

# Fearless and Faithful: Brookewood Graduating Senior Maggie Hawley

By Glencora Pipkin

**N**olite timere, the Bible's injunction to "be not afraid," is the motto of Brookewood School for Girls. It has become not only an echo heard in the hallways but also a way of life for the students here.

For class of 2019 graduate Margaret (Maggie) Hawley, *nolite timere* is an essential mark of her character, formed from ten years of a Brookewood life. During her career at Brookewood, teachers have noticed that Maggie's grit and her openness to acquiring new skills have enabled her to lead well.

This year, in particular, Maggie



Photo by George Hawley

Maggie Hawley sings a solo at the Avalon-Brookewood Gala.

has excelled in her leadership roles: she was awarded outstanding delegate for her representation of Egypt at the Model UN delegation, she played Titania in the school's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (a major challenge, she recalls, which entailed convincing the audience she was in love with a donkey!), she captained the girls' soccer team, and she was named house captain of one of the school's houses (the highest role of leadership for a Brookewood girl).

Maggie says that classroom discussions, especially, have helped her connect her reason and faith life. Her Christian faith has been stretched and strengthened during

her stay at Brookewood. Maggie remarked on her religion courses, in particular, which challenged her deeply:

[I found myself] asking big challenging, sometimes painful, questions and wrestling with their answers. And though it is painful and difficult, the discussions I have in the classroom shape how I live my life.

Graduating this May, Maggie will be attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, as a journalism major. This summer she will be shadowing with ABC News before she leaves for college.

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additional housing units for those who must need them – low income residents, such as individuals and families making \$30,000 or less annually. Creating these housing units could exacerbate the issue of other limited housing options for low-income residents.

There is significant additional opposition to ADUs. Space limits our ability to consider them here, but you can search the Web for more information.

## Justice & Advocacy Council of Montgomery County

Since 2006, the Justice & Advocacy Council of Montgomery County, a voice of the Archdiocese of Washington, has advocated for the poor and vulnerable, especially around issues of affordable housing. The opportunity to build ADUs is attractive, especially to housing advocates, who seek to expand the availability of housing options. But as with all things, it is just part of the solution.

It may be easy to think, "This would create more housing units, wouldn't that be enough?" While this could provide some options for those who desperately need them, we must also seek and consider other options. Out of charity, the biblical challenge remains: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25: 40).

Catholic social teaching, based on natural law and scripture, continues to stretch us!

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The Justice & Advocacy Council of Montgomery County meets the fourth Wednesday of every month from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm at Holy Redeemer in Kensington. Our next meeting is May 22. Please call Brian Dorsey at (240) 888-4736 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Brian Dorsey is co-chair of the Justice and Advocacy Council of Montgomery County.

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