

### UEN Updates

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Busy, busy, busy! I suspect that describes the daily lives of each of our Ursuline educators as well as their students. Spring is always such a busy time....filled with events that happen only once an academic year, but how satisfying each of those events can be to everyone! Students are completing the second semester of this year, teachers are pushing toward the deadlines imposed by their curriculum, and parents anxiously await the events which signify the “next steps”! As always, our prayers are with you each day!

With this newsletter, we officially welcome Ursuline High School of Wimbledon as the newest members of Ursuline Education Network. Julia Waters, who serves as the head of school, met with the Board of Trustees via ZOOM to introduce us to the school, to familiarize us with their unique curriculum, to propose some challenges she anticipates in the future, and to joyfully proclaim the expectations she has of their membership in UEN. It is such a blessing to have them join our network!

This newsletter brings so much information about what lies ahead for our students. Please read about the Student Leadership Conference: Emerging Leaders which will be held June 13-16 in Cleveland at Beaumont School and Ursuline College. The CORE committee has been meeting to design a program that will benefit the students as well as their home schools in a significant way. Each meeting with this committee results in development of beneficial opportunities for the participants. This summer will be quite a new beginning to a long-standing program offered by UEN.

In the fall, UEN will partner again with the Caritas Center/Brescia University to offer a conference for campus ministers and students. It promises to be as engaging as the fall conference of 2021, but this time with students involved. Please consider sending a contingent from your school! More information will be available soon, but feel free to contact me anytime.

Finally, through the generosity of the Ursuline Education Network Trustees, school participation for each of our member schools to each of the six sessions of the Sisters' Convocation will be provided free of charge. Please be sure to read about how your faculty and students will be able to participate!

As I close this newsletter, I think about St. Angela's words regarding changing with the times. This has been a busy year, but we have accomplished so much for this incredible foundation! Ursuline Education Network, started by the Ursuline Sisters and continuing through the support of each member school “changes” as the times require. The charism is the same, the passion continues in the hands of the laity working with UEN, and the joy is never-ending as we seek to assist all of our member schools! It is simply a labor of love.



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 13-16, 2022

Hosted by Beaumont High School  
in collaboration with Ursuline College, Cleveland

For over 25 years, UEN has annually hosted a summer student leadership conference. Focused on high school girls, the conference interfaces UEN directly with students to enhance their leadership skills and illustrates the valuable role of each student in the Ursuline sisterhood. The theme for this year's conference is **Emerging Leader**, geared toward rising Sophomore and Junior students who have not been previously selected to leadership roles at their schools. Each UEN member school is encouraged to send up to four students and one faculty/staff member as a sponsor. The 2022 Conference anticipates some of the attendees to grow their capable leadership skills during the 22-23 school year and return in June of 2023 as Conference students leaders. School adult sponsors will check in with their student attendees throughout the school year to encourage their leadership growth and engagement. Special thanks to Michele Bernot, Director of Campus Ministry for Beaumont High School who chaired the Student Leadership Conference Core Planning Team. The goal of the planning team was to create a conference framework to be passed amongst schools willing to host the conference in future years. UEN also appreciates Ursuline College for hosting the Conference. We look forward to sharing photos and student reflections of the Student Leadership Conference in the fall 2022 *Laurel Links* Newsletter.

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## Welcome Ursuline Wimbledon, England

UEN goes international as we welcome our newest member, Ursuline of Wimbledon, England. Founded 130 years ago by Ursuline Sisters of Forest Gate, and currently under the leadership of head teacher Julia Waters, pictured right, the school has been through various phases; from a private boarding school to a voluntary-aided grammar school in 1944, and eventually a 13-18 comprehensive school for girls. In September 2002, Ursuline High School became a sixth-form entry 11-19 comprehensive secondary school. Julia looks forward to participating on the UEN Board of Trustees beginning in the fall of 2022.







## Challenged and Changed for our Times:

*A virtual Pilgrimage of Encounter  
with Angela Merici and her Ursuline Family.*

### URSULINE SISTERS CONVOCATION

We all know how Angela loves a pilgrimage!  
She's inspired us to create a virtual pilgrimage through the present realities of our Ursuline experience: online live content on six consecutive Friday afternoons/evenings, beginning September 16, and concluding with the feast of Saint Ursula, October 21.

Your **Convo2022** planning team has been working for nearly two years to develop this unique experience. We can't wait to welcome you to the first pilgrimage station, featuring Angela's Italy. From there, we'll virtually travel across the pond to Brescia College in Ontario, Canada, then head south through Youngstown, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; the Navajo Nation; and somewhere in Mexico for our final celebration!

- Dynamic, 90 minute live sessions in our new Virtual Oratory, with rich content and small group sharing.
- Virtual piazza to explore on a website – chat rooms, exhibits, shopping, tours and more
- Shared contemplative prayer on Friday evenings after the live sessions.
- And connecting it all... the opportunity to walk, talk and pray with Angela between the sessions: an Angela Retreat at your own pace.

All UEN member schools will have free access to participate in all Convocation sessions and activities.

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SNAPS!



Sacred Heart  
ACADEMY



Pictured above left of Sacred Heart Academy Principal Kelly Lanza, Sophomore Amelie Beck and Junior Jacqueline Teague, founders of VaxConnectKY, received the National Catholic Educational Association's Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award. The YVVV award recognizes Catholic students who are heroes in their service, innovation and commitment to social justice.



Sacred Heart students celebrate St. Angela's Feast Day. Walking in the footsteps of Angela takes on new meaning when wearing St. Angela socks!!

## 2022 UEN SERVICE AWARDS

Nominated students submitted essays on their service experiences and were named award recipients in January.

Academy of Mount St. Ursula, Bronx, NY  
Leah Mastin and Lauren Contreras

Sacred Heart Schools, Louisville, KY  
Blair Samuels, Cate Skolnick,  
Valentina Moreno and Arianna Martinelli

Ursuline Academy, Dallas, TX  
Hannah Singer and Kaia Putnam

Ursuline Academy, New Orleans, LA  
Morgan Bennett

St Ursula Villa, Cincinnati, OH  
Finley and Tiernan Mentzel

Ursuline Academy, Wilmington, DE  
Madison Weathers and Shiva Sharma

St. Ursula Academy, Toledo, OH  
Megan Wolff

Saint Ursula Academy, Cincinnati, OH  
Sophie Mock and Gabrielle Baptist

Ursuline Academy, Cincinnati, OH  
Carissa Gehr

Ursuline Academy, St. Louis, MO  
Ava Elking and Suzie Hanley

Ursuline Academy, Dedham, MA  
Isabella Matthews

Beaumont School, Cleveland, OH  
Madyson Treharne and Kate Auletta

The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, NY  
Samantha Barca, Maeve Ryan,  
Olivia Goncalves and Abigail D'Angelo



*"Be assured that I see clearly and hold dearly all the good works you are performing."*

St. Angela Merici – 5<sup>th</sup> Counsel

Attention Campus Ministers and Religion teachers!



**The Caritas Center  
at Brescia University, Owensboro, KY,**

will offer a student retreat

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**September 15-17, 2022**

Look for registration information soon!



**On March 28, Global Scholar Candidates Ava Medeiros and Ava Lindia made their final project presentations to UEN Trustees at Ursuline Wilmington, DE. Following the presentations, a student panel convened to answer questions and share how the Global Scholars program has influenced their education. Pictured left to right are Global Scholar panelists Tori Carpe, Maggie Lober, Ava Medeiros, Ava Lindia, and Chinue Kinsale.**

**UEN thanks outgoing Board members  
for their service and commitment to building  
Ursuline Education:**

Rosemary Beirne - Ursuline, New Rochelle

Lisa Clody - Ursuline, Wilmington

Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick - Mount Merici, Waterville

Kent Halaby - St. Ursula Villa, Cincinnati

Sr. Patricia Homan, OSU - Chatfield College, Cincinnati

Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, OSU - AMSU, Bronx, NYC



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