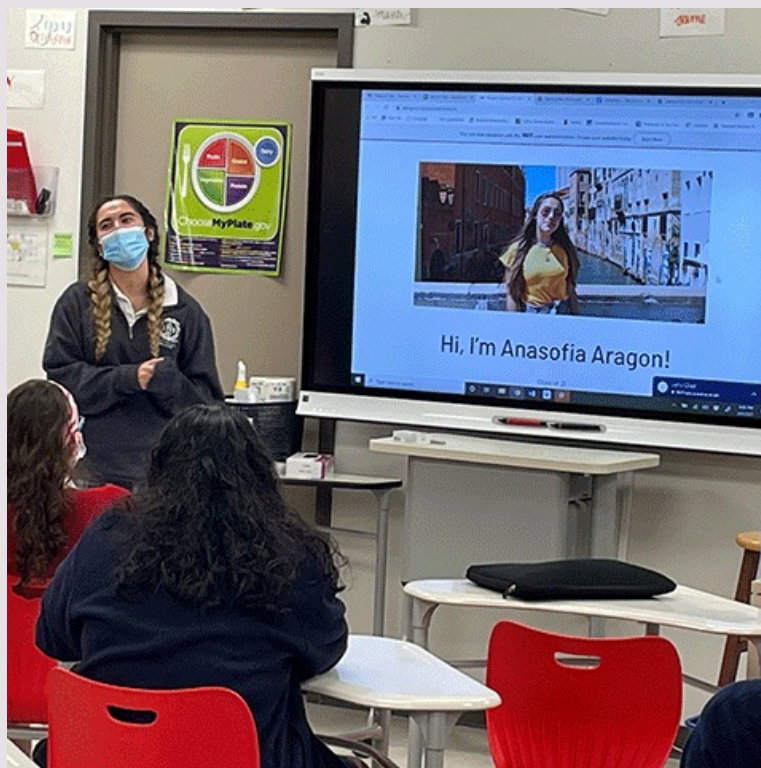


# THE WEEKLY WORD

March 12, 2021

*Incarnate Word Academy will be closed for  
Spring Break  
March 15 - 19, 2021*

## Seniors Speak About Service Learning



On Tuesday, our senior class fanned out across the Academy, speaking to the underclassmen about service learning. One of the hallmarks of life as an IWA student, service learning projects help our students showcase their unique gifts, offered in service to the Houston community and beyond. The seniors shared their stories, both in person and via Zoom, and took questions from freshmen, sophomores and juniors. We've been sharing stories of the Class of 2021's service projects in our Weekly Word. Four more profiles are below.

## The Coming Week

March 19

- Softball Tournament at Bay Area Christian Academy (Away)
- Golf Tournament

## Important Dates

### March 23

- Softball vs St. Pius X (Home) at St. Agnes Sports Complex 7:30 p.m.

### March 25

- Softball vs St. John XXIII (Away) 4 p.m.

### March 26

- Senior Retreat (all day) Carolina Creek Christian Camp
- Track and Field St. John's Dual Invitational at St. Thomas High School

### April 2 - 5

- Easter holiday

### April 8

- Junior Ring Ceremony and Mass

### April 9

- Junior Retreat (all day) at Carolina Creek Christian Camp

## Spotlight on Service

Our weekly look at the service learning projects completed by the Class of 2021.



**Anna Cook '21** traveled to the British Virgin Islands part of her service project, volunteering through GoBeyond, a non-profit specializing in placing high school volunteers in communities around the world. Anna and 12 other teenagers spent three weeks working at a school, helping to repair its roof, doors and walls, as well as playing sports with the school children. Her service allowed her to see the educational advantages she has here at IWA, and also helped her better understand making a commitment to help others. Read more about Anna's service project [here](#).

**Felecia Gonzalez '21** volunteered Buffalo Field Archery Club, where she has been a practicing archer since sixth grade. She helped with the club's maintenance and set up for competitions, ensuring targets were correctly placed and score cards given to the correct people. Her service gave her a front-row seat of what it was like to run a non-profit. She reflected on the fact that a true leader is expected to do a lot of gritty work others don't want to. She also had to learn that even though she was interested in being a competitive archer, others used the range strictly for fun. Read about Felecia's project [here](#).



**Samara Estrada '21** spent her service project volunteering at the City of Pearland's Animal Services. It was a natural fit for her love of animals, and it showed her how easily God's creatures can be neglected or overlooked. She was responsible for feeding the dogs, giving them treats, and cleaning their toys, blankets, collars, bowls and





other needs. Many dogs had come to the shelter from abusive homes, which was sad for Samara to see. It reinforced her desire to help them. One stand-out moment was helping a pit bull change his demeanor and learn to trust. Read about her work [here](#).

**Truc Duong '21** volunteered with the Houston Food Bank. Her duties there included disinfecting donated items, sorting them, packing boxes of food and a host of other things that help the organization run. She had to learn to overcome the boredom of doing repetitive tasks, but her service taught her how much good the Food Bank does for the community. Her service gave her the chance to reflect on the idea that we must care for everyone who has been made by God. Sharing her time helped her realize what a difference she could make. Read about her work [here](#).



## Incarnate Word Academy Gala and Auction

# SAVE *the* DATE

**Saturday, June 19, 2021**

Hilton Americas — Houston

**Incarinate Word Academy 2021 Gala and Auction**

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**Gala Honoree**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend  
Brendan J. Cahill, Bishop of Victoria

**Gala Chairs**

Tracy and Jim Fish  
Christi and Dean Quinn

*We'd love to see you there!*

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## Wine Pull Wednesdays are Back!





The Wine Pull is one of the most-loved items in our annual Gala and Auction.

Donating is easy. Bring a bottle of wine or liquor worth at least \$35 to IWA before or after school on Wednesdays.

Donating one bottle on Wednesday gives your daughter a Jeans Day on that Friday. If you donate three or more bottles on Wednesday, your daughter gets lunch on the rooftop with a friend during the week you donate.

*Our first drop-off date is Wednesday, March 24, and we'll continue collecting bottles until April 14.* Volunteers will be in the carline to collect your donation; just be *sure to include your daughter's name and grade on your items.*

Want to donate to our Wine Pull, but don't want to go shop for wine? No problem [Click here to make a donation.](#)



## Congratulations to Our Winners!

1st Place | \$2,000 Visa/MasterCard

WINNER: Kate Fitzgerald, Ticket sold by Courtney Hall '21

2nd Place | \$1,000 Visa/MasterCard

WINNER: Steve Smetana, Ticket Sold by Isabella Smetana '22

3rd Place | \$500 Visa/MasterCard

WINNER: Bryan Hucke, Ticket Sold by Reagan Hucke '23

## Classification Raffle Standings

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Class of 2022 with 5,318 tickets sold	Class of 2023 with 4,638 tickets sold	Class of 2024 with 4,305 tickets sold	Class of 2021 with 3,823 tickets sold



Raised from ticket sales: \$84,145.00  
Raised from raffle donations: \$12,055

Total Proceeds: \$96,200

*Thank you to everyone who helped make our raffle a success!*

## Athletics

### Falcons Shine at Track and Field Meet



The IWA Track and Field team placed 4th in the SAA Track and Field Meet this week.

Here are the individual results:

Fiona Cosgrove: 1st in the High Jump

Anna Hartman: 2nd place in the 2 mile race

Stephanie Fish: 2nd place in the 100 Meter Hurdles, 300 Meter Hurdles, and Long Jump

Chimere Egesi: 3rd in the place100 Meters Race

Amanda Stockton: 3rd place in the 800 Meters Race

Sofia Wagne: 3rd place in the Discus

Lauren Fuller: 4th place in the Discus

Congratulations to all our Falcons!

## Spring Musical Auditions



# MUSICALS MEDLEY

Our spring production, "Musicals Medley," will take place May 14 and 15. Students wishing to audition should [sign up with this link](#) and submit a singing video by March 20.

## IWA Snapshots



Our student-direct play, "Steel Magnolias" was a success last weekend. We're so proud of the cast and crew!

## Don't Miss Out

Missed an issue of *The Weekly Word*? Catch up with our *Weekly Word* archive, [available here](#).

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## MISSION

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