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BK-Mercy Students Merit Junior Achievement Awards

By JOAN M. SMITH

Our Lady of Mercy and Bishop Kearney High Schools were in the awards limelight at the Rochester Junior Achievement Banquet, May 16. The event was at the Dome Arena where achievers, their parents and business sponsors gathered to celebrate the year's successes.

The Mercy achievers took four awards: Senior Sue Vergo won Secretary of the Year; fellow senior, Marie Connolly, President of the Year; Linda Jones, senior, Vice-president of Personnel; and junior Michelle DeLorm, Best Salesperson.

It was Darryl Duge, Xerox Scholarship winner and finalist for the President of the Year honors and sophomore Alphonse Alaimo, Safety Director of the year who won the laurels for Bishop Kearney.

Darryl is a personable young man who said he will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology to major in Business Administration and take courses in photography. Other of his JA awards included the Executive Award as well as being selected by a JA sponsor, McDonald's, to visit the company's business enterprises in Syracuse and Albany.

Darryl has been in JA for three years and says, "I've learned a lot and it has directed me toward a career in business."

This past year he's been involved in JA recruiting and will continue in that capacity come September. He also is involved in the Achievers Association. This particular branch of the organization, according to Darryl, raised money for the various JA trips as well as for donations. "Its aim," he explained, "is getting the achievers more involved."

JA has not been Darryl's only activity. While at BK he's played intermural sports, is a member of the STP (Seniors Touching People) organization, the Cornet staff and the Student Council. An avid bowler, he belongs to three leagues and also plays baseball. This summer he will be off with friends via Florida and New Orleans to California where he intends "to see everything I can."

Safety Director of the Year, Alphonse, has just been with JA for a year. His interest in the organization came about through an older brother who had been a member.

"I've learned a lot about economics," claimed Al and added, "and I've met a lot of people."

As his company's safety director he monitored its manufacturing procedures, watching for safety hazards.

Alphonse's other interests include intramural sports, the Boy Scouts and he belongs to the RG&E Engineering Explorer's Post. Besides his safety award, Al also won a trip to the JA National Convention in Indiana in August.

The Mercians are all dedicated achievers, who have taken advantage of the opportunities to make new friends, pursue new interests and explore academic challenges.

Sue, who received a scholarship from St. John Fisher College, will enter the school's pre-med program this September. Though she admitted to being a bit scared by the challenges of college life, she is already looking forward to making new friends. As to being a JA member, (three years), she noted it makes a person more accustomed to competition and makes her more of herself. As an example, Sue cited the fact she has had to make a lot of speeches and now she's not so nervous anymore.

She's been busy in other areas as well. As school stage manager, Sue operates the lights for all occasions — plays, rehearsals, recitals, dance performances. She's a member of the Math Club, National Honor Society and is a writer for the school's literary magazine, The Mercedes. She is also a recipient of a State Regent's scholarship.

Classmate Marie, also a three year JA member, credits her leadership experience, ability to speak and express her ideas and her knowledge of economics to the organization. She is interested in Corporate Law and will pursue English and Economics this Fall at Dartmouth University.

A fledgling writer, Marie has contributed poems to The Mercedes. She also belongs to the Math Club, National Honor Society, and Christian Action Movement (CAM). Marie and Sue ranked first and second, respectively, in their class standings.

Linda, a senior and another three year JA veteran had this to say about her experience. "I've a better understanding of business which will help me in college."

Linda will attend General

Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. where she will divide her time between classes and on-the-job training at the Delco Company.



Mercy achievers had a great time discussing their experiences with Junior Achievement. Michelle (bottom row, left) was a member of the MPM Company, sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company. Sue (on right), Linda (back row, left) and Marie were all members of Dratsun Enterprises sponsored by the R.T. French Company. In photo on right, Al (Junior Craftsmen, sponsored by Central Trust) and Darryl (STP, sponsored by Bausch and Lomb) show their delight with the awards they won.



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

How did she become such a superseller?

"I had support from my parents and JA advisors," she claimed and added, "they gave me hints on how to sell."

A sports enthusiast, Michelle plays basketball, volleyball, soccer, runs track and likes swimming. She also devotes time to being creative by contributing to the school newspaper, The Quill.

Her interest has been Mercy's Children's Theater, through which she appeared in many productions. But she also has found the time to belong to the CAM group, the Math Club and work with the Red Cross.

Though Michelle has only spent a year in JA she's active in the organization and it showed in her winning the Best Salesperson Award.

Teacher Honored

Ms. Karen Roycraft, Nazareth Academy's Physical Education instructor, received the 1978 Greece Athletic Director's Award. At a recent banquet, Joseph Drum, athletic director for Greece, presented her with an engraved plaque, honoring her dedication to young persons through teaching and coaching.

This month, Ms. Roycraft will be completing 14 years of teaching at Nazareth (her Alma Mater) where she has taught Health in addition to Physical Education. She earned her BS and permanent certification in phys ed and Health, with a minor in Biology at the University of Dayton, Ohio. She completed her graduate studies at Brockport College.

The Greece Athletic Director's Award is con-

ferred, annually, in recognition and appreciation of outstanding dedication, service, contribution and support of the athletic programs for young athletes of Greece.



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