



# NEWS RELEASE

## Elena Lionello Named as NCDSB Student Trustee

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The Northeastern Catholic District School Board would like to welcome Elena Lionello, a grade 11 student at O’Gorman High School, to the Board of Trustees. Elena will represent students on the NCDSB Board of Trustees for the 2022-2023 school year.



When asked why this grade 11 student wanted to become the Student Trustee representative, Elena commented, “I wanted to become the NCDSB Student Trustee Representative because it provides me with the opportunity to grow academically while giving back to the OHS student body. Over the past two years, transitioning and working through high school has most definitely not been the easiest. The support provided by the Knights community was overwhelming and made for an enjoyable experience. As the representative, I hope to continue to provide that encouragement to incoming and current

O’Gorman High School students. I wish for others’ high school experience to be as agreeable as mine has been.”

Elena further explained, “I feel as though the environment at O’Gorman High is exceedingly unique. The school community is tremendously supportive and you are open to embrace whoever it is you are or whoever it is you want to be. Whether it be volunteer opportunities or the variety of courses offered, your pathway is yours to decide, with a multitude of support resources provided along the way. O’Gorman High School is the best possible place to grow individually and academically.”

When asked why Catholic education is important, Elena said, “Catholic Education is important to me because it provides students with the opportunity to incorporate their faith into their learning. The aspects of faith in action alone sets Catholic education apart from anything other. Speaking from experience, living out your faith in an environment where you are nourished with spiritual knowledge on a daily basis produces a broader and more vast understanding of what being Catholic really means. I want to see other students flourish in their faith with a deep understanding of how their actions affect themselves and others, and how they can represent the Catholic religion in a positive light.”

Elena’s hobbies include playing basketball, spending time with her friends and collecting records in her spare time. Upon graduating from O’Gorman High School, Elena plans on obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Psychology, before applying to law school. Elena would like to obtain a degree in Health Law.

The NCDSB family wishes Elena well as she embarks on her new journey.



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