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### Mount Mercy Academy Announces Its Valedictorian and Salutatorian

At the recent Third Quarter Honors Assembly, Mount Mercy Academy Principal Margaret Staszak named the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 2018. Emily Lewandowski and Mary Bala were honored for their outstanding four year academic records.

Lewandowski, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lewandowski of East Aurora, finished her four years with the highest cumulative average earning the right to be the Valedictorian for the Mount Mercy Academy Class of 2018. Lewandowski is a student ambassador and president of the student government at Mount Mercy. In addition she is a member of the McAuley Chapter of National Honor Society, a member of the Health and Science Academy and a McAuley Scholar. Lewandowski is a four year member of both the volleyball and softball program and has achieved All-Catholic honors in both sports. She plans to attend Saint Bonaventure in the fall and has already been accepted into the SBU - Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine B.S./D.O. 4+4 Dual Admissions Program. Students who are accepted into this competitive program have a reserved seat waiting for them at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine upon graduation from St. Bonaventure University. A maximum of ten students are accepted each year. Lewandowski, who earned both a presidential and athletic scholarship, intends to major in biology and minor in Spanish. She will play softball for Saint Bonaventure.

Bala, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Bala of West Seneca, completed her years at Mount Mercy with the second highest overall average in the class of 2018, and was named as the Salutatorian for the Class of 2018. Bala is a member of the National Honor Society, the Health and Science Academy and a McAuley Scholar. She is a section editor for the school yearbook and is a member of student government, mock trial and foreign language club. Bala also participated in softball and volleyball for three years. Bala plans to attend the University of Rochester in the fall and will major in Brain and Cognitive Sciences with minors in American Sign Language and Biological Sciences. She has received the Baush and Lomb Scholarship.

Mount Mercy's 113<sup>th</sup> graduation will be held on May 23, 2018.



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