

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CONNECTION in Cleveland's July 11, 2019 ISSUE FEATURED BSHSA STUDENT

Our BSHSA student, **KARMEN SHARP**, was featured in an article, "Preparing to Lead" in The Catholic Community Connection in Cleveland. Here are excerpts:

Joining the Summer Fellows this summer is Karmen Sharp. Karmen is serving as the intern at Light of Hearts Villa in Cleveland. Karmen is a rising junior at Xavier University, where she studies Health Care Administration. She is also a cadet in the Ohio National Guard and is a member of ROTC at Xavier. Karmen is the first student from Xavier who has had the opportunity to be part of the Summer Fellows Program. She first heard about the Summer Fellows Program through Dr. Browne, the director of her major at Xavier. Since Karmen hopes to run a facility similar to Light of Hearts Villa in the future, she thought this would be a great opportunity to learn what is involved.

During her Fellows experience, Karmen has been kept busy learning about the daily operations at Light of Hearts Villa. "Every day has been different. I have been going around to each department to meet the staff and learn about what all is involved with their roles." Karmen has jumped in to assist with doing a variety of tasks, including helping prepare meals for the residents, assisting with marketing, and meeting with the staff members who provide social work. "One day, I helped with maintenance and literally watched paint dry. However, all of these tasks are important to know and understand. There is a lot of behind the scenes work which takes places in a facility and since I would like to manage a facility one day, knowing every aspect which is involved is important. Everyone's job is important when it contributes to providing high quality care for others."

The work experience at Light of Hearts Villa has helped Karmen appreciate even more her focused studies of Health Care Administration. She has also recognized the importance of caring for the elderly and how important it is to work hard in order to help them feel comfortable at a Senior Living Facility. "I have learned a lot this summer and I am grateful to the entire staff. The residents are amazing as well. I feel that I am able to make a difference in the lives of others and hope I continue to do that in the future."



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