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The 2024 Region 11 Meredith Merlini Catholic Youth Scholarship Program

2024 Scholarship Award Announcement

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The Region 11 CYO Board of Athletic Directors is pleased to announce the award recipients of our 2024 Scholarship Program for graduating 8th graders from member parishes who are continuing their education this Fall at an Archdiocesan or private Catholic high school.

In the program this year we received 44 essays for scholarship consideration. We asked the students to write about past or present Olympians who would make worthy role models for the youth of Region 11 CYO.

An independent panel of ten former but long-time CYO coaches and administrators who no longer coached CYO nor had children attending elementary school was formed to review the essays anonymously to ensure an unbiased evaluation. The committee initially evaluated all 44 essays and chose 10 essays as finalists. Those 10 finalist essays were then re-evaluated and the judges ultimately chose five students to each be awarded a \$1,000 Region 11 CYO Scholarship.

The 2024 Region 11 CYO Scholarship Award recipients are:

Delaney Holwick – Saint Genevieve parish and school.

Delaney will attend Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School this Fall.

She wrote about Olympians Abbey D'Agostino and Katie Ledecy.

Brigid Hopkins – Our Lady Help of Christians parish and Queen of Angels school.

Brigid will attend Archbishop Wood High School this Fall.

She wrote about Olympians Grace McCallum and Rebecca Dissault.

Catharine Hopkins – Our Lady Help of Christians parish and Queen of Angels school.

Catharine will attend Villa Joseph Marie High School this Fall.

She wrote about Olympians Allyson Felix and Kerri Walsh.

Rachel Vozniak – Saint Alphonsus parish.

Rachel will attend Mount Saint Joseph Academy this Fall.

She wrote about Olympians Loretta Claiborne and Kerri Strug.

Francesca Welty – Nativity of Our Lord parish and school.

Francesca will attend Mount Saint Joseph Academy this Fall.

She wrote about Olympians Simone Biles and Grace McCallum.

Congratulations to our 2024 Region 11 CYO Meredith Merlini Scholarship Award Recipients.