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Attention all Catholic School Flu Vaccination Challenge participants:

We are pleased to announce the **4x winner** of the **4th ANNUAL ALANA YAKSICH CATHOLIC SCHOOL FLU VACCINATION CHALLENGE - U of D Jesuit High School and Academy!**

This year was down slightly with **797 doses administered and surveys completed combined** between all competitors. No doubt, with a little more in-school promotion, these numbers will be exceeded next year. Most important, we protected people from a vaccine preventable disease. We **applaud the efforts of ALL the Catholic schools that participated** in this years competition:

*Detroit Catholic Central  
Detroit Cristo Rey  
Mercy High School  
Orchard Lake St. Mary  
St. Anne  
St. Hugo of the Hills  
University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy*

The **Alana Yaksich Memorial Trophy** will once again reside at U of D Jesuit until the conclusion of next years competition. Trophy presentation will take place in the next few weeks.

We hope the challenge added a little spark of interest to encourage yearly flu vaccinations for your students, staff and families. It is our hope that next year, with your help and encouragement, even more Catholic schools in Metro Detroit will choose to offer in-school flu vaccinations in fall of 2019. Please **share with your counterparts at neighboring Catholic schools (all grades) and encourage them to get involved in this friendly competition.**

If we have not already done so, we will reach out to all 2018 participants soon after the first of the year to **secure your preferred date/time for the 2019-2020 flu season.** If you'd like to make those arrangements now, we'll be happy to take of that.

Congratulations again to U of D Jesuit and we hope you all have a happy, healthy, and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Zachary Yaksich*

Zachary Yaksich  
Alana's Dad  
Alana's Foundation President/Executive Director

*\*Alana's Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in memory of Alana Yaksich who died of influenza in February 2003. Recognition includes the 2012 Michigan Honoree for the Center for Disease Control Childhood Immunization Champion Award, the 2012 Alliance for Immunization in Michigan Outstanding Achievement Award, the 2015 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit - Immunization Excellence Honorable Mention for Influenza Season Campaign and the 2016 AIM Bulls-Eye Award. Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent provided by the law. No goods or services were provided for this donation. Federal Tax ID #: 26-4353167*