

THE WEEKLY WORD

May 14, 2021

IWA Students Sign Letters of Intent



Amanda Stockton '21

Isabella Garza '21

Isabella Garza '21 and Amanda Stockton '21 committed to college athletic programs in a signing ceremony at IWA yesterday. Held in the cafeteria during Flex, Isabella signed her letter of intent to play soccer and golf at Bethany Lutheran College, where she says she's likely to major in nursing. "I feel like I've been working for this my whole life," she said. Soccer Coach Bryan Gonzales praised her for "always doing everything she can to help our team." Amanda signed her letter of intent to run cross country and track at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where she hopes to major in international business or computer science and minor in graphic design. "I love that the cross country coach there really puts the team ahead of the individual," she said. IWA cross country coach described Amanda as someone who always helps others. "I know you'll do great and wonderful things," he said. We wish both Isabella and Amanda best of luck in their college careers and beyond!

The Coming Week

May 17

- AP Exam: Statistics

May 18

- AP Exam: English Literature (*make-up exam*)

May 19

- AP Exam: U.S. History (*make-up exam*)

May 20

- Senior Luncheon and Red Check
- Last day of school for the Class of 2021

May 21

- Graduation rehearsal

May 22

- Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Important Dates

May 28

- Last day of school

June 19

- Love is All You Need REMIX: The 2021 IWA Gala and Auction, Hilton Americas Houston

Red Check | May 20 | 2:30 p.m.

Red Check – May 20

Plaid – Extended Flex Odd Periods	
0	7:00-7:55
1	8:00-9:20
3	9:26-10:46
11 th 5 10:52-12:12	9 th /10 th LUNCH 10:52-11:32
11 th LUNCH 12:18-12:58	9 th /10 th 5 11:38-12:58
7	1:04-2:24
Red Check	2:30-3:30

We have a special schedule for Thursday, May 20, to better accommodate our Senior Luncheon and the Red Check performance. Click the image to the left to see how we've organized the day or [click here for a printable version](#).



Members of the Class of 2019 at their Red Check Luncheon

Annual Fund News

We are only \$30,000 away from our current families goal for this year's Annual Fund, and we need your help! Make a gift today to support IWA's academics, campus ministry, fine arts, student life, technology, and more. You can help us reach our goal!

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You'll be the envy of all with this stunning Lagos diamond caviar bracelet. Generously donated by Thomas Markle Jewelers, it includes 0.62 carats of the highest quality natural Lagos diamonds highlighted by 18K gold with sterling silver caviar beading. It is finished with a signature double button box clasp. Want a matching earring set? The \$500 Mastercard included in this prize can go towards that purchase.

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Single tickets are now available for our 2021 Gala and Auction!

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Service Projects Spotlight



Quynh Le '21 volunteered with the Houston Food Bank, where her duties included packaging foods and supplies, and determining whether donated goods are still usable. "The key point that I've learned from volunteering for many hours here is that we need to be flexible," she said, noting that she'd often have to quickly finish a task because a shift leader was moving her to another. The experience helped her help those in need. [Learn more about her service here.](#)

Sophia Ellis '21 donated her time to the Christian Help Center in Roxboro, North Carolina, an organization that helps the needy. She assisted with food drives and then took on the task of cleaning and organizing the center's rooms of donated clothing. The experience helped her deepen her own faith and become more compassionate.

It also allowed her to reflect on the need to take care of the vulnerable, and offer them a sense of community.

[Read about Sophia's service here.](#)



Allison Mercier '21 has worked with the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Houston for three years. She helped feed the birds and squirrels in the center's care. She also assisted with cleaning out the animals' cages. The work gave her a renewed sense of responsibility, teaching her to find ways to accomplish her assigned tasks. She became one of the volunteers who trained new volunteers. She reflected on the need to care for all of God's creatures, and how she could use her skills to make a difference. [Read about her service here.](#)



Shannon McLaughlin '21 dedicated her service to Queen of Peace Catholic School, where she worked to help modernize the school library. Her duties included alphabetizing the books and adding bar codes to them. During her summer shifts, she got to know the school's staff and came to appreciate the hard work they were doing for the community. The experience helped her see the importance of caring for the less fortunate. [Read about her service project here.](#)



Holly McLeod '21 spent the summer of 2019 volunteering with the Harris Health System at Ben Taub Hospital. She assisted with general office work and also with helping make sure patients knew how to call for nurses or order their meals. Both of Holly's parents work with Harris Health, and



Lily Collora '21 concentrated her service on the Forever Faithful Horse Ranch, which offers equine-assisted therapy, day camps and retreats for youth. She started during her freshman year, helping wherever was needed. Later, she would lead small groups and assist the camp counselors. The experience taught her empathy and patience. It also allowed her to grow in confidence and helped her see how she could make a difference in someone's life. [Read about her service project here.](#)

seeing their work environment was eye-opening for her. The experience also taught her how sharing her gift of time can make a difference in the lives of others. [Read about her service here.](#)



Danielle Detoto '21 volunteered at the Houston SPCA where she helped care for animals and assisted with preparing them for adoption. Her experience showed her how vital volunteering can be to an organization, and the importance of giving her time to help others. She tells a great story about how reading a dog's file helped her realize that you never know what someone's story is, which is why it's important to be kind to everyone. [Read about her service here.](#)



REMINDER - Class of 2022



Class of 2022 Families: Our juniors are wrapping up the spring semester and are building their college lists with excitement and curiosity towards their future. Along with teacher recommendations, all students receive a counselor recommendation from IWA. We need your help as parents to write a thorough narrative to help complete her applications. Please fill out [this parent survey by June 1](#) to help the college counseling department tell your daughter's story.

Summer Camp Registration is Open

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

ATHLETICS

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING \$50 PER WEEK

June 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Feel and grow stronger in this week of totally energizing exercises that combine fitness and fun.

BASKETBALL \$150 PER WEEK

July 12-15, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Polish your court skills, including shooting and passing, playing good defense and how your offense is based around their defense.

VOLLEYBALL \$150 PER WEEK

July 19-22, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

A week of skills training and drills to improve your game and help you better understand volleyball.

SOCIAL STUDIES

URBAN PLANNING (RISING GRADES 11 AND 12) \$125 PER WEEK

July 12-16, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

In this week-long, project-based experience, students will work in teams, reimagining a fictional community and then present their project to development experts from the greater Houston area.

To register and for more information,
visit www.incarnateword.org/summer-camps

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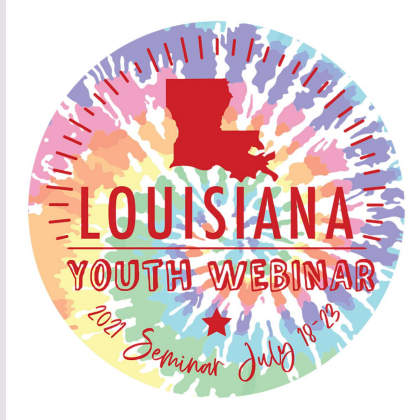
Our summer camps for high school students include opportunities to improve their athletic skills and a unique, project-based experience that allows them to create their own community. [See our summer camps webpage](#) or click the image to the left for more details and to register.

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Summer Opportunity

Students looking to hone their leadership skills should consider attending the Louisiana Youth Seminar. The sessions are entirely online, and focus on teamwork and relationships, communication skills, identifying your

strengths, and reflection and growth. Learn more about the seminar and [how to sign up here](#).



Seniors, Want to Keep Your iPads? Read Here!



Seniors who wish to buy their iPads (5th generation iPad AIR with 128 gigs of ram) may send *a check payable to Incarnate Word Academy for \$150 by May 19, 2021*. If your daughter is not purchasing her iPad, it must be returned by 3 p.m. on May 20, 2021. The iPad must be returned with the original 12W Apple AC adapters (block) and original Apple lightning to USB cables that students were issued. If the returning iPad has damage you will need to bring the damage fee upon iPad drop off. Contact Mr. Moudry at tmoudry@incarnateword.org with questions.

Gently Used Uniforms Needed | Through May 19

PASS ON THE PLAID!

Donate your gently used uniform, including red sweaters and vests, skirts, polo shirts and blue sweatshirts to the IWA Used Uniform Sale.

Uniform items must not have any holes or be significantly stained. Clean items may be dropped off in the "Pass on the Plaid" bin located in the front office by May 19.

Looking for a Summer Job?

MILLS

Mills Uniform Company is seeking summer help from June through August at its Houston stores. Help



families shop for private and parochial school uniforms, ship and receive inventory, provide customer service and other duties as needed. It's a great way to learn more about retail operations.

[More details here.](#)

Band Members Earn State Recognition

Katie Koerner '22, Kate Conti '22, Elizabeth Hunt '23 and Anna Gardner '23 are part of the St. Thomas High School Band and entered a flute quartet performance in the Texas Private Schools Music Educators Association ensemble contest. They received a 1 (Superior) rating for the performance. Donald Thoede, St. Thomas High School's band director, told them that they should be proud of themselves for putting together the entry on their own. They will receive a medal in the next few weeks. Congratulations, ladies!



Congratulations to These New Graduates!



We're happy to share the news that two of our IWA team members graduated from the University of St. Thomas last week. Campus Minister Ana Paula Panzarini earned her Master of Faith and Culture. Jessica Salinas, who has been student teaching in our biology classes this spring, earned her Bachelor of Arts. We're so proud of their accomplishments!

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