn Morrow
Ra'Shyiah Brooks	Brynn Peppel
Elise Busse	Tyla Rayford
Jenna Chryst	Madeline Riley
Julia Chryst	Payton Shively
Clover Cooney	Morgan Smith
Hayden Johnson	Maya Spencer

Ribbons were awarded to the following seniors who have been trained and commissioned to serve as Eucharistic Ministers for Masses at Notre Dame Academy:

Abigail Beier	Julia Chryst
Jenna Chryst	Josie Koszycki

PERFORMING ARTS

The following seniors were awarded a pin for participating in four or more NDA musicals or plays as a cast member, stage crew member or sound booth crew.

Elise Busse	Hayden Johnson	April Switzenburg
Olivia Fall	Elizabeth Pawlicki	Josalyn Vollmer
Ciara Gomez	Brynn Peppel	Hadassah Wainscott

For her work in the light and sound booth during musicals, plays and countless assemblies, a technical crew pin was given to the following seniors:

Monica Marvet, Elizabeth Pawlicki, and April Switzenberg.

SPEECH AND DEBATE

Red and grey honor cords from the Ohio Speech and Debate Association and the National Speech and Debate Association were given to the following seniors for state qualification and fifty points in Speech and Debate and at least two years of participation.

Abigail Beier

Anaya Hawley Ayodeji

Brynn Peppel

Elise Busse

Aya Kanaan

Marina Porter

Jenna Chryst

Kaitlin Morrow

Erinn Verkenness

The Ohio Speech and Debate Association recognizes students every year for their ability to portray powerful, persuasive, or informative speeches and presentations. This year, the OSDA recognized **Abigail Beier** for her four-year state qualifier status, and **Hayden Johnson** for placing in the top 24 in the state of Ohio for Dramatic Interpretation.

The National Speech and Debate Association recognizes team captains who have provided exceptional leadership to their teammates. The following team captains have earned the degree of Distinction from the NSDA Honors Society:

Abigail Beier

Marina Porter

Anaya Hawley Ayodeji

The outstanding achievement award in competitive speech is awarded to a student who has shown remarkable growth and achievement while competing on the Speech and Debate Team. This year, the award goes to a student who has demonstrated outstanding character and leadership throughout her four years on the team, and has earned the degree of Distinction from the NSDA.

Congratulations to **Marina Porter**.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Ribbons were awarded to the following students who had Perfect Attendance for all four years:

Jenna Chryst

Julia Chryst

Sarah Hitts

MILITARY SERVICE

Military service pins were awarded to seniors who are entering the military.

Sarah Hitts: Air National Guard

Brynn Peppel: Navy

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Blue and Gold Honor cords were bestowed on the Executive Student Council President, Treasure, and Secretary:

Executive President: Sarah Hitts

Treasurer: Aya Kanaan

Executive Secretary: Maggie Sulier

Blue Honor cords are presented to Senior Class Officers:

President: Brooklyn Marrow

Vice President: Rebekah Hazard

Secretary: Uriyah Brown

Treasurer: Brynn Peppel

Blue Honor cords are presented to Senior Cabinet Members:

Communications: Giada Terrill

Events & Publicity: Brynn Furey and Maya Spencer

Inclusion: Claire Ma and Payton Shively

Creative Director: Morgan Smith

Media Tech: Sarah Asad and Ava Goodnough

Pep Club: Samantha Burek

Spirituality & Service: Abigail Beier

NDJA Advisor: Avalora Nguyen

Certificates are presented to Seniors who have served as homeroom representatives, class officers, or members of executive student council over the past four years:

Tyasia Allen	Lauryn Hancock	Brynn Peppel
Kizziah Armstrong	Rebekah Hazard	Mylee Rochelle
Sarah Asad	Sarah Hitts	Payton Shively
Abigail Beier	Hayden Johnson	Morgan Smith
Uriyah Brown	Aya Kanaan	Maya Spencer
Samantha Burek	Claire Ma	Maggie Sulier
Jenna Chryst	Katie Malone	Giada Terrill
Karys Clark	Brooklyn Marrow	Zoe VanOrden
Olivia Fall	Reese Morehouse	Izabella Vargas
Brynn Furey	Avalora Nguyen	Hadassah Wainscott
Ava Goodnaugh	KylieEmma Obeto	

Pins are awarded to seniors who have served in the Honor Guard: **Monica Marvet & Tyla Rayford**

A pin is awarded to the seniors who demonstrated unwavering enthusiasm and promoted school spirit by representing the school as the Izzy the Eagle during the 2025 - 26 school year:

Elizabeth Pawlicki, Charlotte Perlaky, and Grace Shern.

Athletic Department Awards

A medal is presented to the following seniors for Outstanding Achievement in Athletics. This award went to **Payton Shively** and **Kallie Thames**.

A Scholar Athlete Award is awarded to the following senior from the Ohio High School Athletic Association, in recognition of Academic excellence while participating in OHSAA sports at NDA. This award went to **Zoe VanOrden**.

The *Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award* from the Ohio High School Athletic Association is awarded to seniors in recognition of exemplary sportsmanship. This award went to **Violet Gies** and **Lillian Williamson**.

The *National Federation of High School Associations' Award of Excellence* is awarded for exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. This award goes to **Nora Johnson** and **Macy Valentine**.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association has an OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program each year. The OHSAA and its six District Athletic Boards annually award \$200,000 in college scholarships to 200 high school graduates after selections are made by each of the OHSAA's six District Athletic Boards. Each of the 200 scholarships will receive a one-time, non-renewable \$1,000 award. Winners will be announced in mid-June. Notre Dame Academy's nominees for the OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Program are **KylieEmma Obeto** and **Zoe VanOrden**.

The following award is given to students who have overcome adversity in a positive way. Notre Dame Academy and the Ohio High School Athletic Association present the Courageous Student Award for demonstrating extraordinary courage to **Grace Shern** and **Brooklynn Williams**.

CYO Presents an Outstanding High School Athlete Award each year to a senior student-athlete that also played her sport for CYO in grade school or junior high. Seniors have or will receive their plaque at their season's sports awards. The NDA's CYO Outstanding High School Athlete Award winners are:

Cross Country : Jenna Chryst

Soccer: Sarah Hitts

Volleyball: Morgan Smith

Basketball: Karys Clark

Softball: Camdyn Escobar

Track & Field: Violet Gies

The Catholic High School League has a Scholar-Athlete Leadership award given to one student-athlete in each sport. The league winner for each sport will be announced at the awards banquet on June 1st. NDA's CHSL Scholar-Athlete Leadership Award nominees are:

Basketball: Kallie Thames

Cross Country: Violet Gies

Golf: Macy Valentine

Lacrosse: Jenna Chryst

Softball: Payton Shively

Track & Field: Sarah Hitts

Volleyball: KylieEmma Obeto

NDA's Athletic Department has created an award to recognize NDA senior student-athletes who have participated in an NDA sport each season of their high school career, totaling 12 sports seasons at NDA. This 12-season sports award is called the Iron Eagle Award. The *Iron Eagle Award* recipients from the class of 2026 are **Violet Gies, Sarah Hitts, and Monica Marvet.**

A \$500.00 scholarship is awarded by the Notre Dame Academy Athletic Boosters Club to two student-athletes. They are **Morgan Smith** and **Erinn Verkennes.**

Pins are awarded to the following seniors who were Four-Year Varsity Letter winners at NDA in the same varsity sport.

Cross Country: Jenna Chryst, Violet Gies

Golf: Macy Valentine

Gymnastics: Reese Morehouse

Lacrosse: Jenna Chryst

Soccer: Lauryn Hancock, Rebekah Hazard, Madison Jones, Maya Spencer, Zoe VanOrden

Softball: Camdyn Escobar, Lillian Phillips, Payton Shively

Swimming & Diving: Scarlett Morris

Tennis: Nora Johnson

Track & Field: Violet Gies, Sarah Hitts

Certificates are awarded to Four-Year Participants in the same Varsity & Club Sports at NDA.

Basketball: Karys Clark

Broomball: Abigail Beier, Hadley Wernert

Cross Country: Monica Marvet, Kaitlyn Morrow, Madeline Riley

Golf: Ta'Nyla Sims, Payton Shively, Rhiannon Zenz

Indoor Track & Field: Violet Gies, Monica Marvet

Lacrosse: Hadley Wernert

Rowing: Julia Chryst, Emma Firsdon, Sophia Fuentes, Tess Luebke

Soccer: Katherine Bierie, Sarah Hitts, Katie Malone, Scarlett Morris, Jillian Westmeyer

Tennis: Ava Goodnough, Catherine Tohme, Lillian Williamson

Track & Field: Monica Marvet

Volleyball: KylieEmma Obeto, Morgan Smith

Notre Dame Academy and the Ohio High School Athletic Association present the State Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity to adult contributors for their outstanding service to Notre Dame Academy and its athletics program. The award was presented to **Neil and Rochelle Chryst.**

Academic Department Awards

BUSINESS

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for completing 4 or more semesters in Business with all A's:

Abigail Beier	Addison Monday	Izabella Vargas
Evyne Byrne	Scarlett Morris	Siming Wang
Madeline Goulding	Brynn Peppel	Hadley Wernert
Amelia Imbrogno	Payton Shively	Mia Williams
Aya Kanaan	Macy Valentine	Rhiannon Zenz
Madelyn Martin		

JOURNALISM

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for three or more credits in the Journalism Department

For WNDA Broadcast: Jamya Lindsay, Monica Marvet, and Mylee Rochelle

For The Vista Newspaper: Aya Kanaan, Isabelle LaPlant, and Payton Shively

For the Regina Yearbook: Lauryn Hancock, Aya Kanaan, and Jamya Lindsay

FRENCH

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for completing 4 or more credits in French or for completing the IB French course:

Kennedy Anderson	Brynn Furey	Elizabeth Pawlicki
Abigail Beier	Claire Ma	Madeline Riley
Samantha Burek	Katie Malone	Katharine Smith
Presleigh Cutcher	Brooklyn Marrow	Sophia Walker
Evelyn Flanigan	Natalie O'Neal	Hadley Wernert
Isabelle LaPlant		

LATIN

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for completing 4 or more credits in Latin:

Sarah Hitts
Olivia Miller
Brynn Peppel

SPANISH

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for completing 4 or more credits in Spanish or the completion of the IB Spanish course:

Elise Busse	Madison Jones	KylieEmma Obeto	Macy Valentine
Jenna Chryst	Julienna Koller	Charlotte Perlaky	Izabella Vargas
Julia Chryst	Josie Koszycki	Marina Porter	Erinn Verkennes
Camdyn Escobar	Amani Lozada	Grace Shern	Rhiannon Zenz
Anaya Hawley Ayodeji	Valeria Medina Guerrero	Maggie Sulier	
Nora Johnson	Addison Monday	Giada Terrill	

The Association of Two Toledos presented a certificate to recognize a student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the study of Spanish. This honor was awarded to **Jenna Chryst**.

MATH

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for accumulating five or more credits in mathematics:

Corinne Bowe	Presleigh Cutcher	Nora Johnson
Ra'Shyiah Brooks	Marley DuPree	Claire Ma
Kensington Caryer	Camdyn Escobar	Avalora Nguyen

SCIENCE

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for accumulating four points or more credits of Science:

Olivia Allen	Melana Harvill	Anaiya Paredes
Kizziah Armstrong	Rebekah Hazard	Elizabeth Pawlicki
Sarah Asad	Madison Heath	Lillian Phillips
Anaya Hawley Ayodeji	Na' kai Hinton	Tyla Rayford
Abigail Beier	Amelia Imbrogno	Madeline Riley
Katherine Bierie	Hayden Johnson	Grace Shern
Chloe Boda	Nora Johnson	Ta'Nyla Sims
Corinne Bowe	Madison Jones	Katherine Smith
Samantha Burek	Autumn Kahler	Maya Spencer
Elise Busse	Josie Koszycki	Addison Steer
Evyne Byrne	Cadence Kunz	Maggie Sulier
Reagan Caldwell	Alessandra Leadbetter	Giada Terrill
Kensington Caryer	Amani Lozada	Shalyn Testerman
Jenna Chryst	Tess Luebke	Catherine Tohme
Clover Cooney	Claire Ma	Zoe VanOrden
Kira Cowdrey	Katie Malone	Izabella Vargas
Presleigh Cutcher	Monica Marvet	Erinn Verkennes
Alana Ellis	Olivia Miller	Josalyn Vollmer
Camdyn Escobar	Sarah Miller	Hadassah Wainscott
Emma Firsdon	Abigail Misson	Sophia Walker
Evelyn Fuentes	Addison Monday	Hadley Wernert
Violet Gies	Reese Morehouse	Jillian Westmeyer
Ciara Gomez	Scarlett Morris	Brooklynn Williams
Ava Goodnough	Kaitlyn Morrow	Lillian Williamson
Mariah Gordon	Avalora Nguyen	
Madison Gray	KylieEmma Obeto	
Valeria Medina Guerrero	Natalie O'Neal	

SOCIAL STUDIES

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for accumulating four or more credits in Social Studies:

Kennedy Anderson	Mariah Gordon	Brynn Peppel
Sarah Asad	Madeline Goulding	Charlotte Perlaky
Abigail Beier	Lauryn Hancock	Angel Pettis
Katherine Bierie	Melana Harvill	Lillian Phillips
Chloe Boda	Anaya Hawley Ayodeji	Marina Porter
Lilianna Box	Madison Heath	Mylee Rochelle
Ra'Shyiah Brooks	Sarah Hitts	Grace Shern
Uriyah Brown	Hayden Johnson	Payton Shively
Elise Busse	Aya Kanaan	Ta'Nyla Sims
Evyne Byrne	Aaliyah Knowles	Katharine Smith
Reagan Caldwell	Josie Koszycki	Morgan Smith
Julia Chryst	Isabelle LaPlant	Maya Spencer
Karys Clark	Claire Ma	Maggie Sulier
Eternity-Amor Collins-Pope	Katie Malone	Shalyn Testerman
Kira Cowdrey	Brooklyn Marrow	Catherine Tohme
Marley DuPree	Madelyn Martin	Macy Valentine
Camdyn Escobar	Olivia Miller	Erinn Verkennes
Olivia Fall	Abigail Misson	Josalyn Vollmer
Evelyn Flanigan	Reese Morehouse	Hadassah Wainscott
Evelyn Fuentes	Scarlett Morris	Hadley Wernert
Violet Gies	Natalie O'Neal	Brooklynn Williams
Ciara Gomez	Zoey Old	Mia Williams
Ava Goodnough		

PERFORMING ARTS

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for completing three or more credits in Performing Arts:

Ciara Gomez, Hayden Johnson, and Isabelle LaPlant

The following seniors are awarded a pin for earning four or more credits in music.

Jenna Chryst	Grace Hughes	Sarah Miller
Julia Chryst	Tess Luebke	Kaitlyn Morrow
Olivia Fall		

The St. Cecilia Award is given to a student with extraordinary achievement in multiple music classes and ensembles, and who has gone above and beyond in sharing her gift with the community.

This award was given to **Ciara Gomez**.

VISUAL ARTS

Pins were awarded to the following seniors for completing 4 or more credits in Visual Arts:

Samantha Burek

Grace Hughes

Morgan Smith

Elise Busse

Valeria Medina Guerrero

Addison Steer

Evyne Byrne

Scarlett Morris

April Switzenberg

Violet Gies

Angel Pettis

Erinn Verkennes

Anaya Hawley Ayodeji

Madeline Riley

Sophia Walker

In November 2025, the Sisters of Notre Dame hosted a women's summit focused on the power of creativity.

The following seniors had artwork selected for exhibition.

Kizziah Armstrong

Valeria Medina- Guerrero

Morgan Smith

Samantha Burek

Angel Pettis

Kallie Thames

Elise Busse

Tyla Rayford

Sophia Walker

Na'Kai Hinton

Madeline Riley

Two senior artworks received Best of Show in their respective media.

Angel Pettis was awarded Best Sculpture for her work entitled *Finding the Light of Life* and **Morgan Smith**

was awarded best mixed media for her artwork entitled *Barbie Life in the White House*.

The 2025 Focus Show was exhibited at the University of Toledo Center for the Visual Arts Gallery from

November through December. The following seniors had one or more works selected for exhibition:

Samantha Burek, Evyne Byrne, Violet Gies, and Morgan Smith. The following seniors were also

awarded commendations: **Evyne Byrne** received the Principal's award for her prismacolor pencil drawing

entitled *Cuyahoga*. **Morgan Smith** received both the President's Award and the UT Faculty Best of Show

Award for her acrylic painting entitled *Elegy in Bloom*.

Handmade Toledo hosted the Emerging Artist exhibition November through December. The following seniors had artwork selected for exhibition.

Samantha Burek

Angel Pettis

Kallie Thames

Na'kai Hinton

Tyla Rayford

Sophia Walker

Valeria Medina Guerrero

April Switzenberg

Owens Community College hosted its annual *Passages*, high school art exhibition from January- March. The following seniors had artwork selected for exhibition: **Anaya Hawley Ayodeji & Valeria Medina Guerrero.**

Additionally, **Anaya Hawley Ayodeji** was awarded a bronze award for her digital photograph entitled *Not All Who Wander Are Lost*.

The International Violin Competition occurs every four years and has a Juried Student Exhibition of Art component. For the first time, a new grant has allowed Ohio schools to enter this exhibition. The following seniors had artwork selected for the exhibition: **Samantha Burek, Anaya Hawley Ayodeji, Valeria Medina Guerrero, Angel Pettis, and April Switzenberg.** Two seniors were selected as Regional Award

Winners: **Valeria Medina Guerrero** for her acrylic painting entitled *Harmony in Shadow*

Angel Pettis for her digital painting entitled *She Plays and Earth Listens*.

The jurors of the biennial Ohio House of Representatives High School Student Art Exhibition selected one senior's artwork to be displayed at the Ohio Statehouse of Representatives until 2028.

Angel Pettis for her digital painting entitled *She Plays and Earth Listens*.

The following seniors had works selected for the Blick Celebrating the Arts Publications. Their artwork was published in one or more of the following issues: August 2025, December 2025, and May 2026.

Kizziah Armstrong	Na'kai Hinton	Tyla Rayford
Samantha Burek	Grace Hughes	Madeline Riley
Elise Busse	Valeria Medina Guerrero	Mylee Rochelle
Evyne Byrne	Scarlett Morris	Morgan Smith
Clover Cooney	Angel Pettis	April Switzenberg
Louise Espindola de Souza Smidi	Lillian Phillips	Erinn Verkennes
Evelyn Flanigan		

The following seniors had their artworks distinguished as high merit in the December 2025 Celebrating Arts publication:

Samantha Burek for her acrylic painting entitled *Transcendental*

Elise Busse for her glass mosaic entitled *The Child's Bath*

Angel Pettis for her digital painting entitled *She Plays and the Earth Listens*

Madeline Riley for her chalk pastel drawing entitled *Inner Beauty*

Valeria Medina Guerrero's Youth Art Month 2026 Flag Design was commended with an Honorable Mention by the Ohio Art Education Association.

Five senior NDA artists had works displayed and received awards in the regional Scholastic Art and Writing 2026 exhibition. Receiving an Honorable Mention:

Evyne Byrne for her drawing entitled *July 2nd, 2013* and for her print entitled *Winter Memory*

Evelyn Flanigan for her sculpture entitled *Threaded Memory*

Madeline Riley for her drawing entitled *Inner Beauty*

Morgan Smith for her drawing entitled *Dual Perceptions*

Samantha Burek received a Silver Key for her acrylic painting entitled *Transcendental*

The following seniors had artwork displayed at the 51st annual University of Saint Francis High School Art Exhibition: **Samantha Burek & Scarlett Morris.**

The following seniors had artwork displayed at the 43rd annual Ninth Congressional District 2025 Exhibition:

Samantha Burek, Angel Pettis, & Valeria Medina-Guerrero. **Angel Pettis** was also awarded an Honorable Mention during this exhibition for her digital painting entitled *No Regrets for My People*.

Membership in the National Art Honor Society opens pathways for exclusive exhibitions and college scholarships. The 2026 National Art Honor Society Juried Exhibition jurors selected two senior artworks for exhibition. **Samantha Burek** for her acrylic painting entitled *Transcendental* and **Evyne Byrne** for her glass mosaic entitled *Cuyahoga Looking Out*.

The National Art Honor Society comprises more than 60 thousand outstanding art students, offering students peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, scholarships, publication and selective exhibitions opportunities.

A pin for service as a National Art Honor Society officer was awarded to the following seniors:

President: Elise Busse
Vice President: Eynne Byrne
Secretary: Samantha Burek
Treasurer: Siming Wang

The following NDA seniors received the National Art Honor Society rainbow honor cord for their service, character, and art academic success, both in the classroom and exhibitions:

Samantha Burek

Anaya Hawley Ayodeji

Morgan Smith

Elise Busse

Grace Hughes

Erinn Verkennes

Eynne Byrne

Angel Pettis

Siming Wang

Violet Gies

Madeline Riley