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**NATIONAL FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION
SENIOR AWARD TO EMILY MURDACH '18**



Resurrection College Prep High School senior **Emily Murdach '18** has been selected to be the recipient of a U.S. Figure Skating Association Senior Award, which recognizes the achievements of individuals graduating from high school who have made the commitment to continue their training in figure skating while pursuing their academic studies. Emily Murdach is a National competitive figure skater and member of a Junior Level National Competitive *Theatre on Ice* Team. She skates 4 mornings a week before school and skates and takes dance classes after school and on the weekends, in addition to being a team captain on the Resurrection Orchestis dance team. She has choreographed twenty-two dances while at Resurrection and has choreographed skating pieces for individuals on her skating team for theatrical and show solos. Emily participated in theatrical skating since age 6. During her senior year she joined the theatre program at Resurrection on stage when she played Trinculo in “The Tempest” and the Black Stache in the musical “Peter and the Starcatcher.” She also works behind the scenes in the Resurrection theatre program and volunteers with SuperStars Figure Skating Club, an organization that teaches figure skating to people with disabilities.

At Resurrection, Emily was inducted into the Diakona Service Honor Society and the Thespian Honor Society. She has held numerous leadership roles, including Freshman Class Representative, Sophomore Class President, Junior Class Vice President and Pep Club Secretary during her senior year. While attending Theatre Fest at the University of Illinois in January 2018, Emily auditioned for over sixty colleges and received scholarship offers from twenty-two of those programs. Her college scholarship offers included full scholarships to two programs and generous offers from other colleges and universities. Emily said, “Resurrection has supported my goals greatly,” and she credits her skating coach Quinton Clemmons and teachers at Resurrection as role models who have helped her to feel “strong, creative, educated and empowered.”

Emily Murdach is a graduate of Wildwood World Magnet school in Chicago and will be attending Columbia College where she plans to pursue an interdisciplinary major in dance and musical theatre. Her career goal is to perform with *Disney on Ice* and to work as a choreographer and dancer on the Chicago stage.

Resurrection College Prep High School, located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue in Chicago, is the largest all girls Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women on the north side of Chicago. Since its founding in 1922, Resurrection has graduated over 14,000 alumnae. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.