

In 1981, the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart of Bloomfield Hills instituted the Community Service Award. This award was established to recognize Sacred Heart's strong support of the service program in the Upper School. As the Alumnae and Alumni Association believes in service to the wider community, it was decided that this award would be given annually to a graduating senior who has been exemplary in her service to others. Because they know her best, it is the faculty and senior students who participate in this selection.

The student is chosen on the basis of three criteria:

- Consistent responsibility and dedication to service,
- The development of a positive attitude and enthusiasm for service, and
- A valuable or significant contribution to the service program.

Angela Cavanagh¹⁴ is the recipient of the 2014 Alumnae and Alumni Community Service Award. Angela's work models Goal III – "Schools of the Sacred Heart commit themselves to a social awareness that impels to action." During Angela's four years at the Academy of the Sacred Heart Upper School, she demonstrated an undying commitment to serving others within the community. Angela's many contributions include:

- Serving at St. Elizabeth Briarbank Assisted Living Facility for Women,
- Volunteering at Whitman Elementary in Pontiac, Michigan, and
- Working at the Hazel Park Animal Shelter

Angela also chose to participate in three service-related experiences during Project Term:

- Serving in soup kitchens in Chicago,
- Educating children in the Dominican Republic, and
- Working at a clothing drive in Peru.

In addition, Angela worked year-round at Focus: HOPE on Saturday mornings, packing boxes of food for the elderly, and delivering the food to Detroit's people in need. Angela volunteered at Focus: HOPE during all four of her high school years, and she served as a group leader during her senior year. Angela gives of her time and talent in tutoring Sacred Heart students after school, and she continues to work as an altar server at her parish, St. Thomas More.

While Angela has touched the lives of many, she feels that her service experience has enriched her life. In her own words, Angela feels that, "Service in school has really been an addition to the service I do outside of school, so I think it just enhanced my love of helping others." Lastly, she feels that she will continue doing service while in college – whether as part of a mission trip or helping in the community.

The Alumnae and Alumni Association of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, is pleased and honored to present the 2014 Community Service Award to Angela Cavanagh and congratulate her on living out Goal III.