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(Photo/ Aquin Catholic Schools)

Aquin Women's Volleyball Team Closes Undefeated Summer Season

FREPORT—The Lady Bulldogs volleyball team at Aquin Catholic Schools finished the summer off-season with a 16-0 record after competing against various schools through two volleyball leagues: the VC United League in Loves Park and the Lena-Winslow League in Lena.

Rosary Swimmers Compete, Fare Well In National Meet

AURORA—Rosary High School swimmers Elizabeth Nawrocki ('25) and Becky Rentz ('25) competed at the Speedo Junior National Championships Aug. 1-5 in Irvine, Calif. (pictured).

To qualify, Nawrocki and Rentz were among the fastest swimmers in their events in the United States, said coach Glenn Brown.

Both swimmers competed at the state level last year, with Nawrocki taking fourth for the 100-yard breaststroke, and Rentz taking second in the 100-yard butterfly. Both also competed in relay events.



(Photo/ Rosary High School)



(Photo/ Aurora Central Catholic High School Golf Team)

Aurora CCHS Golfer Makes Top 10 in Summer Off-Season Tournament

AURORA—Aurora Central Catholic High School sophomore Natalia Salazar placed 10th overall (of 20) in a tournament held by the Mid-American Junior Golf Tour (MAJGT), July 18-19. The tournament was held at Springbrook Golf Course in Naperville.

Salazar has competed regularly in offseason tournaments to prepare herself for the upcoming fall golf season.

She returns as the top-scoring Lady Charger for the 2022 season.

Building for the birds

Rosary junior studies at college architecture camp

Rising Rosary High School junior Gianna German was one of 24 high school students selected for the Architecture/Design camp hosted by the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She spent a week in June on campus for the camp.

"Architecture has always been a top career choice of mine, and I thought this would be a great opportunity to further explore a career I'm interested in, while experiencing life on a campus I'm interested in attending," German said.

Learning at the camp extended outside the classroom, German explained.

"We traveled around the campus and had the opportunity to sketch different landmarks and buildings, while also putting together our final project," she said. "The project had us using the skills we learned over the week to develop into an architectural structure. We each created a bird house that fit the needs of a bird that we researched."

The students presented their projects to their families at a breakfast reception on the last day.

"One of my favorite experiences was staying in the dorms, and forming friendships and bonds with the others in the camp (from all around the country)



German focuses on a painting during classroom time at the camp.



(Photos/ Rosary High School)

Part of Gianna German's presentation included sketches, paintings and photos explaining elements of her bird house, such as the woven string.

through our similar passion for architecture and design," she said.

"I really felt like I expanded my knowledge about architecture, while benefiting from my classmates' ideas and knowledge. I really learned to think like a designer and learned so much about the design process from the professors, who are so passionate about their field!"

German's interest in architecture goes back to middle school, when she enjoyed completing kits. She has studied several books on the subject.

"This camp was my first opportunity to really dive into architecture," she said.

She is considering majoring in architecture or psychology.

—Provided by Rosary High School.

"Charging" into the year

ACC welcomes freshmen



Students set up their new school laptops in the library.



(Photos/ Aurora Central Catholic High School)

It's Everyone's First Day at ACC

Father Sean Grismer, the new spiritual director for Aurora Central Catholic High School, chats with three freshmen during orientation Aug. 10.