

The Alumnae and Alumni Association of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, is pleased and honored to present the 2015 Community Service Award to **Lauren Dumas**.

During Lauren's four years at the Academy of the Sacred Heart's Upper School, she demonstrated hard work, commitment, dedication, and passion to serving others within the community. Her many contributions include:

- Volunteering at the Kennedy Center in Pontiac
- Volunteering at Focus: HOPE
- Working as a class officer for all four years of Upper School
- Working on SCG and NHS Projects
- Volunteering at all-school events as well as Upper School events and
- Creating, implementing, and working at the Publishing Center, which reflects her desire to share a love of reading and writing with others.

Through Lauren's service experience with the Publishing Center, she has learned about running a non-profit business, including how to coordinate major projects and how to inspire others to serve, as well as what it takes to generate participation of other individuals in a service project that is not their own. In her own words, she, "... derives a great sense of joy from giving back to the community." Lauren plans to start a service group similar to the Publishing Center at Washington University, and she plans to find ways to be philanthropic as well as volunteer her time to various causes.

Lauren received a grant through the Micheline Wentworth Global Scholars Program that enabled her to create the academy-based publishing center with the eventual goal of sharing Sacred Heart students' stories from across the globe. The publishing center produces stories for patients at Beaumont Children's Hospital and created a series of Spanish-to-English translation stories for service trips to the Amazon and Dominican Republic.

She was honored with the Micah Award, which celebrates her work for social justice through The Publishing Center. The award is presented by the Stuart Center, a project of the Society of the Sacred Heart based on characteristics of firm dedication to the quest for social justice, a creative entrepreneurial spirit, and a vision to see the potential in people or situations, and persistence.

As in the words of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, "Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world."

