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Seniors Present Portfolios

For Queen of Peace seniors, the nearing of the end of high school is signaled by one culminating event - Senior Portfolio Presentations. Throughout the past four years, Peace seniors worked with their teachers to create a multi-disciplinary collection of their best and most meaningful work in each subject. Each senior presented her portfolio April 21 to frosh, sophomores and juniors to showcase her work, chart her progress and reflect on her own learning.

In her presentation, senior Michaele Strauch, who will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall, discussed how she knows now why Peace was able to guarantee such great graduation outcomes during frosh year. As a creative reflective learner, she said her English classes helped her form opinions on issues that mattered and that she is now more aware of the world and more reflective of her actions. "I feel like the education I received at Peace couldn't have been found at any other high school," Strauch told fellow students.

Participating in art and photography courses, along with traveling to Paris last year "opened my eyes to where true beauty is appreciated. I make my art reflect me."

Seniors Ashley Nichols and Gianna Campione spoke in their presentations about becoming God-centered women of faith and devoting their time to doing service work.

"I'm not afraid to leave Peace and be independent," said Campione, who will attend Bradley University and major in nursing.

If one theme was consistent throughout all of the presentations, it was to love learning, commit to hard work and to stretch limits by doing new things.

Photo Captions:



Peace seniors (left to right) Maggie Altman, Katherine Maloney, Colleen Russell, Tiffani Monreal, Kristen O'Dwyer, Margaret Estrada, Erin Morrissey and Simona Jurcik presented their portfolios to underclasswomen on April 21.



Queen of Peace seniors (left to right) Nancy Babic, Emily Boyle, Julia Amador, Gianna Campione, Ashley Nichols and Michaele Strauch presented their portfolios to frosh, sophomores and juniors on April 21. Their portfolios contain their best and most meaningful work in each subject.