

SAA Senior Honored as Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy

St. Agnes Academy senior Silvia Escobedo Davila was awarded the 2011 Crystal Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy in recognition of her volunteerism and service to the community.

The Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award is presented annually by the Memphis Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals to an outstanding junior high, high school, or college age individual or group that has demonstrated outstanding service to the community through fundraising and volunteerism.

"Silvia represents the spirit of volunteerism so needed in our city and our country," said Barbara Olson, SAA Director of Counseling. "Silvia is a respected member of the Class of 2011 who contributes to every facet of student life at our school and supports, by her example, two of the four pillars of Dominican Charism, community and service. She makes a difference in all the lives that she touches," Mrs. Olson said.

Silvia is involved in a variety of leadership and service activities. She serves as one of two student leaders for the 2010-2011 Jefferson Awards Students in Action program, which recognizes members of the St. Agnes student body that give the extra in service to others. Silvia is also the President of the Spanish Club. Under her leadership, the group has sponsored several events which have raised over a \$1,000 for Heifer International.

For the past two years Silvia has coordinated the Christmas Cards for the Troops program, sending encouraging messages from SAA students to our troops overseas. Throughout her four years of high school Silvia has also been a key participant in Anna's Closet, a second-hand dress sale to benefit young women in our community through the Emmanuel Center. She has chaired the event for the past two years. This year Anna's Closet raised over \$4,000 for the Emmanuel Center.