



Called to serve

Three Boylan CCHS students nominated for military academies

Senior year of high school brings questions that go beyond the calculus textbook and move into the wider world. Students ask themselves where they should pursue an education, where they want to work and — most significantly — what they are called to do.

This January, three senior students at Boylan Central Catholic High School in Rockford received the answer to all three of these questions upon receiving Congressional nominations to military academies from Illinois State Representative Adam Kinzinger.

Ian McLean, Mateus Trigo and Genevieve Ryan were nominated to three different military academies. McLean will attend the United States Air Force Academy, Trigo will attend the U.S. Naval Academy and Ryan will attend the United States Military Academy, called West Point after its location

in New York.

These students' calls to service reflect the dedication they have displayed over their four years to service as well as academic and athletic excellence.

Ian McLean

Ian McLean was nominated to the Air Force Academy.

He is involved in football, swimming and baseball and received NIC-10 Scholar-Athlete recognition for all three sports.

He serves his classmates as a student ambassador and a member of Link Crew.

He was a Fine Arts Festival Finalist during his sophomore year.

McLean hopes to study quantitative economics.



Mateus Trigo

Mateus Trigo was nominated to the Naval Academy.

He is involved in swimming and Scholastic Bowl.

He earned the Bishop Lane Scholarship, highest Honors for six semesters and the AP Scholar with Distinction award. He is also part of the National Honor Society.

Trigo plans to study computer engineering.

Genevieve Ryan

Genevieve Ryan was nominated to West Point.

She is involved in swimming, bowling and softball. She received NIC-10



(Photos provided/ Devin Mainville) The military-nominated Boylan Central Catholic High School seniors pose, from left: Ian McLean, Mateus Trigo and Genevieve Ryan.

Scholar Athlete recognition. She is also part of the math team and the school newspaper.

She serves her classmates as a student ambassador and a member of the Natural Helpers organization.

She earned AP Scholar recognition and the Bishop Lane Scholarship as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen

Award and the National Merit Commended Student Award. She is also part of the National Honor Society.

She was an ILMEA All-State Honors Chorus member during her senior year.

Ryan is unsure about her career path but wants to study language and hopes to eventually become a teacher.

—Compiled with information provided by Brooke Pond.

B-ball battles

ROCKFORD—Boylan Central Catholic High School's Lady Titans went 3-0 in the third annual Boylan Reindeer Games to win their second championship in three years.

They defeated Neuqua Valley High School 49-45. Junior Maggie Schmidt had a career-high 23 points in the contest.

They then won against Aquin Catholic Schools 56-34, with Olivia Harter scoring 20 points.

The Lady Titans defeated McHenry High School 49-35 to win the championship on Dec. 30.



(Photos provided/ Paul Perrone) Boylan coach Paul Perrone invited the Aquin Catholic Schools' Bulldogs to join the Boylan Titans in a prayer circle prior to the tip-off.



The Lady Titans pose with a plaque after winning the Boylan Reindeer Games championship Dec. 30.

Diocesan basketball teams shoot for victory

AURORA—Aurora Central Catholic High School's Chargers fought a close game with Elmwood Park High School's Tigers in Aurora on Jan. 14. The game's final score was 38-44, resulting in a loss for the Chargers. At right, Aurora CCHS player Edrick Contreras puts up a shot.



(Photos provided/ Allan F. Benson)



Aurora Central Catholic High School's Michael O'Brien (left) drives the ball past Elmwood Park High School's Anthony Gutierrez.