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Geek Squad at McAuley

The Geek Squad Agents from Best Buy were on a mission this week to encourage the students at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School to not only be confident young women who follow their dreams, but that careers in technology are within their reach.

McAuley welcomed three female executives from Best Buy and Geek Squad who spoke during the All-School Women's Rally to kick-off Women's Month at McAuley. The speakers were Beth Smits, Vice President – Services Operations, Shari Ballard, Executive Vice President - Human Capital and Leadership, and Moira Hardek, Mission Specialist Geek Squad Corporate and McAuley Class of 1997. Each guest spoke from personal experience about leadership, women in technology, and self-confidence.

After the rally, McAuley Principal Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM, announced the new Geek Squad Academy, a camp that will take place this summer at McAuley and be conducted by Agents from the Geek Squad. The two-week Academy will consist of a week long session for current McAuley students as well as one for grammar school girls interested in technology.

Best Buy/Geek Squad also sponsored a writing contest focusing on the issues of women and technology, women and learning, and self-confidence. The first place winners, senior Steffi Leung (Chgo., West Lawn) and freshman Mary Baker (Chg., Beverly) were awarded Toshiba Laptop Computers. The second place winners, freshman Julia Swann (Oak Lawn), sophomore Kaitlyn Vranicar (Oak Lawn), juniors Amanda Mendez (Chg., Eastside) and Allison Battain (Chg., Clearing), and senior Anne Kellogg (Evergreen Park) each received a digital camera. Third place winners, freshman Page Dolijani (Chg., West Beverly), sophomore Megan Lehocky (Oak Lawn), junior Tara Sheehan (Chg., Bridgeport), Julia Swann (Oak Lawn) and seniors Maggie Wood (Evergreen Park), and Ashley M. O'Brien (Chg., Mt. Greenwood) won an Apple iPod. All prizes were generously donated by Best Buy and Geek Squad.



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Photo Id: l-r, standing: Beth Smits, Shari Ballard, Kristina Parker, Tim Kutzer, Agent Rick Jordan, Certified Special Agent Joey Jasion, Double Agent Patrick Pena, Special Agent Ryan Lueling, Triple Agent Kasia Platt, Cadet Paul Tiarks, Double Agent Jiho Park, and Mission Specialist Moira Hardek
Kneeling: Kaitlyn Vranicar, Megan Lehocky, Ashley O'Brien, Amanda Mendez, Paige Doljanin, Allison Battain, Tara Sheehan, Steffi Leung, Julia Swann, Mary Baker, Maggie Wood and Anne Kellogg.