

Mary Genevieve Amato

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Education

Naperville Central High School

Expected Graduation: May 2019

Academic Accolades:

- National Honors Society Member: 2017 - Present
- Academic Achievement Award for 4.0 GPA in every semester of attendance
- Spanish Honors Society: 2017 - Present

Activities

Shedd Aquarium High School Marine Biology Program: Summer, 2018

Shedd Aquarium - Chicago, IL and Bimini, Bahamas

- Lived on the R/V Coral Reef II, researching marine organisms using different methodologies in Bimini, Bahamas
- One of twenty students chosen to participate in this highly selective program

Shedd Aquarium High School Lake Ecology Program: Summer, 2017

Shedd Aquarium - Chicago, IL and Apostle Islands, WI

- Researched and explored the ecology of the Apostle Islands
- Built strong relationships using team building techniques with the twenty-six high school participants.

Martial Artist in Shorei Ryu Karate: 2004 - Present

Sharkey's Karate Studio - Naperville, IL

- Black Belt since 2013
- International competitor for Team AKA (American Karate Association) since 2011

Sideswipe Performance Team: 2011 - Present

- International Martial Arts Performance Team
- Performed for the United States Navy Service Members and Families
 - United States Naval Base Yokosuka, Japan (2018)
 - United States Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (2016)
 - Naval Station Great Lakes Base (2015)

Leadership Roles

- Co-Captain of Team AKA, international karate team (2017 - Present)
- President, Urban Arts Club (UAC) at Naperville Central High School (2016 - Present)
- Naperville Central High School LINK Commissioner (2018 - Present)
- Naperville Central High School LINK Crew Leader (2017 - 2018)

Work Experience

Instructor: 2015- Present

Sharkey's Karate Studio - Naperville, IL

- Director of the Little Sharks Program
- Instructor of children and teens in both Traditional Shorei Ryu Karate and Extreme Martial Arts
- Cardio-Kickboxing instructor

Volunteer Service

Shedd Aquarium Shedd Stewards - Chicago, IL: 2017 - 2018

- Beach cleanup, invasive species removal, and tree planting in the Chicagoland community

Chicago Ideas Week - Chicago, IL: Winter, 2017

- Taught networking skills to community teens

Honors and Awards

- World Champion Martial Arts Competitor - Fifteen time World Champion in Forms and Weapons
- Academic Achievement Letter and Bars at Naperville Central High School