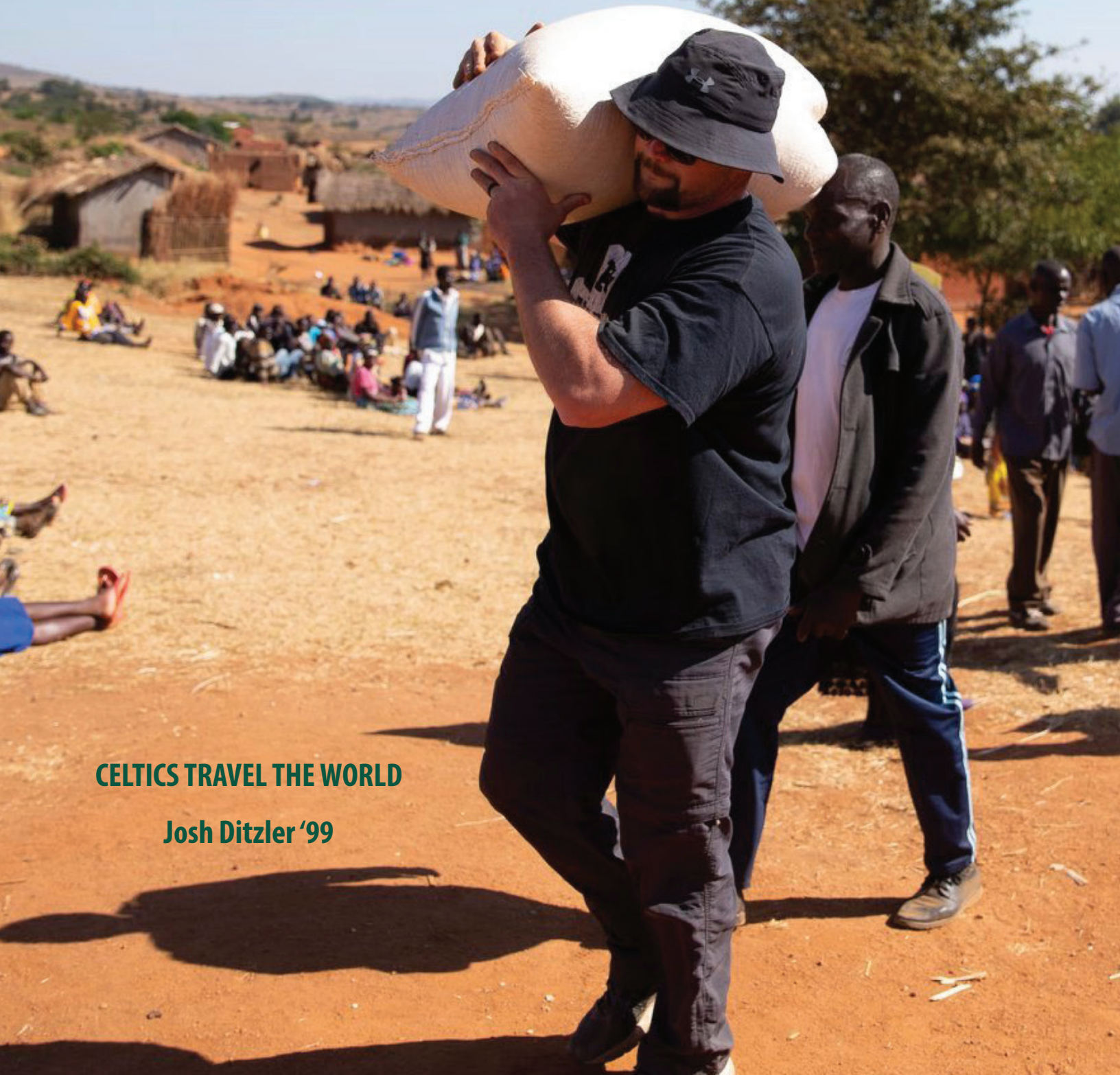


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PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FALL 2019



CELTICS TRAVEL THE WORLD

Josh Ditzler '99

LETTER FROM FR. MERKELIS

"The world is a great book, of which they that never stir from home read only a page."

Thomas Fielding, Select Proverbs from all Nations

Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

I truly enjoy hearing the experiences of our graduates when they return from studying abroad in any of the study programs offered in college. I have a vivid memory, as a young boy, of laying in the grassy field across from our house in Calumet City, thinking, "I will never leave the south side of Chicago." This was prior to my entering the Augustinian seminary. Since being introduced to the Augustinians, I have seen a great portion of the United States. I could never have guessed that, in my studies, I would visit Michigan, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, New York, Texas, California, and Washington, DC. I was privileged to serve on a commission that led me to Italy, Spain, Canada, Mexico, Algeria and Tunisia. I see that our alums who have travelled abroad have a deeper understanding of our world, of life, and of God!

This issue of the Celtic Review includes many features about our students and alumni who have travelled the globe. They return and share their experiences. In this, we all become something greater, together! I invite you to consider your own experiences of the vast world God provides as you read this issue.

Thank you to all who joined us in celebrating our 100th Anniversary this past year! We utilized our new Brown Student Commons

for many of the events and received great compliments (usually in the form of "ooohs" and "aaaahs"). Please join us for Christmas Mass on December 17 if you have not had a chance to see the Commons.

The Class of 2019 graduated 41 Illinois State Scholars and a National Merit Scholar! Inside the Review you will also read of a student who had a perfect score of 36 on the ACT, and the athletes who set a school record in the 2x400, and a State Championship in the Women's Pole Vault. We also accomplished State showings in Math Team, Girls Track, Boys Track, Bowling, Bass Fishing, Dance, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Cross Country and Wrestling. Our Fine Arts Program received the highest State Recognition possible for Alto Soloist in Illinois.

Included, you will find our Annual Report of Donors. We brought to a close our \$6 million Capital Campaign. In the past year, our benefactors contributed \$1.4 million to support Providence Catholic; about a third of these donations go directly to annual scholarships, a top priority for our school. Nearly 700 donors helped to fund the various projects of our school, such as the Commons, endowments, athletics and other projects. You have truly helped us to become something greater together.

Thank you for your generosity!

We are constantly working to improve our facilities and programs. We launched the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Academy in August. The greater part of the roof was replaced in the school,



and the visitor bleacher section in Bishop Kaffer Stadium was removed to make a safer environment for our guests. We are working with ComEd to participate in their energy efficiency program which will upgrade all of the lights in the building.

I am truly grateful for the many blessings of the Providence Family. Your support, especially your prayerful support, is foundational to our Mission. Since the theme of the Review highlights travel, may God bless us on our journey.

Save travels, wherever you go!

Sincerely,

Fr. John Merkellis, O.S.A.
President

Student Augustinian Values Institute-SAVI

Six Providence Catholic students joined students from across North America at the recent Student Augustinian Values Institute (SAVI) held in New Jersey. Over 50 students represented the eight Augustinian high schools gathered for the three-day experience of faith, friendship, and service. SAVI was created in 2010 to help students understand the teachings of the saint their school's religious order is named after, St. Augustine. In addition, it allows students to see, explore, and apply the Augustinian core values of Truth, Unity, and Love, while also developing enthusiasm, dedication and a common purpose amongst the Augustinian schools.

This year's SAVI took place April 5th through 7th at Augustine Prep High School in Vineland, New Jersey. The Providence Catholic students in attendance were: Michael Blake '21, Mary Block '21, Peyton Botich '21, Ashley Chaveriat '21, Kate Koszulinksi '21, and Abigail Pierson '21.

Students are recommended to attend this



annual conference. Those who attend SAVI spend a weekend discussing and reflecting upon the three Augustinian values of truth, unity, and love, and work on ways in which those important teachings can be applied in their classrooms. During the three-day event, students not only take away all that they learned to build a stronger Augustinian community in their own school, but they also develop a stronger bond with Augustinian

students throughout the world.

Providence Catholic Sophomore, Kate Koszulinksi, said the experience opened her eyes and her perspective on the true meaning of the Augustinian values. "The whole experience deepened my understanding of who I was and who I am as an Augustinian student," she said. "I learned how to reach out to others through truth, unity, and love, and sharing the event with so many other students my age really opened up the idea of our universal unity as Augustinians."

The Augustinian Schools in Attendance:

- Austin Catholic – Chesterfield, MI
- Austin Prep – Reading, MA
- Cascia Hall – Tulsa, OK
- Malvern Prep – Malvern, PA
- Providence Catholic – New Lenox, IL
- St. Augustine Prep – Richland, NJ
- St. Augustine – San Diego, CA
- St. Rita of Cascia – Chicago, IL
- Villanova Prep – Ojai, CA
- Villanova College – King City, Ontario





Congratulations to the **CLASS OF 2019**



100,000

Hours of
Community Service

\$45 Million

Offered in
College Scholarships

41

Illinois State
Scholars

\$76,000

Average Scholarship
Accepted

33

Athletic
Commitments

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019

Providence Catholic High School concluded its 100th Anniversary year by celebrating the Class of 2019's graduation on May 23 at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. Members of the class crossed the Rialto Theatre stage to receive their PCHS diploma from President, Rev. John Merkelis, OSA, marking the completion of four successful and memorable years.

During the ceremony, Valedictorian Allison Brankin (Orland Park) and Salutatorian Alyssa LaBine (Mokena) each addressed their classmates with powerful words of encouragement and expressed their gratefulness to family, friends and Providence faculty and staff.

During the awards portion of the graduation ceremony, Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A. named Matthew Cerven (New Lenox) and Sarah Deffenbaugh (Plainfield) as the recipients of the Bishop Blanchette Religion Award. Furthermore, John McGuire (Frankfort) and Elise Persicketti (Manhattan) received the prestigious Bishop Roger Kaffer Leadership Award. Athletic Director, Doug Ternik '89 announced Matthew Cerven of (New Lenox) as

the recipient of the Senior Athletic-Spirit Award and Eleanor Bilotta of (Frankfort) as the recipient of the Jaime Garcia Scholastic Athlete Award.

"The Class of 2019 will carry with them the core Augustinian values of truth, unity, and love," said principal, Dr. John Harper, '77. "There is no doubt that they will all find great success as they continue their academic careers."

Ninety-eight percent of the Class of 2019 will continue their education at a college or university. Scholarships valued at nearly \$45 million were offered to this class. Forty-one of these graduates were named Illinois State Scholars. These seniors volunteered in excess of 100,000 hours of community service during their high school careers. Fourteen percent of student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent or made commitments to continue their respective sports at the collegiate level. Providence Catholic now has 30 state championship titles; the most among private high schools in the state of Illinois.

THREE CELTICS BECOME ACE TEACHING FELLOWS AT NOTRE DAME

Three Providence graduates who completed their summer session of the prestigious Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Teaching Fellows at the University of Notre Dame are Brent Villasenor '15, Sean Murray '14 and Christian Spesia '15.

Christian and Brent are in their first year of the program and are headed to the Los Angeles South Central Community, where Christian will teach 5th grade at St. Albert the Great School and Brent will teach Middle School Language Arts at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sean will return to New Orleans for his second year of teaching Middle School Math at Academy of our Lady.

Brent recently graduated from the University of Chicago, Sean from Villanova University and Christian from Benedictine University (Kansas).

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Teaching Fellows forms talented, faith filled college graduates to renew and transform Catholic school classrooms. They mainly serve in low income and immigrant communities. The students spend their summers taking classes at Notre Dame, and teach during the school year. They receive a modest stipend and affordable housing during the program. Upon completion of the program, they

receive a cost-free Master of Education degree from Notre Dame. More information on the program can be found here: <https://ace.nd.edu/teach/>



Pictured (L to R) are Brent Villasenor '15, Sean Murray '14 and Christian Spesia '15.

NOTRE DAME LECTURE SERIES COMES TO PROVIDENCE



This past semester Providence Catholic was pleased to welcome Notre Dame Professor, Dominic O. Vachon, M.Div., Ph.D., as a guest speaker on campus. Dr. Vachon is the Director of the Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine at the University of Notre Dame.

He spoke to a group of students, alumni, and faculty on the topic of "What is Science Saying About Compassion and What Difference Does It Make in our Daily Lives?" Dr. Vachon is part of the Hesburgh Lecture Series and the event was held in conjunction with the Joliet Notre Dame Alumni Group, which serves all of Will County. Dr. Vachon was nominated to lead this lecture discussion program by the deans of the colleges at Notre Dame. The program is set up to address issues reflective of the strengths of the University. Dr.



Vachon provided a evening of thought-provoking and interesting topics for the Providence community.

MISSION MALAWI AFRICA

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT - JOSH DITZLER '99

Q. How did you get the idea to travel on a mission trip?

I have always been interested in the idea of it. I have had a couple Providence students that have gone on them. It was usually mentioned in passing, but I would ask them a lot of questions about their experiences. I loved hearing firsthand accounts of other cultures, especially from my students. Up until last Spring though, I never actually pursued going on one.

My wife, Karen, was the first one to make me seriously consider it. We always go to Church together. At some point, I realized that we had been having more and more conversations about religion, faith, and spirituality. We both acknowledged that we wanted to do more. She brought up the idea of a mission trip, but after some discussion, it didn't seem likely. We both are teachers (Karen teaches Math at Elwood Junior High School) and both of us are involved in extracurriculars at our respective schools. We have a pretty large family too, with five kids. There doesn't ever seem be a day without a game or someone needs a ride to practice. This continues through summer break, with the addition of week-long sports camps and varsity football starting up all over again.

One day, she had one of those "pay it forward" moments. A stranger went out of their way to help her, and just asked that she pay it forward and do some good in the world for someone else. That Sunday, the church bulletin announced that they will be putting together a mission trip focusing on education. It was going to be the first of its kind, and they needed some teachers. She told me that it was a sign, and I realized quickly that she was not going to be ignoring it. This was going to be her "paying it forward" and doing some good for someone else.

We talked about it, and after listing the same excuses from before, the subject was dropped. I thought that it was over and done with. . . and I was wrong. Two days after that conversation,

she told me that she was signed up and committed. I was shocked, but after discussing it over the next few days, I signed up too.

Q. Where did you go?

We went to Malawi, Africa. It is in the south eastern part of Africa. One of the first things that I found out about Malawi was that it is called "the warm heart of Africa". After being there, I would say that was a pretty accurate description. Three years ago, our church created a ten-year peace plan to work with Malawi.



We actually stayed with a member of their Parliament, which is similar to our Congress. This man, Sam Kawale, built an addition onto his own house to provide accommodations for the groups that would be coming to try and help his country. His family would eat meals with us, and his kids asked us to play in their backyard. He even drove us around in his own car when we were traveling, sometimes an hour or two away. Those trips were very enlightening, and he answered any question I had about Malawi's government, history, and culture.

Q. What preparations did you need to make for the trip?

I had to make 4 separate visits to various doctors and get 8 or 9 total vaccinations. I had

to raise \$3,000 between March and the end of June. This was probably my biggest concern. The church used an online service to set up an account for all of us. It was sort of like my own "kick starter" or "go fund me". I shared the link on my social media accounts, and I was very surprised with what happened. I expected some family members might make donations after they found the link on Facebook. But I was overwhelmed by the help and support I received on Twitter, mostly from current

students and alumni. There were a lot of likes and retweets, leading to more exposure than I ever anticipated. There were students from other high schools that donated. In addition to the donations, I received tons of kind words and encouragement. After a few short weeks, I was close to reaching my goal. When things started to slow down on social media, I decided to share the donation link with my colleagues at Providence. Again, I was overwhelmed with support. Providence staff members kept on asking me how close I was, and then a few minutes later I would receive an "anonymous donation". I ended up reaching my goal and fully funding the trip within 2 months. I was actually the first member of my mission team to

get there. My Providence family played a huge part in my mission trip, and I will forever be appreciative of their support.

Q. Who went with you? Family members?

I went with my wife, Karen. We were part of an eight person education team that were all teachers. I was the only male, the only high school teacher, and also the only private high school teacher in the group. There were three other teams: a vacation bible school team, a medical team, and a clean water team. The trip had 20-25 people total.

Q. How long was the trip?

Not counting the travel, we were there for about ten days.

Q. How long was the travel?

About 17 hours to Malawi, which included a layover in Ethiopia. The flight home was 23 hours because we made two stops... Ethiopia and Dublin.

Q. Were there any safety issues with travel or with the area you stayed?

There were no issues. There was some concern before we left though. They recently had their presidential election, and there were accusations of fraud after an unpopular candidate won. There were newspaper reports that mentioned large protests on the main streets of Lilongwe (their capital), and some incidents of blocking major roads with burning tires. We were going to be staying just a short drive away and would be traveling a lot. Before we left, our leaders assured us that we would not be put in any compromised situations if they were still occurring while we were there. The person that we were staying with had their own security team on the property. The only protest that occurred during our visit was a peaceful one on the other side of the city.

Q. Were you able to communicate with the kids and teachers?

We visited a lot of schools... mostly grade schools. It was their winter, so school was in session. The 8-person team would split up into pairs and sit in on a class and observe. The first place that we went to shocked me. There

were 200 second graders in one classroom with their teacher. 200 students, second graders no less, with only one teacher. There was not any furniture, so they sat on the bare floor. They each had their own lesson book, a lot of them beat up and tattered. There were a few windows (most of the time) to let in some natural light and a chalkboard on the wall. That was about it. The thought of having to have 200 young students in my classroom seemed like it would be a nightmare to me, but they were very well behaved and sat through an entire lesson without incident. Every lesson that I witnessed was taught in English, even the one with the second graders.

After the class ended, we were able to sit and talk with the teacher, and often with members of the school's administration. We would have a chance to ask any question that we would

donations from our church the previous year. After donating to the missions as a student at Providence, it was great to see what it was like on the other side. We were able to see the happiness in the community as they were given some of the things that they needed.

Q. Are you glad you did it?

Very. I was incredibly nervous after I signed up. I am the type of person that does not like to go outside of my comfort zone. I quickly came to realize that I made the right choice. I could not imagine having missed an experience like that, knowing what I do now.

Q. Would you do it again?

Absolutely! My wife and I are already committed to go to Malawi again next summer. A lot of the same members of our original team will be too. We were asked to be co-leaders for the trip.



have, and then they would ask us questions. It was very cool to exchange little glimpses of our cultures and what it was like to teach in a different country. Before we left the school, we would always ask what they needed and how we could help them. They always asked for more desks, books, and supplies. We did end up delivering desks for 150 children on the last day of the mission trip. The desks were bought with

Q. What was your major take away from the experience?

Our lives in America are great. My life is pretty comfortable, and I have a good job in the suburbs. I saw how people in other parts of the world live. I should probably stop complaining because of stuff like the Wi-Fi being slower than I wished it was, or that my cellphone battery dies too quickly. *(Continued on page 8)*

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT – JOSH DITZLER '99



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I also learned that there are different kinds of poverty. As I already mentioned it, I have things pretty good. Not only are my basic needs covered, I have my car, iPhone, TVs, gaming systems, Netflix, etc. We visited many places that lacked clean drinking water. Most of the villages that were fortunate to have a well with drinkable water had to walk several miles to get to it... and then lug it all of the way back home. Those very same people are wealthier than us in a different way. They have wealth in their community that we lack in the United States. I saw entire villages working on one central, communal farm that would feed everyone. In one village, I saw 8 men working together like an assembly line to build another man's house out of sun-dried bricks made of mud. I went with the clean water team one day and spent 5 hours watching a new water well being drilled. The entire community stood in a field that was a safe distance away. They watched the entire

5 hours, chatting with each other. When the drill finally hit water, everyone jumped up, screamed, and hugged each other. Some people danced. We lack that spiritual and communal wealth here in the United States. Not once, in 10 days, did someone ignore the company of someone else to look at their cell phone. And yes, there were many people there that had them. One day we were standing in line at one of the capital city's supermarkets. It was just like a "Jewel" or "Berkots" here... long lines included. We stood in line for a half hour with a lot of different people (our group, other mission groups, locals, etc.). That is when I would usually take out my phone to kill some time. In Lilongwe, Malawi, no one did. Instead, everyone was chatting with the people around them, which were mostly strangers. It is definitely something that we lack, but I never really thought about it before.

Q. What was your favorite memory?

When we would visit a village, we would often spend some time just standing outside of the school and meeting everyone. As

soon as we opened our doors, hundreds of people came out of their homes/classrooms and came up to us. We also had time to hang out after we did our work before we left. We did a lot of interacting with the people during those moments, and they were my favorite parts of the trip.

Even though most of the people learned English in school, there was still a huge language barrier. Obviously, the younger the student, the more likely they had no idea what I was saying. I thought about that a lot before the trip. I am a pretty

introverted person, so I was worried that I would be spending a lot of time standing awkwardly in front of people while we tried to communicate with each other. I couldn't be more wrong.

Kids would grab hands and lead me in a direction to see something. They would grab my sunglasses and ask me to take a picture of them. One little guy in a Dallas Cowboys shirt led me to an orange tree. He kicked off his shoes, flew up the tree, and started throwing down oranges to me. Ten minutes later, 4 or 5 kids were playing a game with me using a ball made up of knotted plastic grocery bags. We played for about an hour together. We had no idea what each other was saying, but somehow, we all knew the rules. My new friend in the Cowboys shirt made sure that I took my 6 oranges with me when I left too.

Josh Ditzler is in his 14th year of teaching at PCHS, he is the Social Studies Department Chairman and has coached football and track in his time at PCHS.



DAN POTEMPA '97 RETIRES AS SOCCER COACH

After more than a decade at the helm of the school's soccer programs, Dan retired from coaching to spend more time with his family, including his wife Amy '95 and school age kids. His team captured the Regional Title (above) on the same day he announced his retirement.

Dan was the girls soccer team head coach for 11 years from 2009 – 2019, and the boys soccer team head coach for 13 years from 2006 to 2018. Dan continues to teach mathematics at Providence Catholic High School.



WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Providence Catholic High School welcomes new faculty members (L to R) Jen Krumdick (Theology), Sarah Hamilton (World Language), Zack Freeman (Social Sciences), Danielle Little '14 (World Language), and Elizabeth Tobin '94 (Theology).

VISITORS FROM PERU AND SPAIN

The PCHS community welcomed visiting Augustinian nuns from Spain and Peru. Fr. John Merkelis, Mrs. Persicketti, and Sarah Deffenbaugh '19 led them on a school tour where they visited with our Spanish and Theology classes.





If you would like further information about how you can support Providence Catholic through your estate plans, or if you have already done so, please let us know by contacting Ed Barrett, Director of Institutional Advancement at (815) 717-3164 or ebarrett@providencecatholic.org. We would like to acknowledge you as a member of the Legacy Society.

PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC SURPASSES \$6.0 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL

Providence Catholic High School announced that their 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign has surpassed the \$6 million dollar goal. The “Building Our Legacy, Every Student . . . Every Day” Capital Campaign raised funds to build the 21,000 square foot Brown Student Commons. The facility opened in the fall of 2018 and features a new modern kitchen, food court, concession stand, spirit shop and seating for more than 500. The scope of the project also included installing air conditioning in the school’s original classrooms.

The project received support from more than 741 alumni, parents, friends, corporations, and foundations. “The results are unprecedented in the school’s history,” said Providence Catholic President, Father John Merkelis, OSA. It was the most ambitious in the 100-year history of the school. Nearly one-third of the total was raised from parents, past and present. In addition, one-third of the donors who participated were alumni, while the faculty, staff and volunteer leadership boards provided nearly 100% participation. The lead gift was from LaVerne and Dorothy Brown for whom the new Brown Student Commons was named.

Steve Morrisette, class of 1979 and his wife Renie, chaired the campaign. Steve said, “To the benefactors who have made this possible, thank you! Your loyalty to the mission of Providence is the reason that our students enjoy this beautiful facility today.”

For information about this project or for a tour, contact Ed Barrett, Director of Institutional Advancement at the school (815) 717-3164.



2018-2019 Annual Report

“THE PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY EMBRACES THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF ACCEPTANCE, RESPECT AND LOVE”.

Thank You Benefactors

Providence Catholic is blessed with a community of benefactors who understand and embrace the mission of our college-preparatory school. Our legacy has been built on those who support our school. This Annual Report to Donors highlights the generosity and commitment of those who have given to Providence Catholic during the past fiscal year. We are grateful for your support.

The loyalty and dedication of our supporters is overwhelming. You have ensured our financial standing and helped to create our future plans. We are grateful to you for offering your time, talent and wisdom to improve our school.

Because of the generosity of our benefactors, Providence Catholic has been able to provide a top-quality, faith-based education to our students for 100 years. Thank you for your commitment as together we strive to instill gospel-centered values in our students.

PCHS LEADERSHIP

The School Advisory Board and Administration begin each new year with an ever-deepening commitment to faith and service which is at the very best of our Augustinian mission.

"May my life this day be of service to you..."

- The Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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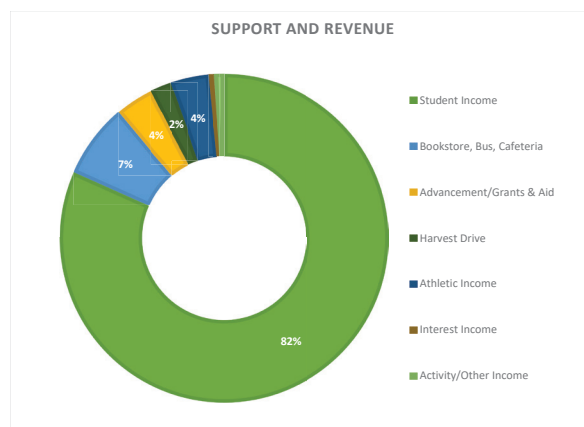
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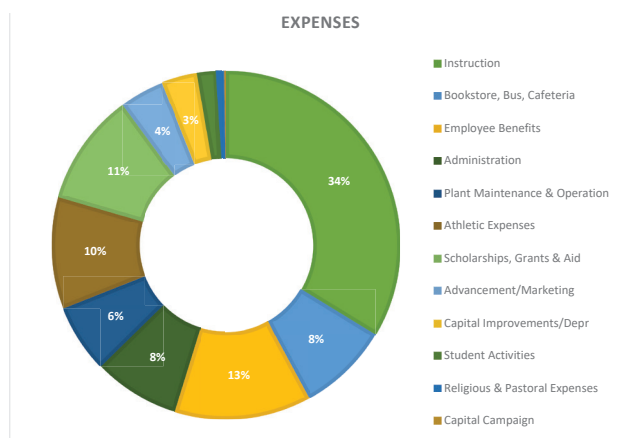
PCHS Annual Financial Report

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Student Income	\$ 12,179,195
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$ 1,082,025
Advancement/Grants & Aid	\$ 565,883
Harvest Drive	\$ 310,520
Athletic Income	\$ 558,460
Interest Income	\$ 75,683
Activity/Other Income	\$ 149,637
Parent Club Income	see note
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 14,921,403



EXPENSES	
Instruction	\$ 4,859,886
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$ 1,226,326
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,839,715
Administration	\$ 1,164,598
Plant Maintenance & Operation	\$ 918,600
Athletic Expenses	\$ 1,494,006
Scholarships, Grants, & Aid	\$ 1,517,168
Advancement/Marketing	\$ 604,181
Capital Improvements/Depr	\$ 470,295
Student Activities	\$ 260,992
Religious & Pastoral Expenses	\$ 103,610
Capital Campaign	\$ 23,575
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,482,952
RESULTS OF OPERATION	\$438,451



Notes:

- Unrealized gain or (loss) on investments of \$ 74,064 is not included above.
- Parent Club income of \$ 96,000 was donated to Capital Campaign.
- Costs incurred for the New Commons project of \$120,000 included in Capital Improvements above.

2018-2019 FUNDRAISING SUMMARY	
100th Anniversary Capital Campaign	\$587,337
Annual Scholarships	\$396,681
Harvest Drive	\$310,520
Club/Team Fundraising	\$179,264
Endowment Gifts	\$123,226
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 53,095
Restricted Gifts	\$38,655
Gifts In Kind	\$12,213
Total	\$1,697,991
TOTAL Fundraising Income	\$1,697,991

Named Endowment Funds

Providence Catholic is grateful to those who have wisely chosen to establish endowed funds. Earnings from the investments are used to address the specific needs identified by the donor while retaining the corpus in perpetuity. **Currently our named scholarship funds include:**

Alumni Class Scholarships are endowed for the classes of:

1984, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

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These endowed scholarship funds were established in honor of the recipients of the school's highest honor, the Cor Unum Award. The recipients of this award have demonstrated oneness in ministry, mission and family in their extraordinary service to Providence Catholic, the Church, or the community. **Currently our named Cor Unum scholarship funds include:**

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(Top) Pat O'Neil '83 carries the 1982 state baseball championship trophy to its new home on the 100th Anniversary Weekend, (middle) MaryBeth Reiter '69 and Tom Dedin help to bless the new Brown Student Commons, and members of the Class of 2019 pose before graduation.

Providence Legacy Society

The Providence Legacy Society includes generous benefactors who have indicated a gift to Providence Catholic in their estate plans by way of a will, charitable remainder trust, gift annuity, life insurance policy, or other means of a planned gift. By remembering Providence Catholic this way, alumni, parents, and friends are able to become perpetual partners with school while engaging in their contemporaneous work through their lifetimes.

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If you have included Providence Catholic High School in your estate plans and would like to be recognized as a member of the Providence Legacy Guild by name or anonymously, please contact Ed Barrett, Director of Institutional Advancement at (815) 717-3164 or ebarrett@providencecatholic.org.

Planned Gifts

A secure financial future is an important part of the strategic plan for Providence Catholic. For many of our benefactors, this is a shared goal. A planned giving strategy can be structured to provide for your family's needs and leave a legacy of support. Some of the benefits that members of the Legacy Society enjoy include:

- Leaving a meaningful legacy
- Creating a secure income stream for yourself or your family
- Tax savings for both income taxes and estate taxes
- Peace of mind, knowing that you created a plan for your family's needs and providing a secure future for Providence Catholic

A planned gift leaves a lasting legacy with Providence Catholic after the benefactor has entered eternal life. Several planned gift vehicles are advantageous under current tax laws. Examples of planned gifts that donors have used in the past include a bequest, cash value insurance, charitable remainder trusts, and naming Providence Catholic as a beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan.

Planned Giving - Discover the Benefits of Giving Wisely

A gift to Providence Catholic High School in your will or revocable trust enables you to support our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations of Celtics. A bequest to Providence Catholic will leave a lasting legacy for your family. It is easy to arrange, can be modified to address your changing needs, and will not alter your current lifestyle in any way.

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I give and devise to Providence Catholic High School located in New Lenox, 60451, the sum of \$_____ (or asset) to be used for its general support (or for the support of a specific fund or program).

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This Annual Report to Donors recognizes the alumni, parents, friends, and organizations that have invested financial support in Providence Catholic High School between July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Your gifts have made a difference in the scholastic and extracurricular experiences of our students. Every effort has been made to present a complete and accurate list. If and error or omission has occurred, we apologize and ask that you bring it to our attention by contacting Jane Lagger, Director of Annual Giving at (815)717-3162 or jlagger@providencecatholic.org.

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Patricia Harris-Tubbs	FRIEN
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Steve Sefcik '74	ALUM
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Destinations by Dixon, LLC	ORG
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Cheryl Garetto	POA
Terry and Pam Gross	POA
Emery and Marlene Gura	POA
Holy Family Catholic Parish (Shorewood)	CC
Richard and Gayla Janicek	RDPT
Frank and Janet '66 (Cullen) Jurmann	ALUM POA
Knights of Columbus #10926	FRIEN
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Lawrence '72 and Antonette (Hoogervorst) Lee '72	ALUM POA
Dr. Kelly E. Ludwig Foundation	FOUND
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Stephen and Karen Peck	PAR
Joseph '72 and Jean '73 Prieboy	ALUM POA
Bob and Connie Schmidt	POA
St. Jude Parish (New Lenox)	FRIEN
St. Patrick Catholic Parish (Joliet)	CC
St. Rose Catholic Parish (Wilmington)	CC
St. Rose CCW	CC
Megan (Sullivan) Wolf '96 and Joshua Wolf	ALUM
Dr. and Mrs. Leo Wrona	POA GRDPT
Brian and Anna Maria Wydajewski	PAR

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Steve Barrett '74	ALUM
Bernard and Karen Biegel	POA
Timothy and Kathy (Ryan) '85 Blackburn	ALUM POA
Theodore and Adrienne Brasky	POA
Joe and Diane Budz	POA
Clayton Cleveland '03	ALUM
Jim and Maureen Dillon	POA
Brian and Deborah Dugan	PAR
James and Renee Dykas	PAR
William and Renee Farrell	POA
Colleen Flanagan '77	ALUM
Keith and Sharon Grill	POA
Judith (Lehmann) '57 Hammel and Neal Hammel	ALUM
Glen and Carol Huston	POA
Scott '97 and Mary Janik	ALUM
Jeffrey and Laura Kennedy	POA
Paul and Katharine Kirchner	PAR
John and Marion Kramer	POA
Michael Laird	PAR
Matt Laskero '07	ALUM
Steven and Carla Lebre	POA
Thomas and Donna Lenahan	POA
John (Jack) Nugent '70	ALUM
David Ogurek '97	ALUM
Joyce O'Neil	POA
Derald and Susan Peters	MEM
Jane (Esposito) Rowan '68 and Bruce Rowan	ALUM
Bill '74 and Mary Schubert	ALUM
Mark and Gail Stevens	POA
Andrew Stevens '08	ALUM
Bradley Stoub '98	ALUM
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POA = Parent of Alumni, STF = Staff

Donor Giving Societies for Annual Giving

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(Gifts of \$100 to \$249)

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George and Regina (Piazza) '74 Block	ALUM POA
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James and Judy D'Amico	POA
Walter '66 and Jan Dearie	ALUM
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Janet Barker-Evans '85 and Jim Evans	ALUM
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Cristina Gonzalez '70	ALUM
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Susan (Pinkowski) '86 Gould and Michael Gould	ALUM
Paul and Cindy Graffy	POA
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James '82 and Cheryl Jager	ALUM PAR
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Every year, a few of our families are faced with emergency situations, such as the loss of a parent, serious illness or unemployment. The Celtic Godparent Program was created to assist these families in their hour of need and to keep their children enrolled at Providence Catholic. Last year 86 Celtic Godparents helped other families remain at the school.

Providing financial assistance to many Providence Catholic families continues to be a top priority for the school. In 2018-2019, more than \$1.6 million was awarded to our families in need-based scholarships, grants, and work programs. These grants and gifts are funded by Providence Catholic, the Diocese of Joliet, and many generous benefactors who believe in Catholic education and are willing to support it.

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The Men's and Women's Clubs have long provided financial and physical support for many projects and initiatives at Providence Catholic High School.

The Clubs seek to build a sense of community and mutual respect through social activities and regular meetings. The Clubs also exist to provide financial support and assistance to the religious and educational programs of the school. Support is given through service, projects and fund-raising. The Men's Club holds the Super Celtic Sweepstakes and a Golf Outing each year. The Women's Club sponsors an annual auction, parent social, and night of reflection. Both Clubs offer many other community-building and service activities.

This year the Men's and Women's Clubs combined provided \$96,000 in funding for the new Brown Student Commons as part of the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign.



Donor Societies for Capital Campaign

For 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign Gifts - July 1, 2018 through August 2019

Three years ago, the Providence Catholic High School community embarked on the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign. The campaign was the most ambitious in the school's history reaching the six-million-dollar goal. The goal was reached in February of 2019. The result of the campaign was the 21,000 square foot LaVerne and Dorothy Brown Student Commons and Cafeteria. In addition nearly all of the original classrooms were air conditioned. The new facility provides essential updates for our students to enjoy. The facility has also provided a gathering space for alumni, parents, and prospective families. Although the campaign is complete, benefactors continue to complete their pledges.



We wish to express our gratitude to the following list of donors who made a payment or a pledge to the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign for Providence Catholic last fiscal year. The benefactors listed below join the over 700 alumni, parents, and friends who responded to our appeal.

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Samantha Spencer '20 won the pole vault event with a jump of 12' 6" on May 18 at the IHSA 2A Girls State Track and Field Championships. Her best jump of the year however was 12' 9" in April.

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Mission

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” – St. Augustine of Hippo

Inspired by our Augustinian values of truth, unity, and love, the Providence Catholic High School family is a vibrant community of believers and learners, one in mind and heart on the way to God. In our spirited pursuit of excellence as a college-preparatory school, we provide rigorous programs at all levels in academics, arts, and athletics, along with extensive extracurricular activities and opportunities. In our authentic desire to witness the Gospel message of Jesus, we provide spiritual programs that foster and promote an enduring commitment to a life of faith, prayer, and service. In a safe and supportive environment, our dedicated, talented, and highly qualified faculty and staff guide students to embrace individuality, challenge assumptions, and grow in confidence and compassion. We invite young men and women, along with their families, to join us in the blessing that is Providence, and in so doing, become something greater, together.

ROAD TO REALITY

On September 4, Providence Catholic hosted the “Road to Reality” program, a powerful and compelling program illustrating the potentially horrifying consequences of underage drinking, drunk driving, and use of drugs. The school partnered with local and county wide groups to bring Road to Reality to PCHS. More than 100 volunteer emergency room personnel, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, judges, counselors and students played a part in the night to show the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse, up close and personal.

Groups of students, parents and community members were escorted along the six scenes of the Road to Reality, depicting the decisions made and consequences of, underage drinking, drunk driving and drug use.

According to recent surveys among high school students during the past 30 days:

- 30% drank some amount of alcohol.
- 14% binge drank.
- 6% drove after drinking alcohol.
- 17% rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol.

To date in Will County, there have been 70 deaths due to a drug overdose; 49 (70%) of those deaths were due to heroin/fentanyl use (Will County Coroner’s Office). The consequences of underage drinking and drug use are all-encompassing, impacting family, school, and the local community. Logically, any initiative to reduce or eliminate the alarming trend of teen alcohol and drug abuse must also be far-reaching, promoting a partnership between parents, school officials, and municipal and village leaders.

Providence Catholic High School is committed to combating student drug and alcohol abuse by sharpening our students’ view of reality. The school’s Counseling Department also hosted a Health & Wellness Resource Fair at the event. Representatives from local community resources were available at this fair to discuss topics such as student motivation, stress, anxiety, along with the many other obstacles that our young people face. These resources were available as guests waited for their Road to Reality tour to begin.



Photos (top) the school's stage is the house party where the night begins, (middle) the tennis courts are the site of a train and car accident, and (bottom) the band room is transformed into an hospital emergency room.

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2019

The 15th Annual Green and White Hall of Fame dinner was held April 12. This year's Hall of Fame Inductees included Bernice Metesh '47 (Professional Women's Baseball), Marc Mitchell '81 (Track), Eric Dantzler '91 (Baseball/Basketball), Eddie Olszta '97 (Baseball/Football), Jodi Steffes '98 (Volleyball), Carmen Pignatiello '00 (Baseball), Tim Gawla (Boys/Girls Golf Coach).

The Green and White Hall of Fame was initiated in 2005 to recognize outstanding athletes, teams, coaches and benefactors who have participated in and contributed to the rich athletic history of Providence Catholic High School, which currently includes 30 state championship titles. The inaugural inductees were Matt Senffner and Nan Airola, two highly respected and dearly loved members of the Providence Catholic family.

Bernice Metesh '47 of Joliet attended Providence High School, when it was an all-girls school located in downtown Joliet. During this time, girls' organized sports were not in existence. After graduating, Bernice joined the South Bend Blue Sox in 1948 as a right-handed utility infielder. Midway through the season, she was traded to the Rockford Peaches. At the end of that year she decided not to return to the league and went home to Joliet, where she pitched for the St. Joseph's American Legion Post Club, an all-male baseball team in Joliet City Park League. Bernice has been inducted into the City of Joliet Hall of Fame and St. Joseph's Athletic Hall of Fame for all her work with youth sports in the area. Bernice is also honored in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League exhibit in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

Marc Mitchell '81 of Joliet was a two-sport athlete in basketball and track. He long jumped, triple jumped, high jumped, and sprinted. He is what every coach wanted to see in their athletes, a hard-working student that pushed



The 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees included (left to right) Eddie Olszta '97 (Baseball/Football), Marc Mitchell '81 (Track), Tim Gawla (Boys/Girls Golf Coach), Bernice Metesh '47 (Professional Women's Baseball), Jodi Steffes '98, (Volleyball), Eric Dantzler '91 (Baseball/Basketball), and Carmen Pignatiello '00 (Baseball).

to get to the highest levels. By the time Marc was a senior in 1981, he competed with Mike Connelly (Olympic silver medalist and indoor world record holder) from Luther South HS. Marc finished 2nd in state in the triple jump and 7th in the long jump. To this day, Marc holds the Providence Catholic High School triple jump record that was set in 1981 and narrowly missed breaking the long jump record still held by Mike Carruthers '71 (PCHS HOF).

Eric Dantzler '91 of Chicago was a three-sport athlete in basketball, cross-country, and baseball. He made the most of his time at Providence improving and contributing to each team he was on. In his main sport, basketball, Dantzler was the team's leading scorer, rebounder and shooter. He was an All-Area selection his senior year. During his time at Providence Catholic, he says Richard "Dick" Mandella (PCHS HOF) was his biggest influence. Eric went on to receive a full scholarship to Creighton University in both basketball and baseball. While in college, Eric was named to the MVC Conference All-Freshman Basketball Team. While excelling in both sports, he

decided to focus on baseball after his freshman year. It paid off, as Eric was signed by the San Francisco Giants in 1994 and was a part of their organization for three years.

Eddie Olszta '97 of Frankfort played baseball and football all four years at Providence Catholic High School. He was named to the All-Area, All-Conference, and All-State baseball teams in 1997. He was also a member of 1994, 1995, and 1996 State Football Teams (PCHS HOF). According to Eddie, Matt Biscan and Dave Ernst were the most influential in his time at PCHS. Eddie went on to earn an athletic scholarship for baseball to Butler University, where he received his bachelor's in marketing in 2001. At Butler, he was named to the All-Conference team and was named Defensive Player of the year twice. In 2000 he was selected as NBC All-American. Eddie was drafted in the 25th Round of the MLB draft to the Seattle Mariners in 2001.

Jodi Steffes '98 of Greenville, South Carolina was a member of the varsity volleyball team for three years at Providence Catholic. She was coached by Nan Airola (PCHS HOF). During her time as a Celtic, she was named the Frankfort

and Mokena Star Player of the Year, 1st team for the Joliet Herald News and Chicago SunTimes All-Star Teams, and was an Illinois All-State selection. She was a member of the 1995 team that went downstate and were Regional finalists in 1996 and 1997. Jodi attended Clemson University on a full athletic scholarship. She studied elementary education and went on to get her master's in counseling-student affairs. Jodi was Clemson's first four-time All-Region honoree and was a three-time All-ACC second team member (1999-2001). She was named to the 1998 ACC All-Freshmen team and was named the ACC Rookie of the Year. Jodi currently ranks fifth on Clemson's all-time list for most attempts (3600) and kills (1422), eighth in block assists (288) and ninth in service aces (132). She ranks second on the Clemson All-Time Defensive Saves with 1309 digs and was named to the ACC 50th Anniversary Team in 2002.

Carmen Pignatiello '00 of Geneva was a member of the varsity baseball team all four years at Providence Catholic High School. During his time as a Celtic his teams earned a 106-26 record while he was named captain his senior year. As a junior and senior, he was named to the All-Area, All-Conference and All-State



The 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees that played baseball are surrounded by their former coaches including (left to right) former PCHS teacher and coach Matt Biscan, Eddie Olszta '97, former PCHS teacher and coach Joe Rodghero, Carmen Pignatiello '00 and Doug Ternik '89 PCHS Athletic Director.

Teams. Carmen received many Player of the Year awards his senior year from the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-times, and the Chicago Catholic League. He was also awarded the prestigious

Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year in 2000.

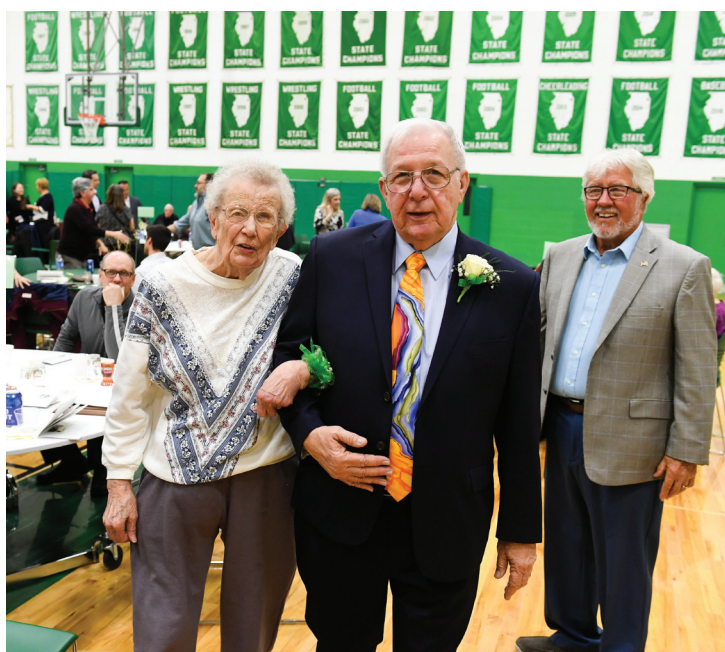
Carmen went on to be a 20th-round draft pick of the Cubs in 2000.

He would spend seven seasons in various ranks within the farm system before being promoted in 2007, his eighth season in professional baseball. Carmen was called up by the Cubs on August 14, 2007.

Two days later, he made his major league debut against the Cincinnati Reds and pitched one scoreless inning of relief of a 12-4 victory. In March 2009, Carmen was signed to a minor

league contract with the Minnesota Twins. After his time with the Twins, he signed with the Schaumburg Flyers for the 2009 season as a starter, where he went 6-9 in 20 starts with a 5.87 ERA. Carmen retired at the end of the 2009 season.

Tim Gawla of Manhattan began teaching at Providence in the 1971-1972 school year. He spent 36 years at Providence Catholic, imparting skills and knowledge onto the students. He was a highly-respected educator. Over the years, he served as a faculty member in the Business and Technology Departments, Assistant Dean, Head Dean of Students, Vice Principal, Golf Club Moderator, Assistant Girls' Golf Coach and Head Boys'/Girls' Golf Coach. In 1972, Tim took over the Providence Catholic boys' golf program. As girls sports grew in popularity he helped start the girls' golf program. Since then the girls' golf program has had six regional titles, two State Medalists (including State Championship, Dana Mackey Kircher (PCHS HOF) and many state qualifiers. Upon retiring from Providence Catholic in 2007, Tim continued as assistant girls' golf coach until 2014.



The 2019 Hall of Fame inductee Bernice Metesh '47 is escorted by fellow inductee Tim Gawla with HOF member former coach Matt Senffner (PCHS HOF) looking on.

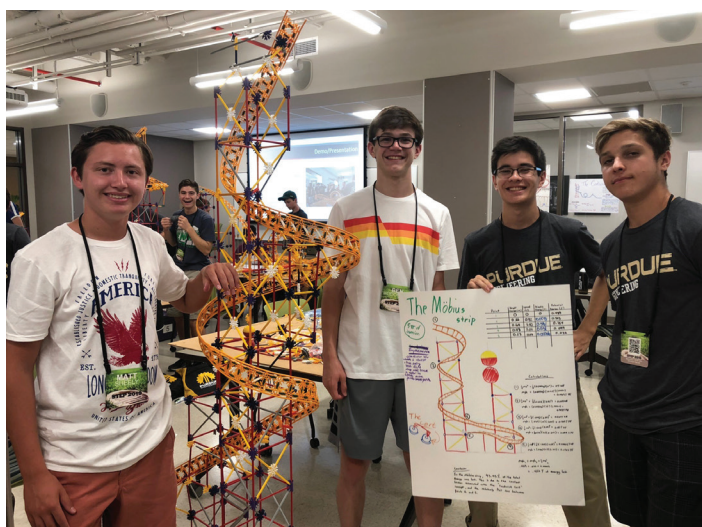
ZULANAS TRAVELS TO SWITZERLAND

Providence Catholic student, Nina Zulas '20 was accepted and received a scholarship into the Global Youth Leadership Academy (GYLA). Students from across the country, including Nina, are currently in Switzerland experiencing an intense servant leadership program that changes the hearts and minds of young people.

This experiential learning program teaches international student participants leadership skills, global and cultural awareness, and a commitment to servant leadership. Congratulations, Nina! We look forward to following your journey!



SHEELY EXCELS AT PURDUE STEP SEMINAR



Matt Sheely '20 (left in photo) attended the Purdue University STEP (Seminar for Top Engineering Prospects Summer Program) at the school's College of Engineering this summer.

The week long seminar featured classroom lectures, industry tours, engineering discipline lab tours and group challenges and projects including designing, building, and coding to move robots; calculating, designing and building roller coasters; 3D printing, and Arduino.

He enjoyed staying on a college campus and sampling dorm life, college food, working on group projects late into the night, meeting people from all over the country, and making friends. Matt felt prepared to participate in the camp due to his classroom exposure at Providence Catholic to physics, computer science, and math.

DYLAN RIEMEN '21 SERVICE IN COSTA RICO

Dylan Reimen (right) travelled to Costa Rica on a summer service trip for high school students that focused on Spanish immersion. Cell phones were collected once the volunteers landed in Costa Rica so they could focus on the service projects, the host families that they stayed with, and the other kids that were on the trip. The only updates his family received were via a blog he wrote daily.





THE CLASS OF 2020 30+ ACT CLUB

Thirty-two students from the Class of 2020 have achieved an ACT composite score of 30 or higher. These students represent 15% of the senior class, which is more than double the national average! Congratulations also to Christopher Cokinos who received a perfect score! Pictured are: Joshua Amann, Carter Appleton, Brennan Broderick, Lauren Carpenter, Christopher Cokinos, Kenneth Conway, Nathan Conway, Charles Coughlin, Burke Dugan, Jovelle Garces, Mia Gleason, Daniel Gregory, Margaret Grossmayer, Ryan Hilty, Kennedy Kalinowski, Mikayla Kozol, Kailey Labuda, Zhanyu (Bruno) Liang, Ava Maffei, Serena Maloney, Claire McGrath, Madeleine McMaster, Anthony Prucha, Colton Puett, Kathryn Rost, John Ruddy, Anna Santschi, Jakob Scherf, Samantha Spencer, Adam Tompkins, Tyler Trudelle, and Dolan Whittle.

TAKE A STAND TO CANCER

There's a new club at Providence Catholic; Take a Stand to Cancer (TASC for short). The first project of the group was to create "Blessings Bags" for cancer patients. The Providence Catholic community donated items to the "Take a Stand to Cancer" blessing bag drive in May. They collected toiletries and comfort items for cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy. This summer Jenna Spreitzer '20 (pictured left) and other TASC members visited the Joliet Oncology Hematology Associates, Ltd. and handed the blessings bags out to thankful patients receiving chemotherapy. Luke Senffner '01 who is the Director of the PCHS Counseling Department worked with students to organize the collections and is moderator of TASC.



Providence Catholic High School

NEW **AFFORDABLE FOR ALL (AFA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

- To qualify for scholarships through the AFA Scholarship Program, you **MUST** take the Placement Exam at Providence Catholic on December 7, 2019.
- Need-based grants and other scholarships will still be available through applications and completion of FACTS.
- Students may qualify and receive multiple awards; ALL are renewable for four years.



Academic Scholarship

High performance on the Placement Exam

Leadership Scholarship

Complete the online application which includes an essay

Legacy Scholarship

Parent or grandparent graduated from Providence Catholic High School



Ashley Stajura '14 - 1st Place in Windows Fine Arts Magazine Contest

Providence Catholic Alumna, Ashley Stajura '14 won 1st place in the Lewis University Windows Fine Arts Magazine Contest.

Ashley received her BA in Illustration from Lewis University in December of 2018. This spring she competed in the Windows Fine Arts Contest. The piece she submitted, "Samhain" (below) won first place in the Alumni Visual Arts Category. The piece was 1 of an 8 piece series. All 8 pieces were a part of Ashley's senior capstone art exhibition. Each



illustration was made out of chalk pastel and is 18" x 24"; also, when illustrating each piece, it would normally take Ashley about thirty hours to finish one of the drawings.

Ashley has been published in the magazine, awarded prize money, and received a certificate, along with being recognized at the reception for the magazine launch. Windows Fine Arts Magazine is an annual publication published by Lewis University featuring writing, visual arts, and musical compositions submitted by students, faculty, staff, and alumni. It features spectacular ranges of literary works, to the beautiful digital and the visual arts.



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC OFFERS NEW LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP TO BENEFIT CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN OF ALUMNI

Providence Catholic High School recently announced the new Legacy Scholarship which is available to all students whose parent(s) or grandparent(s) graduated from Providence Catholic High School. "We have over 18,000 graduates from our school and our alumni organization is excited for the opportunity to continue our legacy for future generations," said Shannon Withers, class of 1995 and the school's Alumni Director. Legacy Scholarships are valued up to \$4,000 per student over four years.

"To be eligible to receive a scholarship or grant through this new program at PCHS, prospects must take the Providence Placement Exam on December 7, 2019. Students can receive multiple scholarships that are renewable for four years," stated Admissions Director Rachel Ellingson '90.

The Legacy Scholarship is one part of the school's new Affordable for All Scholarship and Grant Program for current 8th graders. Also available are Academic/Merit scholarships, based on the placement exam score.

Students can receive upwards of \$12,000 over four years based on their exam score.

Also new is the Veritas Award Scholarship, which is available to all students and will be based on their proven leadership and service in the community. According to Vince Ambrose, Admissions Representative, "we have so many great potential leaders in our school and we wanted to acknowledge what great things they do before they arrive at PCHS and hopefully during their four years at the school." Veritas Scholarships are valued up to \$40,000 over four years. Recipients must apply for this award on Providence's website. The application is currently available.

For more information about the Legacy Scholarship visit the school webpage at <https://www.providencecatholic.org/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships/> or call Vince Ambrose, Admissions Officer, at 815-717-3288.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – Meet Sean McGrath '14

After graduating from Providence Catholic High School in 2014, Sean McGrath earned his degree in Sports Management from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He knew early on that he wanted to work in the sports industry. Using the tools he learned from his peers and mentors, he carved his career path for himself and found his way working in the front office of the St. Louis Blues Professional Hockey Team, as an Inside Sales Representative. Sean was part of the St. Louis Blues team when they won their first Stanley Cup in June.

Q: Tell us more about your career progression and how you landed your job.

A: I always wanted to work for a professional sports team in the front office. Throughout college, I did every internship and/or club that I thought would prepare me for the next level. I interned for Charlotte Motor Speedway, The Joliet Slammers Professional Baseball Team, and The Chicago Fire Soccer Club. Shortly after, I landed my full-time job with the St. Louis Blues. I faced a lot of rejection from many different teams along the way but my hard work really paid off in the end when I got my break with the St. Louis Blues and I absolutely love going into work every day.

Q: How did your education at Providence Catholic prepare you for what you are doing now?

A: Providence really prepared me for college because of the great teaching staff and coaches. They all truly care about their students. The college counselors sit down with you and help with applications. They teach you how to prepare work-wise and how to be organized. Providence is a great stepping stone. It has shaped me and prepared me for my personal and professional career. I would recommend it to any prospective high school student. The

values and work ethic taught at Providence are unmatched.

Q: What advice would you give current students interested in pursuing a career in the sports industry?

A: Do everything and anything to get yourself involved in the sports field. Be willing to take unpaid internships and work long hours. No job is too menial. Everyone started somewhere and you have to be willing to deal with a lot of rejection. However, at the end of the day, it is one of the most rewarding jobs. Make sure to build your network by joining clubs and going to different networking events. Shake hands, hand out business cards, and be ready to work hard. Also, feel free to reach out to me, I am glad to offer any advice or connect people I know.

Q: Who influenced you the most during your time at Providence Catholic and why?

A: It so hard to narrow it down to one person because everyone is so great. I would have to say three different people stand out to me. First, Coach Tim Trendel. I was an incoming freshman when he got hired and I have never met a man who cared about every single one of his players and students like he did. The way he attacked his job was relentless, and he taught me to take on sports and my professional career as he did. He helped myself and our entire team grow as players and men. He went the extra mile for us and it made us want to go the extra mile for him. No coach in the state works harder than Tim Trendel.

Second, I would say Coach Tom Lenahan, my offensive line coach and AP US History guru. His love for every aspect of Providence is unmatched. I loved his class, and the way he



led us on the field would make anyone want to run through a brick wall for the guy.

Third, my English teacher Mr. Rassman (MR). His class was my favorite because he not only taught me lessons in school but lessons in life. I think he is an inspiration to everyone he has come into contact with.

Q: What is the most important thing you learned while you were at Providence Catholic?

A: I think the most important thing I learned was to persevere. There are many moments when you want to give up on something and you need your friends, peers, and adults to pick you up. I would have quit football if Coach Pergi didn't talk me out of it and I am thankful he did, or else I would have missed out on one of the best times of my life. It is a great lesson for every aspect of life.

Q: What is something many people may not know about you?

A: I can play the Piano! I took lessons for about 8 years. I just love jamming and singing to the beat!

Dan Potempa '11 - Chicago Police Department MVP

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) and the Chicago Fire Department (CFD) baseball teams squared off this summer at Guaranteed Rate Field in their 20th annual charity game to raise money for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and the Chicago Fire Gold Badge Society, which provide assistance to the families of fallen first responders. The event featured a tribute to the fallen members of the CPD and the CFD before the game.

Dan Potempa '11 went 2-2 with a homerun and was named the game's overall Most Valuable Player. Congratulations, Dan, and thank you for your service to the City of Chicago.



Israel "DT" Del Toro Jr. '93 - Captures Gold at the Wounded Warrior Games

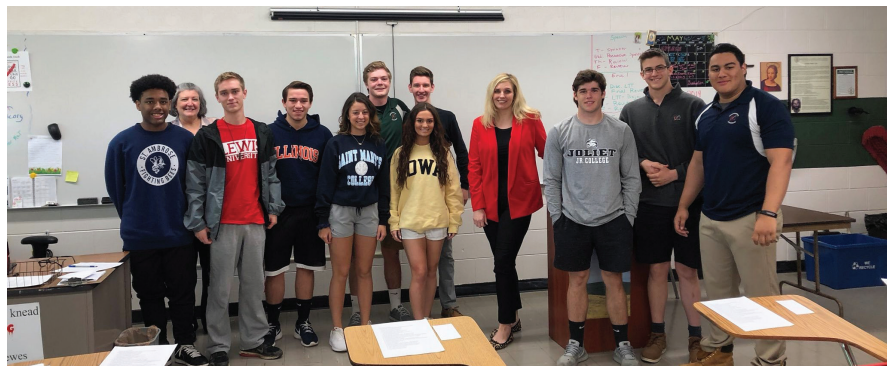
Israel "DT" Del Toro Jr. '93 competed in the 2019 Wounded Warrior Games in Tampa Bay this past June and captured gold medals in Rowing and Discus. Del Toro was a special ops paratrooper with the Air Force in Afghanistan in 2005 when he was seriously wounded.

Del Toro had third-degree burns over 80 percent of his body and his chances of survival didn't look good. In fact, doctors only gave him a 15 percent chance to live. In 2010, he became the first-ever 100 percent disabled airman to re-enlist. Del Toro was received the Pat Tillman Award for Courage in 2017 at the 25th annual ESPY Awards. His story was featured in a recent Celtic Review.



Elizabeth Ketelaar Maly '94 - Guest Speaker

Elizabeth Ketelaar Maly '94 (center) spoke to Mary Colbert's '77 Speech Class this spring. She is the Director of Business Development at ShopperTrak. She provided great tips on interviewing and professional development to members of junior and senior classes.



ALUMNI UPDATES

1966 Karen (Wedic) Owens and Bill Wedic just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19th.



1968 Jim Ridings

'who lives in Herscher, IL has published 25 books on Illinois history. His most recent book, 'Herscher's Lost Churches' received a 'Best of Illinois History' award from the Illinois State Historical Society. Several of his other books have also won awards from the historical society.

1979 John MacBean '79 and Shelly MacBean are proud of their three children. Shayna and John II are currently serving in the Navy and Cheyenne is serving in the AirForce. John also on May 18th reclaimed his Amateur World Record in the WUAP raw Bench in Masters 242lb class with a final lift of 418.5 lbs. He will also be competing in the World WUAP in Elmhurst in October to defend his title.

1990 Kelly (McEnergy) Donlevy was inducted in the Dominican University Hall of Fame in June 2019.



1991 James Brown

is the New Lenox Fire Protection District Fire Marshal. He has been in the fire service for 27 years, all of them with the NLFPSD. Currently, he oversees the Life Safety Division. He is also an Advanced Fire Prevention Officer and Fire Investigator. He has his degrees from Kankakee Community College and certifications through the Office of the State Fire Marshal. He was Rookie of the Year in 1992 and received awards for Silver Cross EMS Outstanding Call of the Year in 1996, 2006, and 2011. In addition to his duties at the NLFPSD, Jamie is a member of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association. He joined the fire service because he wanted to give back to the



community and keep his hometown safe. He is married to his wife, Angel, and has four children and two dogs. In his spare time, he coaches baseball for the New Lenox Rebels where he has coached his team to two league championships in five years, and also serves on the Executive Board as the Director of Umpires and Safety.

2000 Amanda (Alo) Bennett and her family recently returned from living in Rwanda, where they started a technology consulting business. Kiza Solutions trains software developers in Rwanda to provide custom software solutions to clients throughout the USA, UK, and Africa. Amanda and her husband live in Cincinnati, OH with their three sons.

2002 Lindsay (Ernel) Vickers just welcomed her third little one! Juliet Kay was born December 29, 2018. Older sister Scarlett is 6, and big brother Brady is 4. Lindsay has been married to Jake Vickers for the past 10 years.



2003 Katie (Stolinski) King married Matt King in September 2017. The happy couple welcomed their son, Dylan in November 2018.



2009 Nicholas Rasmussen Grabavoy of Joliet, IL, was among 135 graduates awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from PCOM Georgia. The ceremony was held at the Infinite Energy Center on Wednesday, May 22, 2018. Dr. Rasmussen Grabavoy is the son of G. Nicholas Grabavoy of



Joliet, IL and Cynthia Rasmussen of Maquoketa, IA. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Emory University in 2013. Dr. Rasmussen Grabavoy is continuing his medical training in anesthesiology at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Ocala, FL.

2010 Nicole Fremarek graduated May 11, 2019 with a D.O. and M.B.A. dual degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences & Rockhurst University Helzberg School of Management.



Prior to graduation, Nicole was chosen to complete an Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and Clinical Medicine Fellowship for the 2017-2018 academic year. Supported at graduation ceremony by her family and fellow Class of 2010 alumni, Megan Arseneau.

2012 Robert C. Ross graduated with a Bachelors of Science and most recently a doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Mississippi. Robert will be doing a residency at the Jackson Mississippi VA.

2015 Helena Whitmore graduated with a degree in Marketing from Grand Valley State University. Following graduation, Helena has taken a position as Marketing Coordinator at a company called Crane Composites in Channahon, IL.

2017 Claire Paciga and

2017 TJ Quinlan both received their white coats at their induction into the Pharmacy Program at Butler University.



IN MEMORIAM

May God hold them in the palm of His hands. PCHS was notified of the passing of the following . . .

Alumni

Mary Palmer '46, sister of Helen Palmer '46

Lillian (Smrekar) Bennett '48

Mary Fran (Plitt) Bambic '52

Rosemary (Kinzler) Gengler '57

Rae Marie (Magercak) Torres '79

Daniel Poetzinger '79, brother of Linda (Poetzinger) Smith '80 and Laura (Poetzinger) Malatia '80

Shelly (Partilla) Tozzi '90, sister of Jamey (Partilla) Koening '94

Timothy Garvin, Jr. '06, brother of Patrick Garvin '07 and Daniel Garvin '08 and stepbrother of Kevin Graff '05

Child of Alumni

Michael Guzy, III, son of Michael Guzy, Jr. '87

Parent of Alumni

Teresann (Nardi) Giorgi, mother of Jerry (J.P.) Giorgi '95 and Angela (Giorgi) Hughes '96

Joseph Bilotta, father-in-law to Elizabeth (Autero) Bilotta '85 and grandfather to Zach Bilotta '17 and Ellie Bilotta '19

Katherine (Mancuso) Trost, mother of Mark Trost '79, Elaine (Trost) Honiotes '79, Charles Trost '82, William Trost '85, grandmother to Emmet Trost '15, Liam Trost '17 and mother-in-law to Kristine (Seeley) Trost '80 and Erin (Keane) Trost '85

C. Joyce (Fondriest) O'Neil, mother of Kimberly (O'Neil) Golob '75 and Patrick O'Neil '83 and grandmother to Ryan O'Neil '21

Richard Meunier, father of Michael Meunier '84, Joseph Meunier '85 and Steve Meunier '88

Patrick McBride, father of Kathryn (McBride) Cotter '94

Darlene (Baber) Cherveney, a former PCHS staff member and mother of Steve Cherveney '80, Kevin Cherveney '81 and Matt Cherveney '85

Irene (Slaga) Zdziarski, mother of Susan (Zdziarski) Scott '69, Joseph Zdziarski '70 and Carol (Zdziarski) Snikeris '74, grandmother to Cheryl (Zdziarski) Allen '99 and John Zdziarski '01

Ken Morrisette, father of Stephen Morrisette '79, Jeff Morrisette '81 and Matthew Morrisette '86, grandfather to Daniel Morrisette '07, Michael Morrisette '09, Katherine Morrisette '12 and Meghan Morrisette '17

Terrence Hackett, father of Matt Hackett '00 and Christopher Hackett '04

Richard Imrie, father of Michael Imrie '79 and Patricia (Imrie) Norman '80

Dr. Kathleen Compagno-McCahill mother of Katie Compagno '16 and John Compagno '16

Parent of Faculty/Staff

Howard Kopecky, father of Diane Monterosso and grandfather to Katie Monterosso '05 and Liz Monterosso '09

Yvonne Dore, mother of Cindy Olczyk former teacher and coach, and grandmother to Stacy (Olczyk) Birdsell '95 and Luke Olczyk '98

Grandparent of Current Students

Pamela (Collins) Murphy – grandmother of Brant Singler '21

James and Kathleen (Mitchell) Steele – grandparents of Steven '21 and Caroline '23 Ivey

Wesley Johnston, father of former staff member Jackie Goes and grandfather to Thomas Goes '90, David Goes '92, Joseph Goes '95 and Laura Goes '97

STAYING CONNECTED – WHAT IS NEW?

Alumni updates are a great way to keep in touch with your alma mater and your fellow classmates. Complete this form with your updated and mail to: PCHS Alumni Office 1800 W. Lincoln Hwy., New Lenox, IL 60451

Updates may also be submitted via the web providencecatholic.org (click on "Alumni" and then "Alumni Update." PCHS reserves the right to edit submissions before publication.

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Saturday, December 7

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 14

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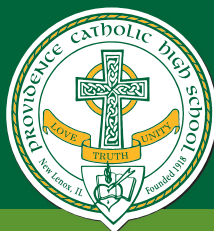
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