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2015 Micheline Wentworth Global Scholars Announced

Bloomfield Hills, MI – The Academy of the Sacred Heart is pleased to announce that two faculty members, Haifaa Chamma and Luciana Jeler, have been awarded grants through the Micheline Wentworth Global Scholars Program, which is designed to inspire faculty and students to think creatively about ways to increase global awareness.

Micheline Wentworth (1947-2013) was a faculty member at the Academy for more than 15 years. She delighted in offering her students opportunities to experience language and culture firsthand, expanding both their worldview and appreciation of diversity. Through her generosity, faculty and Upper School students can design projects and apply to become Micheline Wentworth Global Scholars. Recipients share their discoveries and knowledge with the goal of enhancing the entire school community.

Chamma received a grant to implement an Arab American Awareness Program for fifth and sixth grade students in the Academy's Middle School for Girls. In the upcoming school year, she will take students to the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn to promote cultural awareness, connecting the experience to their world language studies. Students will participate in interactive presentations, including learning an Arabic step dance and enjoying Lebanese food, while also learning how the Arab American community has contributed to the nation.

Jeler has been awarded a grant to implement a Sacred Heart International Gathering, a summer camp program to take place in 2016. This project will capitalize on the existing network of Sacred Heart schools, both within the United States and in 41 countries around the world. The group experience will develop interpersonal skills, enhance students' global citizenship and boost critical thinking skills outside of the existing academic programs at their individual schools. Jeler will meet with representatives from a Sacred Heart school in Nantes as a first step in launching this multi-cultural, unique program.

Chamma and Jeler are both veteran faculty at the Academy, serving for 13 and eight years, respectively. They join past recipients Korin Visocchi (faculty), Lauren Dumas¹⁵ and Tara Cuckovich¹⁶ as Micheline Wentworth Global Scholars. Learn more about the Micheline Wentworth Global Scholars Program at www.ashmi.org/global.

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