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Presentation grads lauded for community service, personal achievements



Three members of Presentation High School's Class of 2022 were recognized for their service to the community as well as their intellectual and personal achievements. Cambrian area resident Hannah Gabudao, left, won the Presentation Leadership Award, while Anna Tips and Ximena Garcidueñas Salcedo received the Nano Nagle Award, named after Presentation's founder. (Photo courtesy of Maureen Keller)

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Cambrian area resident Hannah Gabudao won the Presentation Leadership Award.

"This award is not given annually," staff member Maureen Keller said. "It is only awarded when a worthy student emerges."

Gabudao is not new to leadership. During middle school at Saint Mary's in Los Gatos, she was the student body president in eighth grade. Throughout high school, she served in leadership roles and was Presentation's Associated Student Body president for her junior and senior years. Her work included leading spirit rallies, organizing open houses and conducting events for incoming freshmen and families.

The most meaningful task for Gabudao was organizing Presentation's annual food and toy drive for Sacred Heart Community Service in downtown San Jose, which begins a few months ahead of the holiday season.

Two other graduating seniors received the Nano Nagle Award, named after Presentation's founder.

Ximena Garcidueñas Salcedo joined the fledgling Latin X club at the private Willow Glen high school and served in a leadership role involving outreach and communication with teachers. The club organized the school's very first Virgin of Guadalupe celebration. Since then, the celebration has become a major annual event.

Salcedo's favorite subjects are choir and French. Other honors she received at Presentation include the Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Award the Seal of Biliteracy in French and English.

"I am actually trilingual, as I speak Spanish at home," she said.

Salcedo has volunteered at Our City Forest, planting trees in San Jose, and will major in environmental engineering in college.

Anna Tips is the other Nano Nagle Award winner. In addition to serving on student council for all four years of high school, she has led retreats for students



Active in sports, Tips was on the soccer team throughout high school and was captain of the varsity soccer team her senior year.

"Extracurricular activities and academics require you to manage your time," Tips said. "The school provides helpful technology for that."

Like Gabudao, Tips was active in the annual drives to benefit Sacred Heart Community Service.

Service to the community is a key principle at Presentation, one put into practice by Presentation's founder.

Born to a wealthy family in Ireland in 1718, Nagle was educated in France, where she later entered a religious order. Eventually, she returned to her homeland and devoted her time to teaching destitute children and providing food and medicine to the infirm. She founded the first Presentation Convent in Cork, Ireland, in 1775.

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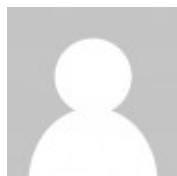
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