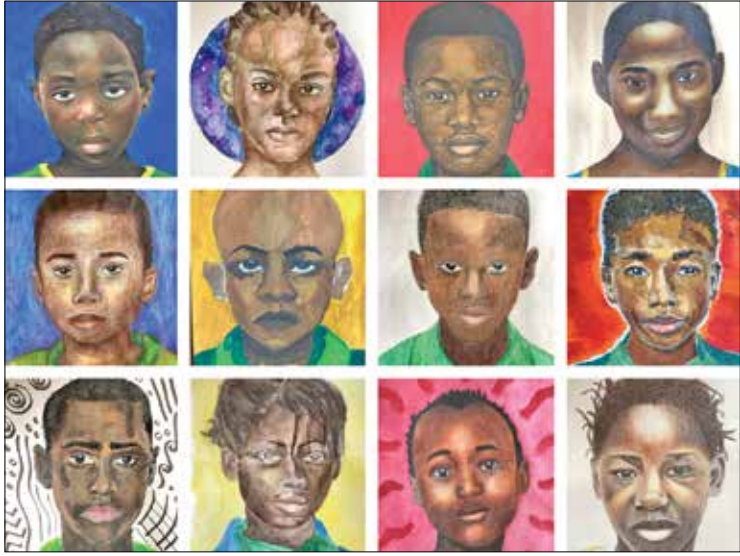


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(Photo composites/ Rosary High School)

This year's Memory Project portraits were sent to Sierra Leone.

Rosary HS artists share kindness, creativity in Memory Project

AURORA—Artists from Rosary High School participated in The Memory Project for the fifth year in 2022.

The Memory Project, a charitable nonprofit organization, donates portraits to youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges. The organization was founded by Ben Schumaker in 2004 after he spent a month working at an orphanage in Guatemala.

He realized that art teachers and their students could create portraits for these children that could serve as positive, tangible "memories."

Rosary High School's participating artists for 2021-22 include Tia Ybarra, Sofia Werner, Adalia Martinez, Isabella Pruneda, Marianna Alcantar, Emma Woodford, Sarai Gutierrez, Gianna German, Grace Fleming, Sarah Schmidt, Libby Saloga and Carolyn Krainak, the head of the art department.



(Photo/ Marian Central Catholic High School)

Marian Central Catholic High School students Ben Gallien (left) and Justas Venys pose with their teacher Joseph White.

Marian CCHS entrepreneurial students place at product pitch event

WOODSTOCK—Marian Central Catholic High School entrepreneurial students Benjamin Gallien and Justas Venys placed third at the recent Entrepreneurship Pitch Night at McHenry County College.

The pitch night at the college welcomed eight students from winning teams from individual high school pitch nights. Marian CCHS's pitch night was held May 17.

The pitch night events involved teams of students who presented their ideas to create new products and services to a panel of judges working in several industries. The products were meant to solve real-world problems.

Joseph White, Marian CCHS's business teacher, said of the winning students: "For generations, students were taught to find a job after graduation. Now, as entrepreneurs, they are being taught to create jobs instead of looking for them."

—Information provided by Marian Central Catholic High School and McHenry County College.

Care for creatures

Zachary Scherrer earns Eagle Scout honor for pet shelter project

WOODSTOCK—Zachary Scherrer joined the ranks of Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor June 4 at Resurrection Parish.

The son of Steve and Kimberly Scherrer, Zachary began his Scouting path in late April of 2015 with Troop 347 in the Sycamore District of Blackhawk Area Council. He advanced to Tenderfoot the following year and Second Class just two months later. He continued up the ranks until becoming a Life Scout in August of 2020.

Along the way, he earned 26 merit badges, including the 21 required for Eagle Scout.

Zachary's Eagle project



(Photo provided/ Jillian Chase)

Zachary Scherrer poses with his parents, Steve and Kimberly, after the Court of Honor June 4. He now sports a blue Eagle Scout neckerchief, which he received during the ceremony.

helped Purrfect Cat Rescue, a non-profit cat rescue organization in Crystal Lake. He and his fellow Scouts removed and replaced damaged carpeting and rope from 26 cat trees, making

them safer for the shelter cats. They also built, stained and painted 11 bird houses and hung them around the building to provide stimulation and activity for the cats throughout the year.

Those involved in the Court of Honor at Resurrection Parish included Scoutmaster Bill Stripp, Zachary's brother and fellow Eagle Scout Joshua and Troop 347's Scouts of different faiths. Although the troop is based out of Bethany Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, all joined the ceremony and celebration at the Catholic parish.

—Information provided by Jillian Chase and Father Stephen Glab.



(Photo provided/ Father Stephen Glab)

Zachary's brother Joshua (right), who became an Eagle Scout in 2020, speaks during the Court of Honor.

Camp prep

Marmion students serve area summer camp

AURORA—Twenty-five students from Marmion Academy came together on June 3 to serve the Off the Street Club at Camp Mathieu in Wheaton, preparing the campsite for summer.

The Off the Street Club, Camp Mathieu's parent organization, annually provides a safe place for 1,000 young people to experience a regular summer,

complete with swimming, games and hikes.

The camp is crucial because "home" for the campers is West Garfield Park, Chicago, one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in the United States, with a crime rate over four times higher than the national average.

The service day, organized by Marmion students Dylan Roenna '23 and Jacob



(Photos/ Marmion Academy)

One student cleans the windows of a camp building on June 3.

Seiner '24, involved cleaning bikes, clearing leaves and completing other chores for the camp.



Three participants in the Marmion service day clean up and polish dusty and dirty bikes for the campers at Camp Mathieu.