



Maguire Scholars News

Spring 2021

Two Seniors Inducted into Honors Society



On March 25, two Williamson College of the Trades Maguire Scholars were inducted into the college's I.V. Club. **John B.** (left) and **Michael O.**, both studying Power Plant Technology, were among the 12 seniors selected by faculty and staff for membership in the college's prestigious honor society.

Founded in 1995, the I.V. Club is named for Williamson's founder, Isaiah Vansant Williamson. The group recognizes graduating seniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and who best embody Williamson's core values of Faith, Integrity, Diligence, Excellence and Service.

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Meet Bridget

11th Grade, Lansdale Catholic

Courtesy of Widener University President, Dr. Julie Wollman, and NBC10, **Bridget D. '22** has been selected to receive the Widener University High School Leadership Award. As a recipient, if Bridget enrolls at Widener University as an undergraduate student, Bridget will take part in Widener's Apogee Leadership Scholars program and receive a \$20,000 scholarship over four years.

Apogee Scholars receive four years of leadership programming, including a Widener Leadership Certificate. This award program is designed to recognize high school students in the region, like Bridget, who embody the University's commitment to develop and inspire leaders to affect positive change. With this award, the Widener University High School Leadership Awards Committee recognizes Bridget's ability to demonstrate leadership by standing up for what is right, finding a way to address a wrong, or making a difference in a significant way.

Congratulations Bridget!

St. James School

❖ **London**, a 7th grader at St. James School, won first place among middle school students in the 4th District Black History Month Poetry and Spoken Word Competition for her poem, “One Nation”. The competition was hosted by Philadelphia City Council members Curtis Jones and Allan Domb. St. James students, including London, won four of the six prizes awarded to middle schoolers! In addition to winning the poetry prize, London is a busy young woman, applying her intelligence, academic curiosity, and leadership skills to the following extra-curricular activities: interviewing Kristen Welker, an NBC News television journalist; speaking with Bishop Curry, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and participating in the Temple Women in Math program. Congratulations, London!

St. Francis de Sales

❖ Maguire Scholar **Justine** has received the Josephine Bakhita Scholarship. This is a full-tuition scholarship to Merion Mercy Academy for all four years. What an accomplishment!

Arielle B. Featured in Art Show

11th Grade, Agnes Irwin

Arielle, a junior at Agnes Irwin, was one of 22 students selected for the juried Media Arts Council High School Art Show. In fact, two of her pieces were selected! The Media Arts Council hosted its annual high school student show in January. [Visit the Media Arts Council's web site for more information on the show and artists.](#)



Cardinal O'Hara High School

- ❖ **Gina R.** is a freshman at West Chester University and is very active in the Neumann Center at school, even though the university is all virtual. Gina was an integral part of Cardinal O'Hara's first senior retreat of the year (Kairos) held at Malvern Retreat House. O'Hara's Director of Campus Ministry, Fr. John Masson, said that Gina was an immense help with gathering alumni to help lead since the school had no trained students from last year due to the pandemic. Gina has a strong faith base and was kind enough to give up her personal time to help her alma mater and do God's work.

Father Judge High School

- ❖ "I have been accepted to Villanova University's Civil Engineering Course and will be living on campus there. I applied through their Early Action registration and am very proud to say that I was selected. I will be living on campus and hope to be an active part of that community as I have been at Father Judge, specifically through their Irish Dance Club as well as their Men's Rowing Club. I have been rowing with the Father Judge Crew Team since the fall of 2019 and am very happy to say that we have been back since January of 2021. I am looking forward to a great season! This year, I was able to participate in the Engineering Club's Minecraft Rube Goldberg Machine competition. I was a member of the team "Frictionis Weird," the name of which I helped to create, and look forward to seeing the results of that competition. Being a part of that team was a great experience and gave me wonderful insight as to what my future career may look like. Especially during this pandemic, the fact that we could still come together and build something is fantastic! Being a part of the student council has also been very rewarding. I have really enjoyed helping to work around the pandemic and still being an active member of my school community! While this year has been challenging, there has been no obstacle that I could not overcome, especially with the constant support of my family, friends, teachers, and school. I am excited for the future and hope for the best as I begin the next chapter of my life as a Villanova undergraduate student."

- Edward K. '21

LaSalle College High School

- ❖ Kaelin H. and his family have created the [Love > \(Love is Greater\) apparel line](#). "Love is Greater - Love conquers all," says Kaelin. "Our family chooses to live with Love and to be lights amidst the dark. **Love >** apparel allows anyone to visibly represent love and financially contribute love. A portion of the profits go directly toward helping those in need through our family's volunteer efforts, including making care packages and handing them out to those in need in Philadelphia. We want to help everyone be a light - and that's why the **Love >** logo glows in the dark." For more, visit the [Love > Instagram page](#).



- Kaelin H. '21

About Maguire Scholars

The goal of the Maguire Scholars Program is to support and enrich the leaders of tomorrow by providing an opportunity for an excellent education through partnerships and strategic alliances with middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities. As men and women for others, we encourage our Maguire Scholars to dedicate their time and talent to community service.

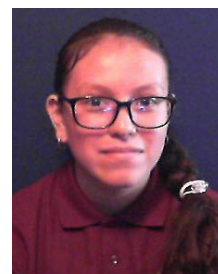
Hallahan High School

- ❖ **Zora N.** is a senior Maguire Scholar at Hallahan. She just performed her final performance with the All Catholic Orchestra and received the Four Year Member Award. The Four Year Award is given to members who have participated in the orchestra for all four years of high school. This is a great accomplishment given that members have to audition every single year. In college, Zora plans on majoring in Journalism and minoring in Music. She was invited to audition for the String Studies program at New York University.



Mercy Career and Technical High School

- ❖ On April 28, 2021, **Maria G.**, an 11th grade Maguire Scholar, received the Good Citizen Award. This award is a great honor given by the Union League of Philadelphia. The award highlights students who possess personal attributes of honesty, courage, tolerance, curiosity, and loyalty. Hard work and fair play coupled with the endeavor to follow and uphold the principles of American patriotism are also hallmarks of the award. Congratulations, Maria!



Woodlynde School

- ❖ For the past three years, **Michael F.**, a sophomore at Woodlynde School, has served as a 3rd grade teacher assistant for St. Kevin Parish CCD class. This past fall, he assisted with the parish's cross-country team for grades 3 through 8. Additionally, Michael helped serve his community in February by helping with the Souper Bowl for Caring in Delaware County.



Holy Ghost Prep

- ❖ "Back in October, I had the opportunity to participate in a youth summit between Philadelphia youth and the Philadelphia police department. To give some background, I joined a nonprofit, student-led organization last year called Leaders of Tomorrow LLC, whose mission is to provide an example for Philadelphia youth through acts of service. Our team planned to host a summit between members of the Philadelphia police force and young high school students considering the recent Black Lives Matter protests in the summer. We decided that this dialogue was needed so that the police could share their perspective and so the students could express their very real feelings of frustration and disappointment with police actions that were in the news lately, especially the death of George Floyd. The most important lesson that I learned from the summit was that everyone has their own unique perspective and that you will never know about every individual's background and what has led them to believe the things that they do. Two Maguire values that I used for this event were preparation and passion. When I went to the summit, I had no idea if it was going to be a success or failure. However, I did know that I was going to show up and give it my all. In addition, I was passionate. I wanted to make an impact on my community to improve community relations and give police force members a chance to share their side of the story. It is only when both sides meet that there is progress."



- Tomas V. '21

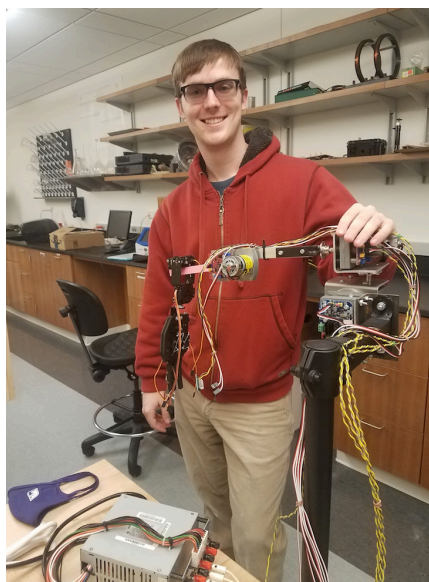
Fairfield University

❖ “I have been able to take leadership positions here at Fairfield University and it has been such a great experience. One of the best and most beneficial leadership positions I have had is serving as the club representative of the Latinx Student Union. This has allowed me to represent and serve in the interest of a community I am very personally invested in. I have been able to help host events that have helped strengthen the bond of the Latinx community at Fairfield with the greater university. Many events and activities we do give the school community a chance to see the rich culture that we have to offer, and it also helps to build understanding at such an important time in our nation’s history. I have been so blessed to be a part of this effort. Fairfield has also given me the opportunity to serve on the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Advisory Board, where I represent a large portion of the student body and provide recommendations to help the College of Arts and Sciences better serve these students. I felt like I had to be a strong voice for many people, and I took this position with the upmost seriousness.”

- Andres A. III '22



University of Scranton



“Volunteering this semester was certainly more difficult than in the past, but finding opportunities was made a lot easier because of my position as a work-study student in the University of Scranton Campus Ministries office, which has close ties with the Center for Service and Social Justice. Through this, I was able to help with the Friends of the Poor just before Thanksgiving, spending the morning in their warehouse prepping meals for families who needed them, and spending the afternoon delivering those meals to their homes. Again, because of the circumstances, direct interaction between us and those receiving the food was limited, but the opportunities I did have to interact with them and with the event coordinators made for a wonderful opportunity to get out into the community.

On the academic front, I am working on a prosthetic arm project for my senior design class, controlled by EEG and EMG signals from one’s brain and muscles. This has been a very collaborative project, as not only am I working on it with two classmates, but this particular project is one that was started by previous seniors and has been passed down to us, so we started with much of the mechanics of the arm already set up. This has allowed us to focus on more of the fine-tuning and control aspects of the project, though it is likely we will again have to pass this project along to next year’s seniors as well. The idea of our design is that it will not require a bulky headpiece like some other designs for prosthetic arms, as it will rely primarily on the upper arm/shoulder muscle signals to operate, with the brain signals being for more fine motor movement. We hope to have achieved these basic movements by the end of this semester.

I am so grateful to the Board of the Maguire Foundation who have supported these educational experiences that have enriched my life and future.”

- Braden H. '21



Meet Elias

*Class of 2021
Wheaton College*

Elias T. gained real-world experience in digital marketing as a virtual intern at Physician Outlook, a Pennsylvania-based startup that produces a magazine geared toward doctors.

"I knew I wanted to apply for the internship because it was a great opportunity for me to build on my creative marketing skills for a company that is in the beginning stages of development," said Elias, who is double majoring in film and new media studies, and business and management.

At Physician Outlook, the senior was tasked with creating marketing campaigns for various social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, and Instagram, to increase subscriptions and user engagement. During the internship, he created a seasonal video for subscribers that was posted to YouTube and shared on other social media platforms. He also designed the company's YouTube banner and graphics for potential promotional products.

"My favorite moment was meeting with everyone virtually and showing the content that I created for them," he said.

Elias said the internship exposed him to the challenges and nuances of working remotely. This will serve him well after graduation when he enters a workforce that is highly virtual, he said. "As a film and business major with an interest in a marketing career, being able to create usable content for Physician Outlook was an excellent experience to refine my skills," he said.

Georgetown University

❖ "This semester, I am acting as a Cornerstone Mentor for new students at Georgetown. Through my experiences as a student, I can pass on knowledge and advice to the freshmen and transfers. Particularly during this difficult virtual era, it is extremely important to help new students discover and foster community at Georgetown. I hope that the wisdom and support that my partner mentor and I offer to our group provides them with confidence to grow into the best version of themselves on the Hilltop and discover a sense of belonging on the Hilltop.

Additionally, this school year I have served as a Catholic Retreats leader. I collaborated with other students as well as chaplains to plan and lead retreats for other students. In the fall, I led a retreat called Loyola for new students. Although the retreat was held virtually, over Zoom, I was so grateful to still sense that peaceful retreat feeling and connectedness amongst the retreatants, chaplains, and leaders. Together with my partner leader, I led a small group of freshmen over the course of two days where we prayed, discussed, played games, and had plenty of laughs. Also, soon I will be leading a Catholic women's retreat, where we will explore the influence of strong Catholic women (whether ones we know personally, saints, or women we have heard of) in our own lives and how they inspire us to live out our faith."

- **Samantha B. '23**

Pennsylvania State University

❖ **Thomas S.** is a senior, majoring in Marketing Analytics with a minor in Statistics. This path has allowed him to combine two academic passions, math, and business, in a fun and exciting way. Thomas has been offered a position with the TJX Companies beginning this summer. He will be on the Merchandising Career Path starting out as an Allocation Analyst at the company's headquarters in Massachusetts. Primarily, he will manage the quantity of product available for purchase in retail locations while keeping up with current trends and desires. Thomas notes, "using data to make decisions and create real impact on a business has always been a goal of mine, and I am very excited to start doing that this summer."

Temple University

❖ For a first-generation college student like **Gabriela K.**, a scholarship fundamentally changes her opportunities, her chance of success and serves as an inspiration to excel. According to Gabriela, her Maguire Business Scholars scholarship is a “breath of air.”

“I have been working and working, just to be able to afford college,” Gabriela says. “So being given the opportunity to step back for a second and get that weight off my shoulders is really valuable.”

Gabriela, a junior double majoring in risk and marketing at the Fox School of Business, grew up in Brooklyn, NY. At a young age, Gabriela realized she loved math. Because of her aptitude, her mother connected Gabriela with an actuary in hopes of introducing her to a potential career. Initially, Gabriela knew almost nothing about the insurance industry. After meeting her mother’s acquaintance and doing some research on her own, Gabriela enrolled at Temple as an actuarial science major. She chose Temple because of its top-flight risk, insurance, and actuarial sciences program. She also wanted to try a new city.

It was during an Intro to Risk class that Gabriela decided to alter her course. “All different industries have insurance—you can go to production, you can go to P&C (property and casualty) obviously health—there’s just so many options,” Gabriela says. “I thought that was really interesting because I really like challenging myself and exploring what I can do, so I ended up switching into Risk, and I think it was a great decision.”

Gabriela has thrived in the program. She joined the honors program, made the dean’s list, and is involved in the Sigma Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma (the Risk Management, Healthcare Risk Management, and Actuarial Science student professional organization at Temple University), and her sorority, Alpha Delta, where she has been the financial officer and recruitment officer.

Gabriela also gives back to the community through her position with Upward Bound. “It is a program for Philadelphia high schoolers who don’t really have the same opportunities as other kids,” she says. It is rewarding work: “I’m not only working to fund my education, but I am also giving back to the community, so it’s really a win-win and I just love what I do.” She enjoys opening high school students’ eyes to potential business careers, because, like her, few students from North Philadelphia know about the opportunities in actuarial science, risk, and insurance.

Gabriela hopes to continue paying her good fortune forward through mentoring and helping others long after she graduates. She says because of the belief others have shown in her through mentoring and through the Maguire Business Scholars program, she wants to continue to give back.



“An investment in people, particularly those that come from families that struggle to improve their lot in life through higher education, is an investment in the larger society. Education is the path to creating not just a life of better opportunity for the individual, but for siblings, cousins, and their own future children by example. Through modeling and success, a family legacy can change and the door to opportunity swings wide open. That is exactly what the Maguire Foundation does for the students in its Maguire Business Scholars Program at Temple.”

Drexel University

- ❖ “I am a 3rd-year student at Drexel and thanks to the Maguire Foundation’s support I am able to continue my studies as a Global Studies major with a concentration in Human Rights and Arabic. I was also able to add minors in Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) studies as well as Communication. Combined, I have created a course load that I am incredibly proud of and excited to dive into this year. For my first co-op last summer, I had the opportunity to intern as a political affairs advocate for The Borgen Project, which focuses on fighting global poverty through legislative action in the United States. Currently, I am on my second co-op at Glenmede Trust in Philadelphia working with the Human Resources team.”

- Julia L. '22

Saint Joseph’s University

- ❖ **Sara H. '21** is a member of Saint Joseph University’s three-time Atlantic 10 Champion Field Hockey team. She serves on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Executive Board and has been described as the epitome of “The Hawk Will Never Die” mantra. Throughout her years on Hawk Hill, she has learned to balance Division I athletics, academic course work, and community service.

Giving back to her community is extremely important to Sara and she has participated in the APEX Service Immersion Trip, performed weekly service, and participated in the *Magis* Service Program. In a recent interview, Sara shared the following: “St. Joe’s has supported me in growing in every important avenue of my life. Not only am I able to compete at the highest collegiate level for a nationally ranked field hockey program, but I have grown through the whole-person education and the many opportunities that St. Joe’s has to offer. The faculty, staff, alumni, and students that make up St. Joe’s act as a family and it takes a special type of person to be a Hawk. Even through a global pandemic, I have felt supported on the team, in the classroom, through community service, campus ministry, and during my virtual internship experience. This past year has called for a ton of adjustments and flexibility and I am grateful to the faculty, staff, administration, and my coaches for making every effort to allow us to play opponents this spring season. Although my time on Hawk Hill is coming to an end, I will make it my mission to live out the Jesuit principle of *cura personalis* - *care for the whole person* - through my next adventure.”

Sara will graduate this May with a degree in Food Marketing and a minor in Advertisement and Promotions. She remains very grateful to the Maguire Foundation for their continued support that has led her to this point and remains committed to Mr. Maguire’s 6 Steps to Success – especially *Showing Up Every Day* – for herself, her teammates and others.

Temple University

- ❖ “I am incredibly thankful and indebted to the Maguire Foundation for granting me scholarships for both high school and college. Without the scholarship from the Maguire Foundation, I am not sure if I would have been able to attend college, despite how desperately I wanted to seek higher education. My post-graduate plans include working full-time for the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia focusing on pediatric research in chronic kidney disease. I also plan to apply for a master’s in public health in epidemiology programs as well. I want to begin a career in research. This is a reality made possible by the generosity of the Maguire Foundation.”

- Hilena G. '21