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The Vanier Valedictorian: well-rounded, involved, and committed.

When the 2008 graduating class of Vanier College gathered at Place des Arts in June to receive Vanier graduation certificates, the Valedictorian student selected to bid farewell to the College and to Cegep studies on behalf of all her fellow students, was Teresa Maria Julian, from the Liberal Arts Program. Chosen because she was a well-rounded student, Teresa exemplifies the qualities Vanier looks for in a Valedictorian. “Well-spoken, positive, energetic and outgoing,” comments a selection committee member, “Teresa has expressed only high praise for her time at Vanier. Furthermore, in spite of being a very active and highly successful soccer player, she managed to maintain a high academic standard.” “I would not change my time at Vanier for anything,” says Teresa. “I loved it here.”



Teresa describes perfectly the challenges she faced while at Vanier. “Every Cegep student has a double life”, she explains. “Mine, is that of a student-athlete. Taking on this role has allowed me to become a leader academically and in the athletic world. While striving for the best in my studies, I was training on the side and leading my team as captain, on and off the field.”

Good time management is definitely one of Teresa’s talents and has allowed her to succeed academically while being involved in extra-curricular activities and committed to helping others. “Balancing work and school is difficult. I leave school to go to work and then return to train for soccer. But having two jobs, studying, training, tutoring other athletes and friends, and representing my program and school with pride, have enabled me to develop into a caring and devoted person, who strives for the best in everything I do.”

Teresa is the fourth member of the Julian family to study at Vanier. Two older brothers and a sister preceded her and set the high standard their youngest sibling followed. All were members of the Vanier Cheetahs; all were leaders in college activities and associations, and all excelled academically. Linda Macpherson Head of the Vanier Sports Complex is delighted Teresa was chosen Valedictorian. “She is a great young woman! They are an amazing family with Mom and especially Dad often at games throughout the years. We’ll miss them around here until we’re able to entice them back as coaches.”

Teresa was a graduate of Lauren Hill Academy, and is planning to go onto Bishop's University to study Classical Studies with a minor in Journalism