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## **McAuley community honors Catherine McAuley Award Winners**

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School honored staff member Christine Pollard of Oak Forest and senior Katie Kyler of Evergreen Park with the Catherine McAuley Award during the Mercy Day celebration on September 19. Nominees for this award exemplify the spirit, faith and values inspired by Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.



Christine Pollard began her career in the Social Science Department at Mother McAuley in 1986. Since that time she has taught an estimated 63,000 young women. Christine is a strong promoter of “Go Green” and established the McAuley Recycling Program. Her work has made a strong impact on educating the McAuley community about the importance of recycling. She is also co-moderator of the Mock Trial Club and has assisted with many planning committees throughout the years. Both in the classroom and as club moderator, Christine’s lessons are always filled with spirit and creativity, and she truly engages each student in the learning process.

Katie Kyler has been described as a warm, genuine young woman with a contagious spirit. She has been a member of both the orchestra and chorus since freshman year and has participated in theatre as a member of stage crew and as a performer. In fact her favorite quote is from St. Augustine, “Singing is praying twice.” Katie is a student ambassador, a member of the golf team and has served as student council homeroom rep and as a co-chair. Outside of school, she volunteers at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

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and has helped with several McAuley food drives. For Little Company of Mary Hospital, Katie made colorful, cartoon character pillowcases for each of the pediatric patients.

“Catherine McAuley’s vision was that by working together, people could make a difference. Christine and Katie have both carried on this vision and have inspired others to give service to their communities,” said Dr. Christine Melone, president/ principal of Mother McAuley.

Each year, the McAuley community nominates one faculty or staff member and one senior student to receive the Catherine McAuley Award. This coveted award epitomizes the mission of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School. The award is presented at the annual Mercy Day celebration. This special celebration includes an assembly, a remembrance gift, and the retelling of the story of Catherine McAuley and her legacy today. For more information and to see a list of past recipients, please visit [www.mothersmauley.org](http://www.mothersmauley.org).



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