

Community Service Award

In 1981, the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart of Bloomfield Hills instituted the Community Service Award. This was done because of our strong support of the service program in the Upper School and because we believe in 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.

This year's recipient has volunteered in our Pontiac After School Learning Center with children from Lighthouse PATH Montessori and the Whitmer Human Resource Center. She has helped sponsor a Christmas Party for children in Detroit. She has been dedicated to the monthly Focus-HOPE program for all four of her Upper School years and has been a leader for two of the four years. For all three years of service she has worked at the Kennedy Center, a school for mentally and physically challenged adults. According to Mrs. Debbe Pavle, her moderator, she is always very eager to arrive, interacts lovingly with the students and acts as a mentor to the peers who accompany her. Mrs. Pavle enjoyed watching her help peers process uncomfortable or challenging experiences. She has been on two mission trips – one in 9th Grade and one in 11th Grade. When asked what she had learned from her service experiences, she replied, "I've learned how lucky and blessed I am and how much I love helping others. I also love becoming friends with others who like to do service." She is a role model for her fellow students and for all of us. She is extremely generous and loving to everyone she encounters. She will enter the naval Academy and spend the next nine years continuing her life of service, this time to her country and to all of us.

The Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills

Is pleased and honored to present

The 2007 Community Service Award to

Laurel Fernandes