



CLASS OF 2017

CRUSADER OF THE MONTH

Molly Marie Gabrielson

MONTH HONORED: November 2016

Molly Gabrielson was selected by Mrs. Jane Stoepker

One of the characteristics in being chosen for Student of the Month is Character. Molly fits the description of Character in the way she thinks and acts. She seeks what is good and does it with a delightful sense of humor. Molly can laugh at herself, but also takes things seriously that go deep to her core. She is honest and fair and acts on these principles without conceit or judgment. Her compassion for fairness is obvious by the way she acts and treats others, as well as how she wants things good for those who aren't as fortunate as she is. When faced with an opportunity to go "outside of herself," she is ready to jump in with both feet forward. She is not afraid to speak her mind and stand up for what she believes. She is sensitive and caring and very comfortable in her own skin.

As vice president of the National Art Honor Society, Molly brings commitment and focus to the group. She is dependable and organized and continually follows through with her ideas. She brings enthusiasm to the group and plays a very important leadership role. She is also in the National Honor Society and has been in the school musical.

Outside of school, Molly volunteers for Sunday school at St. Francis de Sales parish. She loves the outdoors and enjoys going for hikes at Hoffmaster State Park. She has taken an interest in cultivating succulents and has an assortment that she takes care of. She enjoys Goodwill shopping and looking for great bargains, as well as hanging out with her friends and watching "That 70's Show."

With her love of writing, it isn't a surprise that Molly is interested in Journalism and Communications. She has not decided on where she will go to college, but once she does decide, she will be an asset to the institution.

Molly attends St. Francis de Sales parish and is the daughter of Laura and Andrew Gabrielson.



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Nicholas Wingate Morgenstern

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Nicholas Morgenstern was selected by Mrs. Margaret Alexander

Nicholas Morgenstern is a wonderful young man who brings joy to all around him. He is a faithful friend, loving son, and proud Crusader.

Nick is a natural leader. He leads in the classroom by being one of the top members of his class and taking full advantage of the learning opportunities MCC offers. He takes the most difficult classes possible and works hard in them. His teachers report him as "highly motivated" with a strong work ethic and commitment to his goals. He served as his class vice-president for three years and this year serves as the Student Council Executive Board's vice president. During that time, he has dedicated many hours to projects such as Spirit Week and Bon Games, No Hunger November, and Toys for Tots. He has also served on MCC's Environment Committee and the Youth Advisory Council of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. He was the captain of MCC's state runner-up Boys Soccer team and "a darn fine one," according to Coach Bill Moulatsiotis. Nick leads by example in his faith as an altar server at MCC and St. Francis de Sales Parish and is often called upon to serve when the bishop celebrates Mass.

Nick has an overwhelmingly positive attitude in all that he does. When involved in the spring musicals, Nick was always willing to go the extra mile to help out and always did his absolute best, says Mrs. Laura Ogren. MCC Athletic Director Jason Staria says that Nick "encourages his teammates to work hard and stick to core values throughout the season." Nick is not one to complain when things become difficult or tasks pile up. His "let's get it done" attitude keeps everyone positive. His smile alone tells you that everything will be O.K.

Nick is respectful and kind. He dedicated his first three high-school spring breaks to MCC's annual Mission Trips and will do so again this April. He was an outstanding host brother to Toni Takala and welcoming friend to all of MCC's international students. He has close, trusting relationships with his teachers, coaches, and friends marked foremost with respect for everyone he meets.

Nick is still checking out college opportunities, with Hope College, the University of Michigan or University of Wisconsin strong possibilities. Nick plans to study chemistry as an undergraduate in preparation for medical school.

Nick is the son of Roger and Michelle Morgenstern and attends St. Francis de Sales Parish.