

Fine Art '24

Catholic Photographers Place 10 Times in Kane ROE Contest

KANE COUNTY—Students taught by art teachers Lauren Hansford at Rosary High School, Lisa Dzuricko at Marmion Academy and Carolyn Krainak at Aurora Central Catholic High School (ACC) placed 10 times in the annual Kane County Regional Office of Education student photography contest.

The Catholic high school photographers placed in nine out of the ten contest weeks. Each week received hundreds of entries with only ten winners chosen.

Despite the tough competition, Marmion student Nicholas De Leon scored the top spot in the ninth week with "Flowers," capturing a joyful moment for the "Emotions" theme.

Three photographers were returners, featured in past years. Rosary student Sam Scheck was featured all four years of high school, from 2021 to 2024. De Leon and fellow Marmion student David Brol both placed in 2023's contest.

The photos featured in the contest were displayed at The Dock at 150 First Street in Batavia on Dec. 12. To see all the photos, visit <https://kaneroe.org/student-photography-contest/>

—Photos and event information provided by the Kane County Regional Office of Education.



Week 9, Nicholas De Leon '25
"Flowers," Weekly Winner



Week 1, Analeigha Rodriguez '28
"Diamond Waves"



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Week 2, Ryan Blakeslee '25
"School Spirit"



Week 3, Ryan Caballes '25
"Profile"



Week 3, Gabryel Smith '26
"Flos Lucidus"



Week 4, Collin Renteria '25
"Station"



Week 5, Charles Dee '25
"To the Sunset"



Week 6, Levi Eddy '26
"Overturned Season"



Week 7, David Brol '27
"Ducks"



Week 8, Sam Scheck '25
"Role Model"

2024 Kane County ROE Photography Contest Winners	
WEEK 1: Texture Analeigha Rodriguez '28 <i>Rosary High School</i>	WEEK 5: Action and Adventure Charles Dee '25 <i>Marmion Academy</i>
WEEK 2: School Spirit Ryan Blakeslee '25 <i>Marmion Academy</i>	WEEK 6: Minimalism Levi Eddy '26 <i>Rosary High School</i>
WEEK 3: Contrast Ryan Caballes '25 <i>Marmion Academy</i> Gabryel Smith '26 <i>Rosary High School</i>	WEEK 7: Flora & Fauna David Brol '27 <i>Marmion Academy</i>
WEEK 4: Nostalgia Collin Renteria '25 <i>Aurora Central Catholic High School</i>	WEEK 8: Portrait Sam Scheck '25 <i>Rosary High School</i>
	WEEK 9: Emotions Nicholas De Leon '25 <i>Marmion Academy</i>

Students in Rockford Diocese Honored for Civic Service

BATAVIA—The 55th annual Pearl Harbor Day Luncheon Dec. 9, co-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aurora United and the Navy League Aurora Council, gathered veterans to reflect on Pearl Harbor and called on community members to be ready to help maintain peace and security.

Area students, including three from the Rockford Diocese, were honored with the Ted Brattin Civic Youth Award. Each recipient received \$800. Awardees were, from left: Lincoln Majersky, West Aurora High School; Samantha Rangel, Rosary High School; Eva Marie Diahn, Mooseheart Child City and School; Ryan Caballes, Marmion Academy; Aarna Patel, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy; and Claire Perez, Aurora Central Catholic High School. Not shown are Yareliz Rivera, East Aurora High School and Raghav Nasana, Neuqua Valley High School.

—By Al Benson.



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