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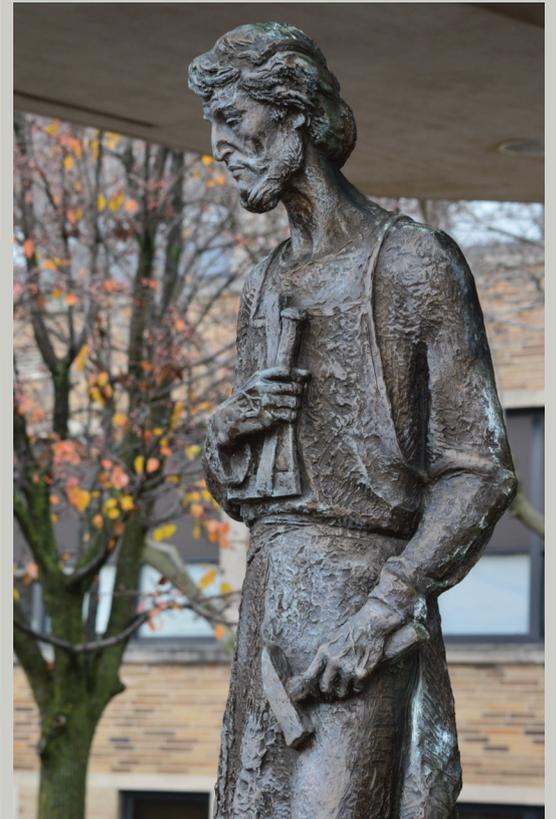
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On the cover: The Class of 2017 was celebrated for the final time at the 61st Annual Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises on May 28 at the Akron Civic Theatre. Dr. Todd R. Sweda conferred diplomas for 223 students. The graduates will be attending public and private institutions all over the United States as well as serving in the Armed Forces, with 73 percent receiving merit based scholarships. See page 4 for photos, achievements and senior traditions.

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“In the blessing of the medallions that morning, graduates were commissioned to go forth into the world to serve God and to make a difference in the lives of others.”

—Dr. Todd R. Sweda

Dear Hoban Community,

One of the most meaningful parts of my job is the opportunity to shake every senior's hand as each moves from being an Archbishop Hoban High School student to one of over 10,000 alumni.

Two hundred and twenty-three graduates of the Class of 2017 crossed the stage and received their diplomas this past May at the Akron Civic Theatre in the presence of faculty, administration, families and friends.

The ceremony carried its celebratory excitement as well as its inspirational hope—the hope that our young people experienced much more than an “education” from Hoban, but a “formation” anchored by our Holy Cross values that will transcend their lives for years to come—and the hope that each of them has been instilled with a moral compass to make the world a better place.

To symbolize this formation, each graduate was bestowed with a medallion which has on one side the crest of Archbishop Hoban High School, and on the other side the seal of the Congregation of Holy Cross. In the blessing of the medallions that morning, graduates were commissioned to go forth into the world to serve God and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, made clear the roadmap for educating young people:

“The end and goal of education is not precisely to make poets, orators, philosophers or intellectuals, but to conserve within the students the priceless and infinite amount of good that God has placed in their hearts.”

Our graduates provide all the hope we need for a brighter future as we trust in Divine Providence and God's goodness in their lives!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd R. Sweda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Todd R. Sweda, Ed.D.
President

Workers are busy making improvements to the school

While most think summertime means school is out and the doors are closed until August, it is the complete opposite at Hoban.

Construction crews and work crew students descended on the building just as the last student's car left the parking lot in May. Here is a rundown on what students and faculty will find when they return in late August.



Work crew students pull up carpeting and scrape floor tiles to ready the old library for construction of the Innovation Center.

Demolition began immediately on the library to make way for the Hoban Innovation Center set to open in the fall. The space has been completely gutted and construction crews have begun work on the

4,000-square-foot Makerspace and Entrepreneurship and Distance Learning Studio.

The faculty and staff commons, centrally located on the ground floor, has needed a facelift for a long time. Thanks

to the #GivingTuesday campaign which netted \$38,565 in November, teachers will return this fall to a brighter and more functional space to eat lunch or utilize their prep periods. Construction is underway to update, enhance and improve this space for faculty and staff.

And to top it all off, the main school building, built in 1953, is getting a new roof. The existing 23,000-square-foot roof was 28 years old and was showing some leakage problems during hard rains.



Workers replace the roof on the main school building. This is just one of many projects taking place at Hoban this summer.

The Geoguard roof restoration is being done by Tremco and comes with a long-term guarantee.

And if all this doesn't keep the maintenance staff hopping, halls and classrooms are getting a fresh coat of paint, lockers are being scrubbed, repairs are being made, carpets are being cleaned and floors will be buffed to shine for opening day, Aug. 25. ■

Angela Sass brings extensive experience in fundraising to her role as Director of Advancement

Hoban welcomed Angela Sass as its Director of Advancement in early October. Sass has nearly 30 years of fundraising



experience in the nonprofit sector having worked in the areas of higher and secondary education, faith-based, health care and nonprofit media fundraising.

"Angela has quickly become not only a valuable member of our office but also part of the greater Hoban family," said

Michael Del Medico, Vice President of Advancement and Planning. "She brings extensive experience and business relationships in the local and surrounding communities

which contributes to her effectiveness as a fundraiser. She also possesses superb grant-writing skills, which is critical to our school's future success. I am thrilled to work side-by-side with her."

Sass previously worked at Kent State University, where she served as Director of Advancement in the College of Nursing and Senior Corporate and Foundation Relations Officer. She has worked as Director of Grants Administration and Relationship Manager at the Catholic Community Foundation. She has held positions as Director of Major Gifts and Grants Manager at Akron Children's Hospital, and Director of Foundation Relations at WVIZ/PBS Ideastream. She has baccalaureate degrees in English and Social Work from Cleveland State University. She resides in Medina and is a parishioner at St. Francis Xavier Church. ■

Class of 2017



Student council co-presidents Justin Austin and Jessica Guerriero, Class of 2017 vice presidents Lauryn Clark, Cameron Ferrell and Autumn Naragon sing the alma mater one last time at the 61st annual Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises held at the Akron Civic Theatre. The Class of 2017 graduated 223 young men and women who will go on to college and the military.



Ms. Christine Sokol '10 leads the Class of 2017 down the aisle with Ashley Kozek and Bryce Dzubara at the front of the line.



Stephen Palte and Kemar Parmer take their places at the Akron Civic Theatre for Commencement Exercises on May 28.



Andrew Kuder, Emily Kuder, Liz Kunce and Mitchell Laskowski show their excitement as they arrive in their seats for the Baccalaureate Mass.



Amy Gersten and Renping "Penny" Wang share one last hug on their special day.



Ean Tucker, Cordale Head, Jabari Taylor and Daniel Jackson get together to smile for the camera as they prepare to enter the Akron Civic Theatre.

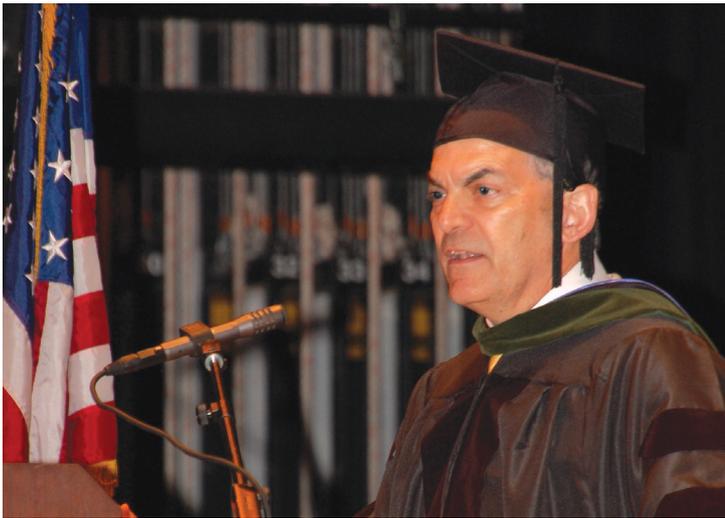
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Family—The Holy Cross value for 2016-17 school year *Guides and companions on the journey of learning and becoming*

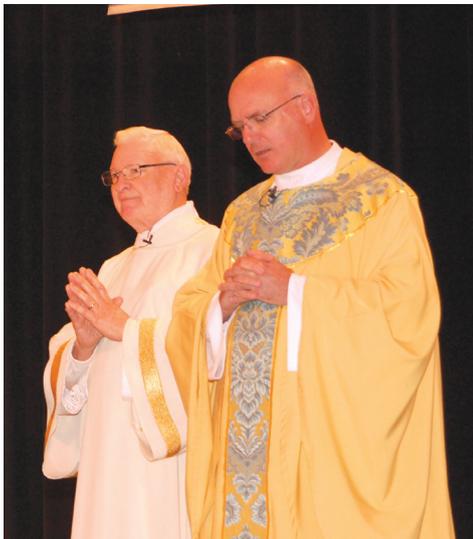
To be educators in the faith is to walk with our students in their journey as they try to be all that their God calls them to be—to be guides, to be supportive companions on their journey of learning and becoming, and to be supportive of all good people, especially each other, as we accept this blessing and responsibility. It is not a question of the same church, but of the same will, the will to see all that Jesus taught come alive and become vibrant in this community and in this world.



Dr. Joseph Congeni delivered a powerful commencement speech to the Class of 2017 encouraging them to celebrate how they have grown, asking them to prepare themselves spiritually for the temptations they will face and exhorting them to bring hope to a broken world. Congeni has been the Hoban team physician for 30 years and is the father of six Hoban graduates.



Good friends Jessica Guerriero, Cori Agnoni and Annie Leslein will be headed in different directions—St. Edward's University, Duquesne University and the University of Mount Union respectively—but promise to stay in touch. All three graduates received academic scholarships to college. Overall 73 percent of the Class of 2017 were offered merit-based scholarships



Deacon Richard Butz joins the Rev. Mike Ausperk on the altar. Deacon Butz's fourth and last Hoban grandchild, Autumn Naragon, graduated this year.



Dr. Todd Sweda, president, presents Caroline Srail with her diploma at the Commencement Exercises.



The Class of 2017 sings the alma mater for the last time with a resounding ending: "WE SHALL BE TRUE TO YOU!"



A Hoban tradition for a senior is the Alumni-Senior breakfast held on the seniors' last day as the alumni welcome new members.



Anthony Micale has his diploma in hand as he is joined by his parents Fred and Barbara (Gainer '80) Micale and brother Mario '13.



Dr. Jim Mungo '63 is certainly proud of his granddaughter Victoria Woodburn. Vicki will be attending Northwestern University this fall.



Rev. Mike McCandless '98 was the celebrant at the seniors' final Mass. The liturgy followed an Honors Assembly for the Class of 2017.



These friends enjoyed sharing time together in Foley Commons at the Alumni-Senior breakfast on May 23. The senior video followed.



Amanda Witschey is joined by her parents Elianna and Jeff, brother Thomas '18 and younger sister Gabriella following graduation.



Hannah O'Neil is surrounded by her proud siblings—Kevin '15, Sarah and Donovan—following the Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises. Hannah plans to study Speech Language Pathology at the University of Akron in the fall.

**The Class of 2017 earned
\$28,402,179
in scholarship awards
to colleges across the nation**

Total number of graduates: 223
Number of students receiving scholarships: 161
Total number of scholarships awarded: 806
Total number enrolled in four-year college: 210
Total number enrolled in two-year college: 6
Total number to serve in military: 2

Honor for Academic Excellence



The board of directors instituted the Honor for Academic Excellence in 1991 to recognize outstanding academic achievement. A student must attend Hoban for four years, maintain a 3.8 GPA and score in the 98th percentile on the ACT or SAT. This year's inductees are (alpha order) Justin Austin, Dominic Congeni, Mackenzie Deighen, Bryce Dzubara, Colin Fricker, Irene Hamlin, Carson Keenan, Matthew Kern, Alexander Lynch, Raven Pence, Lukus Stricker, Cameron Uhall, Anthony Ursetti and Victoria Woodburn.

Optimist Club Award



Colin Fricker and Hannah Hottinger were selected as Hoban's nominees for the Optimist Club Award. Optimist International is an association dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids."

Channel 5 Best of Class



Bryce Dzubara was chosen by WEWS Newsnet Channel 5 to receive the station's Best of Class award. One outstanding student from each northeast Ohio school was recognized.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian



Bryce Dzubara, valedictorian and Colin Fricker, salutatorian, will attend the University of Notre Dame and Vanderbilt University respectively.

Knights of Columbus Manhood & Womanhood



Dominic Congeni and Autumn Naragon received the Knights of Columbus awards. They will attend Ohio State University and the University of Akron respectively.

Top 20 of the Class of 2017



The Class of 2017 had many outstanding students. The top 20 academically based on their GPA were (in order of rank) Bryce Dzubara, Colin Fricker, Mackenzie Deighen, Anthony Ursetti, Matthew Kern, Irene Hamlin, Victoria Woodburn, Maria Mealy, Conner Maloy, Lance Talmage, Allison Reece, Jacob Wagner, Carson Keenan, Isabella Tassiello, Alexander Lynch, Josephine Raub, Daniel Eckman, Agostino Rocca, Stephen Palte and Carson Miller.

2017 Monsignor Richard A. Dowed Award winners announced



Winners of the Msgr. Richard A. Dowed Award for 2016-17 are freshman Slade Brooks, sophomore Sadie Salamone, junior Nicole Roberts and senior Michael English. The highest award given by Hoban, the Monsignor Dowed School Spirit Award singles out students who have made outstanding contributions of their time, effort and talent to the Hoban community and to the activities connected with the school. Faculty committees select students who have best exemplified the ideals of Christian service, leadership and spirit.

Each year one student from each grade level is selected for the award. An individual may receive the award more than once. The awards were announced at the Honors Assembly May 22. The award dates back to 1957 and is named after the late pastor of nearby Annunciation Church (now Visitation of Mary), who convinced Archbishop Edward Hoban of the need for a new Catholic high school for boys in Akron and acquired the land that was to become its campus.

Two seniors are among top 25 Star Students

Two Hoban graduating seniors made the Top 25 in the Akron Beacon Journal's annual Star Students section. Mackenzie Deighen and Colin Fricker were recognized for their accomplishments in the May 27 edition of the paper. Guidance counselors from the five-county reading area were asked to nominate up to two students from their schools. A screening committee pared the list to 50 semifinalists, from which the Top 25 were selected. Deighen plans to study microbiology at Ohio State University and Fricker intends to major in chemistry at Vanderbilt University.



Mackenzie Deighen



Colin Fricker

Senior receives Brother André Heart of Holy Cross Award

Senior Blythe McDermott is the inaugural recipient of the Brother André Heart of Holy Cross Award. This award is given to a senior who has taken the Holy Cross mission to heart. This person follows the example of Brother André by welcoming all and showing care and concern for the whole Hoban community. Each student, teacher, administrator and friend of Hoban who meets this award winner is shown — always — the hospitality of Christ. McDermott received her award at the Honors Assembly on May 23.



Dr. Todd Sweda presents senior Blythe McDermott with the Brother André Heart of Holy Cross Award.

Hoban honors individuals for success, loyalty and values

The Distinguished Alumni and Friends of Hoban awards ceremony was held at the Firestone Country Club on March 12. Recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions to their communities, Ronald A. Brown '68 and Jeffrey P. Stetz '70 were inducted into the 19th class of Distinguished Alumni. This is a select group of 38 outstanding alumni whose talents and involvement in their communities and Hoban have exemplified Holy Cross values. Dr. Kathleen Piker-King and Brother James Spooner were selected as the 2017 Friends of Hoban. Lisa Craine was presented the Knight Award.



The Hoban Alumni Association honored seven individuals at the biennial Distinguished Alumni and Friends of Hoban award ceremony held at Firestone Country Club on March 12. Posing with their awards after the ceremonies were Ron Brown, Lisa Craine, Jeff Stetz, Dr. Kathleen Piker-King and Brother James Spooner, C.S.C.

Distinguished Alumni ❖ Friends of Hoban ❖ Knight Award

Since 1981 the Distinguished Alumni and Friends of Hoban awards have been presented on a biennial basis to members of the Hoban community. The Distinguished Alumni award is selected based on three criteria: success in their chosen profession, involvement in their community and involvement at Hoban. They need to satisfy only one criterion. Selected every other year, the Friend of Hoban Award is bestowed upon those individuals who have shown exceptional

service and loyalty to Hoban. The Hoban Knight Award was started in 2003 to recognize non-alumni individuals who represent the values that are associated with Hoban graduates while positively impacting the lives of our students and/or alumni. The names of the honorees will be enshrined on the display plaques for Distinguished Alumni, Friends of Hoban and Knight Award recipients above the trophy cases in the Nolan Concourse outside the Barry Gymnasium.

2017 Alumni Awards Dinner ♦ March 12, 2017



Through thick and through thin, the Class of 1978 is great! Carolyn (Aylward) Henretta, Ellen (Keller) Alexander, Dana (Garro) Stetz and Juli (Musci) Grimaldi came to cheer on Dana's husband, Jeff Stetz.



Ron Brown, Class of 1968, is joined by Brother Robert Lavelle and fellow classmate Mike Merle at the 19th annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner. Brown was inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Brother James Spooner shared his special day as a Friend of Hoban with former recipients Brother Paul Kelly (center, Friend of Hoban 2011) and Terry Nolan '65 (right, 2015 Distinguished Alumnus).



Dr. Kathleen Piker-King is joined by her husband Fred (left) and son Jason to see her receive the Friend of Hoban Award at the Distinguished Alumni and Friends of Hoban Awards dinner March 12.



Lisa Craine shares a moment with her son Jacob '10 before receiving the Hoban Knight Award at the awards dinner at Firestone CC.



Dr. Todd Sweda and Jeff Stetz '70 talk before the Alumni Awards Dinner. Stetz received the award for his exemplary work for Hoban.



Former parents club officers Susan Hamlin-Scanlon '84 and Michele Frola share a laugh with Brother James Spooner, a recipient of the Friend of Hoban award.

Oh to be a joyful giver! Ron Brown has been surrounded by joyful givers for most of his 38-year career working in the nonprofit sector.

Brown, Class of 1968, is a leading expert on planned giving following 30 successful years in the field, including 16 years at Princeton University as the director of gift planning. At Princeton, Brown's team secured over \$550 million in planned gifts.

How does a young boy, raised for many years by a single mom living in an apartment above his grandparents' dry cleaning business on Grant Street and later in subsidized housing rise to such a level of respect in his field?

Brown gives much credit to his mother, stepfather and grandparents but heaps praise on his experiences at Hoban in the classroom and on the football field and later his training as a U.S. Naval officer for nurturing the leadership and writing skills that have helped him in his career.

Brown developed a work ethic in Brother Carl Shonk's Honors English class, where he learned to think clearly and express his thoughts in an organized way. He continued that discipline on the football field, training year-round by lifting weights and working out. He also paid his tuition by being on the work crew.

"We never thought of ourselves as poor," Brown said. "We just didn't have a lot of money, and that was OK."

When his stepfather took a job with United Way in Manhattan and moved the family to New Jersey prior to Brown's senior year, there was no way the young teenager was going to forgo the opportunity to finally start on the football team for the Knights. Brown stayed behind, living with his grandparents on Long Street by Summit

Lake and depending on friends like Bill Broadhurst to drive him to school.

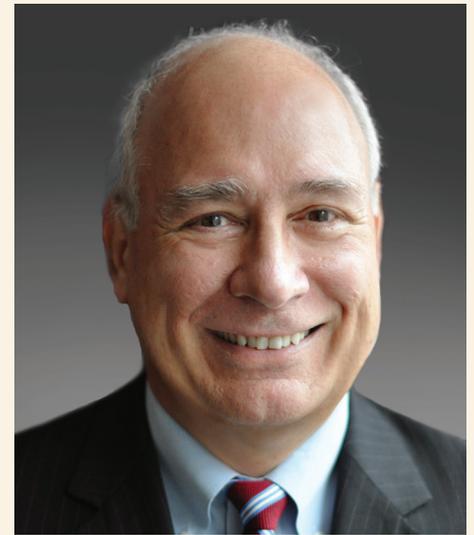
In a class of exceptional students, Brown was one of many who went to Ivy League schools, choosing Princeton. He majored in English and following active duty in the Navy, he pursued his doctorate in English at the University of Chicago with the intention of becoming a college professor. With a second child on the way he accepted his stepfather's suggestion to take a position with United Way in Rockford, Ill., and for the next 13 years he worked with United Way organizations, gaining greater responsibility and becoming accomplished in planned giving and endowment.

Brown returned to Princeton in 1996 as director of gift planning. In 2012 as he moved toward retirement, he accepted a similar position at Fordham University before finishing his career at Columbia University.

"If a person has the opportunity to do something with the wealth that they have accumulated, it's very meaningful to them," Brown said. "It's not a chore, burden or sacrifice. It's really a fulfillment and joy to be in a place that they can make something happen. It could be providing a scholarship, building a center for innovation or for the arts.

"If you can sit on the same side of the table as the donor and see what they would like to accomplish, it's really not soliciting but rather making it possible for them to do something they really love to do and you figure out a way of helping them do that. To me that's the ideal fundraising. It is me helping them to find joy in what they plan to do with their wealth."

Following the death of his first wife, Brown started the Leave a Legacy program in New Jersey.



"I found by giving to other people it gave me a reason to feel needed. I realized as I worked in the field that so many people were helpful to me in sharing their ideas with me. I have dedicated myself in providing pro bono help whenever anyone asks," Brown said.

Brown began writing essays on his experiences and published them online. Today in retirement, he is fulfilling a dream of sharing his life's work in a book titled *A History of Charitable Gift Planning: Gift Annuities, 1830-1959*, giving a permanence to his essays and his expertise. It is due to be published this year.

Brown is the father of two grown sons. He recently lost his second wife following her battle with cancer.

"Hoban gave me many things. Athletics required a personal discipline and sacrifice, and devotion to a team rather than only to oneself. Through my classes I became aware of a much larger world, and began to feel that academic study was my ticket to a richer life," Brown said. "And regular prayer, such as saying a rosary with the football team in the old chapel on Fridays before each game instructed me in humility and helped me keep spirituality at the center of my life." ■

He describes himself as being a very quiet, shy kid from Barberton when he started at Hoban 51 years ago. See what a Hoban education can do?

Jeff Stetz joined a small group of St. Cyril and Methodius boys to come to Hoban, paying his way with a paper route, a job at a Barberton chicken house and weekend work crew jobs.

“As a student, I was immediately impressed with the quality of teaching from the brothers and lay teachers,” Jeff said. “I definitely felt they were broadening my horizons in the classroom. I could see the brothers’ dedication and I appreciated that.”

Today you won’t find that shy kid. Jeff has no trouble sharing a Hoban memory or humorous story. He always seems to have time to listen. His recall of Hoban names or events is uncanny. He is a trusted friend and has never deviated from the Hoban mission of inclusiveness.

Following his graduation in 1970, Jeff majored in comprehensive social studies and earned a degree in education from the University of Akron. He was in graduate school when he applied for a teaching position in American History at Hoban in 1979.

He got the job and enjoyed it immensely. He became the girls basketball coach, served as the athletic director and was moderator of intramurals.

“I loved the classroom but really enjoyed the cocurricular activities,” Jeff said. “You get to know the kids differently when you coach them or when we took trips with groups to Washington D.C. or Williamsburg.”

He and Dana (Garro ’78) were married in 1986 and welcomed the births of their children Katelyn ’05 and Stephen ’07. In 1990, Dana was offered an administrative position with her company in Michigan. The young family moved and Jeff became a stay-at-home dad—

an opportunity he really enjoyed. In 1997, Dana became co-owner of the company and the family was able to return to Ohio.

Jeff was visiting Hoban when Brother Peter Graham asked him to be the alumni director and run the phonathon, a job he at first dreaded but came to love as he listened to stories and saw the dedication these alumni had for helping the school.

“Many of our largest donors today were from those early days of the phonathon,” Jeff said. “Some of the \$50 donations have turned into major gifts today. And we have maintained a good base of donors who give every year.

“In retrospect, the possible closing of the school was maybe a good thing because it galvanized so many people to get involved and start giving,” Jeff said. “Those donors have stayed with us and increased their gifts as their situation in life has changed. Some of our best donors come from the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s because they were there when we almost closed. They knew what we could have lost.”

Jeff has played an integral role in the growth of his alma mater. He has seen the school rise from economically poor times when he was a new teacher, to significant fundraising and a healthy endowment of over \$10.7 million as a member of the advancement office.

His role expanded to director of advancement and he was instrumental in starting the Blue and Gold Society to encourage a level of giving. He has also played a significant role in the growth of Extravaganza helping to secure sponsors and live auction items.

“Just as I would get excited at student achievement in the classroom or coaching, it has been exciting to be in advancement and see donations increasing,” Jeff said. “Parents and alumni like the direction the school is going.”

In October 2015, as Jeff considered



taking on the role of director of endowed and planned gifts, tragedy struck the Stetzes. Their son Stephen was killed in a car-pedestrian accident.

“In my mind, seeing how the school community reacted to the death of Anthony Grimaldi ’05 and to our son Stephen, we saw Hoban at its best,” Jeff said. “The idea of the ‘Hoban family’ showed in both tragedies. Dana and I will be forever grateful to the school administration offering the use of the chapel for Stephen’s calling hours.”

Today Jeff believes he is in his favorite role at Hoban.

“I know the importance of the endowment and planned gifts for the future of the school and I am working with the most loyal of Hoban people,” Jeff said. “At the same time I know many endowed scholarships come out of tragedies like ours. I can sit with these families and we have a level of understanding.

“Parents make great sacrifices to send their kids to Hoban. It is gratifying to see the mission of the school is still the same.”

In his long career at Hoban Jeff has been the common thread throughout the changes and growth of the school. It would not have happened in the same ways, nor as successfully, without Jeff as the “glue.” ■

2017 Friend of Hoban ♦ Kathleen Piker-King, Ph.D.

When Hoban welcomed Daniel King as a junior it didn't just get a very bright and active transfer student, it also got a very loyal ambassador and one of its biggest fans in his mother.

Dr. Kathleen Piker-King and her husband Fred felt they needed to find another educational opportunity for their youngest son and started researching different schools. A colleague and Catholic school consultant suggested they look at a school run by a religious order because generally these schools are flourishing nationally. The family looked at Hoban, a Holy Cross school, and was sold.

They saw the exuberance of the teachers, an organized and welcoming administration, a rigorous curriculum, and opportunities for AP courses.

From the very start they had positive experiences. Daniel joined the cross country team and instantly became friends with his teammates. Kathleen found the other parents to be welcoming. She was impressed with how well the school communicated with parents.

Traditional Hoban activities like the canned food drive and Banglabash were activities Daniel really enjoyed.

"As Daniel became more involved with school we saw how the values and traditions of Holy Cross were reflected in *all* of the things that were being done throughout the school," she said. "And more and more I understood what my friend was saying that when you go to an order school that order's ideals and values are played out throughout the educational experience.

"You see how zeal plays out. You see how family and diversity play out. You just felt that everything at Hoban revolved around the Holy Cross mission and tradition. You see it lived. It

was just a positive, warm feeling to be at Hoban. And we saw Daniel flourish."

In his two very short years at Hoban, Daniel served as a class officer, lettered in cross country and lacrosse, participated in mock trial, and excelled academically as a scholastic honor roll student. His love for science was enkindled. The family knew they had made the best decision for their son's overall educational experience.

Kathleen is no stranger to education. As a sociology professor at the University of Mount Union, she has studied, researched, published and taught many facets of educational problems, unemployment and workplace concerns, substance dependency and family dynamics.

With a bachelor of science in secondary education from Indiana State University and a master's and doctorate in sociology from Kent State University, Kathleen was a desirable candidate for Hoban's board of directors.

When asked to join the board in 2007, Kathleen couldn't say no. She wanted to be able to share her expertise and her connections at Mount Union and in Stark County with the school that had done so much for her son.

"Serving on the board is my way of writing a thank-you note to Archbishop Hoban High School for the education my son received," Kathleen said.

"As I look around the table at the other board members I am in awe at the expertise that sits around the table," she said. "I am impressed how much the people who serve on the board love Hoban and want the very best for its students and are willing to sacrifice their time, talent and treasure."

On the board Kathleen has shared her expertise in research analysis and has served on the marketing and academic committees and an



enrollment task force.

"I think what characterizes Hoban is that there is a commitment to growth throughout the organization from physical plant development to faculty and staff development to student development," she said. "That commitment is indeed tied into the Holy Cross tradition, so our community is a vital and dynamic one as a result."

Kathleen is excited for the direction Hoban is taking with the planned Innovation Center and more hands-on learning.

"Societal changes require our schools to take a different approach to learning as we prepare the critical thinkers that our students will need to be," she said.

"My affiliation with Hoban has allowed me to grow spiritually, personally and professionally. My relationship with Hoban has not been a one-sided experience in which I have given without Hoban giving in return, and I am a much better person because of my relationship with Hoban."

Just as Dr. Kathleen Piker-King wrote a thank-you note to Hoban for her son's education by faithfully serving on the board, Hoban thanks Kathleen with the 2017 Friend of Hoban award. ■

2017 Friend of Hoban ♦ Brother James Spooner, C.S.C.

Servant leadership best describes Brother James Spooner and how he has lived his vocation. He is humble and puts himself in places that need caring without needing to be acknowledged.

In his 50-plus years as a Holy Cross brother, he has focused on how he can make life easier for others, working countless hours behind the scenes, after hours and weekends, to make sure things go smoothly.

Brother James has worn many hats and quietly served many since graduating from St. Edward High School in Lakewood and entering into the religious life as a Brother of Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Ind.

Brother, teacher, coach, associate principal, principal, president, moderator and friend—Brother James finds ways to keep others organized without ever calling attention to himself. With a gentle heart and thoughtful mind, he notices things that often others will miss.

“My job is to make the teachers’ job easier by taking care of whatever they need and I can provide for them,” Brother James said.

His “job” for the past 13 years has been associate principal for a second time at Hoban. He served in the same position from 1986–88.

As associate principal he has focused on academics by organizing and facilitating group testing such as AP testing and state testing. And when the results come in, Brother James is the number cruncher, compiling the data and presenting it to the faculty.

“The numbers seem to always be climbing,” Brother James said. “Students are learning more at an earlier age. We get stronger students, and so we can offer stronger courses and the kids respond.

Brother James finds the students to be very much the same as they were in the ’80s.

“Hoban parents are very good,” Brother James said. “They send us really good kids. The students are very respectful. I think sometimes you just have to look at a kid and they know by your look they need to straighten up. They just seem to know how to respond.”

In a playful nature, when Brother James corrects students, they affectionately say they were “spooned.”

Lunchroom duty is sometimes a drag for some administrators but Brother James enjoys being with the students every day. “When I prefect lunch I see kids in a more relaxed manner and that’s enjoyable.”

Brother James is also one of the students’ biggest fans in the stands.

“I like going to sporting events. I’m probably biased in attending girls games just because they don’t get as much support as the boys do.”

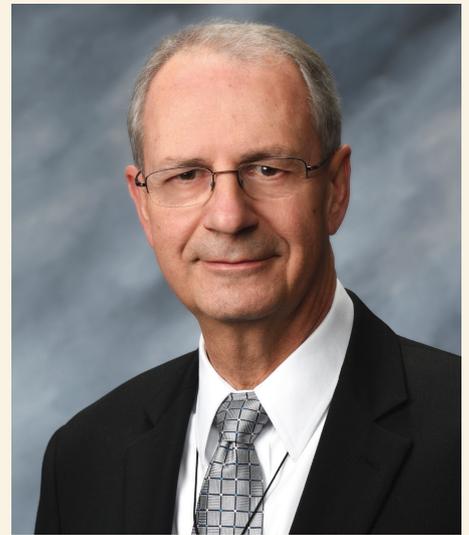
He has served as the parents club moderator during both stints at Hoban.

“I remember the early Extravaganzas when it was a BYOP—Bring your own party. And they did,” Brother James said. “It was a good party.”

Brother James is also the moderator of the Associates of St. Joseph. “These two organizations, with such dedicated people, have done so many good things for Hoban.

“As a brother, I don’t have the family obligations that others have, so it gives me more freedom to be out with the students and with their families,” Brother James said. “They know me and I know them.”

An avid bicyclist, Brother James has ridden in a dozen states often averaging up to 50 miles a day in the middle of nowhere on his vacation. He began serious biking when he was a



cross country coach in Michigan and he would ride his bike alongside the students to keep up with them.

Brother James has served as president and principal of St. Edward High School, a teacher and principal at Catholic schools in Michigan, Kentucky and Illinois. He is a 1993–94 Leadership Cleveland graduate; he received the Exemplar Education award from the University of Notre Dame in 1997 and the 2006 St. Ed’s Alumnus of the Year award.

Longtime colleague Katie (Haubert ’86) Surface often interacts with Brother James in her role as a school counselor and admires his methodical and deliberate approach to life.

“He is loyal and a good listener. He likes people and you can tell from his compassion,” Surface said. “He doesn’t stand in judgment over people. He stands beside them. He is steady and dependable. No job is too small. Just as St. Therèse did, he does ‘small things with great love.’”

A gentle-man in the truest sense—chivalrous, respectful, kind and protective.

And this commitment to servant leadership is why Brother James is a 2017 Friend of Hoban. ■

How does a mother drop her firstborn son off at college on a Thursday and endure an 11-hour life-saving liver resection surgery the following Tuesday? How do you tell him that you were told you only had six months to live just one week ago? How do you look into the eyes of this 18-year old and his little brother and your soulmate since you were 16, and tell them everything is going to be OK? How does the same mother survive this surgery, needing 14 units of blood?

Faith. Family. Friends.

When Lisa Craine, at 46, was diagnosed in August 2010 with cholangiocarcinoma, a rare form of cancer, she didn't just suddenly discover her faith, form a family or find friends. Growing up in a warm and generous Italian family, being married for 29 years to her high school sweetheart and having two loving sons, she knows her blessings in life.

But watching her stoic German son, Jake '10 sobbing as they drove away and listening to her emotional Italian son Noah '16 cry from the back of the family van, she momentarily asked God, "Why me?"

"When I say I got cancer, I truly mean our family got cancer," Lisa said. "It doesn't just affect the person with cancer. I tell people that sometimes it is easier to be the patient than the people who love you and care for you. They feel helpless."

The Craines quickly learned to accept help from others, much of that help coming from Hoban friends.

After the initial shock of the diagnosis. Lisa's innate genuine, full-of-life personality prompted her and her husband David to make a positive out of cancer. They came up with three goals to make the journey a rewarding experience.

"First, we wanted our faith to be strengthened. We wanted to inspire other people's faith by our example of being in prayer and living like Christ," Lisa said.

"We also wanted to raise research money for cholangiocarcinoma. While there are a lot of organizations raising money for cancer patients, very few raise 100 percent for research and even fewer for rare forms of cancer," Lisa said. "Raising research money is difficult because it's not tangible. So David and I started a 501C3 through the Akron Community Foundation.

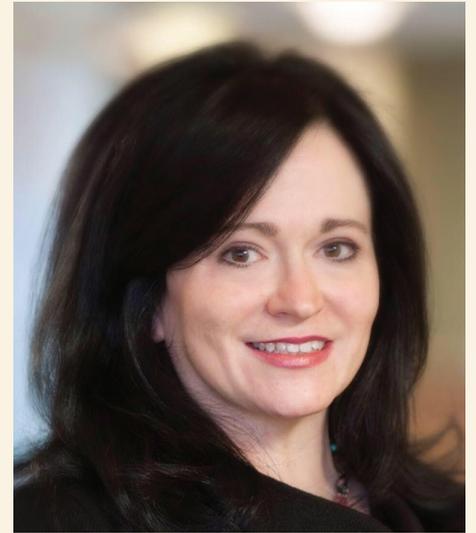
"Our last goal was that we both wanted to mentor patients and their caregivers. We felt so isolated and alone when I was diagnosed because it's just such a rare cancer," Lisa said.

Currently Lisa mentors about 30 people from all over the world, while her husband shares the struggles of the caregiver because often they forget about themselves.

Lisa has endured 31 hours of surgery, three rounds of radiation, 52 chemo treatments, and five recurrences with eight tumors. And yet she sees the blessings in all of this when she mentors people and she knows she probably has had one of the treatments or recurrence that the patient is experiencing.

Many of her contacts come from the Cleveland Clinic—where she "received first-class medical care,"—a network of doctors and patients she has met at different cancer functions. They are all ages, all walks of life. Young moms and older people.

"Once I get someone, I never let them out of my hug," Lisa said. "I call it my virtual hug. I have a big calendar at home. If I know someone is having a scan or treatment, I call the day before. If they are prayerful, we pray



together and then talk. Then I call later to see how they are doing. I turn them into friendships."

Lisa keeps files on each person so that she can make them feel like family. Taking calls at all hours, she hopes to help cholangiocarcinoma patients navigate their journey through mentoring, love and prayer.

Lisa has been invited to tell her story at medical conventions and fundraisers around the country. Before every speech she prays that she touches the doctor to be more compassionate in sharing a diagnosis, a researcher to connect on the human level, and a philanthropist to see the value in research.

Craine's Crew, the nonprofit Lisa and David started, has raised over \$100,000 for research since 2012.

"Every day I pray to God that he continues to let me do his work here on earth and always remember to give him the glory," Lisa said. "My purpose is to serve others and give them hope. I tell my story. Maybe that gives other patients some hope."

It is this hope Lisa Craine gives to others, and the capacity to love them unconditionally is why she has been chosen to receive the 2017 Hoban Knight Award. ■

Why do I give to the HOBAN Fund?

Thomas “T.J.” Wolski, D.O., Class of 2001

My greatest personal transformation took place during my formative years at Hoban. It was then that examples were set for me related to fostering community and nurturing friendships. I was allowed to explore my Catholic faith on a deeper level through retreat and outreach and I was given the opportunity to unearth my leadership potential. While I still have much to learn, it was at Hoban that these foundational principles were modeled and I was encouraged to apply them to my own life.

For my wife, Michelle, and me, the decision to donate to Hoban represents a tangible form of gratitude as well as an investment into people that embody the spirit of Hoban’s mission. It also continues the tradition of giving started by my parents during the 12 years that my sister (Rachel, ’05), my brother (Matt, ’09) and I spent on Hoban’s campus. The Hoban community continues to reinforce the core values of integrity, generosity and hope that Michelle and I will strive to impart upon our own family. Now that we have welcomed Grant (19 months) and Holden (8 weeks) into our world, we have conversations about how we can raise our boys to be men of faith who live out these morals themselves.



T.J. Wolski '01 with his wife Michelle and sons Grant (19 months) and Holden (8 weeks). Dr. Wolski is a pediatrician with Akron Children's Hospital.

We donate to Hoban because we’re proud to support this community of people whose ideals align with our own. The lessons I drew from Hoban prepared me for opportunities later in life, while giving me the perspective to know that success is sustained through not compromising your values along the way. I’m grateful to Hoban for my experience there and cognizant that I continue to realize the benefits of my Hoban education today. ■

Margaret Reymann Skinner, Class of 1976

When asked to share my thoughts on ‘*Why I Give to Hoban*,’ I immediately defaulted to researching the philosophy of philanthropy, the benefits of charitable giving, the psychological drivers of donating—you know, the obvious considerations, right?

Giving feels good. It’s altruistic, generates positive energy, and is contagious. Statistically, giving improves our sense of well-being by 89%, lowers stress levels by 73%, drives better physical health by 68%, enhances emotional health by 77%, enriches our life’s purpose by 92% and increases happiness by 96%.* Seriously, who doesn’t want all these great things in their life?

But, simply put, I give to Hoban because I am in love with Hoban. Hoban helped me grow up in the turbulent ’70s and influenced the wife, mother and professional woman that I am today. Hoban rebounded and gained stability in time to help me raise my children into wonderful adults (Andrew Vincent White ’04, Meredith White Naber ’08 and Jack Reymann Skinner ’18). And Hoban has been a constant anchor in the Reymann family with many siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews benefiting from the school’s quality education and encouraging environment. With the powerhouse presence Hoban has built in the Akron area and beyond, I hope more students have the same opportunity to the life-changing experiences at Hoban that I had.

Hoban is part of my identity, just as I am part of its history. And while Hoban and I have enjoyed a long-standing relationship, I think it’s a bit one-sided. Hoban has given me much more than I could ever give back.

So, *why* do I give? I give because I believe in Hoban, I love Hoban, and ‘*I am Hoban*’. ■



Margaret Reymann Skinner

* Dr. Stephen Post, Stony Brook University

Father Matthew Jordan '08 begins service as a priest

For some the calling comes in high school, or college or later in life as one is immersed in a career. For Matthew Jordan '08 the call may have come in kindergarten.

Jordan received the Sacrament of Holy Orders on May 19 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. Bishop Daniel Thomas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Cleveland, was the principal celebrant for the liturgy. Father Matt has been assigned to serve St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn.

And just a few weeks into his life as a priest, Father Matt describes it as joy. Pure joy.

Before he even reported to his new home, Father Matt already has experienced this "profound joy" by anointing a friend with the sacrament of the sick, offering Mass for his grandmother in her nursing home room and saying his first Mass at his home parish, St. Francis de Sales.

"To be able to be there in those moments, to be able to bring them to Jesus is special, not just in the way that 'I am praying for you' but to offer them the Lord, offer them the healing



Bishop Daniel Thomas blesses the hands of Matthew Jordan '08 with the holy oils of chrism as he is ordained a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland.

of the Lord," Father Matt said. "The profoundness of that really struck me more than I thought it would."

Father Matt's journey to the priesthood took him through St. Francis de Sales parish and school, Hoban and seminary life. Along the way he found tremendous support from his family, teachers, parish and friends. Although he said he wanted to be a priest as a kindergartner, it was during his time as a teenager and a student at Hoban that he discerned that this is the life he wanted to pursue.

"I always said I wanted to be a priest and a sportscaster, a priest and a weatherman," Father Matt laughed. "But then I realized in junior high that none of my friends wanted to be a priest, so I felt like an oddball. So I started to think differently, and the priesthood didn't seem right at the time.

"I came to Hoban and had Mr. McCandless for religion as a freshman. (The Rev. Mike McCandless '98 had taken a year off from seminary studies.) He would talk about the seminary, and when he went back to the seminary, that had a big impact on me," Father Matt said.

It was a CYO Search and a retreat at Franciscan University at Steubenville that demonstrated to Matt that there were kids his age loving being a Catholic and solidified his decision that he indeed wanted to enter the seminary.

He found tremendous support not only from his parents, family and friends, but also great example and encouragement from his Hoban family.

"I look back at the role models I had—Mr. (Rob) Yanko, Mrs. (Mary) Bulgrin, Brother Ken (Haders) and Father Joe Mamich (a frequent



Father Matthew Jordan '08 gives a homily at his first Mass at St. Francis de Sales on May 20.

celebrant for weekday Mass) and I realize what a faith-based environment Hoban was that continued to support me," Father Matt said.

Father Matt's favorite class was the Visor with Brother Joe LeBon.

"The Visor helped me to be a concise writer and helped me to connect. You needed to do everything 110 percent to make it your best story by talking to people and closing the loops," Father Matt said. "I find those skills from the Visor have helped me in different ministry situations.

"I had Brother Joe for the Visor and Latin I," Father Matt said. "To see his dedication, his willingness to serve, always there, always present, living out his religious vocation. Being a religious didn't have to be in the chapel 24/7. He had a purpose. He was very active and just had a great attitude."

As Father Matt begins a life he has thought about since he was in kindergarten, his joy and love of offering the sacraments and serving others selflessly is evident. ■

Young called to others

STORY

Passion to help others drives Travis Pero '14 to use talents

Passionate is a term Travis Pero '14 doesn't use lightly but he uses it often. Everything Pero does he does with an unyielding passion.

And he isn't afraid to switch gears to follow a passion. All set to go to Ohio State University, the University of Akron wooed this bright pre-med student with its Emerging Leaders program and a full scholarship.

"The Emerging Leaders program is specifically set aside for freshman students who are interested in leadership," Pero said. "I had to apply and be accepted into this living learning community."

Hoban's strong AP and honors program put Pero on a fast-track at the university as he tested out of numerous classes and started as a second semester freshman. It also allowed him to immediately pursue his biomedical engineering major where he explored the

three tracks of the program—tissues, biomechanics and signalling and imaging.

"I started in tissues but switched to biomechanics because building prosthetics for people appealed to me," Pero said. "Outside of my classes I became part of the four-person biomechanics design team."

The first project the team worked on was a device that would resize a prosthetic socket.

"When you receive an amputee the size of your limb is going to fluctuate," Pero said. "The limb will swell and



Travis Pero receives the Summit DD Impact Award on behalf of his University of Akron Biomedical Engineering Design Team.

then will atrophy and shrink over time and you continually must resize your prosthetic to fit into the socket. When you look at impoverished areas like Africa or Central America, these people can't afford that. They may receive a prosthetic from a nonprofit but then don't have the \$3,000 to resize it every six months."

The team designed a device that worked like a rubber mouthguard that made an exact impression and retained its shape. They entered it in the International Limbs Competition and competing against Ph.Ds and masters students, the freshman team came in fifth. Even though Pero was excelling in his classes, his heart was with the volunteer biomedical design team. He found real world applications to be exciting and became the team leader his sophomore year.

The team partnered with Summit DD and took on the project to make a prosthetic that would "grow" with 4-year-old Audrey McFadden. Born with the umbilical cord wrapped around her ankle, Audrey was only a few months old when she had her amputation.

"She had been living with this problem forever, yet she was so joyful, so optimistic all of the time," Pero said. "She rarely wore her prosthetic because it was so uncomfortable."

Using the knowledge they learned from the year before and a lot of trial and error, the Akron team designed her a prosthetic that would adapt to her changing limb.

"We gave her a leg that literally changed her life," Pero said. "We presented it as a wrapped gift and you could see her face light up, she was so excited."

"It was life-changing for me. Audrey showed me that I really have the ability to impact people's lives," Pero said. "I realized that patient care is where I need to be and will pursue a career in oral surgery." ■



Clarissa McFadden puts a sock over her daughter's new prosthetic designed by a team of engineers at the University of Akron. Six-year-old Audrey is now able to pursue many "normal" activities.

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Fourth annual Purchase Prize program chooses 11 pieces

The Hoban Purchase Prize was established in 2014 to honor the creative talent of Hoban students while also enhancing our school environment with high-quality student artwork. Since that time Hoban has purchased 24 student works, and they are on prominent display throughout Hoban's hallways.

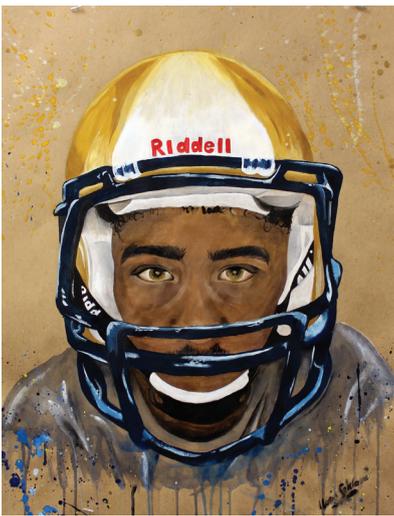
Six seniors and three juniors combined to submit 11 winning pieces for 2017. Winners for the fourth annual program were: Alyssa Eckman '17, Meredith Greci '17 (two works selected), Anna Knauf '17, Angelina Lofreso '18, Blythe McDermott '17, Christina Miller '17 (two works selected, including a set of four photographs), Ellie Redle '18, Maria Sahlani '17

and Madeline Worcester '18. These students were recognized in May for their work by art department chairman Micah Kraus.

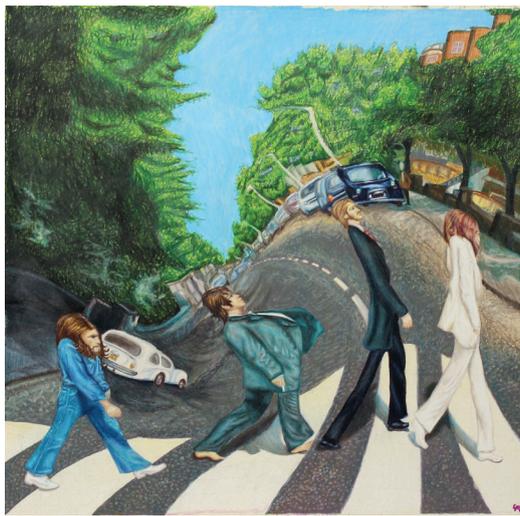
The art department began this process by looking through all of the 2D artwork produced by Hoban students this year. They looked at drawings, paintings, prints and photographs. From the incredible assortment of works produced by Hoban students, exemplary pieces were chosen for purchase.

Students whose works are chosen for the Purchase Prize through a juried selection process have their original art piece framed and labeled with name and year of purchase.

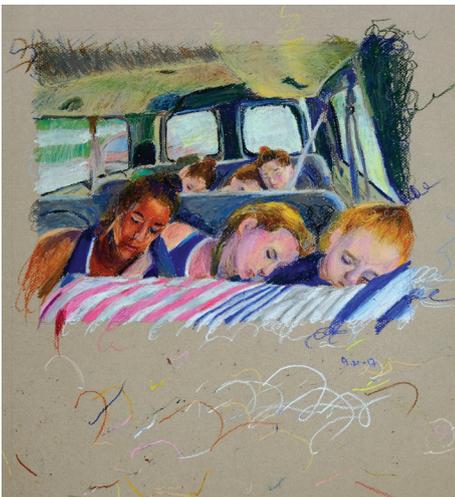
Arison Maria Sahlani '17



Beatles Meredith Greci '17

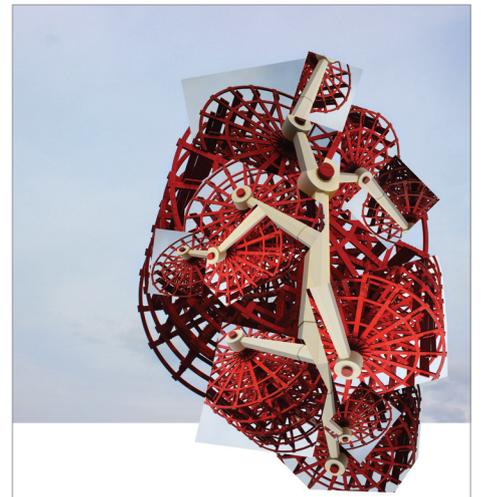


Coronation Meredith Greci '17



Van Riders Ellie Redle '18

Wheeljoiner Alyssa Eckman '17



Lino Block Print

Anna Knauf '17



Filth

Blythe McDermott '17



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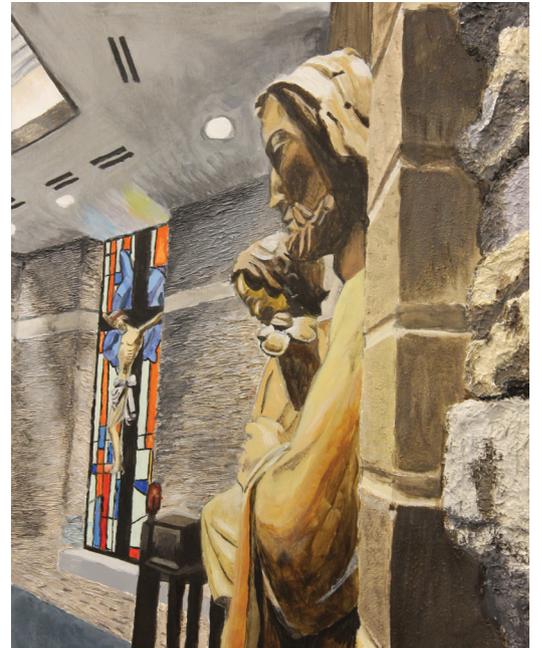
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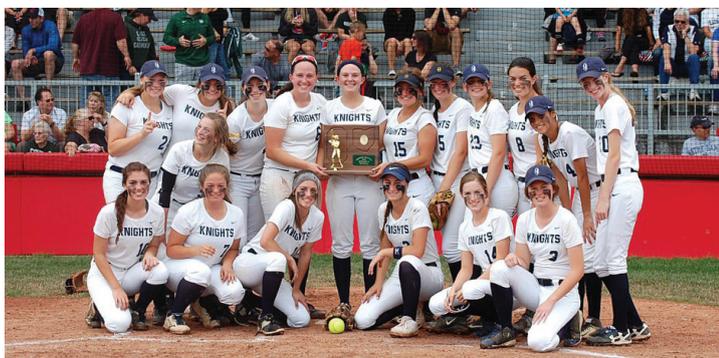
Angelina Lofreso '18



Softball and boys volleyball get nipped in state finals

Softball team loses state final heartbreaker, 2-1

Hoban left everything on the field as the Division II State Runner-up. The Knights softball team (24-4) lost to Hebron Lakewood (32-1) by a score of 2-1 in the Division II state championship game at Firestone Stadium June 3. Lakewood is the same team that knocked Hoban out of the playoffs in the 2016 state semifinals. The Knights also were first in the NCL with a 9-1 record. Laney Jones earned MVP honors for the NCL. Jones also was recognized as All-State Second team. Alex Whitmore received Honorable Mention.



Volleyball team fights back but comes up short

In an OHSBVA Division II state title match that went right down to the wire, Hoban lost to Kettering Archbishop Alter 3 sets to 2 at Capital University June 3. With Alter winning the first two sets, Hoban roared back to take the next two before losing the last set 15-4. The Knights (21-5) had Austin Gerwig receive OHSBVA Division II Player of the Year and Jeremy Leyden was named Coach of the Year. Gerwig was First Team All-State, Lance Talmage was Second Team All-State and Carson Miller received Honorable Mention.



Winter and spring athletic season highlights

Boys Basketball

The boys basketball finished a 22-3 season as the Division I Copley District Runner-up. The Knights swept the North Coast League with a 10-0 record. Collen Gurley was named the NCL player of the year. Brian Cuppett was named a Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association All-Star. T.K. Griffith was named the NCL Coach of the Year and the Greater Akron Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year. Seniors Cartier Bickley and Brian Cuppett participated in the the Greater Akron Basketball Coaches Association Senior All-Star Game. Junior Collen Gurley played in GABCA's underclassman game. Cuppett was also selected to play in the Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Gilmour Academy.

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team finished the season with a 17-7 record and Division II Uniontown District Runner-up. Senior Rachel Chessar played in the Women's Tri-

County Basketball Coaches Association at Norton and the Summit-Stark All-Star Game at Malone University.

Wrestling

Luke Hewitt, Quinton Kelley and Lukus Stricker were OHSAA State Tournament qualifiers. Stricker placed second and Kelley placed third in the OHSAA finals. Stricker was also the OHSAA district champion.

Girls Bowling

The Knights finished the season with a 16-0 record and placed first place in the NCL and the Greater Summit High School Bowling Conference.

Boys Track and Field

At the OHSAA Division I boys track and field regionals, Hoban's 4x100 relay team set a new school record of 42.71 and qualified for the state meet. The team consisted of graduating seniors Jason Ruff, Todd Sibley and Daniel Jackson and junior Daulson Fitzpatrick. Senior Dylan Radik also placed seventh in the pole vault at the regional meet.

National strength association names Winkler state director

Mike Winkler has been named the Ohio State Director of the National High School Strength Coaches Association. Winkler was named Hoban's Strength and Conditioning Coach in 2014.

The NHSSCA's mission is to educate, equip and empower coaches to make a positive impact in the lives of student athletes across the nation.



Strength and conditioning coach Mike Winkler spots Daeshon Martin '18. Winkler was recently named state director of the NHSSCA.

"It is a great honor to represent Ohio as State Director for the NHSSCA," Winkler said. "I am eager to serve an association that is dedicated to growing our profession by creating an increased awareness about the positive value of having a successful strength and conditioning program within high school athletic departments across the nation."

Prior to his time at Hoban, Winkler spent eight years in professional baseball. He was the strength and conditioning coordinator for the Pittsburgh Pirates (2012-13) and the Los Angeles Dodgers (2009-11), as well as a Minor League Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Cleveland Indians (2006-08). He began his career as a Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach at the University of Akron, where he earned his Master of Science degree in Sports Science and Coaching in 2005.

Winkler graduated from Barberton High School and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Walsh University in 2004. At Walsh University, he was an offensive lineman for the Cavaliers.

Winkler is registered as a strength and conditioning

coach and is also a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Winkler oversees the 11,000-square-foot Hoban Health and Fitness Center which opened in November 2015. The center is staffed by a team of professionals, dedicated to the wellness of each student. Hoban's strength and conditioning coaches develop individualized programs to meet the needs of each student.

"At Hoban we are able to set the bar at a higher level because of the hard work and dedication of our student-athletes," Winkler said. "As coaches we are giving them the tools to exceed not only in high school, but for the rest of their lives."

The center is equipped with state-of-the-art fitness equipment including hammer strength equipment, plyometric boxes, Eleiko Olympic plates, 30-yard turfed sprint area, vertimax training, rowing machines and a variety of life fitness cardio equipment.



Student-athlete Samantha Wentz '18 is assisted in her training from strength and conditioning coach Mike Winkler.



Mike Winkler follows Brad Reece '19 through speed drills.

"I look forward to learning from the other NHSSCA members who share the same passion as I do about this field," Winkler said. "As Ohio's State Director, I am determined to be a valuable resource for those coaches looking to connect and grow together as professionals." ■

'The Addams Family' spring musical is smashing success

"They're creepy & they're kooky, mysterious & spooky, they're all together ooky...the Addams Family."

Most of us can remember that little jingle and chuckle. And did the Hoban audience chuckle April 6-9 as the Hoban Theatre Series presented *The Addams Family*. Maybe roared with laughter is more like it.

Under the direction of Mr. Tym Tagliaferro (director and technical director), the show played to sell-out audiences each night. The quirky musical produced hilarious moments as the student actors performed brilliantly.

Mackenzie Dieghen '17 was the director of choreography.

Twenty-five students served as "on-stage" talents with six performing on stage for the first time. The talents and dedication of these students building sets, creating props, sewing costumes, doing hair and makeup and managing the lighting, sound and backstage activities all played a part in the success of this outstanding spring musical. ■



Gomez Addams (Justin Austin '17) gives a toast and the company join in singing "Full Disclosure." The cast and crew of "The Addams Family" entertained audiences with comical lines and outstanding choreography.



Gomez Addams (Justin Austin '17) struggles with keeping secrets from his wife in the song "Not Today."



Singing the duet entitled "Secrets," Morticia Addams (Haley Burns '18) and Alice Beineke (Autumn Naragon '17) are surrounded by the ancestors.



At the thought of his daughter growing older, Gomez (Justin Austin '17) sings "Happy/Sad" to Wednesday (Kendall Slaght '17). The Hoban Theatre Series presented 'The Addams Family' April 6-9.

Tim Tyrrell leads staff into new era of Hoban athletics

Tim Tyrrell has assumed the position of athletic director. Tyrrell served as Hoban's assistant athletic director for three years and the interim athletic director for the 2016-17 school year.

He brings nine years of athletic office experience and is the coach of Hoban's back-to-back state champion football teams. Tyrrell and his wife Julie have a son Liam and a daughter Madeline.

Matt Bing has been named the new assistant athletic director. He has 11 years of experience as athletic director at St. Thomas Aquinas and has also coached football for five years.

Bing will work closely with the coaching staff scheduling, supervising and coordinating athletic events. Matt and his wife Misty have a son Henry and a daughter Chloe.

Starting her third year at Hoban in the athletic office is Corey Westover. She serves as administrative assistant and transportation coordinator. Corey and her husband Todd are the parents of Morgan '15, Marc '17 and Taylor '20.



Athletic director Tim Tyrrell is joined by Corey Westover, athletic administrative assistant and Matt Bing, assistant athletic director.

Hoban is fortunate to have these effective leaders in the athletic office focused on continuing to build upon the great tradition and success of Hoban's athletic programs. ■

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Art students take 43 awards in Scholastic Art Contest

Twenty-nine Hoban students received a total of 43 awards in the annual Scholastic Art & Writing Contest. Hoban visual art teachers submitted 160 student works to the competition. The Scholastic is a highly respected regional and national art contest for students in grades 6-12. Thousands of entries are submitted each year, and typically less than 25 percent receive awards. A total of 473 Silver and Gold Keys were given of the 4,319 total submissions to the Northeast Central

Ohio competition. Hoban was awarded six Silver and Gold Keys.

The Hoban entries ranged from Beginning Art students to AP Studio Art students. Drawings, paintings, prints, photographs, digital illustrations and video games were submitted. Many of these students had their award-winning art on display at the Stark campus of Kent State University from Jan. 17 to Feb. 1. Silver and Gold Key recipients were invited to attend an awards ceremony on Jan. 28.

STEM project earns Superior award at State Science Day

The STEM project of senior *Maria Dhinojwala '18*, entitled "Surface Tension with Molecular Dynamics," earned a Superior award and was ranked First at the 69th annual State Science Day, sponsored by the Ohio Academy of Science and hosted by Ohio State University on May 13. More than 1,200 students from more than 300 schools in grades 5-12 exhibited their projects, competing for nearly \$700,000 in scholarships and awards.

Short Takes

■ Hoban's varsity Academic Challenge team competed in regionals at Cloverleaf High School on May 6. Although they did not advance to the state level, the team won the championship of the winter season in the Summit County League and represented Hoban well in challenging tournaments this year. They look forward to appearing on the Channel 5 television competition during the 2017-18 school year. Coaches Ben Rossi, Jenny Spontarelli and Judy Mohan thank the team members for their hard work this year and congratulate them on a successful season.

■ Fifty-nine students attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2017 National Spanish Examinations. Hoban students earned one gold, five silver and eighteen bronze medals, along with 35 honorable mentions. The National Spanish Examinations are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. ORO (Gold Medal): Students scoring at or above the 95th percentile are awarded the Premio de Oro: Victor Vogt (junior) Spanish III PLATA (Silver Medal): Students scoring from the 85th to 94th percentile are awarded the Premio de Plata: Slade Brooks (freshman) Spanish I, Joseph Osmun (freshman) Spanish I, Josephine Rauh (senior) Spanish IV, Jack Skinner (junior) Spanish III and Anthony Ursetti (senior) Spanish IV

■ Junior Victor Vogt's score on the American Math

Competition 12 placed him in the top five percent of students nationally and qualified him to advance to the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. Three students—junior Michael Rinaldi, and seniors Carson Keenan and Penny Wang—have advanced to the state level of competition (the Ohio Math Invitational Olympiad) on the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics contest on April 1.

■ In the Project Hope 2017 contest, sponsored by the Brothers of Holy Cross, sophomore Zoe Farah won third prize (\$50) in the essay division, and sophomore Catherine Reikowski won fourth prize (\$25) in the film division. Project Hope, now in its eighth year, asked Holy Cross middle and high school students to respond to three questions based on the life of the Brothers' founder, Father James Dujarié. Nearly 700 students from 14 Holy Cross schools across the United States sent in projects in the form of the written word, art, music and film.

■ Hoban sent two teams to the Ohio Mock Trial state championships. Outstanding witness awards went to juniors Svea Hall, Ellie Redle and senior Lauren Shoemaker. Outstanding attorney awards went to seniors Frank Kelley and Colin Fricker. This marks the 25th year that Hoban has qualified for state. Three of those teams were state champions: 1992, 2006 and 2011. Over the years, approximately 10 percent of teams that participate in mock trial across Ohio are able to make it through the district

and regional competitions with a 4-0 record in order to qualify for state.

■ Of the 45 Hoban students who took the National Latin Exam this year, 28 earned awards. Over 154,000 students from all 50 states and 19 other countries participated in the National Latin Exam.

Colin Fricker '17 received a Silver Maxima Cum Laude in Latin IV Prose. In Latin III, Danielle Kastor and Jeremy Leyden received the Gold Summa Cum Laude and Patrick Hanlon and Ann Redle were awarded Silver Maxima Cum Laude. Latin II students Sarah Caley, Jacob Givens and Reese Marino received Gold Summa Cum Laude with Alexander Baumgartner, Bridget Hahn, Brianna McCarron, Andrew Pero and Maria Redle were awarded Silver Maxima Cum Laude. Latin I students Veronica McDowell and Clayton Newman each received Gold Summa Cum Laude awards.

Rounding out the 28 awards were those students receiving Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude awards.

■ All four of Hoban's National Merit Semifinalists were named Finalists in this year's competition. Bryce Dzubara, Colin Fricker, Carson Keenan and Victoria Woodburn advanced based on the students meeting high academic standards and other requirements. Another six Hoban seniors were recognized as commended students in September.

Sophomore's art nationally acclaimed in Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Katie Jordan '19 has earned a National Silver Medal in the 2017 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. She has been identified by a panel of creative professionals as one of the most talented young artists in the nation. This year, more than 330,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top one percent were recognized on the national level.



—Katie Jordan '19

Seniors to participate in college engineering summer programs

Victor Vogt '18 was one of eight local students selected to participate in the University of Akron High School Summer Research Academy in Engineering. The university funds only eight internships out of over 50 applicants.

The program gives superior high school students hands-on research experience and increased exposure to the field of engineering by working on research projects with College of Engineering professors.

Vogt was matched with Dr. Sadhan Jana, Department Chair of Polymer Engineering. In his lab Vogt will learn about aerogels, a set of very light-weight materials.

Since 1923, the awards have recognized creative teenagers from across the country. By receiving her Silver Medal, Jordan joins a legacy of celebrated authors and artists, including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, and the renowned artist who will receive our Alumni Achievement Award this year, Paul Chan.

Alison Ritenour '18 has been accepted into the WiE RISE summer program June 18-23. Hosted by Women in Engineering (WiE) in Ohio State's College of Engineering, WiE RISE is a six-day, residential summer camp designed to introduce female students to Ohio State's undergraduate engineering majors and related career fields.

WiE RISE consists of at least two academic sessions or off-campus field trips each day. These sessions provide students with an in-depth introduction to undergrad engineering majors offered by the university.

—Off Campus—

- Freshman Giovanni Palermo had the male lead in the Magical Theatre Company's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* performed in January and February. The memoirs of this sparkling and straightforward Jewish girl, forced to hide for two years to escape Nazi persecution, are an essential part of why we need to remember one of the darkest periods of our human history. Magical Theatre Company in Barberton is Northeast Ohio's only professional resident and touring theater for young audiences.
- Senior David Horak received his Eagle Scout Award on Oct. 13, 2016, and his Eagle Scout Court of Honor was on Sunday, May 21, 2017. For his project, he coordinated the building of three raised flower beds at the Briarwood Healthcare Community in Stow. He designed the flower beds so that they are low enough to accommodate residents who are wheelchair bound.
- Sophomore Michael Jorgenson was awarded a diploma for excelling in the National Piano Guild auditions this spring, according to the Akron Beacon Journal. Jorgenson successfully passed adjudication of his individual piano solo programs. He studies piano with Jennifer Stenroos of Bath.
- Junior Alexandra Houglan and freshman Christina Worcester were cast in ensemble parts for Akron's All City Musical, *Mary Poppins*. Performances are scheduled at the Akron Civic Theatre at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 16, and at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017. High school students from all over Summit County auditioned.
- Students from pre-engineering, physics and chemistry visited the University of Akron Engineering Department on April 25. After a campus tour, they spent time with UA students in computer engineering, mechanical engineering and biomedical engineering. Dr. Mary Verstraete discussed the eight engineering disciplines the university offers and made suggestions regarding high school classes needed to prepare for the collegiate engineering curriculum.
- The Waves, a Hoban and Woodridge-based rock band, are the 2017 Tri-C High School Rock-Off champions. Members are seniors Dom Merlitti, Dylan Radik and Michael English, as well as Jack Conrad from Woodridge. The competition started with 40 bands from four states. The Waves go on to play on the Warped Tour and will play live in front of the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame and at Blossom Music Center in the summer. The band receives \$1,000 cash, plus \$250 for the Hoban music program.

Alumnus and wife planned 50 anniversaries to 50 states

By JIM WARNER, CLASS OF 1963

Dr. Dick '63 and Linda Hackathorn accomplished a unique golden anniversary feat on June 10.

What started by chance 50 years ago has turned into a tradition symbolic of their relationship—committed, dedicated and adventurous. For 50 years, the Hackathorns have done what few couples, if any, have by spending each of their last 49 anniversaries in a different state.

On June 10, 1967, Dick and Linda were married in Whittier, Calif. Dick had just graduated from Caltech the day before, Linda from Whittier College a year before. At that point, what newly married couple can have any idea what the next 50 years would have in store, let alone where they would celebrate each anniversary?

Their first anniversary was in Akron, Ohio, Dick's hometown, for his brother's graduation. The next was in Colorado, where he was stationed in the Army. The third was in New Mexico, and the fourth during grad school in California.

Around that time they started thinking – “maybe we should try to keep this going.” That's when their commitment to one another turned into a commitment to celebrating 50 anniversaries in 50 states. Talk about a long-term goal! That's the kind of outlandish idea that would have to come early in life together.

They weren't trying to be unique, even though Guinness does not appear to have a record for anyone accomplishing the feat. They didn't

calculate the odds against it. If they had, they would have realized that pitching a perfect game or winning the Triple Crown was more likely. After all, 13 pitchers and four horses accomplished those feats in the same 50 years.

They just enjoyed making each anniversary special in a place they had never visited.

A couple of trips were hurried dashes to a neighboring state. But most were planned carefully as a wonderful way to see this great country.

And see it they did, each of the 50 states. Last year the Hackathorns toured Indiana, and finally this year their 50th stop was Branson, Mo. Hawaii was in 1992, and Alaska in 1997.

For each anniversary they documented the trip, saved memories, photos and memorabilia. They have saved the joy of 50 years' worth of adventures not to be lost in the mists of time.

Dick grew up in the Portage Lakes area. He majored in Engineering at the California Institute of Technology and graduated in 1967. Dick served a stint in the Army in the nuclear-hardened Cheyenne Mountain complex in Colorado. He then earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine. His first teaching position was with the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. He then accepted an appointment at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

In 1980 Dick was a founder of a firm, Micro Decisionware,



Linda and Dick '63 Hackathorn decided early in their marriage to make each anniversary uniquely different.

that developed a pioneering communications software package. Even today, after acquisitions by Sybase and SAP, Gartner rates it as a “Top Quadrant” product for its market – unusual longevity for a technical product.

He has become a widely known authority and lecturer on large scale data systems and has authored several books on the subject.

The Hackathorns returned home from their 50th anniversary in Missouri to a surprise gathering. They were taken to the tasting room of a vineyard and celebrated by some 50 family and friends. While Caltech classmates were close, the longest standing friendship was Dick's with Jim Warner, Hoban Class of 1963.

You can follow the Hackathorn's 50-year journey at <http://hackathorn50x50.com>. If you want to share your thoughts or just congratulate them you can email them at hackathorn50x50@gmail.com. A heart-warming adventure, these 50 years of wedded bliss, just to have made it. Even more special when each can be remembered uniquely. ■

Endowed Scholarships & Planned Giving

Endowed Scholarships

Alumni, parents and friends continue, in ever-increasing numbers, to establish endowed scholarships. These scholarships grow our endowment and benefit both high-achieving students and students with need. With tuition at \$10,650 a strong endowment is vital to meet our increasing need for financial aid.

Consider establishing an endowed scholarship and consider a Planned Gift to forever fund that scholarship.



Longtime friend and supporter of Hoban John Lansbe talks with students at an Endowed Scholarship Luncheon.

Planned Giving

The **Heart of Hoban Society** (our planned giving recognition society) was established to recognize alumni and friends of Archbishop Hoban High School who plan future gifts to the school through their estate planning.

We know that you need to provide for your own family, but we hope that you will consider the “Hoban family” when you do your estate planning. Naming Hoban in your will is an easy way to make a meaningful gift without affecting your income or cash flow, and it may help with your estate taxes.

Four easy steps:

1. Evaluate your financial situation and decide what are your charitable goals.
2. Contact Hoban to learn about opportunities for legacy giving (create a family scholarship, contribute to an existing scholarship, grow our endowment, or fund a physical plant improvement).
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4. Leave a specific dollar amount or percentage of the assets in your will to Hoban, or name Hoban as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or pension. Consider non-cash assets for your legacy gift (home, property etc.).

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For more information contact:

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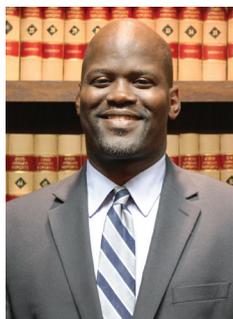
Greg Davis '72 is now associate chief technologist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Davis has been at JPL for almost 28 years. He serves on the pre-engineering committee at Hoban and



Greg Davis '72 teaching a Hoban physics class

often will do presentations to select science classes when he is at Hoban for pre-engineering meetings. The Davis family has a scholarship at Hoban in honor of their late father, Joseph Davis.

Marlon Primes '82 is the new president-elect of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (CMBA). The CMBA was formed 10 years ago by the merger of the Cleveland Bar Association (CBA) and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association (CCBA).



Marlon will be the first government lawyer ever to lead the CMBA, CBA or CCBA.

Being a role model on the court, in the classroom and around the community, **T.K. Griffith '89** was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus from Holy Family Catholic School this past winter. Griffith has been

with Hoban for 23 years in the roles of educator and boys basketball coach. He has led the basketball team to



T.K. Griffith '89

numerous successful seasons, all while molding the young minds of his Honors English 10, and AP Language classes. During his acceptance speech, T.K. attributed his success to his parents, wife, teachers and coaches who have shaped him throughout the years. In addition to the Distinguished Alumni Award, Griffith was presented with commendations from city, county and state officials for his contributions to education and the community.

Kenneth Linn '92 continues to have a successful career as a baseball coach at Tallmadge High School. He led his team to the OHSAA Div. II state championship this year.

Tobias John Hirsch was born on April 10. **Mary Kathleen (Vavro '97) Hirsch** and her husband Paul learned when she was 20 weeks pregnant that Tobias has a rare and severe heart defect—double inlet left ventricle. Tobias spent the first two weeks of his life in the NICU at Akron Children's Hospital. Although he has surprised everyone by not needing open heart surgery at birth, he will still need at least two open heart surgeries before the age of five. The family is blessed that he has arrived safely and continues to do well until his first surgery in a few months. Tobias joins his big brother, Paul "PJ" '19 and big sisters, Morgan '22, Addison '25 and Emerson '33.

Jack Patrick Lewis '03 was sworn in earlier this year as State Representative for the Seventh Middlesex District of Massachusetts. An ordained minister and founder of OUT MetroWest, Rep. Lewis won his seat with over 60 percent of the vote and the support of Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey.

Rep. Lewis has written and filed 14 bills and cosponsored 500 more to address issues involving education, healthcare, and immigration protection.

Rep. Lewis vividly remembers marching with other students from Hoban and the greater Diocese in 2002 to protest the American invasion of Iraq. He credits this experience for spurring his lifelong commitment to public service and social justice.

Katelynn Stetz '05 was nominated for the "Employee of the Year" Award at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio, after receiving the "Making A Difference" Award earlier in the year for her work in finding the identity of a female patient that had entered the hospital in critical condition, but with no identification, no next of kin, and



not able to tell anything about herself. Stetz was honored at the hospital's annual honors dinner in May. Stetz is in her fifth year at Aultman, where

she is Assistant Nurse Manager in the critical care unit. Katelynn and **Katie Buzzelli '05** are also known as the record setting 50/50 salespersons

at the last three Hoban Extravaganzas, setting new record amounts each year!

Chris Yeager '08 has completed his pastoral year for the Diocese of Austin in Texas. Yeager is studying to be a priest and is scheduled to be ordained a deacon in May 2018 and will receive the sacrament of Holy Orders in late spring, 2019. He is a 2012 graduate of St. Edward's University in Austin. Yeager has served as a chaplain in a local hospital and is currently in Guatemala studying Spanish.

Hoban couple **Katie Cottrill '12** and **Ray Paoletta '12** were married Dec. 2. Lots of Hoban alumni, family and friends were part of the wedding party, including Mark Cottrill '06, Dan Cottrill '08, Marie Kunze-Cottrill '11, Lauren Paoletta '11, Emily Kohut '12, Haley Dawes '12, Steven Wilson '12 and Dino Paoletta '16.

Young alumni may remember~

Former campus minister celebrates first Mass



Father Scott Kopp celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick Church in Kent on June 18, 2017. He served as campus minister at Hoban for several years before entering the seminary. Father Kopp was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., bishop of the Youngstown Diocese. Shown at the reception after Mass are Hoban friends Judy Mohan, Mary Bulgrin, Katie Surface, Brother Ken Haders and Brother Ed Libbers.

Dona Bowens '89 making a difference in Barcelona for 10 years



Dona Bowens, Class President of the Class of 1989, has been living in Barcelona, Spain, for 10 years and works as an English tutor for Spaniards of all ages. For soccer fans, one name is always a sign of one of the greatest soccer players. One of her clients is Neymar Jr. She was visited by Jeff Stetz '70 of the Hoban advancement office and one of Bowens' teachers during her years at Hoban. Jeff and his wife Dana '78 visited Barcelona this spring. Jeff and Bowens are pictured in a park not far from her apartment while touring the city.

Johnson '91 and Lewis '12 team up on Oakland Raiders staff

Only 2,483 miles from where they both graduated, Bobby Johnson '91, and LaTroy Lewis '12 are working together to return the Oakland Raiders to greatness.

Johnson has been with Raiders for two seasons, working with their tight ends. Before making his way to Oakland, Johnson worked with the Detroit Lions, Jacksonville Jaguars, Indiana University, Miami University of Ohio and the University of Akron.

Lewis just completed his college football career at the University of Tennessee, where he was an outstanding student-athlete majoring in kinesiology. He completed his undergraduate degree and plans to enroll in the physician's assistant school following his football career. Although Lewis was not selected in the 2017 NFL draft, he was signed to participate in the Raiders' mini camp this past spring. After a standout performance at the camp, Oakland signed Lewis to a three-year contract.

Coming off an impressive 12-4 record last season, the Raiders strung together their first winning season in nearly 15 years. With the help of these two Hoban alumni, Oakland hopes to have their first back-to-back winning seasons since 2000-2002.



Bobby Johnson '91 and LaTroy Lewis '12 in front of the Oakland Raiders complex.

Alumni pay tribute to 2017 Hoban wrestler for his achievements

Lukas Stricker '17 is the winningest wrestler in Hoban history, and a number of alumni came back to celebrate his accomplishments as they joined the current team on a Senior/Alumni Night. Wrestlers from eight different decades came together to watch the Knights host Painesville Harvey and

Garfield Heights at Barry Gymnasium. Stricker shattered the Hoban record for wins in a season and career wins.

Stricker has accepted a scholarship to Harvard University this fall, where he will be majoring in applied mathematics and will wrestle for the Crimson.



Lukas Stricker received a warm send-off at Senior Night on Feb. 18 from Hoban wrestling alumni for his outstanding achievements as a Knight. Stricker (front row, sitting, first left) was a runner-up in the OHSSA Championship in the 120-pound weight class. Stricker will attend Harvard University in the fall.

Young alumni return Hoban to give seniors a College 101 lesson

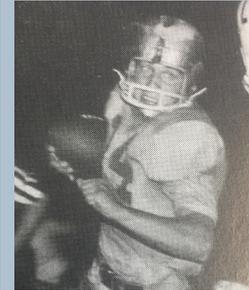
Free pizza and pop were enough to entice a group of 20 plus recent Hoban grads to come back to campus and share their experiences and insight with current juniors and seniors in this year's College 101. The college students answered questions on registering for classes, organizing your time between work and having fun, roommate tips, Greek life or not, choosing a major, what they most enjoy about the college and what they find most challenging about it. The current juniors and seniors left the day with firsthand experience that

will better prepare them for their schools beyond Hoban.

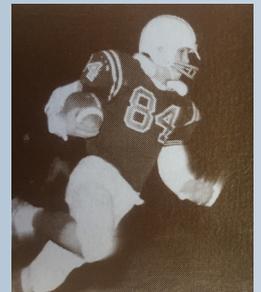


Young alumni returned to Hoban in the spring to share college experiences with seniors.

Class of 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame



Mike Urbano
Class of 1962



Richard Maher
Class of 1968



Angela
(Lockhart)
Watson
Class of 1996



Tenishia
Jo Ann
Benson
Class of 2007



Ralph
"Coach O"
Orsini

Class of 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame recipients announced

By CRAIG BLIKE '07

Selections have been announced for the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017. Five inductees will be announced during the Cardinal Mooney football game Sept. 1 as part of the Come Home to Hoban Reunion Weekend. The formal ceremony will take place on Sunday, Sept. 3. New members are:

- Mike Urbano, Class of 1962
- Richard Maher, Class of 1968
- Angela Lockhart Watson, Class of 1996
- Tenishia Benson, Class of 2007
- Coach Ralph Orsini

Mike Urbano '62

Mike Urbano, who will be the first member from the Class of 1962, enters following a high school career as a three-sport athlete. Urbano earned seven varsity letters: in football, basketball and track and field. During his time at Hoban, he was honored with various accolades, ranging from being a three-sport captain, to All-Conference, to Honorable Mention All-City. Following his time at Hoban, Urbano went on to play college football at Ohio University, and after serving the United States in the Armed Forces pursued a career in athletic administration.

Richard Maher '68

Richard Maher '68 enters the hall after an outstanding high school and college career. Maher was a captain and two-way starter

on the football team that finished top 10 in the AP Poll for Division I. After leaving Hoban, he went on to Yale University, where he started three years for the Bulldogs, was three-time All-Ivy League and Honorable Mention All-East. His senior year, Maher was a captain of the football team and MVP of the Yale Bowl.

Angela (Lockhart '96) Watson

Angela (Lockhart) Watson, Class of 1996, earned a spot in the hall with an impressive 10 varsity letters in volleyball, basketball and track and field. In her senior year she was the captain of all three teams. She played on the basketball team that went to the state championship, set a school record for high jump, and was selected Female Athlete of the Year. After a successful high school career, she went on to play volleyball at Malone University. There she was First Team All-MOC Freshman Team, four-time All-Conference, three-time All-East Region, Second Team All-American and Conference Player of the Year. She was inducted into the Malone Hall of Fame in 2012.

Tenishia Jo Ann Benson '07

Tenishia Benson, a basketball standout from the Class of 2007, was a slam-dunk selection. Benson earned six letters in basketball and track and field and was a four-year starter in basketball. She was All-City three times, All-District twice, two-time North Coast League

MVP, Special Mention All-State once, and All-State once. Benson led the Knights to two NCL titles, two district titles, and two regional second place finishes. All this was capped off by her finishing second in all-time scoring for Hoban with 1,120 points. After graduating from Hoban, Benson was not quite done on the court. She started at the University of Cincinnati, where she led the Big East in free-throw shooting. After transferring her junior year to Ohio University, Benson continued her success with the Bobcats. She was named MAC Player of the Week twice and led OU in points and rebounds as a junior and senior.

Coach Ralph Orsini

Only a few coaches are synonymous with Hoban Football, and Ralph Orsini, "Coach O," is without a doubt one of them. Bringing the Knights back to glory, Orsini beat St Vincent- St. Mary an unprecedented nine consecutive times. During that streak, he led Hoban to the state playoffs eight straight times. He was the first football coach to win a North Coast League title, the first coach to make the state playoffs, and led two teams to the state final four ('04 and '08). In his final seasons, Orsini was able to coach his son Dominick, who broke numerous single-season and career passing records for Hoban. During his 19-year tenure at Hoban, Coach O compiled a career record of 131-83.

Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. *May they rest in peace.*

The following notices have been received Nov. 30, 2016, to June 1, 2017.

Please inform srailv@hoban.org if a death within the Hoban community occurs.

John "Pat" Bark, Class of 1958, died Jan. 12.

James Bauer, Class of 1960, died Feb. 27. Father of Jeffrey '87 and Kristina (Bauer '89) Coleman. James worked for many years for Firestone Tire and Greenleaf Auto Recyclers.

Frank J. Bednarz, father of Brother Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C. Brother Dennis taught history and was the Director of Admissions at Hoban from 1992 to 2005. He has been at St. Edward High School in Lakewood since 2005.

William "Bill" Brown, Class of 1974, died March 27.

Margaret Cannella, wife of Ron Brown '68, recent Distinguished Alumnus.

Robert Cevasco, father of Paul '68, Daniel '70, David '71 and Mike '75; grandfather of Kathleen "Kacy" (Cevasco '97) Cowie and Cory Cevasco '00

Laura Ciacarelli, grandmother of Samantha Podlogar, Hoban faculty member.

Doris Cole, mother of Mark '73 and Joseph '82

Donald J. Gault, father of Peggy (Gault '78) Gannon, Mary (Gault '80) Reagan, and Kate Gault '82; husband of Mary Lou Gault, a former Hoban librarian.

Bradford Gearinger, grandfather of Owen Robinson '19.

Margaret Geers, mother of Ed Geers '72, Jeannette (Geers '75) Kaiser, Bernadette (Geers '79) Lambert and Sharon Geers '81.

Phyllis Hesse, wife Bill Hesse '57.

Julie C. Horing, Class of 1976, died unexpectedly June 13. Mother of Dr. John Horing '00, Jason '03 and Jessica Horing '05; sister of George Dzubara '77 (deceased), Mary Dzubara-Zak '78, Joe Dzubara '81, Jane (Dzubara '82) Burt; aunt of Marissa Dzubara '10 and Bryce Dzubara '17. Julie studied special education and speech therapy at the University of Akron and began her career at Portage Path Mental Health Clinic and moved on to a position at Professional Employment, where she worked for many years before taking a managerial position at Flex-Team.

Mary Lou Hottinger, grandmother of Hannah Hottinger '17 and Joel Hottinger '19; mother of Tom Hottinger, Hoban faculty member.

Bernard "Bernie" Klein, Class of 1961, died April 3 in hospice care. Bernie served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1965 and was stationed in France and Maryland. He worked for numerous companies including the Akron Beacon Journal, Adamson, Centra News, American Brewed Coffee Service and Mitchens Transportation before retiring in 2013. He was an avid O-gauge model railroad hobbyist.

David A. Klein, Class of 1973 died Jan. 14. Worked for Costco for 30 years.

Frances Kosuth, mother of Paul '75; aunt of John Stetz '69, Jeff Stetz '70, Mary Bernacki '84, James Dierker '86, Jeannie Thorbjornsen '91; great-aunt of Katelyn Stetz '05 and the late Stephen Stetz '07

Thomas J. "Bones" Labbe, Class of 1959 died Jan. 4. He retired from the City of Akron where he worked in the Environmental Health Division as a Registered Sanitarian and Registered Environmental Specialist/Certified Food Safety Professional.

Frederick LaBate, father of David LaBate '71; grandfather of Christopher LaBate '95.

Jeanne LaRose, mother of Frank '74, Mark '75; mother-in-law of Marianne (Varca '74) LaRose; grandmother of Brianna LaRose '06, Rocco LaRose '11 and Danielle LaRose '14.

Eileen Lynett, mother of Greg '76.

Angela Maciak, grandmother of Patrick Bender, M.D. '96; mother of Judy Bender, former Extravaganza Chairperson and a 2009 Friend of Hoban.

Barbara Mann, grandmother of Morgan Mann '16 and Mason Mann '18.

Josephine Manning, grandmother of Peter Kratcoski '14 and Michael Kratcoski '18; mother-in-law of Pete Kratcoski '81.

Michael Matolyak, Class of 1962, died June 5. Michael served his country in the U.S. Navy as a UDT diver, a predecessor of the Navy Seals. He worked for BF Goodrich, the Coliseum and Quickens Loans Arena.

John McCool, brother of Jim McCool '77.

Barbara McVan, mother of Chuck McVan '67; grandmother of Katie McVan '97 and Charlie McVan '01.

Richard Moledor, father of Vickilyn (Moledor '80) Trego.

Joseph F. Mure, M.D., father of Michael '05 and Jaclyn '08.

Jim Mussara, Class of 1965, died Feb. 3 in Florida. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and had lived in Florida since 1974; brother of Thomas '72.

C.J. Novak, son of Susan Cymbor '84.

Donald Paonessa, brother of Ralph '60.

Frances Potts, wife of Greg '67.

Karen (Buschko) Powers, Class of 1977, died of a sudden illness Feb. 16. Sister of Stephen Buschko '75.

Helen Rasicci, mother-in-law of Paul Kossuth '75.

Donald J. Ruther, Sr., Class of 1966, died March 3. He retired from Babcock and Wilcox Co. after 46 years.

Aldena Sample, mother of Rob Sample '89 and Melissa Sample '94.

Frances Siegfert, mother of Joe Siegfert '70.

Frank Solinski, father of Thomas Solinski '73 ; grandfather of Patrick Solinski '00 .

William Stewart, grandfather of Alexis (Stewart '07) Conto, Victoria (Stewart '08) McMillen, Jessica (Stewart '09) Kelker and Samantha Stewart '11; father-in-law of Debra (May '78) Stewart; grandfather-in-law of Kyle McMillen '08.

Loretta M. Sullivan, Class of 1976, died March 3 following a brief illness. She attended the University of Akron and spent many years working in the nursing home industry.

Robert Thomson, Class of 1959 died Feb. 16 in Stokesdale, NC.; brother of Bill '62.

Hildegard Trares, mother of Helen Trares, Hoban employee.

William Wilsterman, father of Joan (Wilsterman '86) Hall; grandfather of Svea Hall '18 and Brigitta Hall '20.

Joseph "Peach" Zampino, coached girls distance track at Hoban for over 21 years and boys and girls cross country for five years. He coached several state track champions.



Awards dinner and jubilees bring brothers together



A number of brothers attended the Distinguished Alumni and Friends of Hoban Awards Dinner on March 12 at the Firestone Country Club. Reconnecting with the brothers attending were Brothers John Paige, Joseph LeBon, Paul Kelly, Ed Fox, Carlos Parrilla, Ed Libbers, Richard Gilman, James Spooner (2017 Friend of Hoban Award recipient), Kenneth Kane, Roy Smith, Robert Lavelle and Ken Haders.

Former faculty and friends celebrating religious jubilees

Brother Dennis Bednarz, C.S.C.

Brother Dennis Bednarz celebrated his 40th Jubilee as a Brother of Holy Cross on June 17 at Notre Dame, Ind.

He was born on the north side of Chicago in Holy Trinity parish as the eldest son of Mattie and the late Frank Bednarz. He attended Holy Trinity Elementary and High School where he first met the Congregation of Holy Cross. After graduating, he attended the University of Notre Dame to study history. Bednarz entered the novitiate to study the religious life two years later and then finished his undergraduate degree at Notre Dame, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a masters's degree from Indiana University at Bloomington.

Brother Dennis served at Hoban 1992–2005 teaching history, served as Admissions Director and coached baseball. Brother Dennis has taught in five schools in the Midwest Province and is currently serving at St. Edward High School in Lakewood.

Brother Michael Becker, C.S.C.

Brother Michael Becker served briefly at Hoban in 1958. Throughout his life as a brother he has primarily served the Congregation handling clerical duties at Holy Cross schools or at the provincial business office at Notre Dame, Ind. As he celebrates his 60th Jubilee, Brother Michael continues his work tracking all medical bills and programs for brothers in the Province.

Rev. John Blazek, C.S.C.

Although Father John Blazek has never been assigned to Hoban, he has often presided over liturgies for both the school and the Associates of St. Joseph. He has spent his entire life of ministry as chaplain at St. Edward High School and since 1979 at Gilmour Academy. While at these schools he has taught religion, math and computer science and coached basketball and baseball. He has been Gilmour's campus minister since the mid-1990s. He will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

A liturgy of thanksgiving was celebrated June 17 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. 

Record sponsorships and joyful giving created the foundation for grossing over \$485,000 at the 32nd annual Extravaganza dinner-auction. This outcome moved Hoban to an even greater position of strength in its plans to create the highly anticipated Hoban Innovation Center.

A special highlight of the evening was the Bernard Foundation's challenge to match dollar-for-dollar up



to \$50,000 in pledges. Hoban raised over \$67,000 to secure the match for scholarships and financial aid.

It took an army of volunteers that included board members, current and past parents, alumni, students, faculty and staff as well as gift donors,

sponsors, advertisers and attendees to make the evening such a success.

Over 450 guests enjoyed the evening, while countless volunteers ensured the evening ran smoothly.

Special thanks go out to co-chairs John and Michelle Frola and Nevin and Laura Nussbaum. The guidance of first-year Extravaganza coordinator Cathy Reeves '80 created a memorable evening.



Longtime supporter of Extravaganza Dave Showers '64 eyes a live auction item that he bids on at the 32nd annual Extravaganza.



Maureen and Mike '77 Wartko enjoy the elegantly decorated "winter" dining room at the Four Seasons in a Knight Extravaganza.



Tomiko Maynard with her granddaughter Abby Griffith '19 and daughter Emily Eckart '91 are three generations enjoying Extravaganza.

Save these dates!

Extravaganza 2018
April 14



the Holy Cross Educator

Judy Mohan

15 years at Hoban • Has taught Biology, Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology and Environmental Science •
Cocurriculars: Co-moderator of Academic Challenge and Animal Care League/Biology Club • Family – married to Pete Mohan, Director of Animal Operations at Akron Zoo, for 38 years; four children – Michael (34), Kathy (32) – married to Andy Goodell, granddaughter Isla (b. 9/10/16), Kristin (27), Graeme (23) • Hobbies – outdoors (hiking, canoeing, kayaking, cycling, camping), calligraphy, nature photography



Why did I become a teacher?

My 15 years at Hoban are part of a 41-year career in education. Two stellar teachers, one in junior high, the other in college, drew me to education.

Our oldest son Michael was born with Down syndrome. Part of my own education was understanding how best to help him learn. Advocating for inclusive classrooms in our school district became my passion. I spent seven years working as a trained parent mentor for families of students with disabilities.

Working with students with different learning styles made me realize that educators must think differently about how to develop lessons and create environments where all kids can learn effectively. I got another degree, this time in education, so that I could learn how to teach all kids together and meet their learning needs. I hoped I could be a model for other educators to make learning more and inclusive.

Why is Hoban special?

Hoban was the first school I interviewed with. Dr. Mary Anne Beiting impressed me with her description of the school's academics and the fine facilities, but what resonated most was what she said next: "At Hoban, in the Holy Cross tradition, our mission is not only to educate minds, but also the hearts of our students. We look for educators who embrace that mission and make it their own."

What is your favorite memory as a teacher?

Every year at the Senior Mass, I sit on the center aisle so I can see each graduate's face as they process into the gym. They grow up so much in four years, and I am filled with pride, excitement and a little sadness remembering all they have accomplished. They will tell you I cry every year!

I remember one student who went to prom, stayed up all night at after-prom, then came back to the weight room without sleep to cheer my son on in powerlifting when Hoban hosted Special Olympics. I remember the cast of *Grease*, who knew how much Michael loved that play. Our troupe presented him with the publicity poster, signed by each member.

Which Holy Cross core value resonates the most for you?

I am grateful for the inspiration of St. André Bessette in my work as a Holy Cross educator. He embodied inclusiveness, family and hope in his humble life and has been a model for me to emulate.

Because I have worked hard for inclusiveness for my son, it is important to me to keep it uppermost in my mind as I work with students, colleagues and parents. I am inspired every day to try to impart these values in my work as an educator at Hoban and I will always be thankful that God led me here and has sustained me in becoming a part of our mission. ✝



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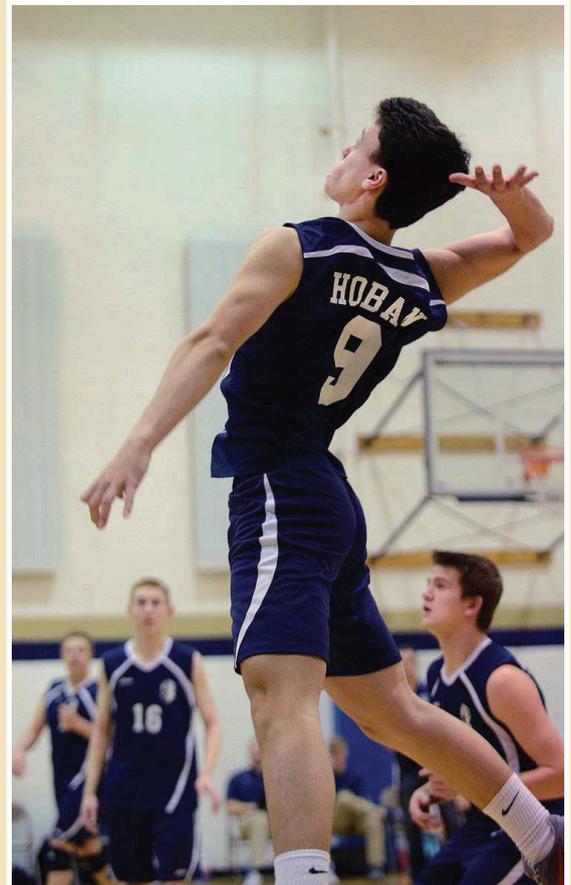
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