# Celtic

A YEAR OF CHANGE, a year of memories

# RENOVATING & REINVIGORATING

The Plantz family & the Zac Plantz Foundation make incredible renovations possible around campus.

## INCUBATOREDU ENTREPRENEURS

A new program encourages business building and big ideas amongst students with the guidance of mentors.

# CAMPAIGN FOR CHAMPIONS

New turf, new nets, and so much more - learn about the newest campaign at PC - the Celtic Campaign for Champions!

# ANNUALREPORT

## **LETTER FROM FR. MERKELIS**

charming personality, combined than a "glass half full" kind of person--- will gain valuable experience from she believed in the goodness of people, a goodness that she tried to live on a daily basis. When we were faced with life's challenges, her steady response was, critical thinking, problem solving and "Say a Hail Mary." She did not offer this as superficial advice; my mom wanted us to dig deep into our faith and live with the grit and determination that prayer nurtures. She had a profound trust in the providence of God.

I think of my mom, and all those who have died, at this time of year. The close of October has Halloween, leading into the celebrations of "Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead) and the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls during the first two days of November. We recognize our connection with those who have gone before us; although they have gone to God, the goodness of their lives remain. And a heartfelt thank you to Varsity They have left an imprint that continues Football Coach Mark Coglianese. He has to radiate love and grace as a testament to their lives.

We at Providence have much for which to be thankful. This summer, we finished the installation of air conditioning and At the close of October the Providence upgraded the heaters in the remaining Family came together to participate classrooms. We also added an air in Sharefest. We partnered with St. exchange in the Sacred Heart Gym to Jude's parish in New Lenox to provide improve circulation and to regulate food, clothing and assorted houseware temperature. Through the generous items for all who need them. Over donation of Ron and Laura Plantz and 100 Providence students and parents their family, the weight room was volunteered to distribute these refurbished and rededicated as the Zac necessities. We estimate that at least Plantz Performance Center. In addition, 300 families were served, many of them the Grotto was renovated; such a in need of the essentials offered. It was thoughtful gift that is a tribute to their a learning experience for our students, son, their love of Providence, and their and an opportunity for them to put their spirituality. Thank you, Ron and Laura!

We initiated the new INCubatoredu program, an innovative way to cultivate the entrepreneurial spirit in our students. In this issue we announce our capital Students are given the opportunity to campaign to improve the facilities at create and develop their own product Providence. The largest project will be

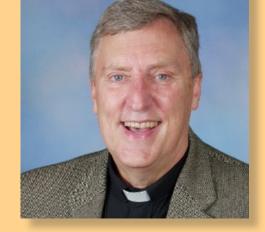
've always been an optimist; I get or service. They are guided by faculty that from my mom. She had a members Laura Moss and Josh Ditzler, as well as several volunteer coaches with a devotion to her faith and a and mentors who are related to the dedication to service. She was more Providence Family. Our students mentors in the fields of marketing, law, product development, business and finance, and in the skills of negotiation, collaboration.

> Congratulations to Emma Davis who finished 2nd in the IHSA Girls State Tennis Championship! Also, a shout out to the Girls Volleyball team who won their regional game.

> Congratulations also goes to the Marching Celtics, who finished 2nd in State in Class 2A. The band has placed in the top three in state for two consecutive years. Congratulations Mr. Rogers and

coached football for 34 years, 16 as the head coach. Providence Catholic has only known two head varsity coaches in its history. Thank you for your service!

faith into action by giving of their time on a Sunday to live the gospel message



replacing the field turf; so many different programs use it (athletics, band and choir, color guard, physical education, outdoor assemblies---outdoor Masses and even graduation). We will install permanent bleachers to replace the temporary ones on the visitor's side in the stadium, and replace the older bleachers on the various fields on the campus. We will also rebuild the tennis courts which are very much in need of repair.

Regarding this project, I ask for your generous response to help update and beautify the campus. In the past few years we have tended to the roof, the HVAC and several other indoor projects. This one will provide an enjoyable experience for the entire Providence Family, as well as, the guests to our events. I know we can accomplish this goal when we come together as one. Please join us in our effort to upgrade our campus. So much can be accomplished when we join together. The Mission Statement comes alive in such times, as we become something greater, together!

This month, my prayers and Masses are offered for the intentions of the deceased members of the Providence Family.

My heartfelt thanks and admiration,

Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A.

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## NEW BEGINNINGS **GROTTO & PERFORMANCE CENTER** A Tribute to Zac Plantz '11 he Zac Plantz Foundation and Providence Catholic High School hosted "Zac Plantz Night" during the Celtics home football game versus the Fenwick Friars on

September 10, 2021. Student athletes sported green "Zac" stickers on their helmets to honor the night. As part of the festivities, two major renovations were blessed and showcased.

One of the foundation's first projects was the renovated Grotto at Providence. It is a pregame ritual for the Celtic football team to attend Mass here, and it is also a frequently visited place for students and athletes across the school. Abby Plantz '20, Zac's sister, said a few words dedicating the newly renovated Grotto. Providence Catholic President, Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A., the Celtic football team and the immediate Plantz Family were in attendance.

Next was the unveiling of the Zac Plantz Performance Center - the newly renovated weight room at Providence. This project commemorates the heart and dedcation Zac held for football and school alike. In his handwriting, on the wall, are the words "Jesus bless me with your peace," a phrase so important to Zac. The entire family was involved, and Zac's father Ron was there day after day working on the project himself along with the crew. This new performance center serves as an incredible new hub for Celtic athletes to train and enhance their fitness and skills.

As a final part of "Zac Plantz Night," Zac's parents, Laura and Ron, his siblings, Tyler '10, Logan '14, and Abby '20, and the Plantz brothers' significant others, Angela Jensen '14, Jana Jenkins, and Kathleen Hough, walked to midfield as the honorary captains for the evening.

Providence is incredibly grateful to the Plantz family and the Zac Plantz Foundation for their dedication to the Providence family, their generous donations to these renovations, and the indelible mark they've made on the Celtic family.



# GRADUATION '21

raduation was a little different this year, but the result was an incredible graduation at sunset. For the first time, graduation was held on the field at Bishop Kaffer Stadium.

Students walked in and took their seats to begin with Baccalaureate Mass, followed by the graduation ceremony. The weather cooperated and the evening was an exceptional reminder that we can become something greater, together.

"Change can be a good thing. No, change IS a good thing. It gives us a chance to

etter." Salutatorian Mia Polella

grow and learn. Change is simply a part

of life. Where you are now does not dictate

your future...you have the power to make





















# STUDENT NEWS

#### PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC ANNOUNCES VALEDICTORIAN SALUTATORIAN





Providence Catholic announced Dylan Riemen as the Class of 2021 Valedictorian and Mia Paolella as Salutatorian. "We are very proud of these academically gifted students, who are both strong leaders among their peers at Providence Catholic. We know they have very bright futures in and out of the classroom," offered Principal Dr. John Harper. Read more about their accomplishments and involvement at Providence at providencecatholic.org.



#### **STUDENT COUNCIL** STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The 2021 recipient of the Student Council Student of the Year Award is senior Katianne Soltys. This award is given to

a senior member of Student Council who has shown outstanding leadership and service to the Providence Catholic community. Katianne is a four-year Student Council veteran. Read more about Katianne at providencecatholic.



#### CONNOR TODD **SCORES PERFECT** 36 ACT SCORE

Connor Todd, a junior, earned a perfect 36 on the ACT test. Connor has plans to go into Architectural

Engineering in college. He is a graduate of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School. Fewer than half of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2020, only 5,579 out of 1.67 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36. Read the full release at providence catholic.org.

#### **AUGUSTINIAN SCHOLARS NAMED**

Providence Catholic is proud to announce the 2021 Augustinian Scholars.The Augustinian Scholar distinction



was created in 2020 to honor those outstanding students who have strived to push themselves academically over these past four years and earned the Top 10 grade point averages of the graduating class. These students are awarded with the Augustinian Scholar stole to wear are in recognition of their exceptional over their gown at graduation.

The Augustinian Scholars of the Class of 2021 are:

Alicia Berg, Joliet, Liberty Junior High New Lenox, Purdue University

Brooke Geary, Mokena, St. Mary Catholic School Mokena, Saint Mary's College, Notre

Emma Kulpinski, Tinley Park, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, University of Notre

Brett Laird, Orland Park, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, Purdue University

**Anna Lennon**, Shorewood, St. Jude Catholic School Joliet, Belmont University

Pegiene Murray, New Lenox, St. Jude Catholic School New Lenox, Villanova University

Mia Paolella, New Lenox, St. Jude Catholic School New Lenox, University of Notre Dame

**Dylan Riemen**, Frankfort, Liberty Junior High School New Lenox, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Raven Talusan, Orland Hills, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Nora Whitten, Orland Park, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School, Lipscomb University

#### 46 PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC STUDENTS HAVE EARNED THE AP SCHOLAR AWARD

This year, 46 Providence Catholic students have earned AP Scholar Awards by the College Board. These awards achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams. Many colleges accept a score of 4 or 5 on an AP exam as college credit in that subject area. In some cases, even a 3 is accepted for college credit. In addition, seven of the students were also named AP Scholar with Distinction and 10 earned the designation of AP Scholar with Honor. Read the names at providence catholic.

#### MARCHING CELTICS MAKE HISTORY FOR SECOND YEAR

The Marching Celtics had another incredible season this year starting with several class championships at Chicagoland area contests. The band won their class at Lake Park High School Lancer Joust, the Victor J. Andrew Invitational, and the Lincolnway Invitational. They also won numerous caption awards at each show including Best Music, Best Visual, Best, General Effect, Best, Percussion, and Best Colorguard. They placed at State Championships for the third year in a row finishing 2nd in their class and making it into the Finals Competition for the first time in school history!



# INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

**SEARCH THE HASHTAG #PCHSINTHECLASSROOM** TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND **VIDEO OF LEARNING AT PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC!** 

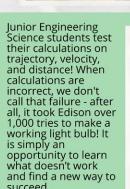


In AP Psychology with Mrs. Williams, seniors are studying how the brain functions. They worked in groups to pick a person (celebrity, athlete, etc.) and describe how the many areas of the brain may function for that particular person. Mrs. Taylor's Biology class began to learn about experimental design through making observations of isopods (roly polys) in choice chambers. Each group designed an experiment to test the behavior of their



In Mrs. Zlogar's 2D design class, students up-cycled books with a theme of their choice - giving new use to old books and bringing the pages of the story to life!

boxes - a perfect project around Halloween.



~



Ms. Klod's English class worked collaboratively on defining Truth, Unity, and friendly competition in

P.E. class with Coach Cogs and Mr. Raymond. The beautiful weather throughout the end of summer and beginning of fall allowed students to participate in P.E. class

outdoors often





In Engineering Science, sophomore students worked on velocity with the cannons they ouilt. They will compete to see whose canon will fire the fastest. The juniors, who just worked on predicting where a projectile will land based on velocity and angle, helped the sophomores calculate what the velocity of their canons will be



Mrs. Walker's Geometry Honors class worked on supplementary and complementary angles and systems of equations.



Mr. Ickes and his sophomore theology class headed outside to the Grotto for a special prayer service for All Souls Day. Students were invited to light a candle for their loved ones.

papers were reused for other

projects so there was no waste!)

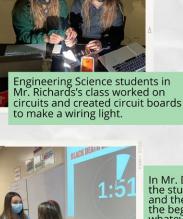
great time creating some colorful and delicious treats!

Mr. Thompson's AP Micro class created "widgets and whatsits" to discuss comparative advantage vs. absolute advantage in terms of trade. (And don't worry - the





Join us in welcoming our newest faculty and staff members: Brother David Relstab (Pastoral), Nicole Gaughan (Science), and Joanna Martino (English). Not pictured is Deacon Joe Roccasalva O.S.A.



In Mr. Ditzler's AP European History class, the students learned about risk, trust, and the plague. They were given a role at the beginning of class and had to collect whatever was on their card - Go Fish style. But, they had to decide whether to trust the person they're asking, so they didn't end up with the plague - and have

The Science Club met to test the bridges they built with 250 large popsicle sticks and hot

Students were white boarding and presenting proofs in Mrs. Walker's geometry honors class

In Digital Media class with Mr. Devine, students worked on stop motion LEGO videos. These are a unique way for students to work together and create something artistic through the use of technology.



Mrs. Cichoracki's

classes designed

experiments to

needed for a

**Chemistry Honors** 

identify substances

chemical reaction

Stenoish brought their STEM classes together for a group project. The teams of four designed and built footlockers to store their projects and equipment for class. The students developed plans and measurements to construct the boxes, in addition to designing fasteners to hold the footlockers together and lock them. The fasteners were printed on the Science Department's 3D printer

Mr. Richards and Mr.



Las mordidas is a Mexican birthday tradition where people are supposed to eat cakė without their hands, and their family members smash their face in it for good luck. This is exactly what Señora Pavur's class did. They also celebrated Carnaval by making masks.

It was a special Junior Recognition Mass, along with the blessing of their class rings!



Ms. Klod's English 3 and Honors English 3 classes participated in a Stations Activity on Jonathon Edward's sermon – "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Students had to scan a QR Code to listen to various audio clips of his sermon, while at the same time completing various tasks on the copy of the text. Next, students had to respond to a question and post their response on a sticky note: Finally, students were asked to review their nears responses and then students were asked to review their peers responses and then comment on them.



Señora DeVries had her Spanish 2 classes play "Corre y Habla" or "Run and Talk". Students work in groups to rotate roles to practice speaking, writing and listening skills while re-telling a story that they have learned in class as quickly as they can. Groups race against each other to see who can finish (accurately)



In Spanish 2 Honors with Señora Pavur, students had to practice their skills by reading a clue, and then they had to find it in the school while writing a sentence to describe it.







Mr. DeVivo's class learned about particle motion - how solids, liquids, and gasses move according to differing aspects like temperature and

density. What do you think: do particles move faster in cold or hot temperatures?







#### COACH COGS RETIRES AS HEAD FOOTBALL

**COACH** The Providence Catholic High School football program has had only two head coaches in its storied 53-year history. That changed after the fall of 2021 season. Coach Mark Coglianese announced that he would step down after thirty-four years of coaching football at the school, the last sixteen as the head coach.

Coach "Cogs" has been coaching and teaching at Providence for more than three decades. In his 16 years as Head Football Coach, he has recorded 106 wins and 70 losses. Coglianese collected his 100th win this spring at Notre Dame College Prep. In 2014, he took his team to the Class 7A State Championship where he completed the "Quest for X" and brought home the school's 10th State Football Championship Trophy. In addition, Coglianese took his teams to the Class 6A State Title game in 2009; the Class 6A State Semi-Final games in 2006, 2008, 2017 and 6A Quarterfinal game in 2007 Before taking over as head coach, he was the defensive coordinator for seven of the ten Providence State Championship teams.

Thank you to Coach Cogs for your years of exceptional leadership for the football team. We are grateful for the tremendous impact you've had on the program. Stay tuned for the spring issue and a special football article!

TYLER PLANTZ NAMED NEW FOOTBALL **COACH** The Providence Catholic Athletic Department would like to announce that Mr. Tyler Plantz '10 has been named the new Head Coach of the PCHS Football Program for the 2022 season.

career at Notre Dame under the tutelage of Coach Brian Kelly. From 2015 until 2021. Coach Plantz was a Notre Dame Football Coaching Assistant, Strength & Conditioning Coach, Offensive Line Assistant, Senior Special Teams & Offensive Analyst and . Assistant Director of Football Operations. He had the privilege of being on the sidelines as a Coach during the 2018 Citrus Bowl victory for Notre Dame.

Starting in 2015, Tyler began his Coaching

Coach Plantz is a 2010 graduate of Providence Catholic where he excelled in football as a linebacker. He was a member of the 2009 IHSA Class 6A "Runner-up" State Football team. He was captain of that team, Co-MVP, named to the Chicago Catholic League All Conference team, IHSA All Academic State, Chicago Sun-Times All-Chicago team Herald News All-area team. He was also Vice President of the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society and a Student Ambassador.





SOFTBALL COACH JAY BIESTERFELD RETIRES AFTER 17 YEARS The Providence Catholic High School softball program has been led for the last 17 years by Jay Biesterfeld, who announced his retirement this past season after leading the Celtics to a regional win. During his tenure at Providence Catholic, Biesterfeld coached his teams to a record of 358 wins and 211 losses, with a 629% winning record. In 2012 and 2018. he led the Celtics to a 3rd place finish in state. As of last season, he had won five regional titles in 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021 and coached three seasons with 29 wins. In addition, his teams have been GCAC Red Conference Champions in 2019 and Sectional Champions in 2012 and 2019.

#### **NEW SOFTBALL COACH NAMED**

The new Head Softball Coach will be Mr. Jim Holba. Coach Holba has been an Assistant Softball Coach at Providence for the last five years. He has 11 years of Head Softball experience, including seven seasons with 20 wins, with three of those reaching over 30 wins. He has won three conference titles and three Regional titles during that time. As a Providence Assistant since 2016, he was part of four Regional titles, one Sectional and one 3rd place finish in the State Finals. He will be starting his 23rd year in teaching Physical Education and Health and his 20th year coaching IHSA softball.

#### **READ THE FULL RELEASES AT PROVIDENCECATHOLIC.ORG.**





### TWO PROVIDENCE JOLIET SPORTS HALL OF FAME AWARDESS

Two Providence greats - Keith Healy and Pete Bercich '90 were both inducted into the Joliet Sports Hall of Fame in July. Healy directed his Providence Catholic teams to six IHSA state wrestling titles - all in succession - over a 27-year span. His Providence wrestling teams went to the state finals 14 times and came away with three runner-up finishes, four third-place titles and one fourth-place finish in addition to the six consecutive championships. Bercich, an

all-state linebacker at Providence Catholic, was selected in the seventh round of the 1994 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings and went on to play six seasons with the team, appearing in 57 games. He also was a part of Providence's first football state championship team in 1987 as a sophomore.



#### THE GREAT TOM DEDIN

Tom Dedin visited campus during Homecoming and took a tour around the school with (his great nephew and current Assistant Director of Enrollment) Mr. Noah Senffner '14 to see what is new!

Over 50 years ago Tom Dedin joined the Providence faculty to teach English and build, from scratch, a sports program for its students with his wife Mary Fran by his side. Tom pushed his athletes to make the most of their abilities. He taught them how to play the game as

well as to share in the responsibilities of taking care of the equipment (anyone who spent time on the mountain knows how much he hated to lose a baseball) and the facilities (the field, the locker room, etc.).

Tom created an endowed scholarship in honor of his wife. Mary Fran. that is helping future Celtics attend Providence Catholic. (You can even make a gift to it at www. providencecatholic.org)

Students from many different clubs at

Providence Catholic decorated trunks at

the annual Trunk or Treat hosted by the

# **MISSION MOMENTS**



On October 24, Providence Catholic partnered with Sharefest Will County to host a drive for people in need. Clothes, food, home goods and more were available to over 300 families that



Students, coaches, faculty, staff and parents attended Open House to showcase #TheProvidenceAdvantage for potential Celtic families on



Sandwich Patrol gathered to make sandwich and snack packs for MorningSta





Cookies that Count returned and











# **ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN**We need YOUR help!

We are pleased to announce that Providence Catholic High School is embarking on a capital campaign, "CELTIC CAMPAIGN OF CHAMPIONS" to update and improve our facilities. These improvements will be a greatly enhance to our beautiful 75-acre campus. We are asking our families, past and present to support this wonderful cause.

AMOUNT WILL
HELP US TOWARDS
ACHIEVING THIS
GOAL!

THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION AND BOARDS AND WILL BE MADE ONCE THE FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED:

For ten years the SYNTHETIC TURF on Matt Senffner Field has served the school well and is now at the end of its life. The school has contracted with Field Turf, the leading supplier of playing fields in the nation, to install new turf.

New (Field Turf) synthetic turf surface - \$750,000

The **VISITOR STANDS** in Bishop Kaffer Stadium which were erected by volunteers in the 1980s were dismantled because they could not be brought up to code (as designed). The school plans to construct new visitor stands for 1,000 spectators.

New stadium visitor bleachers - \$250,000

In addition, several **BLEACHER SYSTEMS** on campus will be replaced with ADA approved bleachers. New bleachers at both softball fields - \$59,000 **New bleachers at both soccer fields - \$37,000** 

The **TENNIS COURTS** were built in the 1970s and expanded in the decades that followed. The problems with the foundation and drainage system are causing the courts to be unusable and need to be reconstructed. **New reconstructed tennis courts - \$200,000** 

The stadium **SCOREBOARD** was erected 16 years ago and needs renovation including new panels, rewiring and the addition of a LED message board.

Stadium scoreboard renovation - \$50,000

The track and field **JUMPING PITS** (high jump, pole vault) are at the end of their expected life and need replacement.

Track and Field high jump pad and pole vault pit replacement - \$50,000

The baseball field's **NETTING SYSTEMS** are 15 years old and need replacement.

New baseball backstop netting - \$40,000 (2) fields

The softball field's **NETTING SYSTEMS** is 15 years old and need replacement.

New softball backstop netting - \$15,000 (1) field



"The tennis courts were the first spot on campus where I felt I was a part of the Providence family and the first spot where I felt I was contributing to the Providence community." -Emma Davis, State Competitor in Tennis



"I have spent some of my best memories of high school on that field. I have spent countless hours putting my heart into the activities on that field, the field brought the band together in countless ways."

- Wyatt Goorsky, Marching Celtics Band Member



"I first walked on the Providence turf when I was four years old and ever since, it was the place where I grew as an athlete and a person." - Liam McDermott, Football



• \$100,000 - Visitor Bleacher Sponsor: screened sign 60' x 3' length of the visitor stands facing the home seating for optimum exposure and messaging. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:** 

- \$50,000 Kaffer Stadium Press Box Sponsor: two 4' x 4' signs on the Press Box flanking the school's name- pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$50,000 The Kaffer Stadium Scoreboard Sponsor: one 3' x 20' sign at the bottom of the scoreboard. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$40,000 Soccer Bleacher Sponsor: donor plaque on bleachers. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$40,000 Softball Bleacher Sponsor: donor plaque on bleachers. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$20,000 JV Softball Bleacher Sponsor: donor plaque on bleachers. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$20,000 Varsity Baseball Netting Sponsor: donor sign displayed on both the Varsity and JV backstops. Pledge payable over a 4-year period.
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- \$10,000 Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at Kaffer Stadium top of grandstand, pledge payable over a 4-year period.

- \$10,000 Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at Tom Dedin Baseball Field on outfield wall, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 Sponsor Sign: a 4'x 8' sign displayed at soccer field on the west campus, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at softball field on the outfield fence, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$10,000 Sponsor Sign: a 4' x 8' sign displayed at tennis courts on the fence, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
- \$5,000 Sponsor Sign: a 4'x 4' sign displayed outside Kaffer Stadium Entry on fence, pledge payable over a 4-year period.
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- \$1,000+ Donor name will appear on commemorative Celtic Campaign of Champions Campaign Donor Plaque inside stadium.

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A campaign for athletic improvements including new field

turf in Bishop Kaffer Stadium/Matt Senffner Field, new spec-

tator bleachers throughout campus and athletic equipment

replacement.

Corporate/Family Sponsorships (pledges can be paid over 4-year period) are available for levels beginning at \$1,000 and extending to \$100,000+.

Naming opportunities include bleachers, signage, plaques and more on all of the many projects in this campaign.



#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

The school's leadership has identified these improvements as being a critical, immediate need. How can you help? Join the committee to raise capital or make a financial commitment to help us make our goal. Contact Ed Barrett, PCHS Advancement Director at ebarrett@providencecatholic.org and (815) 717-3164 or Doug Ternik'89, PCHS Athletic Director at dternik@providencecatholic.org and (815) 717-3169 for information concerning this project.

We encourage you to be as generous as possible when responding to this request to raise the funds for completion of this project. Your contribution is tax deductible and you may take up to three years to fulfill your pledge commitment. We have already collected or received pledges from generous friends and families and our PCHS parent clubs.

■ vents in 1967 were set in motion that would forever change the then-Providence High School. Providence at its current site was ■ run by the Sisters of Providence and the Christian Brothers who agreed to help staff Providence and run other schools in the expanding Joliet Diocese. Declining numbers in 1967 among religious orders for a variety of reasons meant hiring more lay faculty and the Diocese began running a deficit close to \$600,000. Providence contributed about 15% to that amount. Brother Daniel McMullen began his first full year as Principal that year and created two fundraisers: a month-long car raffle ending with a three-day Harvest Party in November and a candy drive in the spring selling World's Finest Chocolate. A Mother's Club and Booster Club were created to help support the school.

#### **HOW DID IT GO AT FIRST?**

During the same year the Diocesan School Board and the Superintendent of Schools Fr. Niles Gillen, O. Carm., hired an outside consultant to evaluate the best way to end the deficit. His findings and the recommendations would be announced the following fall. In 1968 the consultant believed two schools should be closed, including Providence. Both Fr. Niles and the school board agreed unanimously. Brother Daniel along with the parents' clubs began to organize fundraising efforts to influence Bishop Blanchette to keep Providence open. The car raffle became the SOS (Save Our School) campaign and the Harvest Drive to raise funds to end our school's portion of the deficit. The format was the same as the year before. Chance tickets were .25 each or 5 for \$1.00. It truly was a combined effort of faculty, parents and students led by Brother Daniel. There were homeroom competitions to see who could turn in the most money. Matt Senffner came up with the clever idea of selling ad posters for \$25 from local businesses to be displayed at the Harvest Festival in order to raise larger amounts of money. Most of us had some angle to bring in money. We were all very competitive, hated losing and loved the school. The story of a

little school trying to stay open reached the

papers and spread nationally with money coming in from all over the country, priests in Rome, even soldiers overseas serving their country! To many, it was refreshing that students loved their school and were fighting to keep it open when there was so much tension on campuses across the country. The raffle alone brought in over \$30,000 that fall.

**DID IT WORK?** The Bishop announced he would make public his decision in January of 1969 at an open meeting at St. Charles Borromeo. The gym was overflowing with parents, students and faculty with combined emotions of hope and fear. The soft-spoken Bishop announced that none of the schools would close with the stipulation that we at Providence would raise roughly \$60,000 annually and our enrollment would remain steady. I was standing with Pat Sullivan next to Fr. Niles. To paraphrase Fr. Gillen's words - "That's all well and good this year but what about next year or the year after when the enthusiasm fades?" I believe we all took comments like those as a personal

The Brothers would leave Providence and the Bishop named his good friend whom he trusted and who had experience as the Principal at St. Charles to become principal at Providence. Father Kaffer (later Bishop Kaffer) soon appointed Pat Sullivan as Assistant Principal with one of his duties to manage fundraising and the Harvest Drive. A competitive homeroom atmosphere was maintained, but the drive was condensed into two weeks rather than a month. One enterprising teacher created the Harvest Journal - a printed version of Matt's idea to be handed out at the festival and given to every parent and any business that wanted one. Later the journal was opened to every student to sell ads and it became the Harvest Drive Book. Today it is an online business directory and families are encouraged to support those businesses that support us. For a brief time there were indoor carnivals, dances - even an outdoor carnival. Eventually, an event ending the drive was done away with, as was the winner of the car, and later cash was drawn at the student celebration - the Harvest Drive Olympics. This was a competition among homerooms with events such as an egg toss, tug-of-war, three-legged races and more.

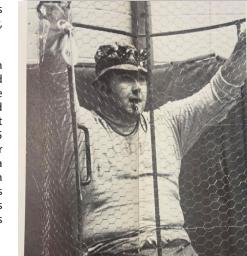
Fr. Kaffer created a position to help with recruiting and direct fundraising and when the Augustinians were given the administration of the school they expanded the process creating the Development Office. The Harvest Drive alone in 1975 raised over \$61,000 and in 1984 over \$91,000. The Augustinians created a mandatory fundraising program for each family and attached it to the drive and as a result, hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised annually. The parents' clubs

expanded their roll in fundraising as well. There have been Sunday brunches, dances with silent auctions, Las Vegas Nights, Wednesday Night Bingo, Fashion Shows, New Year's Eve Dances, other raffles, the formation of alumni organizations and new

WHAT ABOUT TODAY? The Harvest Drive continues to be a vital part of the fundraising. It has been moved to the early part of the school year. Gone are the homeroom competitions and all the tediousness that surrounded it. The Olympics, however, have lived on. It is an exciting competition among the four classes. It is a student celebration of our success and our commitment to advancing excellent Catholic values within a positive educational environment. It is our link to the past. The family atmosphere created by the parents, students and faculty in the SOS campaign lives on through the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love. They were on display in 1968 and are active



























# 2021 **HARVEST** DRIVE **OLYMPICS**





























# **BY THE NUMBERS:**

The Harvest Drive was established in 1968 to help prevent the school from closing. The first year it generated \$15,000. This year, Providence set the goal at \$279,000, and families raised over \$310,000! This is an amazing effort by the Providence Catholic community to come together and build success year after year!

Harvest Drive is our only all-school fundraiser that allows members of our community to buy raffle tickets and place ads to help support the school. Over 150 businesses place ads in our online Harvest Drive directory that is published on November 1. In celebration of Harvest Drive, each year we hold the Harvest Drive Olympics. Harvest Drive Olympics is a tradition unique to

Providence Catholic and one our students and alumni love.

**VISIT THE HARVEST DRIVE DIRECTORY** ONLINE AT WWW.PROVIDENCECATHOLIC. ORG AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO **GENEROUSLY SUPPORT PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC!** 

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# **CLASS REUNIONS**

Giving and Alumni Relations, at ahogan@ providence catholic.org or 815-717-3162 to start discussing your high school reunion!



Thank you to Carol Baran '79 for dropping off two scrapbooks she had made in high school! The articles and photos are a wonderful addition to the Providence Catholci archives. Do you have history you'd like to donate to the school? Contact Aindrea Hogan, the new Director of Alumni and Annual Giving, at 815.717.3162 or ahogan@ providencecatholic.org. See photos of the album on the Celtic Alumni Club page on Facebook!



## **PROVIDENCE: A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE**

"There's no place like home and Providence Catholic will always be a place that my family considers to be *home*. And within every home is family, and we will always be a part of the Providence Catholic family. As our children are alumni of the classes of 2011, 2014, and 2017 - that in itself speaks volumes of what a truly special place PCHS is not only to myself but to my entire fmaily. PCHS well prepared our children for college and beyond - All three of our kids have since graduated college, one has completed her dual masters, and another masters is currently underway.

There is also much to be said of the Augustinian values of Truth, Unity and Love - and the family at Providence embodies these values. Augustinians are first and foremost a community. St. Augustine believed that God could be best discovered in the company of family and friends and that is how they choose to serve God. There's no better way to describe what is happening at Providence Catholic each and every day. Thank you, Providence Catholic, for giving my family another place to call home and serve God."

-Lisa Marth, parent of alumni



Dear friends of the Augustinians,

am happy to share with you that God blessed us this summer with the ordination of a new priest: Fr. Samuel Joutras O.S.A.! Fr. Sam is a rare example of one of our "homegrown" vocations, as he came to know the Augustinians as a student at Providence Catholic! His testimony about the impact of seeing the community Augustinian priests and brothers in the halls of his school demonstrates to me the importance of cultivating our next generation of religious. A man in an Augustinian habit serves as a visual witness to the Love, Truth, and Unity that guides the education of our students.

This year the Pastoral Team at Providence Catholic has also gained the service of Br. David Relstab, O.S.A. one of our excellent young men in formation. Br. David is an exceptional, enthusiastic, and faith-filled man with so many wonderful talents to share. For example, Br. David recently constructed the wooden altar for our newly dedicated Pre-Novitiate House, St. Clare Friary on Chicago's southwest side. As you may know, last year the community

at Providence Catholic served as a temporary home for our two Pre-Novices, who also served at the school. This year, however, the growing number of incoming vocations prompted us to establish a permanent, independent community for our Pre-Novices as they are introduced to the spirituality and way of life of the Augustinian Order.

We look forward this December to the ordination of TWO more Augustinians: Br. Joe Roccasalva, O.S.A. and Br. Jeff Raths, O.S.A. Br. Joe may be familiar to some of you as he spent his pastoral year teaching at Providence and lending his talents to the students' musical production. Keep them in your prayers!

Sincerely in Christ and St. Augustine,

Very Rev. Anthony B. Pizzo, O.S.A.

Prior Provincial of the Midwest Augustinians











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THE AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTED

rovidence Catholic, in collaboration an authentic entrepreneurship experience. In this program, students have the opportunity to create and fully develop their own product or service. Real entrepreneurs and business experts serve as volunteer coaches and mentors who guide student teams through the Lean Startup processes of developing hypotheses about a business concept, testing those hypotheses, adapting, and continually learning and improving. This cycle of experimentation is combined with foundational business concepts and skills in marketing and finance.

Volunteer mentors were welcomed by INCubator entrepreneurship students in a round robin "speed meet" activity earlier this semester as the program began. Mentors have graciously volunteered to meet with student groups once a week throughout school year to share their knowledge and experience as the teams build their own startups. These mentors are alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of Providence, as well as leaders in their fields: Stan Potempa, Ken Circirale, Craig Lyons, Larry Spelman, Catherine Spelman, Heide Tierney, Blaise Houston, Kelly McLeod, Mick Kelly, Jeff Aresenau, Joe Kucala and Ken Lomasney.

To learn more about INCubatoredu, we spoke with the leaders of the program: Mr. Josh Ditzler '99 and Ms. Laura Moss '97, both teachers at Providence Catholic (and pictured to the right).

WHY WAS THE INCUBATOR PROGRAM with INCubatoredu, offers students **STARTED?** "We were looking for ways to update and improve our business course offerings. After a quick search, it was obvious that INCubatoredu was on the cutting edge of today's startup process and teaching methodology. After traveling to observe the course at other high schools and seeing a few lessons, we were hooked!" - Mr. Ditzler

> WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN **INCUBATOREDU?** "Senior students are taking the course, and it is taught by myself and Mr. Ditzler. The great thing about the program is that it includes outside speakers, who are called coaches. They come in once a week or so and guest lecture about various topics that they have expertise in. They not only teach the material, they tell their stories and bring in examples from their lives and companies. Each group also has a mentor, who is another business professional. They meet with their group of students throughout the year quite the undertaking organizing all of the to go for dinner." - Ms. Moss volunteers from the Providence family that are involved, but all of the guests that we have every week really make the course come alive for our students." - Ms. Moss

WHAT IS THE END GOAL OF THE PROGRAM FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR? "Each student will have an actual business and/or company, along with a product or service." - Mr. Ditzler

**HOW MANY STUDENTS AND MENTORS ARE IN THE PROGRAM?** "Currently, there are 48

students making up 12 groups, as well as 12 mentors." - Ms. Moss

WHAT DO STUDENTS WORK ON EACH WEEK? "A typical week usually starts with a conversation about a topic or explaining a task that the students have to complete by the end of the week. That is pretty much the only part of the course that looks like a typical high school class, but with a lot more collaboration and discussion. Guest lecturers, the coaches, come in on block days. They then meet with their mentors to review what they just heard and catch them up on their progress over the last week. Fridays are usually dedicated to completing that week's task." - Mr. Ditzler

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROJECTS THEY ARE WORKING ON? "We have a couple of t-shirt and supplement companies in the works. There is also a group trying to create their own laptop charger, a wifi signal and give them advice on their startups. It is booster, and an app to help you decide where



Two guest speakers worked with students on understanding value proposition. Marty Mucker, Capabilities Lead, Data Analtyics at Conagra Brands, and Amanda Butler '95, Co-Owner of The Human Race Sports store in Orland Park, led the discussions.



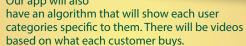


business owner in construction and development in Chicago, and 1997 alumni.

Students have been identifying customer segments for their growing startups, and the messages from the guest coaches were a wonderful supplement to their growing knowledge in business concepts and provided a lot of inspiration.

#### MIA MCELREE **SENIOR**

"The project my group and I are working on is an app where you can buy and sell items from a wide variety of gently used items. Our app will also



This idea came from my group members and I having the problem of having too many things laying around that were not being used and taking up space. This also came from us not wanting to waste a lot of money on items we did not know if we would even use more than once.

Each speaker we have had has given us great insight from each of their own personal experiences that we can all take into consideration while developing our businesses.

In the INCubatoredu class, we learn about all of the different aspects of creating a new business and how to apply them, while also hearing great advice from our insightful speakers and mentors each week.

My group's mentor is Kelly McLeod. She has taught us how to incorporate the customers into our business and focus on how to keep them interested and wanting more.

My group and I, by the end of the year, hope to accomplish a successful app that will be easy for all to use and that will help customers easily buy what they do need and/or sell what they do not

Mr. Jeff Areseneau, Providence Catholic parent, spoke to the #INCubatoredu class about marketing for startups. Jeff is an Agency Sales Manager with State Farm in Frankfort. Students and mentors have the opportunity to learn from speakers each week who address the many topics involved with becoming an entrepreneur. Jake from State Farm (cardboard cutout) also made a guest appearance.



# **ALUMNI UPDATES**



presented awards from the Illinois State Historical Society at its April 23 meeting in Springfield. Ridings was awarded certificates for two books published last year by America Through Time, "The

Illustrated History if the Cherry Mine Disaster of 1909" and "The Society of the Living Dead: The Illustrated History of Ottawa's Radium Dial Scandal." His thirtieth book, "The Illustrated History of Ottawa's Tent Colony," was published June 28



Robyn (Rock) Schott '89 Is a diagnostic medical sonographer. She and her husband Ellis will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary year. They have four

children: Kelsey, Tony, Aidan, and Kellan. In February of this year, they welcomed their first grandchild Myla Marie into their family.



James (Jamie) Brown '91 is the Fire Marshal for the New Lenox Fire District. This December he will celebrate 30 years with the department. James is currently the President of the Illinois Fire Inspectors Association and the State

Coordinator for the National Fire Sprinkler Association - NFSA. He is married to his wife Angel and has four children.

Lou Hayes '94 has been highlighted in an article by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Gies College of Business on why he returned to finish his degree. He said he was inspired by how his young children adapted to online learning during the pandemic!

Mark Reiter '03 has a new son Quinten Scott Reiter, born Summer of 2021.

Holly (Ditzler) West '05 and Robert West '06 welcomed a set of twins.

Kyle Breitbarth '10 returned to Arizona State University to coach volleyball. According to Arizona State's release: "Sun Devil Volleyball is welcoming back a familiar face to the coaching staff as Kyle Breitbarth is coming back to Tempe as the new assistant coach. Breitbarth was with Arizona State from 2017-19 as the volunteer assistant coach. In his one season away from the Sun Devils, he was the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Columbia University in New York. The Lions, however, did not play a season in 2020-21. While on Morningside, Breitbarth spent time working with the defense and assisting with video duties and recruiting."



Lynch '11 got married on March 17, 2021 to Patrick Lynch, graduate of our fellow Augustinian School, St. Rita High School. They currently reside in Evergreen Park, IL. Kathleen also recently accepted a

position with Leyden High School District 212 in the District Communications office.



(Cleveland) Courtney Donahoe '12, is now Dr. Courtney Donahoe! She is currently a resident physician at the Duluth Family Medicine Clinic Duluth, Minnesota, where she practices family medicine. Her focus there is

caring for patients of low-income backgrounds and capturing the picture of their overall mental/physical health to provide the best treatment. Courtney's leadership skills and successes began at Providence where she was captain of the cross-country team. She also received the Student-Athletic Award upon graduating.



Meghan Marth graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago with a Masters of Social Work and a Masters of Public Health.



Justin Chmura '15, earned his Master of Science in Pathologists' Assistant degree from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago in Spring 2021. He accepted a full-time position as a Pathologists'

Assistant at HCA Midwest Health in Kansas City in April. Justin was awarded the College of Health Professions Clinical Education Award at Rosalind Franklin for the outstanding work in his clinical training along with the highest GPA in his program. On June 12, he married the love of his life Kayla Calandro.



Annie Czerwinski '16, graduated from the University of Illinois at Jrbana-Champaign Spring of 2020 with a B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology and a minor in Chemistry. She began her Doctorate of Optometry

degree in Fall 2021 at the Illinois College of Optometry.



Jackson Dvorak '16 drove in two runs to rush a rally in a seven run 7th inning

for the Joliet Slammers on June 17! This was Jackson's first day as a Slammer, having been chosen from the team that morning from Lewis University. A video of his hit was sent in by Connor Jennings '18, who is an intern for the Slammers. (When you see Father Merk's online Mass take place from St. Bernard's, Connor is the one who films it!)



Baldys Jessica graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Villanova University with a double major in Finance/Mathematics and a concentration in Applied Quantitative Finance. During

her time at Villanova, Jessica was inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon, the National Mathematics Honor Society, and held several leadership positions with the Villanova Pastoral Musicians and the Villanova Global Finance Group. In the fall, Jessica will be pursuing a Master of Science in Finance at Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management.



Josh Deffenbaugh '17 graduated from Western Illinois University and was commissioned into the Army as a second lieutenant in the nfantry division.



Drew Michael Graduated Cum Laude from Lake Forest College on May 18, 2021. He double majored in Psychology and French. He plans to attend Loyola University Chicago MHA Masters Program.

**Shawn Harper '17,** a member of the University of St. Francis Fighting Saints baseball team, earned several post-season honors. Harper was named to the Gold Glove Team for the second time in his career (the first being 2018). He totaled 75 putouts and seven assists for a .953 fielding mark.

Anthony Krabbe '17 and Kelcie Burdiak '17 were married in May, 2021.



Karly Marth '17, graduated from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame with a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Minor in Intervention.



Caroline Murphy '17, graduated from Xavier University with a Bachelors in Business Administration, and started working as an Advancement Associate for Make-A-Wish Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana in May.



Carly Renfro '19 and Maddy Bear '19 are currently spending the fall semester of their junior year studying abroad in Madrid, Spain! Carly is studying International Business and Foreign Service and Maddy is studying Finance and Real Estate.



Mary Mathieu '19 received the Deans Scholar University at the of St. Francis for maintaining a 4.0 GPA

after four semesters at USF. She also took over as Editor-In-Chief of The Encounter Student News Magazine, the university's Student News Magazine.



Jakob Scherf '20 the Dean's made List both semesters his freshman year at Illinois Institute of Technology Majoring Mechanical Engineering.

# ALUMNI, SEND IN YOUR NEWS!

Alumni, do you have news to share? Email photos and updates to celtics@providencecatholic.org.

## **ALUMNI GOLF OUTING**







On October 1, alumni gathered for the annual Celtic Alumni Club Golf Outing held at Sanctuary Golf Course. After the outing and dinner, alumni

headed over to Providence for the Homecoming game. Special thanks to Rob Cruz '97 and Eddie Olstza '97 for spearheading the event.

## **HOMECOMING**

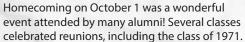












For more updates and alumni photos, join the Celtic Alumni Club on Facebook!

### **ALUMNI & CELTIC FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS AT OPEN HOUSE**

Many alumni and Celtic families were valuable partners in preparing materials for Open House! Thank you to:

- The Piko family and Marathon Sportswear for printing our Open House shirts.
- The Markasovic family (including graduates Frankie and Tommy) and Graphic Image Corporation for the beautiful work on the signs and viewbook.
- · Parent of alumni John VanderWey and Print One Step for their work in creating the folder materials and posters.
- Orland Park Bakery owner and alumnus Tom Major '98, who created amazing cookies for all Open House visitors.



MAY GOD HOLD THEM IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS. PCHS WAS NOTIFIED OF THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING..

ALUMNI

Mary Therese (Flavin) Devine'44, mother of Mary Beth (Devine) Reiter '69, Margaret (Devine) Idstein '71 and John Devine '79, grandmother of Michael Reiter '94, Matthew Reiter '97, Mary (Reiter) Boland '99, Martin Reiter '01 and Mark Reiter '03, and mother-in-law of Scott Reiter '67

Elanore (Randich) Carlson '47

Marie (Culik) Stelow '48, sister of Carol (Culik) Efroymson

**Judith A. Booklund '56,** sister of Barbara Booklund'69

Kenneth Fox '66

**Kenneth Mores '66**, brother of Lucy (Mores) Pomykala '68, Lawrence Mores '70, Thomas Mores '72, Michael Mores '74 and Marie (Mores) Moretti '83, uncle to Joseph Pomykala '90 and Jody (Pomykala) Smrekar '94 and brother-in-law of Joseph Pomykala '66

**Suellyn Booklund '68,** sister of Barbara Booklund '69

Dr. Gerald Wayne Paul '86

Sean Bruin '88, father of Shane Bruin '25

FORMER FACULTY ISTAFF

Judith Orler, led Kairos program

**PARENT OF ALUMNI** 

Joan Seeley, mother of Julia (Seeley) Leehaug '72, Kris (Seeley) Trost '80, Gina (Seeley) Marrietti '81, mother-in-law of Mark Trost '79

**Patricia Pettenon,** mother of Monica (Stark) Pettenon '81

**Lynne Lichtenauer,** mother of Eric Lichtenauer'88

**Janice Latz,** mother of Sara (Latz) Tyrell '88 and Nora (Latz) Gleason '91

**Michael Trudelle,** father of Barry Trudelle '94, Deven Trudelle '97, Elizabeth (Trudelle) Maksym '04 and Emily (Trudelle) Waedow '07, grandfather to Tyler Trudelle '20 and Brooke Trudelle '21, and husband of former staff member Darcy Trudelle

**J. Michael McErlean,** father of John McErlean '95

**John Ventura,** father of Gina (Ventura) Ciancio '99

**Colleen Appleton,** mother of Carter Appleton '20

With a profound sense of loss we announce the death of **Mrs. Denise Huguelet**. Denise and her husband, Mike, were very active at Providence Catholic. Denise served in leadership positions for the Girls' Locker Room project as well as many of our fundraising endeavors. She and Mike



were recipients of the Cor Unum Award in 2013, honored for their extraordinary service to Providence Catholic, being of one heart in ministry, mission, and family. She is the mother of Michael Huguelet '97, Ginny (Huguelet) Fowler '97, Jacqueline (Huguelet) Hoak '03, Maggie Huguelet '05 and Kevin Huguelet '08, and grandmother to Jackson Fowler '25. Father Merk says, "I remember Denise for her kindness, enthusiasm and calm demeanor, even as she energetically volunteered in so many ways. Her entire life was devoted to helping others, as she served as a special education teacher in Evergreen Park District 124." Please join us in prayer for the entire immediate and extended Huguelet family, as well as our Providence Family.

# TRUTH UNITED TO THE PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC PROVID

## ALLIE RIOS '98 AKA CHARLIE CELTIC

Director of Communications, overseer of social media, magazine editor, second runner up in best dressed according to one Celtic Energy poll

Want to see something online or in the Celtic Review? Send a DM!

# SHANNON WITHERS '95 AKA THE RECRUITER

Director of Enrollment, Harvest Drive Coordinator, Celtic baseball fanatic, knows facts and stats about Providence Catholic

Interested in enrolling? Shannon can help you out! Tours, info, planning -- she's the

#### ED BARRETT AKA THE BOSS

Director of Institutional Advancement, knower of everything Providence, crazy about stats, Proviscope Moderator

Want to make a gift? Learn more about planned giving? Want naming rights or to sponsor a renovation? Ed can help!

#### NOAH SENFFNER '14 AKA COACH SEFF

Assistant Enrollment
Director, Head Coach of
Freshmen Boys
Basketball, Marketing
Assistant, incredible
drone operator,
department comedian

Need a tour? Question information? This is about enrollment? the person to call!

**AINDREA** 

**HOGAN** 

AKA GIFT GATHERER

Director of Annual

Giving and Alumni

Relations, newbie to the

department, ready to

meet and greet alumni,

goes by Daah (Day-uh)

Want to make a gift?

#### TAMMY COSTELLO AKA DATABASE GURU

Database and Special Events Manager, Celtic parent, avid Diet Coke drinker

Planning a class reunion? Looking to nominate an athlete for Hall of Fame? Look no further than Tammy!

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

# Thank You Benefactors

his Annual Report to Donors highlights the generosity and commitment of those who have given to Providence Catholic during the past fiscal year. 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. We are grateful for your support.

The loyalty and dedication of our supporters is overwhelming. You have ensured the 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.



Ed Barrett

Director of Institutional Advancement

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FAMILY EMBRACES THE GOSPEL OF JESUS
CHRIST IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF ACCEPTANCE,
RESPECT AND LOVE".

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our mission and support CHANGING LIVES 7 the Celtic Family.

This is the time! During the challenges of COVID we have flourished. We developed a creative response by installing cameras and microphones in each classroom to improve remote learning and maintain the high academic standards of Providence Catholic.

#### The results:

- 46 Students earned the AP Scholar Award
- 52 Illinois State Scholars
- \$47 million in college scholarships
- An average of \$71,500 in scholarships accepted

We have upgraded our air conditioning, heating and air exchange to facilitate learning in a safe and healthy environment. Now, we are embarking on an ambitious plan to improve our outdoor facilities. This year we will kick off the Celtic Campaign of Champions to enhance our beautiful campus. We ask your help in investing in our mission, our ministry, our families!

# Vital Needs

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

We strive to keep Catholic Education affordable. You can help by creating a scholarship or contributing to an existing fund to support Providence Catholic students in need of financial

We are influencing young lives in a "safe and supportive environment" where "young men and women are guided to embrace individuality, challenge assumptions and grow in confidence and compassion." (Mission Statement). Contribute to our mission and become part of our Family. Because of you, we become something greater, together.

# PROYIDENCE By The Numbers

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Make your gift online at www.providencecatholic.org or by using the envelope in this magazine. Questions? Contact: Aindrea Hogan, Director of Annual Giving, at ahogan@providencecatholic.org or (815) 717-3162.

We invite you to join

# **PROJECTS:**

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**NEW TRACTOR** 

**COMMONS CONCESSION UPGRADES** 





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**Concessions Upgrade:** Arthurs Family \$500

#### **New Tractor:**

Providence Augustinians \$1,000 Martin Family \$1,000 Andrew '08 and Brittany Stevens \$500 Barrett Family \$100

Scholarships:

Ivers Family \$1,000 Morrissette Family \$1,000 Augustinians \$500 Masterson Family \$250

We are so grateful to the alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and Augustinians who supported the first week of giving and helped Providence fully fund all four projects!

Would you like to support one of these initiatives? You can make a gift online at providence catholic.org/support-pchs/donate.

Find us on social media to take part in the 2022 Week of Giving in June! You don't have to wait until then to give, however - every gift makes an immediate impact in the lives of PCHS students!

# **Annual Report**

## **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

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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World Language Mrs. Kathleen Pavur

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Mr. Raymond Tuminello

Mr. William Utz '88

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Mr. Paul Janik

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#### Mr. Mark Ritter '94

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Mr. Doug Ternik '89

Mr. Larry Viano

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#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ed Barrett

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Mr. Bruce Burns

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Mrs. Jane Lagger

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marth

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Mr. Steve '79 and Maureen Morrissette

Mrs. Melissa Sallade '96

Mr. Kyle Murphy '04

Mrs. Lucy Pomykala '66

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Salvador
Mr. and Mrs. Marc Senffner '85

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slade

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Spesia

Ms. Bev Welsch

# PCHS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Student Income	\$11,850,926
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$ 423,467
Advancement/Grants & Aid	\$ 809,209
Harvest Drive	\$ 280,180
Athletic Income	\$ 368,489
Interest Income	\$ 20,461
Activity/Other Income	\$ 113,469
Parent Club Income	see note
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,866,201
EXPENSES	
Instruction	\$ 4,568,564
Bookstore, Bus, Cafeteria	\$ 776,359
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,746,872
Adminstration	\$ 998,145
Plant Maintenance & Operation	\$ 720,166
Athletic Expenses	\$ 1,138,307
Scholarships, Grants, & Aid	\$ 2,366,676
Advancement/Marketing	\$ 561,174
Capital Improvements/Depr	\$ 568,761
Student Activities	\$ 202,303
Religious & Pastoral Expenses	\$ 56,739
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,704,066
RESULTS OF OPERATION	\$ 162,135

#### Notes:

- Unrealized gain or (loss) on investments of \$ 334,408 is not included above.
- Parent Club income of \$ 50,000 was donated to the field turf replacement project.



2019-2020 FUNDRAISING SUMMARY	
Planned Gifts (Bequests)	\$ 750,056
100th Anniversary Capital Campaign	\$ 97,231
Annual Scholarships	\$ 464,603
Harvest Drive	\$ 280,180
Club/Team Fundraising	\$ 36,601
Endowment Gifts	\$ 79,465
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 129,965
Restricted Gifts	\$ 351,373
Gifts In Kind	\$ 8,225
Total Fundraising Income	\$2,197,699

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# COR UNUM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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:

Augustinians of The Midwest Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel

**Thomas and Marta Bennett** 

Ted '76 and Norma '78 Berman

LaVerne "Bitz" and Dottie Brown

**Bruce and Karen Burns** 

Ben and Helen Cabay

John and Jeanette D'Arcy

Kevin and Christine Doyle

Chuck and Pat Engvall

Bill and Reneé Farrell

Mike and Mary Grady

Dan '77 and Karen Horn

Mike and Denise Huguelet

Frank and Janet '66 Jurmann

Bishop Roger Kaffer

Dave and Charlie Kaminski

Robert and Mary Ann Kaminski

Kazma Family Foundation

Wayne and Barbara Klasing

**Bob and Rosemary Leonard** 

Rob and Laura Martin

Bob and Lisa Marth

Bill and Maggie McEnery

Steve '79 and Maureen Morrissette

Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana

Scott '67 and Mary Beth '69 Reiter

Don "Buck" and Joyce Reynolds Family

Dan and Betty Ruettiger

Philip and Barbara Salvador

Eric '98 and Carrie Steinbach

**Beverly Welsch** 

Leo and Judy Wrona

#### NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Providence Catholic is grateful to those who have wisely chosen to establish endowed funds for scholarships. 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:

Class of 1984, Class of 2010, Class of 2011, Class of 2012, Class of 2013, Class of 2014, Class of 2015, Class of 2016, Class of 2017, Class of 2018, Class of 2019, Class of 2020; Class of 2021

William Ball '96 Memorial Scholarship

Jason Brenski Memorial Scholarship

The Cleveland Family Scholarship Fund

Craughwell Endowment

Mary Fran and Tom Dedin Endowed Scholarship

Ralph Dralle Memorial Scholarship

**Faculty Endowment Fund** 

David Follenweider Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Galli Memorial Scholarship

Stanley and Adele Guz Memorial Scholarship

Billy Hultgen '96 Memorial Scholarship

**Kairos Endowment** 

Arthur & Kathryn Kennedy Memorial Scholarship

Pam Kettwig Memorial Scholarship

Louis Kocsis Memorial Scholarship

Eric Krall '02 Memorial Scholarship

Ley Family Memorial Endowment
Emily McCabe Memorial Scholarship

Margaret McCormick Endowment Fund

Richard Sr. and Victoria McGrath Need-Based Aid Endowment

Charles E. Murphy Memorial Scholarship

Ronald Rob Memorial Scholarship

Marie Osborne Memorial Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt Sr., & Mynne Kuhn Scholarship

Charles Sharp Memorial Scholarship

Lillian M. Tunze Endowment Scholarship

**Turk Family Endowment** 

Scott Whisson '01Memorial Scholarship

Kristen Zastro '87 Scholarship

Leigh-Anne Kazma visited PCHS for a lunch with the Kazma Family Scholars.

#### NAMED ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Providence Catholic is grateful to those who offer scholarship funding each year to PCHS students.

Currently our named scholarships include:

Augustinian Service Scholarship

Berman and Sons Graduate Scholarship

Thomas '67 and Barbara '67 Bolek Scholarship

Cathedral of St. Raymond

Catholic Education Foundation for the Diocese of Joliet

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

Celtic Football Alumni Scholarship

Celtic Leadership Scholarship

The Clare Association of Chicago

**Destinations by Dixon** 

Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Women

Empower Illinois - Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship

Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 15732

Irish Fellowship Educational and Cultural Foundation

Kaminski Family Foundation Scholarship

Kazma Family Foundation Scholarship

Knights of Columbus #10926

Mary A. Leiser Memorial Scholarship by the Simenc Family

Emily McCabe Memorial Scholarship Mike McHugh Memorial Scholarship

Mary Ann McIsaac Scholarship

Mokena Women's Club Scholarship PCHS Student Council Scholarship

Louis Patras Scholarship

Plymouth Place, Inc.

Leo and Pauline Rozanski Scholarship

Saint Joseph Catholic Parish (Lockport)

Saint Jude Parish, New Lenox

Saint Mary Nativity Parish, Joliet

Saint Mary Parish, Mokena

Saint Rose Parish, Wilmington

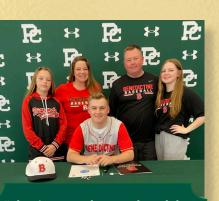
Steve & Delores Sarovich Foundation

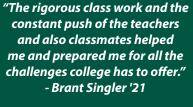
**Tuition Assistance Program** 

Wagner Family Scholarship

Larry Walsh Memorial Scholarship

Arthur A. Zervos '09 Scholarship







"Providence has prepared me for college in every way imaginable. This doesn't just include academics and spirituality, but with some of the friends I could find, with faculty and staff who are ready to help in any problem that comes a student's way, and being able to know how to be a team player and leader at the same time."

- Anna Bruno '21

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#### **DROVIDENCE 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.

> Anonymous (2) Joseph Adler † Michael Bennitt '84 Margaret and William Benoit Regina (Piazza) Block '74 Estate of "Bitz" and Dorothy Brown† Cary Czichon, Ph.D. '72 **Robert Davis** James and Paulette Domzal Estate of John and Annette Gill † Estate of Fr. Leonard Guz † Dennis Hildebrand

Stephen and Miki Jarvie Estate of Anna V. Johnson † Estate of W. Starr Johnson † Dave and Charlie Kaminski Estate of Ley Family Foundation † Estate of Gordon Michels † Estate of Val and Sue Mores †

Estate of Charles and Loretta Murphy † Estate of Lois G. (Fox) Orlovich '46 † Lois Barbara (Kestel) Satrun '67 Estate of Schmidt Family † Estate of Dorothy Shukley '30 † John Sosnowski Estate of Raymond F. Stoiber

Sister Lois Ann Stoiber, S. P. '45 † Estate of Hazeldean (Shepley) Trussa '36 †

Estate of Lillian Tunze †

Larry Viano

Estate of Beverly Welsch † Estate of Bernadine (Moran) Worland '49 †

Ronald Wozniak Sr.

Leo and Judy Wrona

† indicates Estate of Benefactor

"Providence is a thriving community where love, hard work, and companionship are all present. It has taught me so many lessons. Now I know what it's like to truly be a part of something bigger than myself." - Zach Xydakis, Class of 2023



#### **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
- 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.

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 beguest 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.

## Specific Gift Language – Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Naming Providence Catholic High School as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

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).

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.



"I came from a very Catholic household and when I entered Providence, I got to deepen that relationship through the family atmosphere. I was able to go on Kairos as a junior and it was lifechanging. Getting to pray before each class helps me know that God is with me every second of the day." - Caitlin Cardamone '21

## DONOR SOCIETIES FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

For 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign Gifts - July 1, 2020 through August 15, 2021

The Providence Catholic High School 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign was the most ambitious in the school's history reaching the six-million-dollar goal in 2019. 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 and completed their pleges.

These benefactors listed by original pledge amount, were instrumental in the building the new Brown Student Commons as well air conditioning the original classrooms in the building. 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 Ed Barrett, Director of Advancement at (815)717-3164 or ebarrett@providencecatholic.org.

#### ST AUGUSTINIAN SOCIETY (GIFTS OF \$50,000 OR MORE)

Robert S. and Mary Ann Kaminski Family Foundation

#### **PLATINUM SOCIETY** (GIFTS OF \$30,000 TO \$49,999)

Jeff and Debby Arseneau POA Ted '76 and Norma (Ruettiger) -Berman '78

Mark '90 and Pam Duffy ALU PAR POA Scott '80 and Kim Libersher ALU POA

#### **GOLD SOCIETY** (GIFTS OF \$15,000 TO \$29,999)

St. John of Sahagun Friary (Augustinian Friary) Kevin and Colleen Houlihan POA Timothy and Nanette Murphy POA Mrs. Theresa Ruseff POA

#### **SILVER SOCIETY** (GIFTS OF \$7,500 TO \$14,999)

Steve and Diane Campbell FF POA

#### **BRONZE SOCIETY** (GIFTS OF \$3,000 TO \$7,499)

Mark, Jill, Leah '14, Rachel '16 and Grace '20 Alles

**Beam Suntory MATCH** John and Suzanne Brody POA **Thomas Dickason** PAR Don and Nancy Duffy FSM POA GP Eric and Eileen Fudala PAR POA Bill '69 and Peggy Gerard ALU Michael and Denise Huguelet POA GP Michael '80 and Rima Murphy ALU PAR POA

Leanne (Timm) Newman '77 and William Newman Bill, Jeanne, Amanda '95, William '99 and

#### **PEWTER SOCIETY** (GIFTS OF \$1,000 TO \$2,999)

Kimberly '00 Uffmann

Jack and Tammy Costello Patricia and Lloyd Foster Brent and Monique Freeman PAR POA Jason and Danielle Huisman POA Marc'86 and Colleen Senffner ALU PAR POA

Patrick and Margaret Sullivan FF

#### **FRIENDS** (GIFTS UP TO \$1,000)

Andy Goodwin and Danette Muscarella-Goodwin Rev. Burke E. Masters '85

Jessica (Martin) Patnoudes '96 and Eric Patnoudes

John and Deborah Ruppel



STUDENT COMMONS

"Attendina **Providence** and being on the tennis team has left me more prepared for my future in and out of the classroom!" - Jordan Moore-Stone, Class of 2022



"I consider my classmates and teachers to be my extended family, and that's my favorite aspect of Providence." - Ashlee Jackson, Class of 2022

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## **DONOR GIVING SOCIETIES FOR ANNUAL GIVING**

This Annual Report to Donors recognizes the alumni, parents, Members of the Donor Giving Societies are the foundation of friends, and organizations that have invested financial support the Providence Catholic High School mission. We are deeply in Providence Catholic High School between July 1, 2020 grateful for their commitment and partnership. The following through August 15, 2021. Your gifts have made a difference in donors have significantly impacted the school's programs and the scholastic and extracurricular experiences of our students. activities through their generosity.

#### SOCIETY OF ST. CLARE OF MONTEFALCO (GIFTS OF \$10,000 AND MORE)

Aileen S. Andrew Foundation	FND
Anonymous (2)	POA
Estate of Laverne and Dorothy	Brown FR
Celtic Football Alumni Club	ORG
Tim and Kim Dee	PAR
Mr. and Mrs. John Dollinger	POA
Empower Illinois	ORG
Patricia Harris-Tubbs	FR
William and Patricia Hough	GP
Catholic Education Foundation Diocese of Joliet	for the FND
Kazma Family Foundation	FND
Robert S. and Mary Ann Kamins Foundation	ski Family FND GP
David and Charlie Kaminski	POA
Gerald and Margaret Kazma	FR
Leigh-Anne Kazma	FR
Tim and Meg McCabe	POA
Mark '75 and Elizabeth Moore	ALU
Stephen '79 and Maureen Morr	rissette ALU POA
Thomas and Rosemary Muldow	vney GP FR
James and Shana Murphy	POA
Holly (Kehlenbach) Ozbolt '66 a Jay Ozbolt	and ALU
Providence Men's Club	ORG
Ronald and Laura Plantz	POA
Estate of Mynne K. Schmidt	FR
Estate of Bradley Swanson	FF
Philip and Barbara Salvador	POA
Mark and Doris Santschi	PAR
Brian and Aimee Schroeder	POA
Charles and Kathleen Sharp	POA
Russ and Dawn Smyth	POA
Douglas Stukel and Dina Giobb	oia-Stukel PAR

### SOCIETY OF ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE (GIFTS OF \$3,000 TO \$9,999)

St. John of Sahagun Friary (Augustinian Friary) FAC

Anonymous (4)	ALU PAR	
Busey Bank	V	
David and Colleen Brown	POA	
Bruce and Karen Burns	POA	
Class of 2021	ALU	
Class of 2020	ALU	
Brad '03 and Breanne (Chentnik)	Guzan '04 A	ı
Irish Fellowship Educational and Foundation	Cultural FND	
Diocese of Joliet Education Foun	dation FND	

Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Women FR			
Frank and Janet '66 (Cullen) Jurmann ALU POA			
Lou Kocsis, Jr. '85 and Laura Rogers '85 ALU			
Philip and Mary Krall	POA		
Todd and Merita Kulpinski	PAR POA		
Bob and Lisa Marth	POA		
Michael and Lea Massaro	PAR POA		
Nike, Inc. and Affiliates	V		
Debra (Mrozek) O'Grady '89 and	Paul O'Grady ALU PAR		
Kevin '87 and Amy Saunders	ALU POA		
Christian and Meredith Spesia	PAR POA		
Eric '98 and Carrie Steinbach	ALU		
Scot and Patti Vandenberg	POA		
Cynthia Vernon	FF		
Wagner Family	POA		
Steve '75 and Sheila Welsch	ALU		
Ted '72 and Karen Welsch	ALU POA		
Estate of Beverly Welsch	POA FSM		

#### SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA (GIFTS OF \$1,000 TO \$2,999)

Anonymous (6)	POA
Adams Street Partners LLC	MT
Joseph Alfirevich '20	ALU
Jeff and Debby Arseneau	POA
Bob and Sandy Arthurs	STF POA
John '94 and Jill Behringer	ALU PAR
Dennis '78 and Annette Berman	ALU POA
Berman and Sons	ALU
Regina (Piazza) '74 Block and Ge	eorge Block ALU POA
Tom '67 and Barb (Ardaugh) Bol	ek '67 ALU
Bob Bourne '67 and Joan Grabe	nstetter ALU
Catherine Branigan	POA
Theodore and Adrienne Brasky	POA
Burns Photography	CO POA
Joseph and Christine Burla	POA
County Claremens Assn.	ORG
Sean and Eileen Crean	PAR
Erin and Richard Dipego	STF POA
Destinations by Dixon, LLC	ORG
Michael and Kathleen Dorning	POA
James and Renee Dykas	PAR POA
Rosemary Ellis	FR
Steven Feigl	FR
Cheryl Garetto	POA
Grand Appliance	FR
Grainger Matching Charitable G	ifts Program MT

Sarah Grady '92 and Subba Sama ALU		
Michael and Mary Grady	POA	
John and Sherrill Gray	POA	
Jay and Tracy Hamilton	PAR	
Bill and Maureen Harton	POA FSM	
Ryan '97 and Kristine Hill	ALU	
Hank and Kathy Hines	POA	
Daniel '77 and Karen Horn	ALU POA	
Luke and Mary Jo Ivers	POA	
Dana Jakusz '97	ALU	
Raymond and Catherine Kay	POA	
Tom and Dolores Kennedy	POA FSM	
Thomas and Maureen King	POA	
Wayne and Barbara Klasing	POA	
Jonathon and Terri Konow	PAR	
Edward and Karen Marie Kozol	PAR	
Mary A. Leiser Memorial Fund	FND	
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Likovic	POA	
Rob and Laura Martin	POA	
Andrew Matejcak	POA	
The McAllister Family	PAR	
Len and Lyn McEnery	POA	
Mary McHugh	POA	
Fr. John Merkelis, OSA	FAC	
Mr. Mark Mokelke		
	ALU	
JP Morgan Chase	MT	
Mr. and Mrs. John O'Reilly	POA	
John Osborne	FR	
Russell and Justine Pavlock	FR	
Jim and Susie Piko	PAR	
PC Football Pasta Moms	PAR	
Jim and Lillian Rozanski	POA	
Steve & Delores Sarovich Found		
Richard and Marian Schouten	POA	
Marie Shroba	POA	
Michael and Jeanne Simenc	PAR	
St. Jude Parish (New Lenox)	CC	
St. Mary Catholic Parish (Mokena		
Andrew Stevens '08	ALU	
Valerie (Olenek) Stoub '92 and To	ravis Stoub '92 ALU FAC PAR POA	
Dave and Nancy Takashima	POA	
James and Teresa Whisson	POA	
Brenda Wilson	PAR	
Anthony and Pamela Zervos	POA	

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## DONOR GIVING SOCIETIES FOR ANNUAL GIVING

July 1, 2020 through August 15, 2021

#### ORDER OF ST. AUGUSTINE HONOR ROLL (GIFTS OF \$500 TO \$999)

Anonymous	
Ryan '96 and Sarah Airola	ALU
Katherine and Bill Ball	FSM POA
Ed and Cheri Barrett	FAC POA
Steve Barrett '74	ALU
Brett and Shawna Binkowski	FR
Kathy (Ryan) Blackburn '85 and T Blackburn	Timothy ALU POA
Don and Mary Buss	POA
MaryBeth Carroll	FAC POA
Mrs. Jean Chudy '82	ALU
Tom and Mary Fran Dedin	FSM
Mike and Barb DeMent	POA
Katherine Dodds	PAR
Jim and Paulette Domzal	POA
Patrick and Jill Dwyer	POA
Tim Garvin Family	POA
Peter and Lisa Gilles	PAR
Grand Appliance	CO
Greg '87 and Peggy (Walsh) Grill	'87 ALU PC
Emery and Marlene Gura	POA
Kevin and Colleen Houlihan	PAR
Paul and Carla Janik	POA
Paul and Katharine Kirchner	PAR
Holy Family Knights of Columbu Council 15732	s ORG
Knights of Columbus #10926	FR
The Langeloth Foundation	FND
Thomas and Donna Lenahan	POA
Mike and Paula Lenart	POA FSM
Robert and Christine Lewandow	ski POA
Kevin and Christine Lynch Family	y POA
George C. McCabe '13	ALU
Scott and Mara Mitchell	FR
GFWC Mokena Woman's Club	ORG
Joan O'Brien	FR
Mr. Patrick O'Hara '03	ALU
Moira Olivetti '81	ALU FAC
Janet Osuch '66	ALU
Providence Women's Club	ORG
Frank and Margaret Palmasani	FAC POA
Stephen and Karen Peck	POA
Stan Potempa	POA
Joseph '72 and Jean (Schubert) I	Prieboy '73 ALU POA
Joyce Reynold	POA
Richard and Pamela Santucci	POA
Margaret M. Schauer	FR
Connie Schmidt	POA
Bill '74 and Mary Schubert	ALU
Andy and Karen Schwarz	PAR
Sharp Family	POA
Paul and Margaret Slade	POA
Cathedral of St. Raymond	CC
St. Rose Catholic Parish (Wilming	
Mark and Gail Stevens	POA
D	DOA

Daniel and Mary Stolinski

POA

Scott and Heide Tierney	PAR
Irene Walsh '68	ALU
Michelle and AJ Wilhelmi	PAR
Dr. and Mrs. Leo Wrona	POA GP

#### **BISHOP KAFFER HONOR ROLL** (GIFTS OF \$250 TO \$499)

Anonymous (3)	ALU POA
Amazon Smile	CO
Grace Barrett '15	ALU
Wayde and Laura Beechy	POA
Margaret and William Benoit	FR
Dan '05 and Brett (Harton) Blak	oas '05 ALU
Dan Blabas '05 and Brett (Harto	on) Blabas '05 A
Charles and Patricia Blatti	POA
John and Lisa Brach	POA
John Brown '85	ALU
Joe and Diane Budz	POA
Henry and Sandy Burla	POA
Sandy and Don Carlson	ST
Mike and Anne Connor	FR
Jim and Eileen Copenhaver	FAC POA
Mike '74 and Carolyn Dailey	ALU FF
Christopher and Paula Davis	PAR
Walter '66 and Jan Dearie	ALU
Jim and Maureen Dillon	POA
Don and Nancy Duffy	POA GP FSM
John and Louise Egofske	PAR
Gene and Gayle A. Esarove	POA
William and Renee Farrell	POA
The Garrigan Family	POA
Demetrio and Christine Garza	PAR
Edward and Kimberly (O'Neil)	
Cristina Gonzalez '70	ALU
Rosanne and Jeffrey Grigoletti	FAC POA
Judith (Lehmann) '57 Hammel Neal Hammel	
Hometown Suburban Vending	
Scott '97 and Mary Janik	ALU
Mark and Kathleen Jenner	PAR
Honorable Sarah Jones '84	ALU
Steve '71 and Kathleen (Reyno Joutras '73	lds) ALU POA
Paul and Lynne Jurges	POA
Raymond Kay '09	ALU
Brett and Lori LaBine	POA
Michael Laird	POA
Mrs. Carolyn Laird	POA
Lenny's Gas N Wash, LLC	CO
Brad Linthicum	POA
Brandon '96 and Christine (Cur	tin) Lipke '96 ALU PAR
Michael and Kimberly Mancus	
Jean (White) Mandella '74 and Mandella '73	Richard ALU FF POA
Brian '84 and Karrie Masterson	ALU PAR
Carl and Janet Mazur	POA
Craig and Karin McCutcheon	POA
Timothy '79 and Mary McGrath	ALU POA

	Frank '85 and Ann Mores	ALU
	Barbara Morrissette	POA
	Kyle '04 and Eileen (Patras) Murp	hy '04 ALU FAC
	Lynn and Tom Murray	ST POA
	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray	POA
	John (Jack) Nugent '70	ALU
	David Ogurek '97	ALU
	Annie and Robert Persicketti '84	FAC ALU POA
	Markus and Jenny Scherf	PAR FSM
	Scott and Mary Serota	FR
	James and Suzanne Shanahan	POA
	Sharon Shumate	FR
	Mark '88 and Jennifer Smith	ALU FAC PAR
LU	Mariano and Katrina Sori-Marin	POA
	South Suburban Catholic Confer	rence FR
	St. Mary Nativity Catholic Parish	CC
	Thomas and Cynthia Summers	POA
	Marilyn Bozic-Tarizzo '48	ALU POA
	Whitmore Ace Hardware	FR
	Frank and Jennifer Wajda	PAR
	Mary Jane (Forsythe) Walsh '69 a Joseph Walsh	nd ALU
	Bill and Sue Walsh & Family	POA
	Robert and Mary Welch	POA
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#### **PCHS PARENT CLUBS**

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

The Providence Catholic High School Men's Club and Women's Club exists to provide financial support and assistance to the educational programs of the school. Support is given through service, projects and fund-raising.

The Clubs also seek to build of a sense of community and mutual respect through social activities and regular meetings. Both Clubs offer many other community-building activities.

The Men's Club holds the Super Celtic Sweepstakes and a Golf Outing each year. The Women's Club sponsors an annual auction and fashion show. Our parent clubs support capital improvements projects that benefit all students.

This past year the Men's and Women's Club combined provided \$70,000 in funding for the New Brown Student Commons as part of the 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign.

Over the summer of 2020 members of the Women's Club and volunteers spearheaded the renovation of the faculty lunch room and work room to thank the school's faculty and staff for the great job they do teaching their children.

Over the years the clubs have been responsible for many major capital improvements to the school:

"Providence has made a

difference in my life during high

school by giving me my second

family. Throughout my four years

here, I have been lucky enough

to have met some of the best and

most influential people who have

shown me nothing but endless

love and support."

Juliana Warfield, Class of 2022

Brown Student Commons Addition

· Girls' Locker Room Reconstruction Bishop Kaffer Stadium Synthetic Turf

New Gymnasium Floors

Science and Fine Arts Building

• Blanchette Learning Center Renovation

students received scholarships at Providence Catholic High School. However, the demand far exceeded the supply. Unfortunately, last year 58 students remained on the wait list. Thank you to those who have supported Empower Illinois Scholarships at Providence Catholic. Learn more about the program here: https://empowerillinois.org/

**EMPOWER ILLINOIS** 

The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program provides K-12

scholarships for students in low-income and working-class families

to attend a qualified private school in Illinois through a scholarship

Donors may make a gift up to \$1.33 million to Empower Illinois,

to provide scholarships. Donors are then eligible to receive a 75

percent (\$1 million cap) state tax credit on the donation to be used

Different from many existing tax credit scholarship programs

around the country, donors may designate their donations to

specific schools or school systems. At this time, corporations can

As a result of donations, qualifying students may apply and

receive scholarships worth up to 100 percent of required tuition

at a private school of their choice. Last year nine income qualified

donate, but may not designate their donation.

against the individual or corporation's state and local tax liability.

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"The people, teachers, and general atmosphere of Providence has made it immensely enjoyable to go to school. I could not have made a better choice." - Ian McGuire, Class of 2022

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## AFTER 33 YEARS, MR. RASSMAN RETIRES

It wouldn't be homecoming week without some familiar faces coming home! MR returned to sub and wore the jersey gifted to him by the food services team - complete with a number 33 to honor his years at PC!

"This year marks a special event," said Father Merk at last May's faculty and staff service awards. "A very adept, dedicated and well-loved Son of Providence Catholic - a graduate of the Class of 1981 -is retiring. He is known for his love of English, his love of teaching, and his love for the students he has taught over the years. This was his first and only teaching position, hired in 1988.

This is telling: he has taught students, and

their children (just short of teaching their children's children). And he will be remembered for his great smile.

It is fitting that we should take a moment and honor a man who

has given his life for others, has profoundly impacted generations of learners, and is retiring after a long and successful career. Please join me in recognizing, M.R., Mr. Michael Rassman."



#### NOTES FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

"MR - a great teacher and a great colleague." - Carolyn Dailey

"MR, you touched many lives and will be missed. Providence will not be the same without you. True gentleman and role model. God Bless. Enjoy your retirement, you deserve it!" - Patrick Monterosso "Love this and well deserved! MR has touched the lives of countless students, coworkers, and families. His legacy will continue."
- Diane Campbell

"Congratulations MR! Well deserved. Happy for you but sad for Providence for losing one of the BEST!! Enjoy your retirement!" - Nancy Duffy

# ONE OF THE GREATS