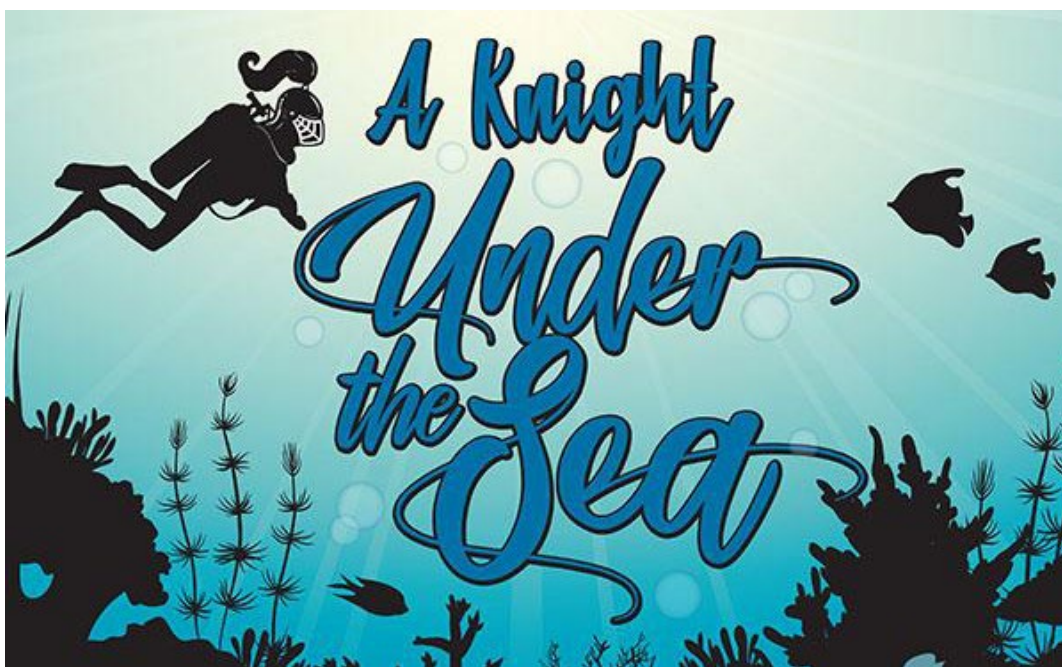


Knight News

March 2019



**Extravaganza is
Saturday, April 13!
Reserve your seat today: [HERE](#) !**



Senior wins national recognition



**Distinguished Alumni, Friend of
Hoban and Hoban Knight award
recipients honored**

for two art pieces

Senior Katie Jordan has received national recognition for two of her art pieces in the 2019 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. She received a Silver Key for her drawing entitled "Plastic Paradise" and a Gold Key for her oil painting entitled "Head in the Clouds." In addition, Jordan received the prestigious American Visions Medal for this painting. Only one student per region receives this award in the art category and she is eligible to receive a college scholarship for this. Jordan's Gold Medal piece will be on display in New York City, and she will be honored in June at an award ceremony at Carnegie Hall. Usually only the top one percent of approximately 350,000 entries receive recognition at the national level. See artwork [HERE](#).



Hoban offers academic and athletic youth summer camps in a variety of areas for students of all ages. Contact coordinator Dave Arbogast at arbogastd@hoban.org with questions.

For more information and to register for summer camps, click [HERE](#).

The alumni association honored the Distinguished Alumni, Friend of Hoban and Hoban Knight award recipients for 2019 at the 21st Alumni Awards Dinner on Sunday, March 10, at the Firestone Country Club.

Distinguished Alumni:

Michael J. Del Medico, Class of 1973
Dr. Shannon M. Foster, Class of 1995
Joseph P. Siegferth, Class of 1970

Friend of Hoban: Arthur P. Sunday

Hoban Knight: Jason E. Anderson

See pictures [HERE](#).

Tickets:

Reserved Seating \$12
General Admission \$8
Students/Seniors \$5

Hoban Theatre Series Presents:



Little Women

Friday, March 29th @ 7pm
Saturday, March 30th @ 7pm
Sunday March 31st @ 3pm
Barry Gymnasium
Archbishop Hoban High School
1 Holy Cross Blvd
Akron, Ohio, 44306

LITTLE WOMEN is presented through special arrangement
with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized
performances are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

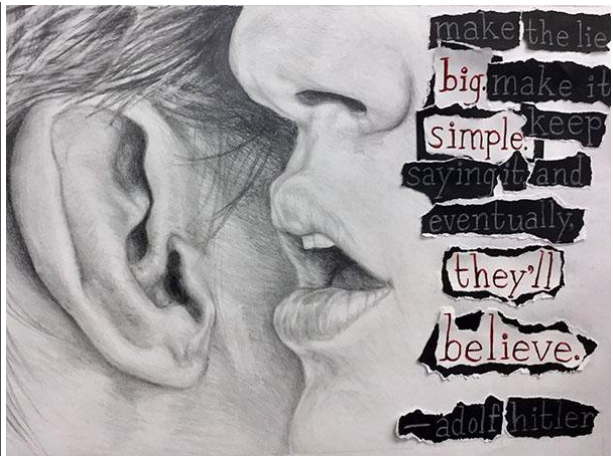
Purchase tickets for the spring musical, *Little Women*, [HERE](#).



Students customize car with Inclusioneers

Hoban students joined the *Inclusioneers* again this year to help modify a ride-on car for Springfield's Gavin Thompson, age 7. Seniors Paul Hirsch, John Lawrence and sophomore Ava Gordon, guided by engineering teacher Greg Pero, did most of the customization of the Elmo-themed car. The car was donated by Bridgestone with modifications sponsored by Miller Rental.

Art students Payton Gallant and Lhana Miller did much of the artwork for a course that the children rode on at the Akron Children's Museum during the presentation of the cars to children on the Friday, March 15. See story at Ohio.com [HERE](#), and from Akron Children's [HERE](#).



Art students win awards at Holocaust arts contest

Sophomore Isabelle Hahn tied for First Place in the Division II visual art category at the high school level in this year's Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest. She and her Drawing teacher, Jill Fortman, will enjoy an all-expense-paid trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington on April 16.

Sophomore Amanda Bogus received Second Place and sophomore Clara Krohn received Fourth Place in the same category. Receiving honorable mention were seniors Tia Sahlani and Hunter Valenti, and sophomores Cerafina Corley, Madelyn Powell and Meghan Vieltorf. Winners will be honored at a ceremony at the main branch of the Akron Public Library on April 30. Winning entries will be on display at the library from April 11 to May 8.

Winkler named an NHSSCA Regional Coach of the Year



Mike Winkler, Hoban's Director of Strength and Conditioning, has been recognized as a regional Coach of the Year by the National High School Strength Coaches Association. There are eight regions nationally, and Winkler is the State Director for Ohio, which is in Region 7, the Great Lakes Region.

42nd Annual Alumni Golf Outing



Saturday 07.27.19
Paradise Lake CC

7:15 Registration | 8am Shotgun

RSVP by July 19, 2019

\$90 per golfer/ \$360 per Foursome

Breakfast, Cart & Greens Fee, Lunch, Beverages, Dinner, Prizes
Proxy Games, Mulligans, & Skins (additional cash)
*\$90 deposit needed to secure your team's spot

**For Event and Hole Sponsorship, please contact
the Advancement Office 330.773.8620**

From the Admissions Office

7th Grade Visitation Day

Hoban invites all current seventh graders to attend Seventh Grade Visitation Day on Wednesday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Experience life as a Hoban Knight with school tours lead by Hoban students, exciting classroom activities and our famous mushy cookies for lunch. The day will conclude with a spirit-filled pep assembly. Register online

at hoban.org/seventh_grade_visit. Diocesan school students will be attending with their class and do not need to register.



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ADMISSIONS**

Future Knight Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate the Easter season at the Castle! Hoban invites kindergarten through fourth grade Future Knights to a campus Easter Egg Hunt. Join us on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Wartko Family Pavilion for donuts and decorating of Easter bags before the hunt. Prizes will be awarded. Reservations are required. Register online at hoban.org/egg_hunt by Monday, April 1.

Registration Open for 7th Grade Practice Entrance Exam

Hoban will offer a practice High School Placement Test to seventh-grade students on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in Alumni Gymnasium. Check in at 8 a.m. and testing will be 8:30 a.m. to noon. Calculators are not permitted and pencils will be provided. The \$20 fee - payable on the day of the test - can be made with cash or check made payable to Archbishop Hoban. Seating is limited, early registration is advised. Register online at hoban.org/practice_entrance_Exam.

Call the Admissions Office at 330.849.2149 or email admissions@hoban.org with questions.



Sweda to head secondary schools in St. Louis Archdiocese

Effective this July, Dr. Todd Sweda has accepted an appointment with the Archdiocese of St. Louis as Superintendent of Secondary Schools. His division will be responsible for giving strategic support and guidance to almost 30 Catholic high schools in the region. The position is part of a restructuring, with a fresh emphasis on team planning, which will permit a focus on marketing, developing and sustaining the Catholic schools, K-12

Henry Thomas is Mightily Happy Over His Catholic Family

Incenseburn is one of the ten Core Values of a Holy Cross education. All the men and women of the Body of Christ are welcome in Holy Cross schools.

When the Brothers of Holy Cross founded Archbishop Hoban High School in 1953, Anthony Thomas (1939-1991) [Photo 1], an African American teenager, was one of the 88 freshmen enrolled that year. His brother Lawrence [Photo 2 and 3] joined him in 1954.

The 1950s and 60s were turbulent times for race relations in the United States. On May 17, 1954, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* declared that racial segregation in schools was unconstitutional. This judgment ignited years of violence and social movement especially in the South.

For the Henry Thomas family [Photo 4], however, life was good in Akron. Henry Thomas, father of Anthony and Lawrence, was born in Beaumont, Texas in 1888 and had been working at Goodyear since the early 1930s. His son Lawrence, '56, one of the ten Thomas children, recalled that his father told him that when he applied to be a chauffeur at Goodyear, he was told that he was not dark enough.

Advised to apply for a job as a conveyor operator at a higher salary, Henry was hired and would work for Goodyear for the next 15 years. On Sunday he was also a member of the 2nd Baptist Church on Center Street. He would be buried from that church on April 19, 1958 the year after Anthony '57 graduated and during Lawrence's senior year.

Ms. Marie (Elvett) Thomas [Photo 5] was the Roman Catholic mother of the family who was born in Lebanon, Kentucky in 1896. In 1917, she met her husband-to-be on a train headed for Akron, and they were married that same year [Photo 6]. He became a member of the Church of the Ascension where, Lawrence recalled, she attended mass every day a week. On more than one occasion she was asked by Manager Richard Downer to take care of the parish house while he and his sister traveled to Florida—sometimes being away for a month. She cooked for the visiting priests and sometimes for the family of Mary Sisters who staffed the school.

The Thomas family is extraordinary. While the five oldest children went to the local public elementary school, the youngest five attended Ascension grade school. Anthony '57 and Lawrence '58 graduated from Hoban and three of the girls went to St. Mary High School.

Perhaps, even more remarkable, is that four of the six girls became religious sisters. Kathleen (1919-2001) joined the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in 1942 taking the name Sister Marie Ignatius. Her sister Adelaide (1921-2018) followed her older sister into the same Congregation in 1944 taking the name Sister Mary Michael. Debra (1924-1994) also entered the Congregation in 1952 taking the name Sister Gabriel. And Josephine (1933-2003) entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Mark in 1957 taking the name Sister Gabriel.

When the two oldest sons came back to Akron in 1954 for their first home visit since entering the convent, the event was featured in a Catholic Science Bulletin article, "Two Daughters' Visit Brought Family of 12." The article proclaims that "Henry Thomas goes to the Baptist Church every Sunday morning, but he's mightily happy over his Catholic family."

Accompanying the article is a photo of Sisters Marie Ignatius and Mary Michael with the proud parents [Photo 7]. Both sons were teaching at St. Albans School in New York and were working on master degrees at Catholic University and Fordham University.

Founded in 1916 by Elizabeth Barbara Williams (Mother Theodore, FMM), [Photo 8] the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary are an African American teaching and missionary community. At the height of their growth in the 1940s, they numbered nearly 80 sisters. In 2018, there are 10 elderly sisters living in New York.

Ms. Thomas and her two boys were very active at Hoban. Ms. Mae was elected the first treasurer of the first Hoban Mothers Club [Photo 9] and was involved in all of the events sponsored by the group.

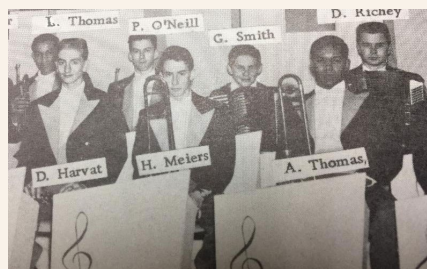
Both boys played football and were in the marching and singing bands for four years [Photo 10]. Lawrence remembers that Mr. Phil Clover, the father of Phil '58 and Bill Clover '58, assisted Brother Jerome Schwabe with the

From the Archives

The Thomas Family

By Brother Philip Smith, CSC

Taken from the Hoban Magazine -
Includes more photographs.



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