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SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

Mother McAuley senior Amanda Shine of Beverly, and sophomores Jessica Sharp of Burbank and Ellen Youpel of Morgan Park recently participated in the Shakespeare Competition organized by the McAuley English Department. The competition required each student to perform one sonnet and one monologue written by the famous playwright.

Jessica Sharp won the competition and represented Mother McAuley at the Regional Shakespeare Monologue Competition sponsored by the English-Speaking Union (ESU). For the competition, Jessica presented Sonnet No. 8 and a passage from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Each participating school is allowed to send one representative to compete for a chance to attend the 2009 ESU National Shakespeare Competition in New York City.

The English-Speaking Union created the competition in 1983 “to help high school students develop their speaking and critical thinking skills and their appreciation of literature as they explore the beauty of the language and the timeless themes in Shakespeare works.” This annual competition is judged by professional actors and directors and is open to students in 9th-12th grade.



English Department chairperson Mrs. Ginny Murphy (far left) and faculty member Mrs. Marge Mazzola (far right) congratulate Shakespeare Monologue competitors Jessica Sharp, Amanda Shine, and Ellen Youpel after the recent Shakespeare Competition at Mother McAuley.