



## St. Thomas parishioner earns Eagle honors

ELGIN—Daniel Alexander “Alex” Aykroyd of Scout Troop 38 in Elgin received his Eagle Scout rank at the



(Photo provided)  
**Alex Aykroyd**

troop’s first Eagle Court of Honor on April 17 at the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge in Elgin. He is the son of

Jenny and Daniel Aykroyd and the older brother of Brendan. The Aykroyd family are members of St. Thomas More Parish in Elgin where Aykroyd was confirmed last year.

He began his Scout journey as a founding member of Troop 38 when he was in fifth grade. He served his troop as a Patrol Leader, a Senior Patrol Leader and an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and he is serving as a Troop Guide. Beyond the required merit badges for the Eagle Scout rank, Aykroyd has earned his Eagle Bronze, Silver, and Gold Palms. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow with Lowaneau Allanque Lodge 41 of Three Fires Council.

He has attended numerous campouts and scout activities with his troop including scout summer camps in several states. He earned his swimming merit badge in cold 55-degree water in South Dakota.

His Eagle Project consisted of designing, planning and overseeing the building of helmet cubbies for a local baseball league.

His project mentor was Patrick Cordes and his other Eagle mentors were Dave Carroll and Jason Johnston. Troop 38 scouts, leaders and his family members provided project support. The Central District Baseball League provided supplies.

He is a sophomore honor student at Burlington Central High School.



**Brooke Capparelli** **Isabella Casanovas** **Maia Italia**  
**Annie Molenhouse** **Anastasia Mucha** **Molly Sullivan**

## Seniors at Rosary sign to play at colleges

Six Rosary High School seniors signed letters of intent to play for colleges this spring. They join five athletes from the Aurora school who signed last fall. They and the schools they will play for are Brooke Capparelli, softball for Washington University in St. Louis; Isabella Casanovas, swimming for Augustana College in Rock Island; Maia Italia, cross country and track for Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; Annie Molenhouse, track for Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.; Anastasia Mucha, golf for St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa; and Molly Sullivan, volleyball for Augustana College in Rock Island.

## Marian Central seniors named state scholars

WOODSTOCK—Twenty-six Marian Central Catholic High School students were named 2021-22 Illinois State Scholars. Selected were Isabella Antonetti, John Bojan, Nathaniel Bucci, Alexandra De La Cruz, Molly Finnegan, Carlo Fragante, Gretchen Gilmore, Brian Hopp, Alexis Jolly, Elizabeth Kita, Jeremy Kleberg, Jenna Knapp, Grace Kramer, Morgan Laudick, Kacie Lingle, Tess Meisner, Abigail Miller, Timothy Miller, Kelsey Miner, Phillip Paulson, Morgan Piwonka, Mason Schwalbach, Katherine Strode, Jane Walsdorf, Joseph Walsdorf and Peter Walsdorf.

# Engineering design

## Boylan art students help rebrand company

ROCKFORD—Students in Boylan Central Catholic High School’s art and visual communications classes recently created new logos for Engineered Fibers Technology (EFT), a Connecticut-based company recently acquired by Cellusuede Products, Inc. in Rockford.

Junior Bridget Peterson was awarded \$150 for designing

the winning logo which EFT hopes to use by the end of the year once the company finishes its move from Connecticut to Rockford.

Senior Adelle Raymond received an honorable mention and was awarded \$100.

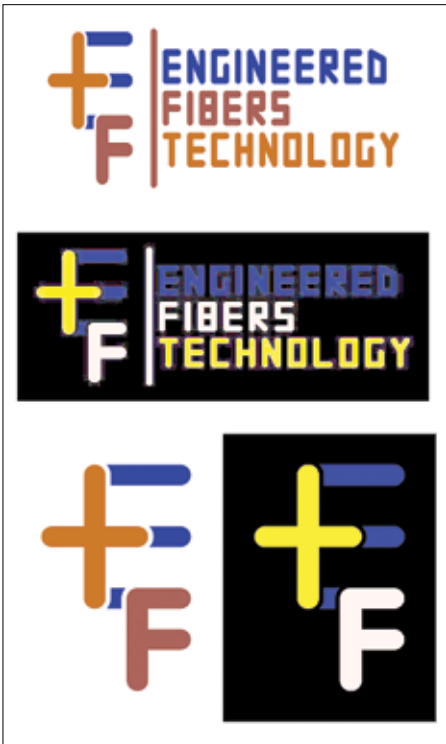
Boylan graduates Eric Honkamp, sales manager at Cellusuede Products, and Andy Honkamp, the company’s president and CEO, chose to have students at their alma mater design the logo.

“In discussions about advertising

and marketing, we found EFT’s logo to be basic and a bit unclear,” said Eric Honkamp. “The students were given a lot of room for creativity. We only asked that the company’s logo, acronym, and signature were included and could be easily applied to business cards, letterhead, and promotional materials.”

Boylan art teachers Missy Minardi and Claire Strominger opted to use the logo design project as a graded assignment after students met virtually with Eric Honkamp to discuss the guidelines.

The designs were sent to the Honkamp brothers for review, who independently selected their favorites before showing all of the entries to EFT’s employees for a final vote and consensus.



Junior Bridget Peterson’s designs won the EFT art challenge.



(Photos provided)

Boylan senior Adelle Raymond’s EFT logos took honorable mention in the company’s art challenge to students at their high school.



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## Boylan adds students to NHS

On April 14, Boylan Central Catholic High School in Rockford inducted 50 juniors into the National Honor Society at an in-person ceremony. They join 54 senior members who were previously inducted. New NHS members are (front row) Delanyie Terry, Cristal Sanchez, Teagan Blake, Sandy Ruiz-Diaz, Sarah Grace Bowyer, Katherine Fitzgerald, Lea Harb, Jacqueline Raleigh, Megan Kalma, Kaylee Wald, Avery Marcomb, Rachel Meisinger, Valerie Hagedorn, (second row) Bertha Ortiz, Matea Zec, Alyssa Marzorati, Jorgie Hampilos, Julianna Lorden, Noah Wirtjes,

Edward Kies, Kate Shields, Sydney Kohnle, Skylar Johnson, Brietta Coen, Mary Kassel, (third row) Benjamin Solana, Mateus Trigo, Nicholas Nondorf, James Huggins, Nolan Brauns, Timothy Dupre, Joseph Apino, Seth Gomel, Mark Larson, Vincent Maier, Joseph Thomas, (back row) Jacob Hindenburg, Daniel Summers, Michael Lynch, Dilen Renteria, Francesco Cascio, Andrew Prestegaard, Dirk Tecson II, Jack Bonavia, (not pictured) Kaylen Abrahamsen, Bryn Kiley, Anne Rose, Genevieve Ryan, Cassandra Schneider and Erika Sy.