

Congratulations to the **BEAUDRY AWARD** finalists!



Alyssa Giannirakis

Alyssa Giannirakis is the daughter of Pete and Lynn Giannirakis from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a double major in Political Science and Communication. Giannirakis is a finalist for the NBC/John Carroll University Meet the Press Fellowship and will be interviewing for the position in late March.

Leadership

Alyssa has been active with the We the People tutoring program since her freshman year at Carroll. She has served as the 8th grade student coordinator and leads a group of over twenty tutors in five classrooms in East Cleveland. She served on her sorority's executive board as the chapter's recruitment chair. She also served as treasurer and fundraising chair for PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America). Alyssa was on the inaugural board for the Students for Social Justice organization on campus and served as the Events and Marketing Coordinator. For the past three years, Giannirakis was a leader for the Cleveland Neighborhood Project and for other events as a student liaison for the Center for Service and Social Action.

Commitment to Christian Values

Alyssa is Greek Orthodox and while at school is a parishioner at Saints Constantine and Helen Cathedral in Cleveland Heights. However, she has enriched her faith life through Campus Ministry at John Carroll. She attended the Manresa 23 retreat and has found fulfillment attending 10pm mass on Sundays at St. Francis Chapel with many of her fellow students. She is privileged to attend a school that allows her to foster her commitment to Christian values in her own unique way.

Academic Achievement

Alyssa is in the Arrupe Scholars program and will be participating in the Celebration of Scholarship this spring to present her work in the program over the past four years. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor society, and Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor society. Alyssa is also a member of Order of Omega, a leadership and academic honor society for members of Greek life. This past February, Alyssa was invited to present with other members of the We the People Program at the Michigan Campus Compact Service Learning Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Last year, she received the Bobbi Bokman-Rogers Public Relations Award for dedication to PRSSA and the field of Public Relations. Alyssa was chosen for the George B. Sweeny Champion Award for Service during her junior year.

Service to the University and Civic Community

Alyssa has been involved with service since her first year at John Carroll. She has participated as a student coordinator and tutor for the We the People program every semester. Each year, she volunteers for the Fatima Food Drive, Danie's Day, Aids Awareness Week and other one-time projects through the Center for Service and Social Action. Alyssa participates weekly in service at the Fatima Family Center Preschool and the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center with the Carroll Ballers Program. She is also involved with philanthropy work through her sorority, Chi Omega, especially Make-A-Wish Foundation.