

# OLMA

## Overview



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## Staff Spotlight

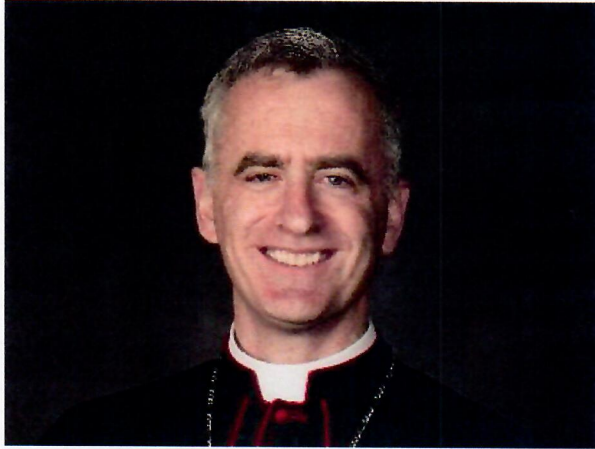
### Sister Margaret

We shine our Staff Spotlight on someone whose presence at OLMA is both powerful and deeply meaningful—**Sister Margaret**.

Last year, Sister Margaret reached a remarkable milestone: her 50th Jubilee. For over five decades, she has lived a life of service, answering God's call with compassion, strength, and unwavering dedication to



justice. Through her quiet leadership and thought-provoking guidance, she encourages all of us to think deeply, love fully, and act with courage. Sister Margaret, thank you for the example you set and the wisdom you so generously share. Your journey is a true testament to faith in action. Congratulations on this incredible milestone!



## **Congratulations and Welcome, Bishop Williams!**

OLMA welcomes Bishop Joseph A. Williams as the ninth bishop of Camden. We look forward to growing together on this journey of faith and to welcome him to campus next year!



### **Career Day**

On March 7th, we were thrilled to host 15 incredible professionals on campus to share their career journeys with our students! OLMA students explored a variety of career paths, attending three insightful sessions and wrapping up the day with a career fair to dive even deeper. Huge thanks to our Guidance Department for organizing such an impactful experience.

### **Women's Panel**

We celebrated Women's History Month with OLMA's Women on the Rise Panel. An empowering and inspiring event filled with meaningful advice. Thank you to these incredible women for sharing their stories and wisdom with our students. **Reminding our students that they are capable of leading a world of change!**

**Quincy Wansel:** Youth Programs Assistant Manager at the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice

**Dr. Mary McGonigle:** Director of Villanova University Health Center, Main Line Health Bryn Mawr Hospital

**Rebecca Seabrook:** Police Officer, Atlantic City Police Department, School Resource Officer

**Michelle Leyman:** Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist; Founder of My Therapy Connection

**Lexi Scaffidi:** Co-Owner of Coastal Chateau & BiteSized Designs; Former FBI Specialist; Social Media Influencer







### Leadership News!

Six of our amazing students took part in the Duquesne University Leadership Academy (DULA), an experience focused on leadership, faith, and service! Throughout the program, they engaged in meaningful dialogue, participated in workshops, and strengthened their leadership skills while embracing the values of servant leadership. From projects that impacted local communities to team-building activities and personal growth opportunities, our students made the most of every moment. We're so proud of their commitment to learning, faith, and making a difference.

# Junior Ring Mass

A beautiful morning filled with tradition and sisterhood! Our Junior Ring Mass was a heartfelt celebration of unity, growth, and the bonds that make OLMA so special. Congrats to the Class of 2026!



### Meet Our Val and Sal!

We are excited to congratulate Adriana Verrico as our 2025 Valedictorian and Natalie Bachman as our Salutatorian! Congratulations to both of these young women for their outstanding achievements.



### Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame Dinner

A night of inspiration at the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame Dinner! OLMA students and alumnae came together to celebrate incredible women making a difference in Cumberland County and beyond. OLMA is proud to be part of this powerful event honoring leadership, achievement and impact!





# Little Sister *Day*

We loved welcoming our LITTLE SISTERS for a day filled with learning and fun. Paired with their OLMA big sisters, our visitors got a taste of academic life and sisterhood activities that make our community so special. The smiles and memories made were amazing!



## **Widener High School Leadership Award**

Our very own Holly Salmon '26 was honored with the Widener High School Leadership Award at the National Constitution Center. This prestigious award recognizes high school juniors who demonstrate leadership by standing up for what is right, addressing challenges, and making a meaningful impact in their communities.

## **NHS**

On April 10th, we welcomed our newest National Honor Society inductees! Each student was recognized with their NHS cord by an "OLMA Staff Member of Impact" during a special ceremony surrounded by family, friends, and members of our school. A proud moment that celebrates academic excellence and the unique spirit of OLMA.







# Celebrated Student Athletes

This spring, 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

Gabby Eaise - Lacrosse  
Teegan Sofran - Softball

### SECOND TEAM

Sophia Stultz - Golf

### HONORABLE MENTION

Alex Sirakides - Lacrosse  
Riley Welker - Softball  
Leah Lucero - Track & Field

## Spirit Week & *Sisterhood Day*





### Spirit Week

Spirit Week was a blast! From groovy vibes on Decade Day to laughs on BBQ Dad & Soccer Mom Day, the energy was high all week long—topped off with an unforgettable Sisterhood celebration that brought us all even closer.

### Sisterhood Day

Another successful Spirit Week wrapped up with a Sisterhood Day full of laughter and memories!



#### Tea for Taylor

A few of our OLMA Student Ambassadors volunteered at a beautiful afternoon of sisterhood, supporting the Taylor Bitzer Memorial Scholarship and honoring Taylor's memory. Congratulations to the organizers on another incredible event. Our Ambassadors were honored to volunteer and be a small part of such a meaningful celebration.



#### Arts Showcase

Our beautiful Arts Showcase brought together an incredible mix of talent - artists, musicians, dancers, and singers - all sharing their gifts with our school community. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the arts at OLMA!

#### Athletic Signing Day

The OLMA school community gathered along with family, friends, alumnae, and guests to celebrate and recognize 9 Senior student-athletes on their commitment to play athletics at the collegiate level. An outstanding recognition and honor for our Villagers!



# Prom

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Juniors and Seniors danced the night away at Prom! An unforgettable evening of friends, fun, and lasting memories at the beautiful Atlantic City Country Club.



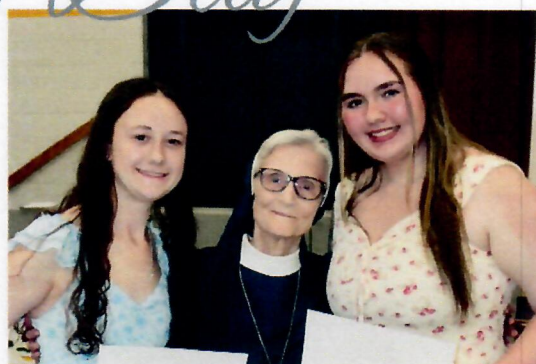


### **Admitted Students Day**

Admitted Students Day at OLMA marked the start of a new sisterhood! Future Villagers met new friends, connected with staff, got an info session, received a sneak peak tour of the new Dana and Carmine Catalana Center for Women in Leadership, and captured the moment with fun photos! Welcome, Class of 2029!

Class of 2025

## *Mary Day*



On Monday May 19th, the Class of 2025 gathered for one unforgettable final day before graduation. We began with a prayer service honoring Mary, followed by the cherished tradition of signing the Book of Sisterhood officially joining the legacy of OLMA alumnae. Families joined us for a beautiful reception and our Senior Awards Assembly, celebrating the leadership and achievements of these remarkable young women. We ended the day with a farewell assembly full of laughter, heartfelt messages, and tears.



# Graduation



Congratulations to the Class of 2025! We are incredibly proud of our graduates, who are stepping into the world as strong and driven women. Together, you are leading a world of change, and we can't wait to see the amazing impact you'll make in your futures.

## MiniMesters

During this year's Mini-Mester, our students had the opportunity to step outside the classroom and into the world serving communities throughout South Jersey, creating and collaborating in Cape May, and exploring far beyond our borders in Puerto Rico, Greece, and the Galápagos Islands.

Whether diving into marine biology, practicing servant leadership, or immersing themselves in new cultures and perspectives, our students embraced every moment. Each experience challenged them to grow intellectually, socially, and spiritually!



At the start of this school year, we featured Ms. Diana Coppinger in our Staff Spotlight as she began her final year of teaching - sharing memories, reflections, and advice from her remarkable career. Now, as the year closes, we're proud to celebrate a woman whose impact on OLMA is truly something special.

After 30 years of teaching science, Ms. Coppinger is retiring. But to say she "taught science" hardly scratches the surface. She inspired curiosity, encouraged exploration, and helped students discover not



just knowledge but confidence, purpose, and wonder. Whether in the classroom or leading trips to Galapagos Island, Colorado, or the Grand Canyon, she made learning meaningful and unforgettable.



In honor of her impact - especially through her beloved Leaf Project - a cherry tree has been planted along Catawba Avenue.

The plaque beside it reads:

"With deep gratitude to Diana Coppinger: Her wisdom, kindness, and unwavering dedication have nurtured the hearts and minds of countless students through her Leaf Project and beyond. Like this tree, her impact will continue to grow for generations to come."

*Congratulations, Mrs. Coppinger, on a career that's made a lasting difference!*

OLMA **2025** summer at the village

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## 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
A.J.'s Auto Repairs			Grungo Law



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