

ARCHBISHOP MAY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS – *Where Are They Now?*

MADELINE WAPPELHORST – 2015 awardee

1. Was there a key influence at Duchesne that prompted you to be so interested and involved in service? Please give specifics if possible.

Duchesne's dedication to their mission of educating "mind, body, and spirit," pushed me to excel in all areas of that mission. They strived to implant in their students not only the importance of personal education and development, but the importance of service for and with others. I reciprocated this message, and challenged myself to become a part of that service mission. At DHS, my time spent in Key Club and Campus Ministry enabled me to serve in a multitude of ways, and that was the foundation of my love for services. As well as personal service experiences, the Duchesne's passion and enthusiasms for their Advent and Lenten all school service programs were incredible to work with and watch them come to fruition. The team work and excitement to serve in these moments across our small campus were truly evidence to our school's character.



2. Have you continued to be involved in service in your life after Duchesne? Please give a few examples, if possible.

After graduating from Duchesne in 2015, my love of service continued as I began my education at Saint Louis University School of Nursing. In the past three or so year, I have fallen in love with multiple new organizations. I have spent time serving at Mount Caramel Nursing Home in STL, working with Little Bit Foundation to provide school supplies and clothing to children, served with SLU's Campus Ministry, and continued to work/serve with DHS when possible. The organization however, that is closest to my heart is the Muscular Dystrophy Association. MDA's goal, along with fundraising to support medical care assistance and research, is to empower individuals and their families to live unlimited regardless of their MD limitations, and support them through the challenging moments.

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My favorite time of the year is the third week of June when I have the privilege of serving as a counselor, caregiver, and friend at MDA Summer Camp for children effected by muscular dystrophy diseases. Children/Teens aging from 6-17 years old come to camp, where there are no such things as limitations, hospitals, or doctors appointments, only time to be play, compete, and eat as much ice cream as possible.

3. We know you've done a lot for others; what do you feel you've gained in the time you've spent in the service of others? What have you taken away from the experience(s)?

Through my service to others, especially my time with MDA, I have gained so much respect for others, their challenges, and a deeper understanding of all the blessings I have within my own life. The MDA kiddos, the organization, and their mission has thought me so much about what it means to serve others as well as what is mean to truly live life to the fullest. I have DHS to thank for instilling in me the passion to serve others, and without that I would have not had some of the opportunities in my life.

