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### Mount Mercy Honors Students

Mount Mercy Academy honored many students during its quarterly Honors Assembly. Awards were presented to scholars, scientists, athletes and artists.

First Honors were awarded to students who attained a third quarter overall average of 95 or above. Seventy-five students received honor cards from their class officers and moderators. Sixty-three students earned Second Honors for an average between 90 and 94.99. An additional 46 students attained Merit Roll status with averages between 85 and 89.99.

Rebecca Rozeski (Orchard Park) was honored by the school's rowing coach, Tom Boyle, for her dedication to the Mount Mercy Crew Team. She is a founding member of the team and has been captain for each of the past three years. She recently placed 8<sup>th</sup> in a field of over 40 boats at the Secondary Schools Rowing Association Championship.

Awards were also distributed on behalf of Assemblyman Mickey Kearns from the 142<sup>nd</sup> District and the New York State Assembly to members of the Monsignor Martin Championship Hockey team and to the students who represented Mount Mercy at the Science Olympiad for the first time ever.

Senior Jessica Teibel (Williamsville) and sophomore DesTiny Overton (Buffalo) received special commendations from President Barack Obama for their volunteer service. The award read "For their help in addressing the most pressing needs of the community and of our country, the White House sends the President's Volunteer Service Award to DesTiny Overton and Jessica Teibel."

Mount Mercy art teacher Jacqueline Welch presented a Merit Award to senior McKenzie Cerrone (Colden) for her photograph that is in the 2016 Storrs All-High Photo Show at the Kenan Center in Lockport.

Catherine Nicastro, the school's Latin teacher recognized several Latin students. Sophomore Nora Galley (West Seneca) is the outgoing secretary for the New York State Junior Classical League. Fellow sophomore Shea Halpenny (Buffalo) is the incoming secretary for next year. Four students were recognized for their performance on the National Latin Exam that is sponsored by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League. Out of the over 154,000 students from all 50 states and 19 foreign countries, four Mount Mercy Academy students were honored. On the level IV poetry exam, a Certificate of Honorable Merit Cum Laude was awarded to senior Molly Dedloff (Gowanda). On the Latin II exam, a Certificate of Honorable Merit Cum Laude was awarded to sophomores Kate Marabella (Cheektowaga) and Halpenny. On the Latin I exam, a silver medal, Maxima Cum Laude was awarded to freshman Katie Collopy (Buffalo).

The assembly concluded with the announcement of Margaret (Molly) Dedloff (Gowanda) as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2016 and Megan Fabian (West Seneca) as the Salutatorian. Catherine Rogers (Cheektowaga) was selected to deliver the Baccalaureate Reflection.



Picture Identification: Mount Mercy's Kate Marabella and Shea Halpenny receive their Certificates of Honorable Merit Cum Laude for their performance on the National Latin Exam.

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