

# IN THE CLASSROOM



**Emma Dibra**  
Notre Dame High School  
Class of 2024



## **Congratulations to junior Emma Dibra '24, who was recently nominated by her AP US History teacher, Mr. Rockett, for an Academic Spotlight!**

According to her teacher, Emma has been an outstanding participant in the Harvard Case Study Method discussions. She has led the pack with critical insights and connections that have inspired a deeper understanding of the topic. Mr. Rockett noted how Emma challenges both her peers and her teacher to be their very best.

It is for her numerous contributions to her AP class that the spotlight has been shined on Emma Dibra. Congrats!



Thanks to the creativity, imagination and some serious scholarship, seniors in **Dr. Callaghan's** AP Humanities class spent Monday, April 24 immersed in the life and times of the Middle Ages in England, Ireland and Western Europe. Informed by several months of detailed research, students assumed the daily concerns and customary dress of a medieval person, whether of high or low estate. They then presented or demonstrated their area of expertise and educated us all in the customs and culture of the times.

Of course, what would a faire be without a table laden heavy with the foods of feasting? We were accompanied by four master cooks! They prepared for us many treats of the time: cinnamon bread pudding, homemade sausage, roasted chicken, sharp cheddar, plum cakes, blueberries, strawberries, tarts de brie, baked beans and soda bread. Certainly at the end of such a sweet and savory time--of both the Faire and the Middle Ages in general--we had much to celebrate!



The Connecticut Association Of Schools held their 28th annual awards banquet to honor CT's visual and performing arts students.

Notre Dame's recipients for 2023 are Amy Fernandes '23 (Performing Arts) and Noelle Prophet '23 (Visual Arts). Way to go!



Senior and junior members of the French Honor Society helped to spread some Easter joy by completing the society's annual service project.

Members collected non-perishable food items and made an Easter breakfast basket and dinner basket. Both were delivered to Our Lady of Assumption church and will be distributed by **Father Peter Cipriani** to less fortunate families in our area.



Students in the advanced drawing/painting studio, sculpture/3D and portfolio studios went to Sacred Heart University for the 28th Art in Design Expo.

Our Lancers were able to view all the beautiful and original pieces created by the SHU Art and Design students, speak with the professors, and attend a presentation by multidisciplinary artist, Philip Lique.

The group picture includes all students with ND Art instructor, **Jen Strausser**, and SHU Associate Professor of Art and Design, Jack de Graffenried, MFA.



Students in the ND Art Club completed the "Sweet Seat!". The blue school chair was decoupled with candy wrappers using "modge podge." Once sealed, the chair will be used in the art room for visiting students.



After three months of composing and editing, students in Spanish 3 created a children's story resembling a fable. Students centered their characters around animals who in the end provided a didactic lesson for children to learn. For their service learning project, students then read their story to the K-2

bilingual classes at Barnum Elementary School. They also gave each child a stuffed animal, representing one of the characters. As our ND students reflected on the experience, the majority felt the project was difficult, but the service made all things worth it.