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# Mother McAuley *Liberal Arts High School*

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## MCAULEY INDUCTS STUDENTS INTO QUILL AND SCROLL SOCIETY



(l to r, front row) Arielle Guzman, Brittany Vacchiano, Lauren Gabel (l to r, back row) Nora Heiderscheidt, Katherine Kelliher, Kaitlyn Orloff, Kristina Biljan, Katie Strand '97, Rachel Kinahan, Emily O'Keeffe, Tessy Ward and Maggie Omastiak

Mother McAuley High School inducted eleven students into the Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for high school journalists. Quill and Scroll was developed by a group of high school publication advisors for the purpose of encouraging and rewarding individual achievements in journalism and allied fields.

McAuley inductees are Emily O'Keeffe of Beverly; Arielle Guzman and Brittany Vacchiano of Clearing; Lauren Gabel, Katherine Kelliher, Rachel Kinahan, Maggie

Omastiak, Kaitlyn Orloff and Tessy Ward of Oak Lawn; Kristina Biljan of Orland Park; and Nora Heiderscheidt of Palos Park.

In order to be considered for membership, students must meet specific requirements. Inductees must be a junior or senior whose academic standing is in the upper third of their class; they must have served on a school publication for at least a year and shown superior work; and they must have demonstrated a willingness to offer service to their school. The inductees served on McAuley's newspaper, yearbook or literary magazine staff.

The Quill and Scroll Society also welcomed guest speaker Katie Strand, a 1997 graduate of McAuley. Strand spoke to the students about her career in communications, the rewarding experiences she has had, and how anything is possible if you set your mind to it. Her accomplishments include being appointed New Hampshire Communications Director for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in 2007 and 2008, Press Secretary for Senator John Kerry in 2004, and Deputy Press Secretary in Iowa for former Minority Leader Richard A. Gephardt in 2003. Strand is currently the Senior Vice President of Strategic Communications for the Dover Group's Chicago office.

Since its inception in 1926, Quill and Scroll has granted charters to more than 14,267 high schools. Chapters are active in both public and private high schools across the United States and in countries around the world. The society has more than one million "alumni" in all walks of life, many of them in distinguished careers in journalism.

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