

# Graduates

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My mother continues to tell me, "Always stay true to yourself and don't let others expectations overshadow your dreams."

### If your high school mascot fought your college mascot, who would win?

With a panther versus a comet, I must say a comet is much more deadly!

### Now that you are college bound, what advice would you give to rising seniors?

Drive and determination is the key to success. Don't let the temptation of procrastination overcome you. Try to keep organized and keep aware of approaching deadlines.

### Is there any celebrity that you wish

### followed you on Facebook or Twitter, or that actually does follow you?

I wish Charlize Theron followed me, as she is a talented actress and inspirational figure with her activism in women's rights, animal rights and other projects in Africa.

### If your high school career were a song, what would it be and why?

I feel "Push It to the Limit" by Corbin Bleu reflects my high school career, as I consistently pushed myself to always do better, follow my dreams and be active in my school environment. My peers, family and teachers also motivated me to encounter new challenges and to overcome obstacles in my path in order to achieve my goals. Coming from such a rigorous school, I was taught mediocrity was not an option and only excellence would do, so I pushed myself to always give 100 percent in everything I did.



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# Mary Immaculate students awarded scholarships

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Scholarships for eight graduates of Mary Immaculate Catholic School in Farmers Branch added extra excitement for the community as the school year came to a close.

Farmers Branch resident Madeline Tovar received a \$1,500 Father Jack Deeves Science Scholarship from Ursuline Academy, where she will attend high school in the fall. Madeline was also awarded the Sara Murawski Spirit of Community Award, presented to the Mary Immaculate eighth-grade student who best represents the school as an active participant in the life of the school and community.

A \$500 Dallas Parochial League Student/Athlete Scholarship was awarded to Pauli Kerr of Coppell. One of six scholarships for students attending local Catholic high schools, this award is based on a student's excellent conduct and sportsmanship in their athletic endeavors combined with academics. Pauli will attend Ursuline Academy in the fall.

Gabby Lecca of Coppell was awarded The Ursuline Academy and Mary Immaculate Leadership Scholarship, Shalom Ifeanyichukwu of Irving received the Bishop Lynch Opportunity and Achievement Award and Cole Haverkamp of Lewisville received a

merit-based scholarship from John Paul II Catholic High School.

All three of these \$500 scholarships are awarded to incoming freshman who have been accepted unconditionally at their respective high schools plus have met a series of other criteria that includes scholarship, academic performance, leadership ability, participation in community service and Christian values.

The Rebekah Leah Rivera Foundation presented three Mary Immaculate students with a \$500 Spirit of Love High School Scholarship for using their talents to serve their community, and will honor them during a presentation dinner sponsored by the foundation on Friday.

Aryn McGuire of Carrollton will apply her scholarship toward her upcoming year at Pope John Paul II High School. Hannah Salinas of Farmers Branch and Catherine Beachner of Carrollton will apply their scholarships toward their freshman year at Ursuline Academy. Catherine also received Erin Costello Outstanding Student Award, presented to the eighth-grade girl who best exemplifies Mary Immaculate in academics, character and overall participation.

*Rosemary Martinez contributes to neighborsgo on behalf of Mary Immaculate Catholic School.*



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Catherine Beachner



Madeline Tovar



Pauli Kerr



Gabby Lecca

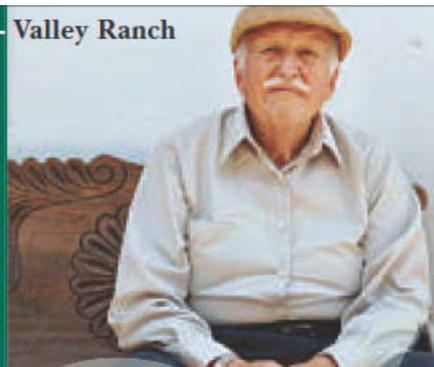


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