

# Koinonia Academy accepts students for its fourth year

BAYCITY — Koinonia Academy, a tutoring service for Catholic home-school families, graduated its third student — Laura Marie Budd — in June. The school, which enrolls children in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, is continuing to accept new students for the upcoming school year.

The academy, which will be applying for accreditation from the National Association of Private Catholic Independent Schools during this academic year, rents classroom space at 1201 S. Euclid Ave. To date, 14 students are enrolled for 2007-08.

Budd, who will attend Magdalen College in Warner, N.H., this fall, played the role of Hero in the academy's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the annual spring program and also sang a solo "Remember Me" from the musical "Phantom of the Opera."

Leroy Spiller, director of the non-profit corporation that is beginning its fourth year of operation, said, "We provide service to home-school families who may have had their students enrolled in public or parochial schools and were dissatisfied with the quality of the academic education available

to them in these settings.

"In addition to some element of dissatisfaction with their child's education, many parents wanted more individual attention, a more rigorous academic program and they also wanted it in the context of their Catholic faith."

Spiller said the academy has several new initiatives under way.

The Angel Program, a tuition assistance program, has been established. Anyone interested in becoming an "angel" should contact Jack Stong, president of the Koinonia Association board of directors, at 687-5056.

Senior high students will continue to study chemistry and some students will begin to study calculus. An introductory ballet class will be offered to



Leroy Spiller, director of Koinonia Academy, presents a high school diploma to Laura Marie Budd on Wednesday, June 6.

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female students and after-school tutoring in reading, spelling and mathematics will be available for students enrolled in public or parochial schools.

Individualized and effective programs will be available for those who are below grade level in reading and math as

well as those who can benefit from an accelerated program. (Average gains in reading are 2.7 grade levels and in math are 2.4 grade levels in three semesters.)

For more information, call 686-3766 or check its Web site at [www.koinoniaacademy.com](http://www.koinoniaacademy.com)†