

# OLMA

## Overview



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## Student Spotlight

### Scarlett McGlinchey

Wake up at 4:10 am, leave the house at 4:35 am, in the pool at 5 am, done practice at 6:30 am, get to school at 7:45 am, leave school at 2:30 pm, practice again from 4-6:30 pm, shower, dinner, schoolwork, sleep, repeat.

This is the daily routine of senior Scarlett McGlinchey, Duke University swim commit. Her swim career has led to numerous accolades for herself, her teams, and her school. As a senior who led her team to two state championships, Scarlett has truly left her mark on Our Lady of Mercy Academy.



McGlinchey has claimed many awards and titles over her years in swimming. She has been a member of the OLMA swim team for four years, the last two as team captain. She has been selected to compete in numerous meets, including the NCSA Spring Championships, USA Swimming Futures, and Speedo Winter Junior Champs. She is a three-time Atlantic City Press Swimmer of the Year and a two-time Cape Atlantic League Swimmer of the Meet. She was awarded First Team All South Jersey for her 200 IM race during her sophomore year, as well as her junior and senior year for her 100 Breaststroke. Scarlett has also been a Scholastic All-American for the past two years for being in the top 100 swimmers in the United States for the 100 breaststroke.

In her final season with the Villagers, Scarlett led the swim team as a co-captain to become NJSIAA non-public state champions for the 2024-25 season. She was named First Team All-State for her 100 Breaststroke and 200 Medley Relay. This medley included Gia DiLeonardo, Gianna Cook, and Simone McGlinchey. After four years of perseverance and dedication, McGlinchey was honored as the Cape Atlantic League Female Athlete of the Season, a highly prestigious recognition awarded to one female athlete among all CAL sports.

Scarlett is also an impressive academic student, taking multiple AP and honors courses. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Scarlett said that "this season was a great way to end my senior career, and I couldn't think of a better group of girls to do it with." OLMA's swim program has no doubt been impacted by Scarlett - setting a solid foundation for the team's continued success. We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your academic and athletic story!

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## Chapel - Villa Rossello

We are grateful for the opportunity to gather in our beautiful chapel for Mass throughout the year. Special thanks to Mrs. Burdey and our Music Ministry for lifting our hearts through song and to Father Murray for celebrating with us.

## Sisterhood Day

Such an incredible Sisterhood Day full of fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories! A huge shoutout to all our students, faculty, and staff who brought the energy and spirit to every event. From the epic Just Dance Battle to jousting, kickball, trivia, and the OLMA tug-of-war, we saw courage, unity, mercy, and wisdom shining through. Enormous thanks to OLMA's Leadership Council and Ms. Morrell for their planning and dedication—your hard work made this day one for the record books!



## OLMA's Leadership Through Service Workshop

As part of the second Middle School Workshop hosted by OLMA's Student Leadership Council and the Dana and Carmine Catalana Center for Women in Leadership, OLMA's *Leadership Through Service* event was an incredible experience! We welcomed an amazing group of young women who embraced the opportunity to grow as leaders while making a real difference in the world around them.

Our middle school participants spent time volunteering at Funny Farm Rescue and created thoughtful items to support those in need. Their compassion, teamwork, and dedication to serving others were truly inspiring.





These future leaders reminded us all of the power of service and the impact young women can make when given the tools and encouragement to lead. We can't wait to see how they continue to grow and make a difference!



### Instant Decision Day

Each year, OLMA's Instant Decision Day brings the excitement of college admissions right to our campus! This year, approximately 30 seniors sat down with college representatives, walked out with acceptances in hand, and collectively earned over \$1,000,000 in merit scholarships. What an incredible achievement!



### Thanksgiving

We gathered as a community for a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, giving thanks for the countless blessings we share at OLMA.

Following Mass, we proudly dedicated our new Science Labs and Art Studio—spaces that will inspire creativity, innovation, and excellence for generations to come. We are deeply grateful for ALL our benefactors who made these dreams a reality. Your generosity fuels our mission and empowers our students to shine brightly. Big shout out to Mrs. Stanzone and her amazing staff as well for their delicious Thanksgiving feast!



### Alumnae Reunion

On November 23rd, we welcomed many alumnae back to campus for the OLMA Reunion, and what a special night it was! It was heartwarming to see old friends reconnect, memories shared, and stories reminisced. The energy and love were truly inspiring! A huge thank you to Amy Lee Minetti and the Class of '99 for their incredible effort in planning and



orchestrating such a seamless and memorable event for all classes to enjoy. We hope everyone enjoyed the campus tours and revisiting the halls that hold so many cherished memories.

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## Giving Tuesday!



We had an outstanding Giving Tuesday this year! Thanks to your incredible generosity and unwavering support, we didn't just meet our goal –we exceeded it! Together, we raised an amazing \$32,215, which will be MATCHED dollar for dollar up to \$30,000, bringing our total impact to \$62,215!

This incredible success means we can fund essential initiatives, including \$20,000 dedicated to our Leadership Classroom, empowering OLMA girls to grow as confident, capable leaders. The remaining funds will support our Annual Fund, ensuring we can continue to provide an exceptional education and transformative experiences for every OLMA student.

Your belief in our mission is what makes moments like this possible. Thank you for making this Giving Tuesday truly unforgettable and for helping us create endless opportunities for our girls.

## Semi-Formal 2024



OLMA students and their dates had an amazing time at the 2024 Semi-Formal! They came full of energy and everyone looked fabulous! Good food, great music, and many fun memories made.

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Christmas at the Villa was such a festive way to wrap up the first semester! The day was filled with prayer, delicious treats, fun games, incredible performances, and even a special visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

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## Blood Drive

The annual Blood Drive by the National Honor Society was a resounding success! Together with the OLMA community we made a difference, one pint at a time, and helped save countless lives.



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# Catholic Schools Week<sup>2025</sup>

## *Celebrating Faith and Community*

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### **Guest Speaker: Priscilla Frederick Loomis**

We were honored to welcome guest speaker Priscilla Frederick Loomis, Track and Field Olympian, entrepreneur, and nonprofit founder, who shared her inspiring story of gratitude, determination, and the lasting impact of her Catholic school education. She encouraged us to embrace the challenges as opportunities, chase our purpose relentlessly, and surround ourselves with people who help us reflect God's love.

### **Unsung Hero**

We celebrated our Unsung Heroes—individuals who quietly do the hard, unseen work that makes a lasting impact. Their dedication and humility embody OLMA's core values, reminding us that even the smallest actions done with love and service don't go unnoticed.

### **365 Service Project**

Our Service 365 Mini-Mester group hosted a heartwarming Mini-Sisterhood Day. This event celebrated connection, courage, and sisterhood. The girls from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland & Salem Counties enjoyed a scavenger hunt to bond, a courage and bravery session to inspire confidence and bracelet making as a creative keepsake. They were then introduced alongside our OLMA Varsity Basketball players to an excited crowd prior to the basketball game.

### **Baby Shower Drive**

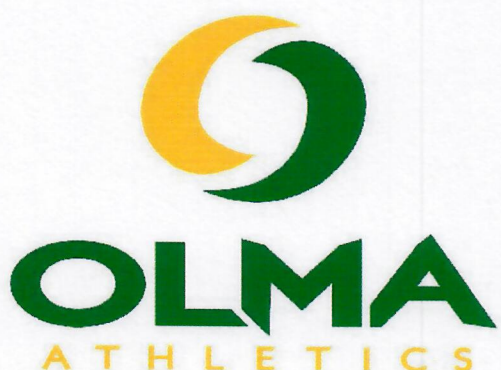
We came together with Campus Ministry to support the Jersey Shore Women's Center by collecting gifts for women in need.

### **Student, Faculty and Staff Appreciation**

We honored the heart of Our Lady of Mercy Academy—our faculty, staff, and students! Thank you for guiding with wisdom, leading with mercy, and creating a community filled with unity and courage.

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# Celebrated Student Athletes

This winter, the following students were recognized by the Cape Atlantic League for excelling in their respective sports. **Congratulations to our celebrated student athletes!**

## CAPE ATLANTIC LEAGUE ALL-STARS

### FIRST TEAM

Scarlett McGlinchey - Swim  
Gia DiLeonardo - Swim  
Simone McGlinchey - Swim  
Rhannon Stanker - Swim  
Khalia Lewis - Basketball

### HONORABLE MENTION

Gianna Cook - Swim  
Katelyn Coryell - Basketball

### ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

Lauren Terista

### FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE SEASON

Scarlett McGlinchey

## ADDITIONAL HONORS

**Scarlett McGlinchey** - 1st Team All State - Breaststroke, 1st Team All South Jersey  
AC Press Swimmer of the Year, CAL Most Outstanding Swimmer,

**Scarlett McGlinchey, Gia DiLeonardo, Gianna Cook, Simone McGlinchey**  
1st Team All State 200 Medley

**Simone McGlinchey** - 2nd Team All South Jersey

**Gia DiLeonardo** - 3rd Team All South Jersey

**Rhannon Stanker** - 3rd Team All South Jersey

**Khalia Lewis** - Al Carino 1st Team - Non-public

**Reese Hetzer** - South Jersey Coaches Association (SJCA) Scholar Athlete Award

## SWIM

NJSIAA Non-Public State Champions • Ranked #1 in the State of NJ • NJ Team of the Year - NJ.com



### Soirée for the Sisterhood

On February 22nd, our gym was transformed into a stunning winter wonderland for OLMA's Soirée for the Sisterhood. It was a magical night filled with an energetic crowd, delicious food and exciting prizes. Huge thank you to everyone who made the event possible and truly a night to remember. Shout out to Ms. Parkinson, Mrs. Cusick, Ms. King, OLMA's Parent Society and all of our sponsors!



## Legally Blonde

The weekend of 2/28-3/2 OLMA and St. Augustine Prep teamed up for an absolutely spectacular performance of Legally Blonde. Their talent and hard work shined all weekend long. Huge shout out to Mrs. Ciampo, Mrs. Burdey, Mr. Ancharski and Ms. Mulligan for their incredible support and leadership!



## Spring Fling 2025



Our Freshmen and Sophomores had a fantastic time at the annual Spring Fling at Scarpinato's. Dancing, food, and unforgettable fun made it a night to remember.

## 2025 Seniortrip



OLMA Seniors took on Disney—one ride, one laugh, and one unforgettable moment at a time! From sunshine and thrills to endless fun with their friends, this trip was pure magic.



# Leadership Center update

The Dana & Carmine Catalana Center for Women in Leadership is set to open for the 2025–2026 school year! We are so excited for the future of OLMA and the incredible opportunities this space will bring. More than just a building, the Center will serve as a hub for leadership development, innovation, collaboration, and growth—empowering our students to become confident, compassionate leaders who will shape the world. We can't wait to see the impact it will have on our young women and our entire school community.

OLMA **2025** summer at the village

[Register Here](#)

## 2024-2025 Business Partnership Program

Vineland Syrup	Ambient Comfort	Surfing Pig	Al's Shoes
Newfield National Bank	Tony Campana Plumbing	Sheridan Services	High Exposure
B.F. Plumbing	Wolfe Painting	My Therapy Connection	Jessco Construction
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