

Monica Madya

2021 Cecilia Moy Yap Scholar



Monica attributes her work ethic to her hardworking parents and her elementary teachers at Holy Redeemer. She continues to be very grateful for the opportunities that her parents provided for her when they migrated to the US from Indonesia.

She graduated from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School as valedictorian, having ranked 1st in her class for four years. She was the recipient of many academic awards and has been a leader in her school's extracurricular activities, including the Sewing Club, Science Club, Mathletes competitions, and as member of the National Honors Society.

Monica was also involved in community services, specifically at her elementary school and church. During the pandemic, she taught Algebra to an 8th grade student with a learning disability. She also researched and planned a virtual sew-along that created pockets for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Monica is the first member of her family to attend college. She is a Questbridge Scholar and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania as a biology major.