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*Welcome and Prayer*

Sr. Rita Fanning, CSFN  
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*Dinner*

*Student Testimonials*

Bernadette Breslin '18  
Ruby Malak '18

*Presentation of Legacy Award*

Ms. Marge Lafferty  
Music Department Chair

*Fund A Dream*

Elizabeth Greubel '18

*Presentation of Legacy Award*

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*Closing Remarks*

Mrs. Denise LePera  
President, Nazareth Academy High School

*Alma Mater*

I Love My School a Million

# The 2018 Legacy Gala Recipients

## Margaret M. Lafferty Legacy Faculty



Margaret Lafferty is a graduate of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, which is now the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. She earned a Bachelors of Arts in Trumpet performance and Music Education. Playing the guitar has also been part of Ms. Lafferty's musical expression. She has continually performed on trumpet and guitar at various functions in the Philadelphia and South Jersey area.

Ms. Lafferty began her teaching with an instrumental music position at Nazareth Academy Grade School in 1976. When a music position became available at Nazareth Academy High School, a recommendation from Sr. Mary Michael, the grade school principal in 1979, opened the door for Ms. Lafferty at NAHS.

In 1998 Ms. Lafferty was appointed the Nazareth Academy High School music department chairperson and retains the position today. This high school position includes much more than teaching music. The NAHS music department is very active and Ms. Lafferty conducts the orchestra at concerts, Broadway show productions, competitions, and events in different countries. Under Ms. Lafferty's organization the music students of Nazareth Academy High School have performed in Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Italy, England and most recently Austria. In addition, the music department has received high ratings in music festivals in Virginia Beach, Bush Gardens, Nashville, Philadelphia, Hershey Park, Disney World and Universal Studios.

Nazareth Academy has a working relationship with the Holy Ghost Prep music department and performed jointly on many occasions. A highlight of Ms. Lafferty's career was spearheading a trip to Italy on the occasion of the Beatification of the 12 martyred sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The trip included the world premiere of a Mass composed by Dr. Peter Nocella for the Nazareth Chorale and the Beatification ceremony.

As a result of a rigorous curriculum, successful performances and many travel opportunities, the Nazareth music department has gained in prestige and numbers. At this time one third of Nazareth Academy students participate in some way in the music department. There are 8 music teachers and many students taking private lessons and performing in school ensembles. Together with her colleagues, Ms. Lafferty worked to expand the theory and ear training program to include AP Music Theory and a Music 5 Seminar class.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Lafferty enjoys spending time with her husband Michael Gunning, her daughters Regina and Meghan and her grandchildren, Ben, Henry and Ellie. She enjoys many outdoor activities, astronomy, traveling and the adventure of life.

Ms. Lafferty would like to thank the extremely talented music staff and students she has had the pleasure of working with to make Nazareth Academy High School music an outstanding department. She loves her school a million!



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Over the past two years alone, Beneficial Bank has generously donated close to \$40,000 to the students of Nazareth Academy High School. Their commitment to Catholic education has allowed many Nazareth girls the opportunity to make memories and experience a high school that embraces faith, family, and education.

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## Nazareth Academy High School Mission

Nazareth Academy High School is a Catholic, private, fully accredited college preparatory school for young women, sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. At Nazareth Academy High School, we live our mission each day through our caring, family atmosphere.

Embracing faith, family, and education, we challenge each student to attain her full potential academically, spiritually, and personally. While focusing on service to God and community, Nazareth Academy High School provides a rigorous academic curriculum and varied extracurricular activities that inspire each student to achieve academic excellence and become a life-long learner in a global society.

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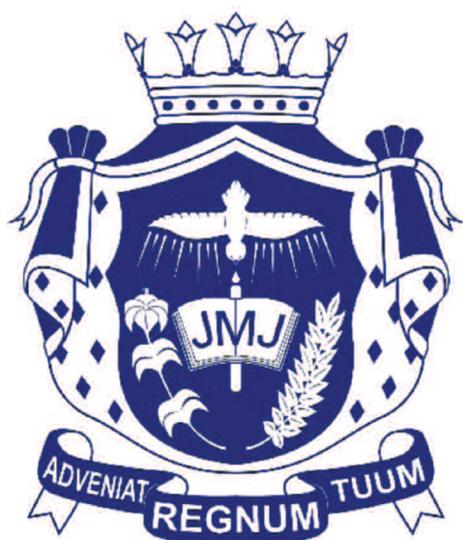
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## *I Love My School A Million!*

*Thank you to the wonderful students, parents, faculty, staff, administration and board at Nazareth Academy High School. You have made this first nine months a truly special time in my life.*

*Being so welcomed into the Nazareth community with such a genuine love has made me realize how truly blessed I am.*

*Thank you so much to our kindhearted alumnae, donors, and benefactors. The success of our girls and the dreams they achieve each day is a direct correlation of your generosity and support!*

*~ Mrs. Denise LePera  
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## **Spring Open House & Sneak Peek Art Show**

*Wednesday, April 18, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM*

## **7th Grade Beach Bag Bingo**

*Friday, May 11, 2018 ~ 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM*

## **Pre-8th & Pre-9th Summer Enrichment Program**

*Monday, June 25 - Thursday, July 19 ~ 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
(Monday through Thursday)*

## **Summer Scholastic & Athletic Camps**

*Visit our website for time and dates*

*[NazarethAcademyHS.org/Admissions](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/Admissions)*

## *The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Foundress: Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*



The Foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth is Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, Frances Siedliska, who started the Congregation in Rome, Italy in 1875. Though born into a family of privilege and wealth in mid 19th century Poland, Frances hungered for a deep spiritual life that expressed itself in the radical commitment of vowed religious life.

As she traveled through Europe seeking cures for her physical ailments, she eventually recognized and accepted God's invitation to found a new congregation, and traveled to Rome in 1873, to seek the blessing of Pope Pius IX. Frances established her first community in Rome to emphasize her commitment to the universal Church. Strong was her desire to bring the love of Christ to any and all, she transcended ethnic boundaries, welcoming women of many nationalities into the Congregation, and serving God's People in many different countries.

Our charism, as expressed by our Foundress, is born of a deep contemplation of the Trinity and its human manifestation, the Holy Family of Nazareth. Like Mary and Joseph, faithfully living their daily lives in the presence of the Word made Flesh, our Foundress understood that simple ordinary life, lived in love, can be a profound encounter with God.

Rooted in Christ, in cooperation with the Church, our Congregation strives, in the diversity of its ministries, to build communities of love and hope. We recognize the family as the place where values are nurtured and persons are formed, and in the spirit of Frances Siedliska, we work throughout the world to embrace the needs of the human family as our own.

Frances took the religious name of Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd. She was beatified in Rome on April 23, 1989 and at this time, just under 1500 Sisters in thirteen countries live with her animating spirit as their inspiration and motivation.

*Courtesy of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth website*



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9 to 1 student/faculty ratio

\$18.3 million in college scholarships and grants  
awarded to the Class of 2017

80+ courses offered through Nazareth's College  
Preparatory Scheduling

22 honors courses

12 Advanced Placement courses

Holy Family University Dual Enrollment Program  
for college credit

41 clubs and activities

Over 13,000 hours of service performed annually

12 athletic teams

8 performing arts programs



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God Bless!**

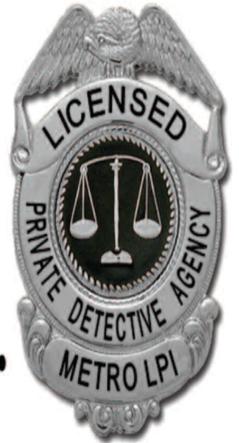
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*The Brown Family  
Shannon (McNulty) '89,  
Chelsea '09, Marne '17*

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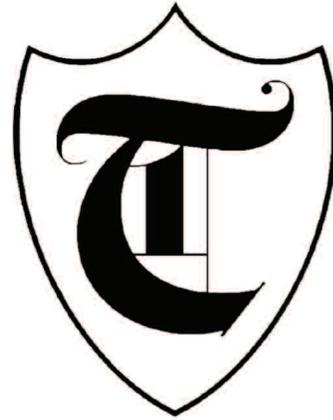
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# *Alma Mater*

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It means the world to me.

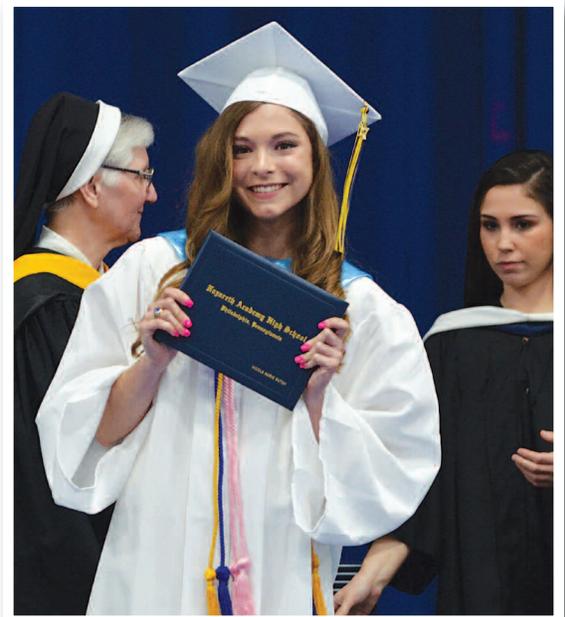
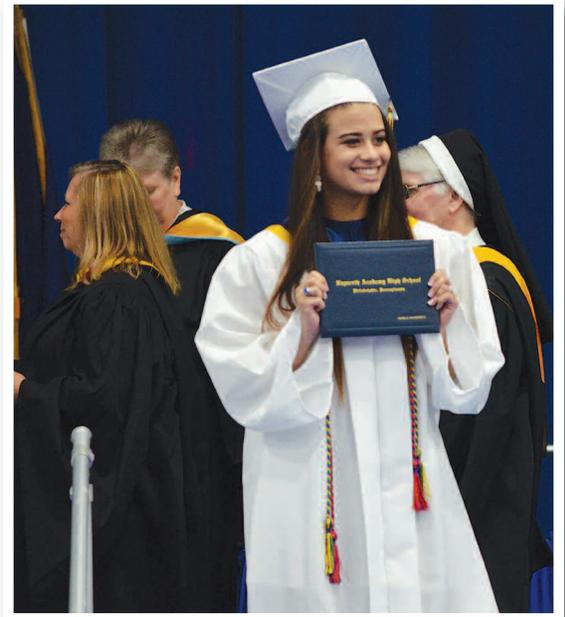
A world that's joyful  
A world that's hopeful  
A world that's holy and free.

I love my school a million.  
For all it gives to me:  
The soul's pure whiteness,  
The heart's sheer gladness,  
The mind's clear vision to  
See the truth.

O dear, my dear N.A.  
I offer you my heart today  
To stand forever true,  
To your name and to you.

Your colors I shall wear,  
The brightest gold and  
deepest blue.

To show the world  
That purity and loyalty  
I've learned from you.



# Fund a Dream

During this evening's 2018 Legacy Gala, senior Elizabeth Greubel, a member of the National Honor Society, will share with you her experiences at Nazareth Academy High School. As you listen to Liz's speech, please note Nazareth Academy High School's commitment to developing well-rounded students and preparing them to be servants of God and others.

This evening's **Fund a Dream** campaign will be earmarked for tuition assistance, bringing the unique Nazareth experience to students who would otherwise be unable to attend Nazareth Academy High School. The generosity of our friends, families and alumnae help our girls find success. It is your kindness that enables our faculty to mold our girls into the future leaders of tomorrow.



On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administration, thank you for your support. With your help, our girls excel in the classroom, in the community, on the stage, and on the playing fields. The following tremendous accomplishments in all aspects of a high school student's life are a direct result of the support you provide us:

## *Nazareth Academy High School Highlights*

- *The Class of 2017 earned 18.3 million dollars in college scholarships.*
- *Our girls raised \$192,400.44 for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia through Naz-A-Thon.*
- *They executed over 13,000 hours of community service last school year.*
- *Our students beautifully performed Disney's Beauty and the Beast in front of five sellout crowds.*
- *Numerous athletic teams qualified for their district playoffs this season.*



We ask that you listen to Liz's message and all our students here this evening, and consider helping **Fund a Dream** knowing it changes the life of a young girl.

Please utilize the envelopes provided to you by our student ambassadors. No donation is too small or too big, and every dollar goes directly to help make a Nazareth education affordable for another young girl and her family.

Know that all of us at Nazareth Academy High School hold you in our prayers. May the Holy Family bless and be with you always!



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