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Peace students named St. Catherine of Siena scholars

Three Queen of Peace High School seniors defended four years of research and rigorous standards to become St. Catherine of Siena Scholars at the April 29 Congress. This year marked the eighth year for this program.

The following students presented this year. They are:

- Tara Becker, who focused on genetically engineered bacteria. Tara dispelled the negative perception of bacteria and showed that bacteria have a valuable use in the medical world.
- Abigail Point, who researched the advances that have been made in the area of treating acute lymphoblastic leukemia and how education plays a role in research funding.
- Linda Shahin, who discussed how society's views of obesity, age and race play a factor in job discrimination.

Students who have demonstrated academic excellence may apply to become a St. Catherine of Siena Scholar candidate. Candidates must be involved in the program for three or more years, maintain a grade point average of 3.8 or higher and successfully defend their projects by the time of graduation to earn the St. Catherine Scholar distinction.

Projects must be interdisciplinary in nature, linked to one of the five Dominican values or Catholic Social Justice Principle and attempt to answer a significant question with societal implications.

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