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Queen of Peace Recognizes Class of 2011 at Annual Awards Ceremony

Queen of Peace High School's Class of 2011 was honored May 9 at the annual Honors and Awards Assembly. Awards were given for academic excellence and leadership in each curriculum area, service and ministry, athletics, and co-curricular activities, including numerous national honor societies.

"These awards acknowledge the individual and collaborative accomplishments of the high achieving, unique women of Peace," principal Mary Kay Nickels said. "We congratulate you and celebrate your gifts. Queen of Peace is a richer community because of your talents that you shared each and every day during your four years at Peace."

Notably, 11 students graduated with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average or above. Students recognized with this distinguished award included Malissa Arroyo, Lindsey Frederick, Brianna Hovanec, Leah Karge, Erin Kolasinski, Savana Martin, Michelle Maturlak, Brielle Munizzi, Mary Kathryn Murray, Dorota Murzydlo and Lauren Vitrano.

Eighteen students were also recognized for Spirit of Service awards for volunteering 120 hours or more of service – double the requirement - throughout their four years at Peace. The Class of 2011 performed more than 11,300 hours of community service at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, Little Company of Mary Hospital, Crisis Center of South Suburbia, the AIDS Walk, and at numerous local grammar school, parish and park district events. Honorees included Vanessa Almaguer, Gabriela Andino, Stephanie Carter, Asia Curry-Smith, Rebecca Doyle, Amanda Haynes, Lisa Higgins, Alicia Maderak, Kelly Morrissey, Stephanie Rich, Marissa Schultz, Nicole Sedlacek, Christine Szumacher, Marion Tesmer, Dana Testa, Arianna Villarreal, Erin Yurko and Jacqueline Ziemski.

Seniors Paris Clark, Caitlin Farbin, Caroline Kocher, BriELLE Munizzi, Sonia Shahin and Dana Testa received Outstanding Attendance Awards for being in class every day during their four years at Peace.

Lindsey Frederick and Mary Kate Murray were named co-valedictorians of the Class of 2011; Erin Kolasinski earned the distinction of salutatorian and spoke to her classmates at the Awards Assembly.

Bobbi Benegas was recognized as the Class of 2011 Woman of Peace.

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Photo Caption:

Eleven Peace seniors graduated with a 4.0 GPA or above. Pictured top row (from left): BriELLE Munizzi, Erin Kolasinski, Brianna Hovanec and Lindsey Frederick. Middle row: Leah Karge, Michelle Maturlak and Dorota Murzydlo. Seated: Savana Martin, Malissa Arroyo, Lauren Vitrano and Mary Kate Murray.

