

ALUMNI NEWS

MAY 2023

Catie Nickoli Class of 2019

Catie Nickoli graduated from St. Martin Academy in 2019. Catie is attending The Academy of Our Lady of Peace and will graduate at the end of this month. Catie has received Head of School Honor Roll every semester in high school and is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. Catie credits her time at St. Martin Academy with helping to prepare for success in high school. Catie remembers that her SMA teachers encouraged the love of reading, creativity, and focused on the education of the whole child with an emphasis on responsibility and social justice. In high school Catie has directed the school musical *Spring Sing* and has also directed several mainstage productions including Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and Disney's *Newsies*. Catie acted as Achilles in *the Illiad*, *The Odessey* and all of Greek *Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less*, as Ferdinand in *The Tempest*, as Crutchie in *Newsies* in as Freddie Mercury in last year's *Spring Sing*. Catie received the adjudicator award from the California Educational Theater Association for her performance as Ferdinand in the *Tempest*. Catie's self-written, directed, and produced play *Purple* was a semi-finalist in the California Young Play Rights Festival. Catie received the class of 2023 overall English award at OLP in 2021 and the class of 2023 overall Performing Arts Award in 2022. Catie has accepted a place at The Old Globe this summer to train as a Shakespearean actor. Catie was honored to receive a 4-year Presidential Merit Scholarship to the University of San Diego as a theater and creative writing major in the fall of 2023.



*Congratulations to Catie and her brother Alexander
who graduates from SMA in June!*