



**Samantha Ross**

**Libertyville High School, Libertyville, IL**

**Why did you choose Saint Louis University?**

I chose Saint Louis University because it is the perfect school for me to grow in my education and in my faith. SLU has an outstanding occupational therapy program and exemplary faculty in the health sciences. SLU also has service opportunities, religious clubs, and much more. When I visited campus for the first time, I thought it was so amazing that SLU had such a close-knit community in such a large city.

**What is your major?**

Occupational Therapy

**What are your hobbies?**

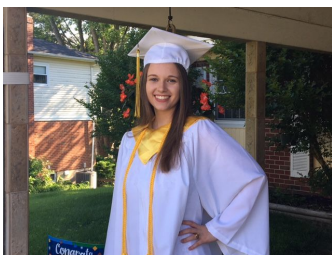
My hobbies include singing, acting, volunteering, and reading. I was in choir throughout high school, and I hope to continue to sing at SLU. My favorite volunteer opportunities in high school were participating in Best Buddies and tutoring elementary school children. I also enjoy traveling, and I am excited to be studying abroad at SLU's Madrid campus in the future.

**What is your favorite band or book?**

Ever since I was little my favorite book has always been *The Giving Tree*. The book is over fifty years old, and I think it's incredible that the lessons still hold true today.

**What are your future plans?**

I plan to complete my degree at SLU and hope to become a pediatric occupational therapist.



**Katie McNichol**

**Padua Academy, Wilmington, DE**

**Why did you choose Loyola University Maryland?**

I chose Loyola University Maryland because of its dedication to instill Jesuit values such as service to others and sharing your gifts and talents to help others. Another aspect of Loyola that made me want to be a part of their community is the idea of Cura Personalis, also known as care for the individual person. Loyola helps cater to every student's specific talents, gifts, and insights to shape each student into a well rounded individual.

**What is your major?**

Business with a focus in Marketing and an anticipated minor in Spanish.

**What are your hobbies?**

Some of my hobbies include reading, traveling, and photography. I hope to continue these hobbies throughout my time at Loyola.

**What is your favorite band or book?**

My favorite artist is Ed Sheeran and my favorite book is *A Midsummer's Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare.

**What are your future plans?**

My future plans include obtaining my license to sell insurance, as I have been working for an insurance company for three years. I hope to stay in Maryland after I graduate from Loyola to pursue a career in business.



**Megan Filipski**

**Orchard Park High School, Orchard Park, NY**

**Why did you choose Saint Joseph's University?**

I chose SJU because the minute I first stepped on campus, I felt at home. All of the staff and students I met were so welcoming and there was an overwhelming sense of community on campus.

**What is your major?**

Accounting

**What are your hobbies?**

I love to swim, run, and spend time outdoors.

**What is your favorite band or book?**

My favorite book is *Looking for Alaska* by John Green.

**What are your future plans?**

I plan to graduate from SJU and get my Master's Degree in accounting. I also plan to sit for my CPA exam and work at a large accounting firm.



**Jazmin Gudino**

**Founders Classical Academy, Leander, TX**

**Why did you choose University of Dallas?**

I chose the University of Dallas because it's very similar to the school I graduated from, Founders Classical Academy. After switching from public school to a classical liberal arts school, I found that I did much better with a liberal arts setting and education. University of Dallas caught my attention because many of my teachers attended there. Also, I admittedly love the idea of getting to visit Rome!

**What is your major?**

Mathematics

**What are your hobbies?**

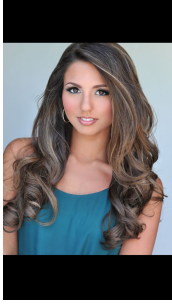
I love to play the flute and listen to music. I love to practice art and makeup, and I love spending time with my family, friends, and cats. I also enjoy reading and getting coffee.

**What is your favorite band or book?**

My favorite band is Red Jumpsuit Apparatus. My favorite book is a tie between *Of Mice and Men* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

**What are your future plans?**

I'm not entirely sure yet, but I have every intention of being happy.



**Abby Mansolillo**

**Moses Brown School, Providence, RI**

**Why did you choose Providence College?**

I am a big believer in “the feeling”, the one that you get when you know something great is happening. When I toured Providence College, I got that feeling, and I truly felt like I was home. I loved the emphasis on family, their love of community service, and that it was in Rhode Island! I also deeply appreciated the religious aspect of the college, and how it is incorporated in the curriculum.

**What is your major?**

I am currently undeclared, but I am leaning towards Public Relations and Communications.

**What are your hobbies?**

I play tennis, I sing, I love to read, and I am a model with The Beauty Within Model Management, where I have hosted two fashion shows this year. I compete in beauty pageants, and I was Miss Rhode Island High School America 2015. Further, I am the social media manager for a Miami-based designer, and I am a part-time sales associate at a boutique in Rhode Island.

**What is your favorite band or book?**

I love listening to any country music, especially Luke Bryan. I’ve seen him in concert twice and he just gets better. I adore reading, and my favorite book is *The Help*. I will always have a special place in my heart for the Harry Potter series.

**What are your future plans?**

After graduating from Providence College, I hope to graduate from Boston University’s College of Communications and work for a major communications and public relations company in New York City.