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The 2021 Region 11 Meredith Merlini Catholic Youth Scholarship Program

2021 Scholarship Award Announcement

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The Region 11 CYO Board of Athletic Directors is pleased to announce the award recipients of our 2021 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 gave an example from the 2016 Olympics where two runners in the 5,000 meters tripped and fell, but then helped each other get up and finish the race together. We asked the students to give two other examples from the world of sports - plus a personal experience - that similarly exemplify our CYO ideals of good sportsmanship.

An independent panel of nine 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 six students to each be awarded a \$1,000 Region 11 CYO Scholarship.

The 2021 Region 11 CYO Scholarship Award recipients are:

- Sabrina Alcorn – St. Luke the Evangelist parish and school
Sabrina will be attending Mount Saint Joseph Academy this Fall
- Mason Burlingame – Nativity of Our Lord parish and school
Mason will be attending Archbishop Wood High School this Fall
- Kylie Hughes – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish and school
Kylie will be attending Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls this Fall
- Molly McGinley – St. Genevieve parish and school
Molly will be attending Mount Saint Joseph Academy this Fall
- Claire McNamee – Our Lady Help of Christians parish and Queen of Angels school
Claire will be attending Archbishop Wood High School this Fall
- Sean Tingley-Kelley – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish and school
Sean will be attending La Salle College High School this Fall

Congratulations to our 2021 Region 11 CYO Meredith Merlini Scholarship Award Recipients.