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The Program

SIX O'CLOCK
Cocktail Reception

SEVEN O'CLOCK
Dinner

EIGHT-THIRTY
Presentation Ceremony

Introduction

Marcus E. O'Rourke, Jr., Vice President, Board of Directors

Presentations

McBee Butcher, Jr., Master of Ceremonies

The 2025 Jimmy Medal

Presentation of Debutantes and Young Gentlemen

NINE O'CLOCK
Dancing

The Renaissance Orchestra

TEN-THIRTY
Breakfast

TWELVE O'CLOCK
Festivities Conclude



WELCOME

to The 145th Philadelphia Charity Ball

A message from Warren Claytor, President of the Board of Directors

Your participation in the Philadelphia Charity Ball is a testament to your shared vision to carry out the mission of our beloved organization established 145 years ago. That is, to inspire and encourage philanthropy in young people and to raise funds and awareness for deserving charities. This beautiful ball, steeped in Philadelphia tradition, exemplifies the charitable spirit and moral duty of our young ladies and gentlemen of contributing to our community. Let these courageous and benevolent young people, leaders among their peers, inspire us to follow their lead as they continue to choose a life in which philanthropy is their guiding light.

Once again, this year's beneficiary is Special Olympics Pennsylvania. In May 1970, its first-ever competition was held with only 135 athletes participating in a small

track and field competition at West Chester University. Now, in its 55th year, Special Olympics Pennsylvania has flourished, growing into an organization that trains nearly 16,000 Special Olympics Pennsylvania athletes to compete across 54 local county programs at over 300 annual competitions in Olympic-type sports with the help of dozens of coaches and volunteers. In particular, the Philadelphia Charity Ball altruistically vows its support of the "Inclusion Revolution", a campaign launched by Special Olympics "to end discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities and to create a fully inclusive world".

"Bring Your Charity to the Ball" extends the Charity Ball's inclusivity by enabling the debutantes to identify other worthy organizations as beneficiaries of the



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Philadelphia Charity Ball is two-fold: to raise funds for non-profit organizations focused on youth in Philadelphia, and to inspire the young people of Philadelphia to make philanthropy a central part of their lives.

The Philadelphia Charity Ball is a tradition that dates back to 1881. It is a formal celebration and gathering that has raised millions of dollars for a variety of worthwhile charities over the years. Each year the Ball endeavors to build on and continue this tradition. For the first century, the beneficiaries of the Ball were the Philadelphia hospitals and the results of these events are evident throughout our local hospital system.

The Philadelphia Charity Ball is part of the fabric of the history of Philadelphia. Many past participants have gone on to assume positions in Philadelphia area charitable organizations.

Charity Ball. We encourage all of you to help spread the word to support these organizations as well. I am filled with gratitude for the many people whose hard work and unwavering support are instrumental in the success of this ball and our mission. I would like to thank this year's debutantes, young men's committee members, and their families, whose involvement and generosity is greatly appreciated. I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing work of our committed and enthusiastic Board of Directors, whose dedication, wisdom and guidance throughout the year make the ball a huge success. I wish to express my deep gratitude to our talented, selfless, and incredible Executive Director, Lydia Butcher, whose deep devotion and extraordinary passion make this ball possible. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the

sponsors and guests that are here this evening. May you further guide and inspire the young people here to become future philanthropic leaders, while at the same time, help us continue to build on the history of this important Philadelphia tradition. Finally, I would like to thank my friends and family who have been so generous in their philanthropic efforts to help make this year's ball possible. We are all truly blessed to be able to come together to celebrate this time-honored tradition. In the words of George Washington, "Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected."

Warren Claytor

President, The Philadelphia Charity Ball

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Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. Through sports, health, education and community programming, Special Olympics is tackling inactivity, intolerance, isolation and injustice that people throughout the world face, especially people with intellectual disabilities. The athletes of Special Olympics – more than 20,000 strong in Pennsylvania and nearly 1,400 strong here in Philadelphia – are constant reminders of all that is right with the human spirit.

The mission of Special Olympics Pennsylvania is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. All training and competition opportunities are provided free of charge to the athletes and their families, enabling everyone to experience the benefits of Special Olympics that extend well beyond the playing field.



The 2024 Jimmy Medal Winner



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THE 2025 JIMMY MEDAL

ELIZABETH MALCOLM

The Jimmy Medal identifies and celebrates individuals who make a positive difference in the lives of others. Through their actions they exemplify the virtues of resiliency, humility, empathy and loyalty.



Elizabeth joined the Special Olympics of Montgomery County in 2016 after participating in a Girls on the Run club at her elementary school. Her coach quickly recognized her as a natural runner. Wanting to nurture both her athletic talent and social opportunities, Elizabeth's parents searched for programs where she could thrive, but many fell short. It wasn't until a mutual friend introduced them to Special Olympics that they truly felt at home. After one of her first practices, Elizabeth told her parents, "We finally found our people."

Elizabeth's athletic journey has been filled with milestones. Her bedroom proudly displays her many medals, each labeled with the event and date, creating a timeline of her accomplishments. She is an active member of both the track and field (athletics) team and the long-distance running and walking team. In addition, she has participated in gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and flag football through Special Olympics.

Special Olympics has become a family affair. Both of Elizabeth's parents serve as volunteer coaches, and when her older brother lived at home, he also volunteered his time.

This year, Elizabeth set a new challenge for herself; to complete a 10K race. She trained diligently throughout the season and proudly competed in the 10K Unified Division alongside her Unified partner at Villanova University's Fall Fest. It was an incredible accomplishment for someone who has long preferred sprinting the 100 meters, a distance where she has repeatedly excelled. Elizabeth has qualified for the Penn Relays Special Olympics Women's 100-Meter event six times, winning gold in 2022 and 2025.

Through Special Olympics, Elizabeth has gained tremendous confidence and independence. Once the youngest member of her team and lovingly supported by her peers, she is now a leader and role model for new athletes. Outgoing, enthusiastic, and kind, Elizabeth continues to embody the spirit of inclusion, friendship, and joy that make Special Olympics so special.





DEBUTANTES

Miss Morgan Blanche Hellebusch

Miss Ava Elizabeth Reece

Miss Sarah Lukscheider

Miss Louisa Marie Sandorff

MORGAN BLANCHE HELLEBUSCH

Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Stroud Hellebusch

Morgan is a 2023 graduate and 14-year “lifer” of Germantown Academy where she served as Kershaw House prefect, yearbook editor, a Form Representative, and an Academy Scholar. She received the Kershaw Award her senior year.

She is now a Junior at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, double majoring in Public Relations Strategic Communications and Fashion Media with a minor in Business. She is a member of Tri Delta Sorority where she serves as Director of Member Selection. In addition to her full course load, Morgan is Director of Photography for SMU’s fashion magazine, *SMU Look*, and works on the creative team for SMU football.

An avid runner, she recently completed her third half-marathon last weekend in the Dietz & Watson Philadelphia Half-Marathon and raised over \$1,000 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. She enjoys exercising, especially at Pure Barre, taking her dogs on walks, cooking, and spending time with friends and family. This spring, Morgan will study abroad in Barcelona.



AVA ELIZABETH REECE

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glen A. Reece

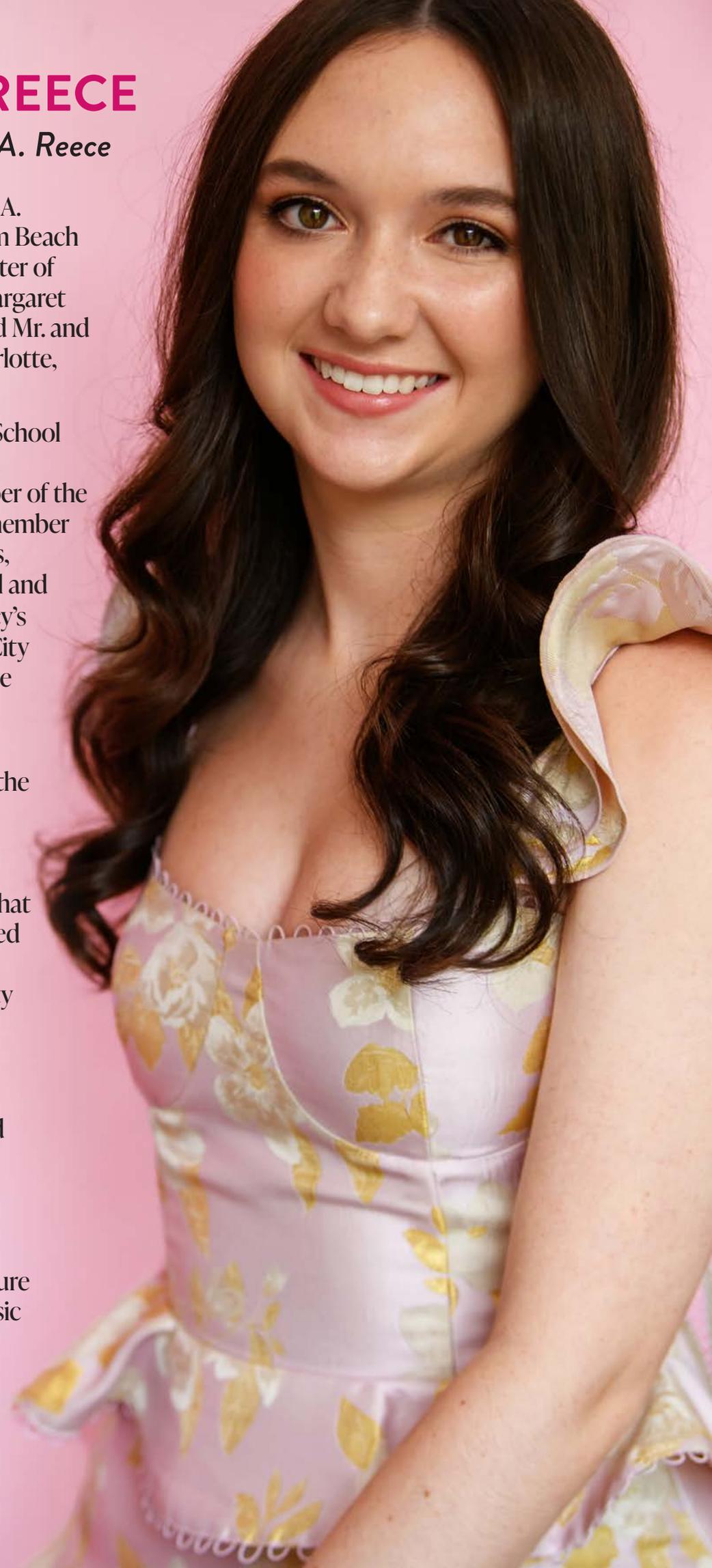
Ava is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Glen A. Reece (Laura Louise Swanstrom) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Swanstrom (Margaret Boyer) of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd V. Reece (Shirley May) of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Miss Reece is a senior at The Benjamin School in Palm Beach Gardens, where she is an accomplished student and active member of the school community. She is a dedicated member of the Varsity Dance Team, The Dazzlers, and has performed at a variety of school and national events, including the 2024 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and pre-game and halftime shows for the Miami Dolphins.

Academically distinguished, Miss Reece has consistently earned recognition on the Honor Roll, High Honors, and the Head of School List. She is a member of the National English Honor Society and has pursued a rigorous academic program that includes numerous Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Following her graduation, she will attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, as an honors college student majoring in Finance.

Deeply committed to serving her community, Miss Reece has volunteered with several charitable organizations, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Students Speak Up for Kids, El Sol Neighborhood Resource Center and the Ronald McDonald House. In her leisure time, she enjoys cooking, attending music and sporting events, travel, pilates, and spending time with family and friends.

Miss Reece is honored to be presented and is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this cherished tradition.



SARAH LUKSCHEIDER

*Daughter of Mr. Robert Lukscheider and
Granddaughter of Ms. Anna Lukscheider*



Sarah is a first-year student at LaSalle University majoring in nursing and health sciences. Sarah is enthusiastic about her chosen path of study, inspired by her first-hand experiences beginning at an early age. Sarah's journey through life began without the ability to hear sounds of life or spoken words, which many take for granted. Her silent world ended just prior to her second birthday when she received a cochlear implant, giving her the gift of hearing. Sarah's indomitable spirit, tenacity, and drive ensued, and she now fluently speaks two languages, sign language and is studying a third.

Sarah is a 2025 graduate of St Hubert's Catholic High School in Philadelphia, where she excelled academically as a member of the National Honor Society, the ministry club, and was awarded the Howley ASPIRE Nurse Scholars Program. In addition to her current studies at LaSalle, Sarah is actively working at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital caring for patients as part of the ASPIRE Program. Her strong academic drive and successful accomplishments were awarded with the Denise Anhalt Scholarship upon graduation from St. Huberts.

Sarah truly embodies the spirit of philanthropy. She actively volunteers with the Special Olympics at LaSalle. Sarah participates in the American Cancer Society Walk for Cancer, feeding the homeless, and caring for the elderly. Sarah's passion is advocating for children unable to hear; her Bring Your Own Charity sponsored the American Society for Deaf Children.

Sarah enjoys figure skating, swimming, camping, hiking, mixed martial arts, piano, reading, writing short stories, and traveling. She received the presidential fitness award at Saint Lucy/Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf and Blind, teaches disabled children water safety and swimming during the summers and figure skating during the winters.

Sarah is honored by the privilege of being a Debutante in the 145th Philadelphia Charity Ball. Her mission going forward is to serve as a role model to those with disabilities, lighting the way by showing them what can be achieved with courage and following one's dreams, so that they may become reality.

LOUISA MARIE SANDORFF

*Daughter of Mr. Erik Andreas Sandorff
& Mrs. Ingrid Van Wormer Sandorff*

Louisa is a senior at Conestoga High School where she enjoys studying comparative government and French. She plans on majoring in international studies in college with an eye to studying law. Louisa has been on the Varsity Swim Team since her freshman year and has competed every year in the Central League swimming competitions. She loves how the noise of the crowd falls away when she dives in the water, and the feeling when she knows she will be the first to touch the wall. But most of all, she loves bonding with her teammates. When she was 10, Louisa began studying ballet and progressed to dancing on pointe in eighth grade. She has danced in the Nutcracker several times and has recently transitioned to modern dance and jazz.

Louisa loves traveling. This past summer, she enjoyed a family reunion in Copenhagen, hiked Trolltunga and swam in the freezing waters of the Aurlandsfjord in Norway. She has also hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and enjoyed the cuisine, sights and culture of France, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland with her family. In addition to being fluent in Spanish, Louisa speaks French and spent a month in Toulouse, France with a host family the summer after her sophomore year.

Writing is another interest of Louisa's and she teaches writing to elementary and middle school students at Centro de Cultura, Arte, Trabajo y Educación. Louisa helps her students write in their first language and then helps them to translate it into the second language for publication in the Center's bi-lingual magazine. She is always amazed to see how her students' personalities and imaginations come out in their writings.

Louisa enjoys playing piano, guitar and singing. In her free time, she likes to read historical fiction and mysteries. Louisa is honored to be a 2025 debutante and to help support Special Olympics Pennsylvania.





YOUNG GENTLEMEN

Mister Schuyler Reed Ganz

Mister Alexander Demetriades Hodges

Mister Tegvir Singh Khela

Mister Kyle Robert McAuley

SCHUYLER REED GANZ

Son of Mrs. Ashley Isaacs Ganz & Mr. Steven Ganz



Schuyler is currently a senior at The Shipley School, where he is involved at a leadership level in many academic and extracurricular pursuits.

He is deeply interested in finance and investing. Schuyler co-founded the Shipley Business Club, serves as an active member of the Shipley Stocks and Investment Club, is Vice President of Shipley's DECA Club, and has participated in the Wharton Global High School Investment Competition.

This past summer, Schuyler attended the Wharton Global Youth Program at the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied finance alongside approximately 80 participants from around the world.

Outside the classroom, Schuyler enjoys playing squash and tennis, visiting garden and nature sites, and working out at the Merion Cricket Club.

Schuyler loves traveling internationally. Some of his favorite destinations include Italy, England, France, Switzerland, Morocco, Japan and India. During the summer, Schuyler enjoys spending time with his family at their home in Margate, New Jersey.

Schuyler is a member of several organizations devoted to historical, preservation, and charitable causes, including the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution and The Holland Society.

He is honored to be a member of the Young Men's Committee of The Philadelphia Charity Ball and looks forward to a memorable and meaningful evening celebrating service, tradition and community.

ALEXANDER DEMETRIADES HODGES

Son of Ms. Elizabeth White Hodges

Alexander is a student at Henderson High School in West Chester. He is actively involved in his school community and plays lacrosse, a sport that has helped him develop discipline, balance his academic and athletic commitments, and stay motivated. His family has a deep connection to Philadelphia's traditions; his grandmother, Jean Hodges, was a debutante. He is honored to continue that legacy by participating in the Philadelphia Charity Ball. Looking ahead, Alexander plans to attend Villanova University in the fall of 2026, where he hopes to challenge himself academically and continue serving his community. Outside the classroom, he enjoys staying active, building leadership skills, and taking on roles that allow him to contribute and grow. Alexander values opportunity, responsibility, and purpose, and he looks forward to contributing to this event and to the broader community as he enters the next chapter of his life.



TEGVIR SINGH KHELA

Son of Kulwant S. Khela & Maninder K. Khela



Tegvir Khela is an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Biochemistry and Biophysics. He volunteers with SafeBAE and It's On Us, national organizations dedicated to sexual assault prevention and survivor advocacy, and works with Penn Violence Prevention to help foster safer campus communities.

Tegvir is also involved in science outreach, volunteering at local Philadelphia high schools to mentor students interested in STEM and organize hands-on demonstrations in biology, chemistry, and physics. Through this work, he aims to make scientific research more accessible and engaging for younger students.

Outside academics, he trains in mixed martial arts and enjoys skiing. He plans to pursue an MD-PhD, combining clinical practice with research in chemical physics.

KYLE ROBERT McAULEY

Son of Dr. Valerie McAuley & Mr. Paul McAuley

Kyle Robert McAuley is a model and student currently taking a break from his studies at Temple University to pursue his modeling career. Since joining Main Line Models & Talent of Glen Mills in 2021, he has walked the runway for New York Fashion Week, Philly Fashion Week, and Atlantic City Fashion Week. His accomplishments include winning Male Model of the Year at Atlantic City Fashion Week and placing at IMTA in both runway and swimsuit categories. Kyle was also invited to the prestigious European Model Showcase in Paris, where he signed with VNModels in Greece and MDI Models in South Korea. He has modeled for brands like Calvin Klein and Guess, doing catalog work, sportswear, and runway, to name a few.

Beyond modeling, Kyle is passionate about giving back to the community. Inspired by his 22-year-old brother with autism, he has volunteered with organizations such as Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and West Bradford Youth Athletics Special Needs Soccer. He is an active member of the Temple community garden. He has also spent his summers serving with the Philadelphia Project through his church.







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Morgan Hellebusch volunteered at FabScrap, an organization that transforms discarded fabrics into valuable resources.



Louisa Sandorff volunteered at the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Fall Festival at Villanova University.



Sarah Lukscheider volunteered with Special Olympics at LaSalle University.

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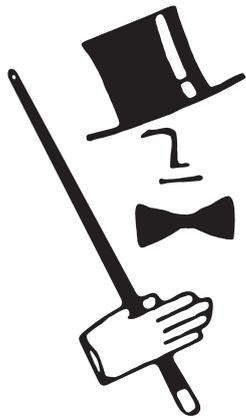
Louisa Sandorff taught Babel, a writing class at Centro de Cultura, Arte, Trabajo y Educación (CCATE)



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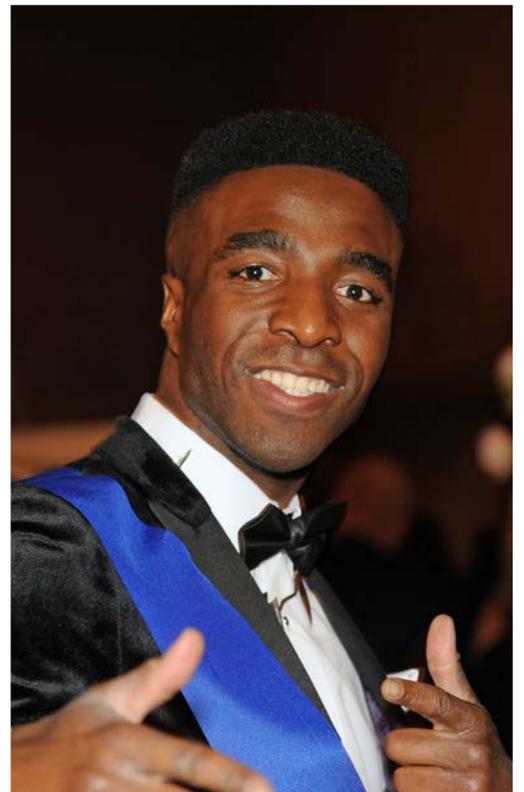
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*Front Row (l to r): Sabrina Yvonne Sandorff, Kathleen Thi Mark,
Annabelle Sinclair McDonald*

*Back Row (l to r): John Paul Gallagher, Ajay Baran Chakraborty,
Lucas Marlen Reasons, Shane Carl Reasons*





2024
DEBUTANTES
& PARENTS



*Miss Sabrina Yvonne Sandorff
daughter of Mr. Erik Andreas Sandorff & Mrs. Ingrid Van Wormer Sandorff*



*Miss Annabelle Sinclair McDonald
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James W. McDonald IV*



*Miss Kathleen Thi Mark
daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Peter W. Mark*



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Andrea, John, Trevor, London Pettibone & Bonnie Williams



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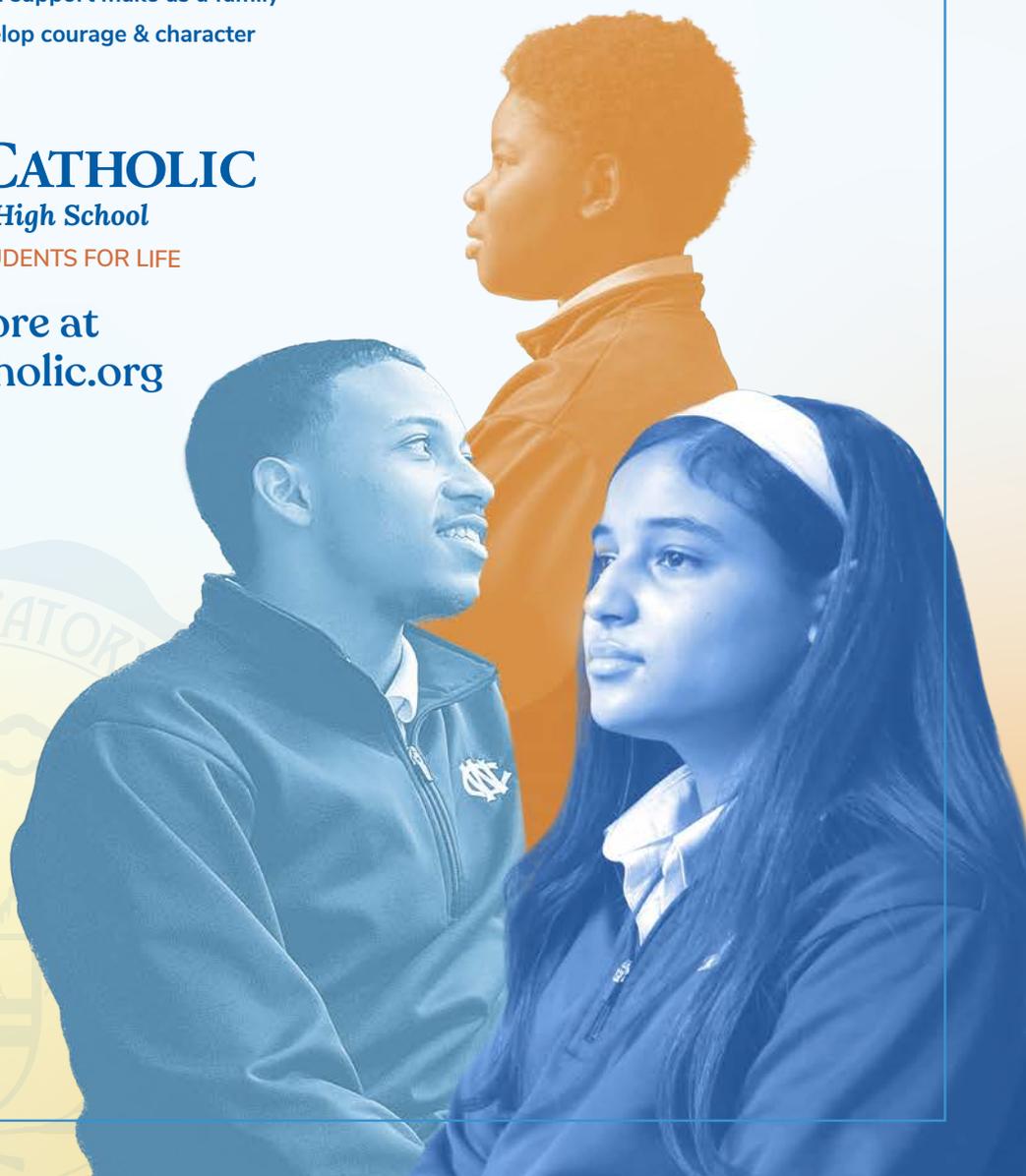
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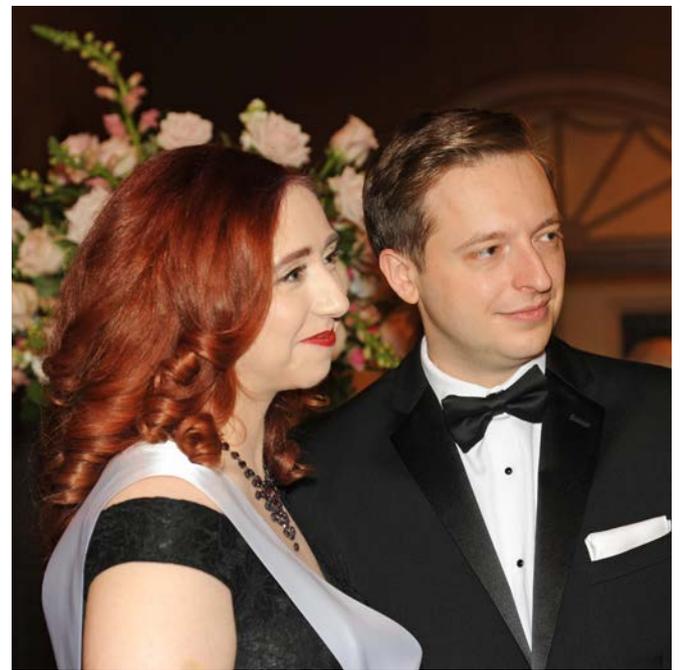




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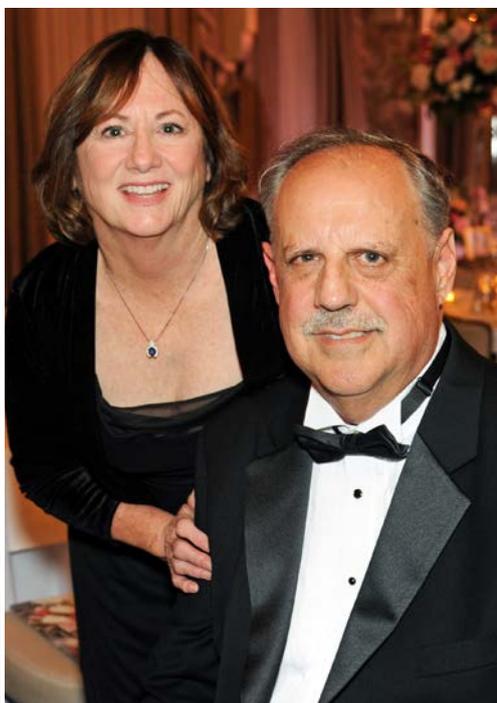
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Charcuterie, Fruits, Vegetables, Dips, Salads,
Hand-Sliced Prosciutto with Homemade Mozzarella, Assorted Bread*

FIRST COURSE

Burrata Salad
*Burrata Cheese, Heirloom Plum Tomatoes, Sea Salt,
Extra Virgin Olive Oil, and Fresh Basil Pesto*

MAIN COURSE

**Duet featuring Braised Beef Short Ribs and Scallop Skewers
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