



**2021 Recipient ~Abigail D'Angelo  
The Ursuline School, Class of 2022**

Throughout my three years at Ursuline, I have continued to work towards my goal of outstanding service. I strive to fulfill the school motto of Serviam, I will serve. I have volunteered at a multitude of different events over the last few years, but my focuses were on a group of low-income families in Westchester as well as a group of visually impaired women who travel to my barn every summer. Most of my focus is geared towards these groups because I get to witness first-hand the impact that the service I do has on them.

I have worked 50 hours throughout this year at food drives hosted at Ursuline, all of the food collected there goes to foodbanks which distribute to low-income families. Each food drive is 2 hours on Saturdays, and they have been going on since the start of the pandemic. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, I would go on the annual trip to the Mercy Center in the Bronx for the Thanksgiving food drive. We personally distributed the food so the people there could have enough food to feed their families on Thanksgiving. During each food drive we prepare a special bag that goes to the family Ursuline came into contact with through the adopt a family program. This bag goes to feed her and her children. I have seen first-hand through service trips the impact that this kind of service makes on other, which is why I take every chance I get to help.

Every summer I get the amazing chance to volunteer as a horseback riding instruction for the visually impaired. I get work 25 hours over the course of 5 days working with these women to help them fully experience learning to ride a horse. One woman travels all the way from Virginia to be a part of the program. It is such a rewarding experience to see these women every summer get better and better at this sport. I love doing the sport and I love to share the experience with others. It doesn't even feel like I am doing any work because of how much I enjoy working with these women. They are such an inspiration to me in how hard they work towards everything they want to do. I look forward to this week of the summer every year.

I am truly honored to have been nominated for this award. Service has always been a big part of my life from the time I was little. I will always enjoy doing service just to see the impacts that it makes on others. Service doesn't usually feel like service because it is a privilege for me to help people in any way that I can. I believe it is every person's responsibility to help those around them, and I am so happy that I have continually been able to fulfill my responsibility to others.