

### UEN Updates

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Welcome to the Fall 2022 edition of Laurel Links! As you read the articles, you will learn about many of the good things that are happening in our member schools. It has been a busy fall, kicked off with the student retreat offered on the campus of Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky!

We held an in-person trustee meeting in Cincinnati where our trustees were welcomed on three separate campuses. A special thank you to Ursuline Academy, Saint Ursula Academy and St. Ursula Villa for their warm and welcoming hospitality! The trustee meetings allow us to connect with and visit other schools, deepen relationships with those who share similar responsibilities, and work together in committee as we determine future UEN opportunities.

Peggy and I were able to travel to see all UEN member schools in Ohio following the trustee meeting. In our administrative meetings, we discussed how to improve existing student programs, learned which professional development programs would be beneficial to the schools, and reviewed the UEN strategic initiatives. It was a whirlwind, to be sure, but such a blessing to visit the schools.

This edition welcomes our newest member to Ursuline Education Network, Ursuline High School of Youngstown, Ohio. Earlier this year we welcomed Ursuline High School in Wimbledon, England and Cleveland's Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. UEN is on the move!!!

To all of you involved in Ursuline education, thank you so very much for all that you do!

## ACADEMY OF MOUNT ST. URSULA ANNOUNCES NEW PRINCIPALS



**Geraldine Lavery**  
Principal

In July 2022, AMSU, located in The Bronx, NY, announced the appointment of Geraldine Lavery as school Principal and Sr. Meghan McArdle, OSU as Assistant Principal. Ms. Lavery has twenty five years of experience as an educator, eighteen as a teacher and administrator at St. Jean Baptiste High School and the last seven years as principal of Good Shepherd School. Sr. Meghan, a Tildonk Ursuline, is a seasoned high school administrator and educator, having recently served as the Assistant Principal for Academics and Student Life at Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, New York.



**Sr. Meghan McArdle, OSU**  
Assistant Principal

# *The Emerging Leader*

UEN Student Leadership Conference

Hosted by Beaumont School and Ursuline College

Cleveland, OH ~ June 2022



Conference participants engaged in activities based on St. Angela's teachings to grow their applied leadership skills. Focused themes included: awareness, education, and advocacy. Those who attended are encouraged to return in June of 2023 as conference student leaders.



August 23, 2022

The opening Mass at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, KY included a blessing of their Student Leadership Flag by Archbishop Shelton Fabre:

*"Heavenly Father,  
maker and lover of all, we ask you to  
bless the students and teachers of  
Sacred Heart Academy.  
Bless this flag and let it always remind us  
of the Ursuline Core Values it stands for.  
Help us to work together in peace  
so that we may give you glory by our  
lives. We ask this grace, loving Father,  
through Christ our Lord."  
Amen!*



Long-time Catholic educator Theresa Napoli was selected as the new Principal of the Ursuline School, New Rochelle, NY. Ms. Napoli has over thirty years of teaching and administrative service in Catholic schools. She began her teaching career at Ursuline as a science teacher, and taught at Aquinas High School, Marymount School of New York and Convent of The Sacred Heart. In 2005, Ms. Napoli became the first female assistant principal at Fordham Preparatory School. She later served as principal of Saint Barnabas High School and was the Dean of Academic Affairs at Fairfield College Preparatory School.



## 2022 URSULINE SISTERS VIRTUAL CONVOCATION RECAP

Two years of planning and preparation resulted in a successful Convo2022. From the opening session in Brescia, Italy to the final destination of Mexico, six sessions united Ursuline pilgrims in a historical, global journey of Angela's charism. Sisters, family, friends, educators, and students were *challenged and changed* by seeing, hearing, and reflecting on Angela's influence in their lives. Centuries of cultivating a vine of faith were represented in the spaces and stories encountered at each stop. Participation links included access to the virtual location tours, the exhibit hall, Cozzano's Cafe, and the Angela Merici Online Resources Library (AMOR). Journal prompts were offered as a means to explore each stop more deeply through prayer and personal reflection. Resources for those wishing to experience the retreat at their own pace were also provided. There was even a participant photo booth! Although the convocation has ended, good works continue by means of digital access for those who could not attend. If you are interested in accessing the convocation materials, email your request to [osuconvo@gmail.com](mailto:osuconvo@gmail.com)

## UEN WELCOMES URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO TO THE NETWORK!



Founded in 1905 as a day school for girls, Ursuline Youngstown grew to "meet the needs of the time," by becoming a coeducational high school in 1930. As part of the Diocese of Youngstown, success of faculty, staff and students is a motto well lived:  
*SOLI DEO GLORIA!*



## *The Caritas of Angela: Love through Ursuline Education*

Student Retreat at Brescia University, Owensboro, KY - September 15-17, 2022



Twenty-four students from six UEN member schools attended the retreat, where they reflected on three themes of love as instructed by St. Angela's teachings: love as an instrument of God's Providence, the identity of love, and love as endeavor. Presenters included representatives from *Water with Blessings*, Sr. Pam Mueller, O.S.U., Dr. Josh Clary, and Dr. Emily DeMoor. The structured retreat included a liturgy celebrated by Fr. Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University, large and small group reflection activities and personal prayer and reflection time for journaling. Students participated in the opening of the Ursuline Sisters' Virtual Convocation from Brescia, Italy. UEN thanks the Lilly Endowment for generously funding this retreat, and Brescia University for hosting.





His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, presided over The Ursuline School's celebration liturgy on September 22, 2022 in New Rochelle, NY. He congratulated the school on its anniversary and noted that The Ursuline School "is ever fresh and ever new and ever creative."



Ursuline Academy St. Louis, MO builds community in student life through the house system. Pictured above is the UA school theme for the year and student House Captains, who encourage living Ursuline core values by acting in service, courtesy, loyalty, and courage.



Students from Saint Ursula Academy Cincinnati, Ohio spent ten days traveling throughout Costa Rica learning about the history, culture, current social justice issues, and practicing their Spanish skills. In this photo, students were in the rural community of Longo Mai, home to many families from El Salvador, who, after fleeing some of the troubles in their home country, had established this community. Students were there to learn about the history of El Salvador and its relationship with Costa Rica and to experience the culture, challenges, and everyday life of Longo Mai.

In April 2022, Ursuline High School, Wimbledon (London, UK) celebrated 130 years since the school was founded. Established on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Council on 26th April 1892 by four Ursuline sisters from Forest Gate, London, the school opened for just three pupils in a private house on Worple Road. Over the past 130 years the school has expanded to house the increasing number of pupils through various phases. Since 2002, the High School has been a sixth from entry 11-19 comprehensive secondary school.

Anniversary events included Mass for the whole school at the parish Church: Sacred Heart, a special Italian themed meal for the school community, and gifts of specially branded notebooks, pens and badges.

Year 9 students participated in a conference with sister school St. Ursula Greenwich on the theme of encounter, where students heard from inspiring speakers including representatives from a wide range of charities. Students then reflected on how they could continue this work in their own lives, producing presentations for the rest of the Year 9 group, exploring the message of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti.'

To commemorate the changing life of the school, a new photographic timeline was commissioned outlining key events in the school's history. The timeline showcases serviam in action following in St Angela's footsteps over the past 130 years and the continuation of her work through alumnae, faculty, staff, and students of Ursuline High School.



Delamere, first residence  
Worple Road 1892.



*Student essays for UEN Service Awards are currently being accepted until January 9, 2023.*

UEN member schools can nominate two students to submit a 500-word essay about their service/activity. Students should exhibit any of the following criteria for nomination:

- models the teachings of St. Angela Merici; sees a need and puts service into action to resolve a difficult situation,
- is a leader who can rally others to assist with the "cause" and can work together to achieve the goal,
- who is Christ-like in approach to need/suffering, putting the needs of others first.

Contact [Peggy@ursuline-education.com](mailto:Peggy@ursuline-education.com) to be emailed a faculty nomination form and student application.

## UEN welcomes new Board of Trustee members

Julia Waters: Ursuline High School - Wimbledon, England  
 Dr. Colleen Melnyk: The Ursuline School - New Rochelle, NY  
 Trisha Medeiros: Ursuline Academy - Wilmington, DE  
 Rachel Kemper: Saint Ursula Academy - Cincinnati, OH  
 Julie Scherer: St. Ursula Villa - Cincinnati, OH  
 Stacy Shoulta: Mount Merici Academy - Waterville, ME  
 Sr. Meghan McArdle OSU: AMSU - Bronx, NY

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