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Faculty Spotlight

CALLY DISS



In the fall, Marquette Academy's faculty member, Ms. Cally Diss, was selected as one of four new Agriculture Teachers in

Illinois to receive recognition as a recipient of in teacher grant. Ms. Diss applied for the grant program and was selected based on excellent efforts in the classroom as well as strong short and long term personal and agriculture program goals.

Representatives from LaSalle Farm Bureau and the Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) were on hand to announce the award to Ms. Diss. The amount of the grant payment will increase over the course of the teacher's first five years in the classroom, up to \$10,000 total, if he/she meets the re-application process confirming activity as an agricultural education teacher in the state of Illinois.

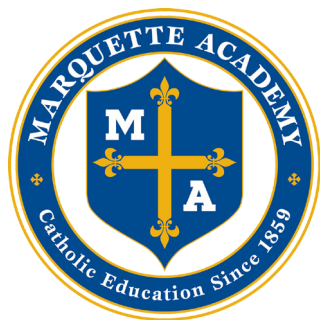
Principal Brooke Rick: "We are beyond blessed to have Ms. Diss at Marquette Academy. Her enthusiasm and passion for Agriculture Education is tremendous. She is certainly deserving of this award and we are so very excited for her to be the recipient of it."

"I pour my heart into teaching our kids, so I felt very honored to be recognized for it. People keep saying that Marquette is lucky to have me, but really I am the lucky one to be at Marquette! I am so happy to be an agricultural teacher and FFA advisor. It truly is the best career and I will be doing it until the day I retire!" Cally Diss

Marquette's FFA Program has increased to 55 students, with a total of 90 students taking other agricultural classes. FFA students learn by **doing**. This year they've attended the National Convention in Indianapolis with over 50,000 other FFA members present, Farm Progress Show, BUILD Conference, Elite Conference, and the Section 7 Leadership Training School.

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CRUSADERS *for Life*



Unable to go to national March for Life, students pray, rally together in Peoria.

Sharing the disappointment felt by many Catholic high school students in the diocese at not being able to attend that day's national March for Life in Washington, D.C., Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka offered a memorable lesson Jan. 21 to those attending alternate events planned for them in Peoria.

Bishop Tylka urged the students, and all who promote respect for life, to remember the "Four C's" – conviction, convincing, consistent, and compassion.



Students, chaplains, and chaperones from several schools pray the rosary outside the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria as part of a Respect Life Day organized for those who could not attend the national March for Life on Jan. 21. (The Catholic Post/Tom Dermody)



Kaitlyn Magoonagh of Marquette Academy in Ottawa leads a decade of the rosary as high school pro-life pilgrims gather outside the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria on Jan. 21. Other decades were led by, from left, Daniel Zalazinski of Chesterton Academy of the Sacred Heart, Peoria; Ashlyn Sullivan of Alleman in Rock Island; Jack Breummer of Central Catholic in Bloomington, and Mary Kathryn Kluesner of The High School of Saint Thomas More, Champaign. (The Catholic Post/Tom Dermody)



A table from Marquette Academy in Ottawa looks on as Down syndrome advocate Katie Shaw speaks during the annual March for Life rally in Washington, D.C. High school student representatives from across the diocese viewed the rally at the Spalding Pastoral Center in Peoria on Jan. 21. (The Catholic Post/Tom Dermody)

MARQUETTE MAKES \$ENSE!



Marquette Academy prepares students for a life of success! We have a 10:1 student to teacher ratio which means more individualized attention. We develop the whole student, nurturing spiritual, academic, social/emotional, and physical growth. Every student is known, valued and recognized. We reinforce the values you teach at home. *Marquette Academy is the only school in the area* to offer IVCC classes and the Running Start Program to our junior and senior level students. Making the investment in their education now, saves money on college tuition in the future.

- Nearly 70% of Junior & Senior students taking IVCC College Level classes
- Most will enter college with their first year completed.
- Average IVCC GPA for participating students - 3.51
- 45% of graduates earned 21.65 transferable college credits
- 5% of graduates earned 2 associate degrees (arts and science)
- The average cost per credit hour nationally is \$594 (US News and World Report)
- The average cost per credit hour for MA students is \$10 / credit hour with MA Instructor.
- The average cost per credit hour for MA students is \$94.50 / credit hour with IVCC Instructor.
- Average four-year tuition = \$20,000-\$24,000
- Return on Investment - the following classes received monies in the form of scholarships and/or financial aid...
 - Class of 2018- \$1.3 Million
 - Class of 2019- \$1.5 Million
 - Class of 2020- \$1.2 Million
 - Class of 2021- \$1.3 Million
- Total Scholarship Amount / Graduate - \$35,516.82



The Class of 2021 sporting their T-shirts on College Commitment Day. Not only did we have 35 students attend a 4-year college, 11 of them are also participating in college level athletics.

Year	Average Scholarship \$ / graduate
2018	\$39,393
2019	\$34,090
2020	\$33,333
2021	\$35,517

Student Spotlight

MA Fall Athletes BOAST 3.80 GPA

Marquette Academy Volleyball teams combined had an average GPA of 3.8. The majority are also multiple sport athletes, and involved in clubs and organizations. When students feel like they're involved in a skill or environment they're getting better at, and when they feel like there's a purpose to what they're doing, they come to understand that their efforts contribute to the greater good. Success is contagious, and we are proud of all our students and their accomplishments at every level!



Varsity: Cumulative 3.89



Sophomore:
Cumulative 3.76



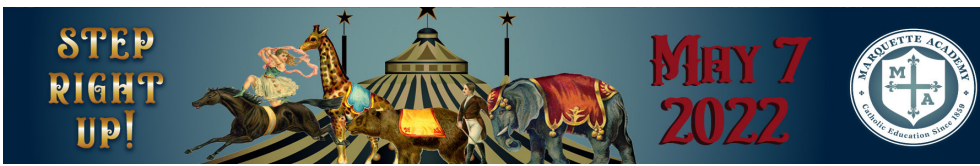
Freshman: Cumulative 3.77

GO CRU!

Ready to support MA and its students, but don't know how or what to support?

Here are just a few areas that will benefit from your gift: Scholarships, WYSE Team, STEM, Go Club, Fine Arts Club, Tuition Assistance, Sponsor an event, or shop with SCRIP. Please contact the Advancement Office at 815-433-0125 ext. 1018.

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Save the date for Saturday, May 7, 2022 for the 40th annual dinner/auction, MMM XL -

THE GREATEST SHOW – CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

Step right up! On May 7, 2022, Marquette Academy is hosting its 40th annual May Merriment dinner/auction. The last two years have really helped solidify the power of in-person gatherings. There's so much that comes from the energy of a group socializing and coming together for a great cause. May Merriment is that inspiring event that makes you realize the importance of what we do here at Marquette Academy. The primary purpose of May Merriment is to fund the gap between the cost of tuition and the true cost of education.

We are now in year two of dealing with the pandemic and have kept our students' education at the forefront. Enrollment is up at both campuses, and we are laser focused on making sure our children's lives remain as normal as possible, all while guiding them with faith through these unprecedented times. Please join in our efforts to invest in our students' present, so that they continue to have amazing futures! Your support is crucial in maintaining exceptional catholic education rooted in tradition.

Don't miss out on our **\$25,000 Big Cash Raffle!** With 5 other cash prizes available. Tickets cost \$100. Contact a Go Club member before 3/25/22 for an exclusive sale. **If you would like to be a table or event sponsor, or can donate to MMM40, please call us at 815-433-0125.**



This year's committee is as follows from left to right: Tom & Ellen Jobst (Honorary), Nancy & Dan Duchon, and Breck & Paul Craig.

To preview the fabulous auction items ahead of time, get in on some great raffles, donate to our Fund-a-Need, get all the details on our auction website: www.bidpal.net/mmm40.

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of May Merriment with us. Don't miss the social event of the year! Get your group of 8 together and be a Table Captain. Contact our office to make a reservation for MMM XL at **815-433-0125 ext. 1018**.

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