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Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation Announces 2019 Service Award Winner

Maria Yarussi '19 Honored at Senior Awards Ceremony

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation is proud to announce the 2019 winner of its annual Service Award, Maria Ann Yarussi. The \$1,500 scholarship was presented during the CCHS Senior Awards Ceremony held on May 29th at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Maria's passion for serving others in her community is evident in her love for the CCHS mission trips and her assistance in the Campus Ministry department. She has served as an assistant teacher in the Confirmation program and with Operation Christmas Child. As a part of the "Bridge" program, Maria helped a child with disabilities during Faith Formation, and has volunteered with Vacation Bible School at St. Gabriel. She served as a Student Ambassador at CCHS, was a member of the Levine Buddies Club,

and helped with the HeartWork Camp. She also participated in the Kairos retreat during three of her four years, and served as a coordinator as well. In addition to all of her service activities, Maria played JV and Varsity soccer at CCHS.

Maria is the daughter of Michael and Christine Yarussi of Waxhaw. She will continue her soccer career Mars Hill University in the fall, and plans to study occupational therapy.

The CCHS Foundation Service Award was established to recognize a graduating senior solely for his or her community service. It is presented to a senior who not only spends many hours serving the community, but also chooses several different kinds of service. School spirit, empathy, compassion, dedication, and diversity of service all are characteristics of the winner of this scholarship. CCHS Campus Ministry and Guidance Department faculty members nominate students who meet the criteria, and a selection committee chooses the winner.

Mr. Rick Rossitch, Vice President of the CCHS Foundation, presented the award. “Service to school, church, and community, going above and beyond the classroom requirements, surely is commendable,” he said. “Maria truly has embraced the Charlotte Catholic culture of service to others, and we are proud to recognize that today.”

The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation was established in 1974 with a mission to enrich the spiritual, academic, and cultural development of our students by raising funds to support Charlotte Catholic High School. With the support of the CCHS community, the Foundation has raised more than \$1 million for Charlotte Catholic.

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Maria Yarussi '19 accepts the CCHS Foundation Service Award from Mr. Rick Rossitch, Vice President of the CCHS Foundation

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