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**Queen of Peace High School names Valedictorians, Salutatorians**

Queen of Peace High School has named Julie Dorken and Amanda Ranftl as co-valedictorians of the Class of 2009. Angela Amador and Abigail Point have been named co-Salutatorians.

Julie Dorken strives to do her best in all she does, setting high standards for herself in academics, leadership and service. At the May 11 Senior Awards ceremony, Julie was recognized with the 2009 Principal's Leadership Award. She has taken on the role of leader in many school activities and has been an active leader as a Dominican Preacher, Retreat Minister and Peace Ambassador. She has excelled in all of her academic work, including seven Advanced Placement courses. While at Peace, Julie was the recipient of the Vicariate V Youth Leadership Award for Prayer and Worship. She will attend the University of Chicago, where she received the Chicago Police Department Scholarship – a full tuition scholarship that is renewable.

Amanda Ranftl loves an intellectual challenge and enjoys sharing and debating her ideas with others. She has a love of math and science, which has helped her succeed in the classroom and with co-curricular activities. She is President of the Environmental Club and Vice President of the Spanish National Honor Society. Amanda also is a member of the Robotics Team, Human Rights Task Force, the Spanish National Honor Society and the National Honor Society. In the fall, Amanda plans to attend Bradley University where she received the Presidential Scholarship as well as a $10,000

scholarship from the *FIRST* organization and $2,000 from AXA Advisors for her educational work with children and adults with asthma.

Angela Amador has excelled in every curriculum area and has a special interest in math and science. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society and Math Club. Angela was a dedicated Robotics Team member this past year. She has served on the Human Rights Task Force and volunteered with Nazareth Farms. She plans to study engineering at Purdue University.

Abigail Point is a dedicated learner who has devoted significant time to researching and exploring new ideas. Recently she earned the distinction of St. Catherine of Siena Scholar for exploring a form of cancer that strikes young children. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Math Club. She serves the school as a member of Student Council, Peace Ambassadors and the Human Rights Task Force. In the fall, she will study biological studies at the University of Chicago, where she received a full scholarship. She plans a career in pediatric medicine.

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