

Diana Alvarez is a 17-year-old senior at Saint Vincent Academy in Newark, New Jersey. She has had a passion for the arts since the age of 6, and that passion has definitely fueled her decision to pursue her intended career path. She plans to major in musical theatre (with a minor in women's and gender studies, and/or an Asian language). Diana has performed in school plays and actively works with Vanguard Theater Company year round. Some of her favorite theatre credits include roles such as Ti Moune in *Once on This Island*, Heather McNamara in *Heathers*, and Julia in an off-Broadway production of *Two Gentlemen of Verona: the Musical*. For the next four years and beyond, Diana plans to hone her craft while becoming an even more socially and culturally aware human being. She would like to express her immense gratitude to the Gia Maione Prima Foundation for believing in her!