



Elizabeth A. Troia

Hello, I am Elizabeth A. Troia. I am running for Santa Lucia Queen for the 2023 year. I am going to be a Junior in the Fall at Mercy High School with a lot of ambition and hard work. I love art, music, athletics, and literature. I grew up going to the Santa Lucia Festival with my family. I became a lot closer to the festival and the people when my sister decided to run for Santa Lucia Queen in 2018 and became queen. My family has been a part of the festival's history since it started, back in Little Italy. My mom when she was little would go to the festival when it was down in Little Italy, by Orsi's. My Great-Nano, Joseph Garro, was a part of the band and played the clarinet on my Nano's side, Gregory Garro. My Great-Nano, Alfred Longo, had pushed the float on my Nana's side, Marie Antoinette Longo. Gregory Garro and Marie Antoinette Longo are my Nano and Nana on my mother's side, Marie Troia. My Great-Grandpa was a member of Sons of Italy and helped in the process of getting the St. Lucy statue from Italy to Omaha. From a young age I have been a part of the Italian community going to the Sons of Italy with my Grandpa, Joseph Troia, almost every other week when he was alive. Both of my parents-grandparents come from Sicily, and I try to live closely to my heritage and the people as much as I can. I have become really close to the people in the Italian community and I wanted to be a part of it in a more personal way. I enjoy thinking critically and working with other people. I enjoy cooking and being hands on creating various objects. I love volunteering and trying to help people as much as I can. I have been a part of the festival, working it, for the last few years. I truly love the community and believe that I would be an asset and add something unique to the community. No matter what happens I will be grateful for the experience and the people I will grow closer with because of it. I'm grateful for the opportunity and will work my hardest for the Santa Lucia Festival.