



Our August Alum of the Month is Mary Calderon from the Class of 2012! Prior to Mary's time at BCHS, she was a proud student at Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Elementary School. During Mary's stint at Bourgade Catholic, she was involved in many different things including Active Bourgade Christians, Mu Alpha Theta, the Ambassadors organization, National Honor Society, and Student Council. In addition to being on the chess team for all four years, Mary also spent some of her time at BCHS participating in soccer and track. As one can

tell, she was no stranger to the extensive extracurricular activities that Bourgade Catholic still offers today.

Just recently, Mary received a degree in Management Entrepreneurship from the University of Notre Dame and she is considering law school at Arizona State University and the University of Arizona. Beginning this August, Mary is heading to Bethel, Alaska to work in their Public Defender's Office as a Client Specialist. This opportunity is through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest.

As Mary was involved in many different organizations at Bourgade Catholic, it is no surprise that one of Mary's highlights in college was studying abroad in Santiago, Chile. Even now, she still misses living in the heart of the city with her host family, hiking Patagonia and busing to the Atacama Desert with her friends. She also noted that one of her biggest enjoyments from studying abroad was the challenge of taking all of her classes in Spanish. Mary claims that studying abroad is an experience that she recommends to everyone.

In addition to her accomplishments abroad, Mary also reached some high achievements here in the United States. While at the Mendoza College of Business during her time at Notre Dame, she and her classmates made it to the semifinals of Notre Dame's business plan completion her senior year. She has also worked with a company called, Engraved Traditions, who aim to provide opportunities for the special needs community through their sale of wood engraved cases.

To this day, Mary still cites Bourgade Catholic as a key starting point to her journey. With similar focuses of community, service, and faith, Mary was able to graduate from BCHS and find a second home at the University of Notre Dame where she would experience one adventure after another. Although high school continues to fade in the rearview mirror, the memories, lessons and values that Mary experienced as a Golden Eagle are sure to not be forgotten as she transitions to the next chapter of her life.

Please keep Mary in your prayers as her journey continues onto to Alaska this Summer.