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Tania Stanford, Class of 2009

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Tania Stanford acclaimed “Woman of Peace”

BY JULIANNE LOPEZ
FEATURES EDITOR

It started with what appeared to be some nervous laughter. Then a name was whispered. Could it be her? Then the seniors started talking to each other right in the middle of Dr. Hanlon’s speech, a speech that would not name this year’s Woman of Peace until the very end, and the tension was mounting. Who else could it be? And pretty soon everybody seemed to know. And then they began standing up to get a peak at her. “It better be her!” you heard.

And as Dr. Hanlon went on to describe this year’s Woman of Peace, as she spoke about how compassionate the winner was,



Queen of Peace Faculty, staff, parents, relatives, friends, guests, and the entire student body acclaim Tania Stanford the 2009 Woman of Peace!

about how bright her smile was, about how she was a peer mediator and dancer, there was no longer any doubt. It **was** her!

Finally, when the excitement was almost overwhelming, Dr. Hanlon announced,

“This year’s Woman of Peace award goes to — Tania Stanford!”

Everyone jumped out of their seat, cheering and yelling and crying. No one can ever forget the moment when Tania ran on to the

stage to accept the honor. She held the award above her head and graced the audience with that famous 100 watt smile of hers. There was no doubt in anyone’s mind. She deserved that award. And even Tania, the most humble person at Queen of Peace, knew. She truly did.

“Hey, Suga! How you doin?” Or, “You’re looking beautiful today!” Sound familiar? These are the everyday greetings you hear from

this year’s Woman of Peace. It can be the most boring day or the most stressful (or even both!), but when you encounter Tania in the hallway, she somehow manages to create a big smile from your frowning face. Not once have I spoken with Tania that she didn’t greet me with a hug and a smile.

Her kindness and compassion are not only for students but for teachers and faculty members as well.

“Tani is always the first one to say a prayer for you, even if you didn’t ask for it,” said senior Ariel Zarate. When asked what’s so special about Tania, Megan Marshall could only reply, “There are no words to describe Tania Stanford. She’s one of a kind.”



Dr. Hanlon keeps the crowd in suspense! Who will be the 2009 Woman of Peace?



“Congratulations, Tania! We knew you could do it! We are so proud of you!”

All-School Assembly Honors Seniors

BY COLLEEN RUSSELL
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

On May 12, the faculty and administration honored 108 seniors with over 400 separate awards in more than fifty different categories. This was the first year that the ceremony was held during the school day, a decision based, according to President and Principal Dr. Kathleen Hanlon, on the desire to show girls at every level the accomplishments the senior class.

Awards were presented for sports, academics, leadership, and service. But the most prestigious awards were the Woman of Peace Award to Tania Stanford and the President's Leadership Award to Julie Dorken.

The Woman of Peace award was started in 1984 to recognize the student who best represents Dominican values. The Principal's Leadership Award is presented to a student who is a positive part of the Queen of Peace community and is committed and willingly to take risks. There have been only thirteen winners since the award



Co-Valedictorians Amanda Ranftl and Julie Dorken



Fra Angelico Award Winner Shannon Majka



Gold Apple Scholar Samantha Grubisich

was established in 1989.

According to senior class advisor Ms. Michelle Nowak,



Co-Salutatorians Abigail Point and Angela Amador



Perfect Attendance Award Winner Monica Budzak



Gold Apple Scholar Theresa Yerkes

"These two students truly embody our vision for women of Peace. They are the leaders of the school, the heart of

Peace and clearly the intellect. Every day they provide an example to the rest of the student body and the faculty and staff of girls with vision, direction, determination, incredible work ethic and passion. I am proud to work with them and look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments."

In an unusual although apparently not unprecedented decision, two valedictorians — Julie Dorken and Amanda Ranftl — were named, along with two salutatorians — Angela Amador and Abigail Point.

An award rarely given is the Fra Angelico Award for the girl making the greatest contribution to the Queen of Peace arts community. The winner, not surprisingly, was Shannon Majka.

Every year, one of the most impressive awards is the result of an amazing demonstration of discipline — the perfect attendance award presented to Monica Budzak. For four years, she never missed a day of school, was never late, never signed out early, and never served a detention.

Class of 2009 Award Winners

VALEDICTORIANS

Julie Dorken, Amanda Ranftl

SALUTATORIANS

Angela Amador, Abigail Point

NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNIZED STUDENTS

Shannon Majka, Amanda Ranftl

4.0 CUMULATIVE GPA OR ABOVE

Angela Amador, Darlene Ariel, Tara Becker, Sarah Borlee, Caitlin Coffey, Julie Dorken, Jessica Jurevis, Jaclyn Kantecki, Shannon Majka, Abigail Point, Amanda Ranftl, Dana Romito, Taylor Steigerwald, Carla Uhlarik, Carla Villarreal, Kara Zuro

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS

Samantha Grubisich, Theresa Yerkes

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Business

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Christina Blase, Sarah Borlee, Joy Jones, Jessica Maes, Monika Murzydlo, Jesseca Rhymes

Academic Excellence: Lisa Bianchi, Jaclyn Kantecki, Korrine Perez, Leticia Rangel, Lyndsie Roche, Victoria Vancoevorden, Taylor Vrabec

Christian Living

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Sarah Borlee, Julie Dorken, Abigail Point, Amanda Ranftl, Linda Shahin

Academic Excellence: Angela Amador, Lauren Leyendecker, Christina Mikus, Dana Romito, Victoria Vancoevorden

Leadership: Giuseppina Diaz, Jesseca Rhymes, Tania Stanford, Jaclyn Yurko

English

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Angela Amador, Abigail Point, Amanda Ranftl, Samantha Schmidt, Carla Villarreal

Academic Excellence: Jessica Jurevis, Jaclyn Kantecki, Shannon Majka, Victoria Vancoevorden

Leadership: Jaime Monreal, Rachael Nowicki, Linda Shahin, Carla Uhlarik

Fine Arts

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Lisa Bianchi, Mollie Heath, Shannon Majka, Samantha Schmidt, Tara Sullivan

Leadership: Joy Jones, Amanda Moore, Sarah Orozco, Pascha Rascoe

Academic Excellence and Leadership in Band: Emily Conner, Jessica Jurevis, Stephanie Rodriguez, Kate Snoreck

Language-French

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Darlene Arie, Carla Uhlarik, Carla Villarreal
American Association of French Teachers, Outstanding Student: Carla Villarreal

Language-Spanish

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Angela Amador, Rachael Nowicki

Academic Excellence: Julie Dorken, Jaclyn Kantecki, Shannon Majka, Amanda Ranftl, Leticia Rangel, Dana Romito, Victoria Vancoevorden

Leadership: Michelle Clark, Caitlin Coffey, Tania Stanford

Mathematics

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Tara Becker, Julie Dorken, Jaime Monreal, Monika Murzydlo, Abigail Point, Taylor Steigerwald, Carla Villarreal, Kara Zuro

Academic Excellence: Angelina Diaz, Lauren Leyendecker, Victoria Vancoevorden

Leadership: Angela Amador, Darlene Ariel, Jaclyn Kantecki, Alyssa Madia, Shannon Majka, Jane Murray, Mary Rizzo, Carla Uhlarik, Theresa Yerkes

Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Math Students:

Julie Dorken, Carla Villarreal

Physical Education

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Lindsey Coleman, Maureen Foley

Academic Excellence: Christina Mikus, Amanda Ranftl

Science and Engineering

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Angela Amador, Darlene Ariel, Sarah Borlee, Samantha Grubisich, Lauren Leyendecker, Christina Mikus, Jaime Monreal, Abigail Point, Taylor Steigerwald, Carla Villarreal, Victoria Vancoevorden

Social Studies

Academic Excellence and Leadership: Julie Dorken, Abigail Point, Amanda Ranftl, Anna Tucker

Academic Excellence: Angela Amador, Tara Becker, Sarah Borlee, Carla Uhlarik, Carla Villarreal

Leadership: Joy Jones, Christina Mikus, Linda Shahin

Illinois Institute of Technology Outstanding Psychology Student

Abigail Point

SERVICE AND MINISTRY

Spirit of Service Award

Melissa Alfaro, Ariel Alonso, Alexandria Alvarez, Angela Amador, Darlene Ariel, Tara Becker, Elsa Benitez, Sarah Borlee, Tierra Bostick, Annette Carreon, Michelle Clark, Giuseppina Diaz, Julie Dorken, Nicolette D'Oronzo, Nancy Estrada, Rocio Estrada, Jordan Flisk, Maureen Foley, Jessica Ganta, Margaret Geraci, Amber Gliwa, Alicia Gonzalez, Katie Gooday, Adriana Govea, Renee Harrigan, Ariana Isaac, Guadalupe Jimenez, Jessica Jurevis, Jessica Krichbaum, Jessica Maes, Megan Marshall, Sarah Martinez, Jaime Monreal, Amanda Moore, Essence Moore, Jessica Obrochta, Mary O'Malley, Korrine Perez, Abigail Point, Amanda Ranftl, Jesseca Rhymes, Dana Romito, Stephanie Russell, Danielle Sepulveda, Samantha Shipyor, Xiomara Trujillo, Ariana Walls Allison Wolfer, Kyara Wright, Theresa Yerkes, Jaclyn Yurko

Retreat Ministers

Elsa Benitez, Maureen Foley, Jessica Ganta, Katie Gooday, Jessica Maes, Amanda Moore, Monika Murzydlo, Rebecca Solofra

Vicariate V Leadership Award

Prayer & Worship — Tara Becker, Giuseppina Diaz, Julie Dorken, Jacklyn Yurko; Peer Ministry — Katie Gooday; Leadership & Development — Amanda Moore; Service & Social Justice — Jesseca Rhymes

Parish Leadership Awards

St. Christina — Maureen Foley and Katie Gooday; St. Daniel the Prophet — Amber Gliwa; St. Rita of Cascia — Renee Harrigan

CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

Amity

Leadership and Service: Carla Villarreal, Samantha Shipyor

Athletics — Four-Year Athletes

Basketball: Ariel Cisneros, Katherine Dancer, Samantha Grubisich, Jessica Krichbaum, Jillian Lipman, Mary O'Malley, Carla Uhlarik

Cross Country: Darlene Ariel, Maureen Foley, Track and Field, Darlene Ariel, Maureen Foley

Soccer: Tara Becker, Alicia Gonzalez, Anna Tucker

Softball: Ariel Cisneros, Lindsey Coleman, Jaime Monreal, Mary O'Malley, Amanda Wagner, Barbara Villanova

Tennis: Tara Becker, Monica Budzak, Kaitlyn Seldal

Volleyball: Jillian Lipman, Nicole Maes,

**Class of 2009 Award
Winners**
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Four-Year Athletes

Volleball: Rachael Nowicki, Lyndsie Roche, Theresa Yerkes, Kara Zuro

2009 Nominee for IHSA All-State Athletic Team

Tara Becker

Environmental Task Force

Leadership and Service:
Amanda Ranftl
Service: Mary Trevino

French Club

Leadership and Service:
Annette Carreon, Adriana Govea

French National Honor Society

Leadership and Service:
Carla Villarreal
Service: Lilliam Alvarez,
Darlene Ariel, Maureen Foley,
Carla Uhlarik

Future Teachers

Leadership and Service:
Christina Mikus

Human Rights Task Force

Leadership and Service:
Angela Amador, Tara Becker,
Alicia Gonzalez, Renee
Harrigan

Math Club

Leadership and Service:
Abigail Point
Leadership: Carla Villarreal
Service: Angela Amador,
Darlene Ariel, Tara Becker

Math National Honor Society

Leadership and Service
Monika Murzydlo
Leadership: Tara Becker,
Candice Bilina, Monica
Budzak
Service: Angela Amador,
Julie Dorken, Abigail Point

Model United Nations

Leadership and Service:
Tara Becker, Marina Jablonsky

Multicultural Awareness

Leadership and Service:
Annette Carreon, Pascha
Rascoe
Leadership: Davina Carter
Service: Khrystyna
Fedunkiv, Hayley Mayers

Music Appreciation Club

Leadership and Service:
Margaret Miller

National Honor Society

Leadership and Service:
Angela Amador, Monica
Budzak, Maureen Foley, Jes-
sica Jurevis, Lyndsie Roche,
Carla Uhlarik, Carla Villarreal

National Honor Society Certificate of Merit

Tara Becker, Joy Jones

Peace Ambassadors

Leadership and Service:
Annette Carreon, Joy Jones,
Sarah Martinez, Amanda
Moore, Monika Murzydlo
Leadership: Julie Dorken,
Katie Gooday, Jesseca
Rhymes

Service: Ariel Alonso, Elsa
Benitez, Monica Budzak,
Adriana Govea, Lauren
Leyendecker, Jillian Lipman,
Christina Mikus, Rachael
Nowicki, Linda Shahin,
Samantha Shipyor, Carla
Villarreal, Theresa Yerkes, Ariel
Zarate

Peace Dance Company

Leadership and Service:
Brittany Krenzelak, Patricia
Puente
Leadership: Shantel
Bishop, Nicolette D'Oronzo,
Lauren Miskell, Brittany
Patterson, Leticia Rangel,
Jesseca Rhymes, Xiomara
Trujillo
Service: Stephanie
Russell, Tania Stanford

Peace Theatre Company

Leadership and Service :
Lisa Bianchi, Mollie Heath, Brit-
tany Krenzelak, Sarah Orozco,
Samantha Schmidt

Robotics Team

Leadership and Service:
Angela Amador, Tara Becker,
Amanda Ranftl

Senior Class Officers: Julie
Dorken – President, Joy Jones
- Vice-President, Abigail Point
– Treasurer, Jaime Monreal –
Secretary

Senior Class Representatives

Leadership and Service:
Ariel Cisneros, Katie Gooday,
Sarah Johnson, Alyssa Madia,
Sarah Orozco, Stephanie
Russell, Theresa Yerkes

Senior Video Team

Leadership and Service:
Cristina Arenas, Caitlin Barrett,
Lisa Bianchi, Sarah Johnson,
Pascha Rascoe, Stephanie
Russell
Service: Amanda Cervantes,
Joy Jones

Spanish National Honor Society:

Leadership
Julie Dorken, Amanda Ranftl
Service: Monika Murzydlo

Student Government

Leadership and Service:
Julie Dorken, Jesseca
Rhymes, Linda Shahin
Service: Amanda Quiles

Student Government, Four Years Active Membership

Sarah Borlee, Julie Dorken,
Carla Uhlarik, Carla Villarreal

Yearbook

Leadership and Service:
Tara Becker, Annette Carreon,
Sarah Martinez
Service: Ariel Alonso

President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

Angela Amador, Darlene
Ariel, Jennie Babich, Tara
Becker, Candice Bilina, Sarah
Borlee, Monica Budzak,
Annette Carreon, Michelle
Clark, Caitlin Coffey, Lindsey
Coleman, Angelina Diaz, Julie
Dorken, Nancy Estrada,
Maureen Foley, Erin Gallagher,
Samantha Grubisich, Mollie

Heath, Joy Jones, Jessica
Jurevis, Jaclyn Kantecki,
Lauren Leyendecker, Julianne
Lopez, Alyssa Madia, Nicole
Maes, Jessica Maes, Shan-
non Majka, Hayley Mayers,
Christina Mikus, Jaime
Monreal, Amanda Moore, Jane
Murray, Monika Murzydlo,
Rachael Nowicki, Mary
O'Malley, Abigail Point, Patricia
Puente, Amanda Ranftl Leticia
Rangel, Meredith Rivera, Mary
Rizzo, Lyndsie Roche, Dana
Romito, Beatriz Salcedo,
Samantha Schmidt, Linda
Shahin, Rebecca Solofra, Tay-
lor Steigerwald, Anna Tucker,
Carla Uhlarik, Victoria
Vancoevorden, Carla Villarreal,
Taylor Vrabec, Amanda
Wagner, Theresa Yerkes,
Jaclyn Yurko, Kara Zuro

Illinois State Scholars

Angela Amador, Darlene
Ariel, Sarah Borlee, Julie
Dorken, Jessica Jurevis,
Jaclyn Kantecki, Shannon
Majka, Christina, Mikus, Jaime
Monreal, Abigail Point,
Amanda Ranftl, Dana Romito,
Taylor Steigerwald, Anna
Tucker, Carla Uhlarik, Victoria
Vancoevorden, Carla Villarreal,
Victoria Vancoevorden, Carla
Villarreal, Taylor Vrabec ,
Amanda Wagner, Theresa
Yerkes, Jaclyn Yurko, Kara Zuro

Perfect Attendance Award

Monica Budzak

Outstanding Attendance Award

Tara Becker

Saint Catherine of Siena Scholars

Tara Becker, Abigail Point,
Linda Shahin

Fra Angelico Award

Shannon Majka

Principal's Leadership Award

Julie Dorken

Woman of Peace Award

Tania Stanford

THREE SENIORS NAMED SIENA SCHOLARS

COMPLETION OF FOUR YEARS' RESEARCH

Goal to "Change the Status Quo"

BY MEGAN GRAVES
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Queen of Peace held its eighth annual Saint Catherine Congress on April 29 at which three seniors — Tara Becker, Abby Point, and Linda Shahin — presented the results of their four years of research to an audience consisting of their parents, mentors, administrators, and board members as well as the frosh, sophomore, and junior candidates. The new Siena Scholars were also honored at the Senior Awards Assembly May 11.

In order to participate in this program that goes far beyond a normal course load, a student must apply during the second semester of her frosh year, have a GPA of 3.8 or above all four years of high school, and submit an essay on what she thinks scholarship is. Upon accep-



Catherine of Siena Scholars Abby Point, Linda Shahin, and Tara Becker

tance, the candidate then chooses a topic that she feels especially passionate about, one that will also challenge the status quo, a requirement that is one of the most important aspects of the program.

Once her topic is approved by the faculty and Assistant Principal Ms. Natalie Formica, moderator of the St. Catherine program, the student attends her first Catherine Congress at the end of frosh year, where she is officially inducted as a candidate. The candidate next begins a rigorous research process that includes

finding absolutely everything that pertains to her topic. She must find a mentor to guide her through the program, finish the research, carry out her action plan, and attend the Congress two more times before her senior year.

Near the end of her senior year, the St. Catherine candidate presents what is called "the defense" of her final project to administration, board members, faculty, and current candidates. The project includes a 30-minute presentation of her research and action plan, plus an analysis of how Dominican values relate to her project. Afterwards, seniors receive certificates of completion and are finally named St. Catherine of Siena Scholars.

St. Catherine, the program's namesake, was one of the first "doctors of the church," known for challenging the status quo while recognizing its rich traditions. Ms. Formica said, "It's a long and rigorous program. Those who persevere get a sense of great accomplishment along with all the accolades. As St. Catherine said, 'If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze.'"



Abigail Point investigated the advances in the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia and how education plays a role in research funding.



Linda Shahin researched the societal effects of how obesity, age, and race play a factor in job discrimination.



Tara Becker analyzed genetically engineered bacteria, hoping to change the negative views of bacteria and focus on its positive possibilities.

Frosh start children's library at Little Company

BY SAMANTHA
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STAFF REPORTER

The end of the school year means "service frenzy" as the frosh try to scrape up their twenty service hours before the end of school year. But there are five students who don't have to worry about it. Allie Janozik, Colleen Kennedy, Kelli Peyronet, Sam Bies, and Lily Carmody have been working since October on a project that has been making a difference in the Chicagoland area, and earning them way more than their required hours.

How exactly could these

five Frosh have already made an impact? They decided to build a library for the Burbank branch of Little Company of Mary Hospital. Every Saturday morning from 9 to noon, the five get together and go to the hospital and read to the kids there some of the books from the newly added library. "Normally there's not that many kids, but they seem to like it," said Allie Janozik, one of the Frosh involved.

Even though the girls are doing something great to get their service hours, they seemed to just shrug off the fact, saying that they had wanted a service project that they could stick with for all their years



Frosh Allie Janozik, Colleen Kennedy, Kelli Peyronet, Sam Bies, and Lily Carmody demonstrate the "can-do" spirit that inspired them to start a children's hospital library.

at Peace and when they came across the idea, the five found out it would work, and like Lily Carmody said, "It fulfills the service hour requirements!"

Sarantopulos awarded "Honorable Mention" by Illinois Woman's Press Association

BY ASHLEY NICHOLS
STAFF REPORTER

Junior Markella Sarantopulos, was awarded Honorable Mention by the Illinois Woman's Press Association (IPWA) for her sports story "The Cold, Wet Misery of Defeat" featured in the April 28 issue of *The Amity*.

The IPWA, founded in 1885 by Marion A. McBride of the *Boston Globe*, holds an annual contest for Illinois high school students. IPWA is one of Chicago's oldest continuous woman's organizations.

Sarantopulos was the only award winner from Queen of Peace, one out of 72 Chicago-area winners, and the only winner from an area Catholic high school. Congratulations Markella!



Markella Sarantopulos



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When the season began, both the weather and the results were gloomy.

*Annual Summer Vacation Point and No Counterpoint:**
How to look shriveled and old by the time you're 21!

**BEFORE****DURING****AFTER**

BY JESSICA NECHVATAL
 CLASS OF 2008

It's that time of year. Fourth quarter. Final papers and AP exams. And then there's prom! And, of course, graduation. And that all means hair, nails, dresses, shoes, and accessories. And, oh yes, let's not forget about deadly skin cancer.

You can see it start when more and more glowing faces begin to appear in the hallways, and I don't mean the smiles spreading across girls' faces. I am talking about the glow caused when girls emerge from the dark corners of their classrooms and rush to the tanning salon for what's billed as the perfect look for prom, graduation, and summer in a swim suit.

However, the sun-kissed color that everyone is dying to have can in fact be very deadly, and even sunscreen may not protect you. UV rays from the sun and tanning beds can penetrate many sunscreens, damaging the skin and leading directly to skin cancer, which can be deadly if it reaches the immune system.

So it's not surprising that there have been an increasing number of teenage girls contracting skin cancer and Melanoma (the most serious and deadly skin cancer), which once mostly affected only middle-aged adults and older.

And even if skin cancer isn't in your future, teen girls can wind up looking like shriveled old women since exposure to UV rays (UVA or UVB), either outdoors at the

beach or indoors in a tanning booth, can cause premature skin aging.

So, why would a young girl want to put her looks and health at risk by lying in a tanning bed for a few times a week or month? Unfortunately, the answer to that question seems to be an addiction to modern cultural values that promotes tanning at the expense of health.

I for one would rather stay pale rather than risk getting skin cancer. And I will continue to pack on the kind of sun block that protects against all forms of UV rays before I go to the beach, plus wear a hat and sunglasses when I leave the house. And I'll never, ever go to a tanning salon! If I must look tan for the summer, then it's coming straight from a can!

**We couldn't find anybody to take the opposite position on this issue!
 This column is reprinted every year as a warning to over-eager tanners!*

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The Amity, an award-winning newspaper produced by a diverse team of female students, is dedicated to educating and informing the community, proclaiming the unbiased truth and upholding the values of our school.

The paper serves as a medium for expression for students, faculty and staff. Those interested in writing a column should see Mr. Layton in Room 102.

Columns may not contain personal attacks against individuals and should abide by the values of the QOP community. Columns are published at the discretion of the editor and may be edited for content, clarity and/or length.

Editorial: We made it! We finally made it! So what? Who cares?

“It is time for us to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever, the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it.”

Vince Lombardi

Isn't that kind of what we're all feeling, now that we are about to be elevated (FINALLY!) to the grand status of "Seniors"? We've overcome all of the challenges, and now we deserve some recognition. So OK everybody, stand up and give all of the extraordinary, incredibly talented, sensation-ally gleaming, diligent, members of the class of 2010 a huge cheer!

Well? We're waiting! We don't hear anything. Why isn't everybody standing up? You all seem to be just milling around as if we don't matter very much. What's going on here? What's the matter with you? Can't you see how wonderful we are?

As summer approaches we need to take the time to consider what it means to be se-

niors in high school. Are we not congratulating ourselves simply for showing up enough times and turning in enough work to get this far? And when we do graduate in 2010, what will it have meant to have merely endured one more year?

Some may think that at last we have reached the point when it is finally our time for getting what we think we deserve, our year for dominating over all the rest. But what does it say about us if all we do about

gaining our exalted "Senior Status" is make some sort of prideful gloating noise and assume a prideful posture, expecting the adulation of the multitudes?

Now is the time, during this summer before our senior year, to take stock of ourselves, where we have been and where we are going, and perhaps realize that the most important students in the school are not we, the seniors, but the frosh, sophomores, and juniors who will be looking to us for leadership.

“OK, it's time to give the class of 2010 a big cheer! We're waiting! We don't hear anything. What's the matter with everybody?”

Tales from the Junior Prom



Senior Prom - May 15, 2009



A Night to Remember



Senior Prom Memories



Chamber Singers & Show Choir take a bite out of the “Big Apple”!



HEALTH AND WELLNESS DAY



Spring Arts Show - Song, Dance, Art, Music



HISTORY WALKS THE HALLS



SPORTS

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FAREWELL, SPRING SPORTS!

