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McAuley community honors Catherine McAuley Award Winners

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School honored staff member Kathy Gordon Davis of Orland Park and senior Alicia Toussaint of Chicago/Mt. Greenwood with the Catherine McAuley Award during the Mercy Day celebration on September 21. Nominees for this award exemplify the spirit, faith and values inspired by Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Kathy Gordon Davis began her career in the art department at Mother McAuley in 1987 and currently serves as the department chairperson and moderator of the National Art Honor Society. Chosen for her dedication and selflessness both in and out of the classroom, Davis' artistic talent has touched the lives of many local community organizations. She has directed students on numerous service projects including face painting at local events and designing coloring books for a children's hospital. She has donated artwork to help raise money for local charities including Children's Memorial Hospital and Mother McAuley's Party with the Plaid.

Alicia, active both inside and outside of McAuley, is a student ambassador leader, an officer in SADD (Students Against Destructive Behavior), and member of the McAuley track team. Outside of McAuley, she volunteers at Saint Christina Catholic Church in Mt. Greenwood to plan and prepare weekly home-cooked meals for elderly or disabled community members that are isolated in their homes.

"The community of Mother McAuley High School is blessed to have such dedicated individuals to carry on the work of Catherine McAuley. Kathy and Alicia's compassionate spirit is a shining example to us all," said Dr. Christine Melone, president/principal of Mother McAuley.

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Photo caption:

Mother McAuley Art Department Chairperson Kathy Gordon Davis (left) and senior Alicia Toussaint (right) were honored with the Catherine McAuley Award by the McAuley community on Mercy Day, September 21, 2007.