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We are a Catholic high school in the Holy Cross tradition.

We celebrate our diversity, value each person, and welcome one another with the hospitality of Christ

As a family of learners, anchored in gospel values, we empower each other to grow spiritually, develop intellectually and reach out in service to others.

Within an innovative and orderly learning environment we are committed to challenging each student in both heart and mind to be a compassionate individual, a lifelong learner, and a responsible steward of God's creation.

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**“Our Holy Cross culture is truly a gift. Maintaining this Holy Cross gift demands intentionality and our continued reliance on Divine Providence.”**

– Dr. Todd R. Sweda



Dear Hoban Family,

While we may believe we have a pulse on how well our Holy Cross mission is being lived at Archbishop Hoban High School, it is extremely gratifying to have outside professionals acknowledge the congruency between what we claim to be doing and what is actually taking place on a daily basis.

As a school sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross, we undergo a review every three years by representatives from the provincial administration and educators from other Holy Cross institutions. The recent 2018 Sponsorship Review used the pedagogy of Holy Cross as a lens:

*Teaching INFORMATION to students that imparts to students knowledge and competence; which is at the service of the... FORMATION of students by fostering proper values, attitudes, and behaviors; which is directed toward the... TRANSFORMATION of these students, who becomes agents of transformation in the world to create a better future.*

Review team members saw successful evidence of this framework in the curriculum, campus ministry activities, cocurricular programs, as well as in the policies and procedures in place. Their report outlined the extraordinary work of the faculty and staff as well as the special commitment to Holy Cross evident by parents, board members, and the students themselves. They congratulated the Board in the plans to form a Holy Cross Identity Committee to formalize and strengthen the internal approach to assessing mission effectiveness.

A story about the recent review process can be found on the following page.

Our Holy Cross culture is truly a gift. Maintaining this Holy Cross gift demands intentionality and our continued reliance on Divine Providence.

May we be forever good stewards of Hoban's transformational work!

In Holy Cross,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Todd R. Sweda Ed.D.'.

Todd R. Sweda, Ed.D.  
President





## REVIEW TEAM AFFIRMS HOBAN'S HOLY CROSS SPONSORSHIP

As part of the sponsorship agreement between Archbishop Hoban High School and the Midwest Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a team of four Holy Cross educators visited Hoban in March. Visits such as this take place every three years with the purpose of ensuring that Hoban maintains its essential Holy Cross character as envisioned by our founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.

"This is always a very positive experience for our school" said Brother Bob Livernois, who was responsible for the preparations for the visit. "It is a time when we can be lauded for our accomplishments and also set goals for continued improvement of our Holy Cross identity at Hoban."

In the final report, the administration, faculty and staff were highly praised for their commitment to creative academic programs and strong cocurricular activities all centered around our Holy Cross core values. In the report the reviewers said, "[There is] considerable evidence that the Hoban mission and core values are fundamental to the life of the school. We encountered genuine professionals who exhibit great zeal, real excellence and sincere hope. Hoban is a great school, and you should be very proud."

The team shared many commendations and suggested a few recommendations to consider in the next few years. Some of the recommendations involved implementing continued education about safe use of technology, investigation of staff needs in specific offices, and a few additions to be incorporated into the school-wide wellness initiative.

With 22 commendations, it was clear that the visiting team was most impressed with what Hoban is doing to maintain its Catholic and Holy Cross identity.

### Top Five Holy Cross Review Commendations

1. Hoban is family. It is palpable.
2. The 10 core values are not just listed, they are lived.
3. The school-wide spiritual engagement program organized by the religious studies department may be the best and most widely implemented program for formation we have seen in any school.
4. Hoban's [student] leadership program is more extensive and more embedded than any program we know.
5. The Hoban teachers we encountered demonstrate great zeal to do their part to form and transform students in ways that go beyond transmitting mere knowledge.

## Campus Happenings

## CREATE STUDIOS VISUAL ARTS CENTER

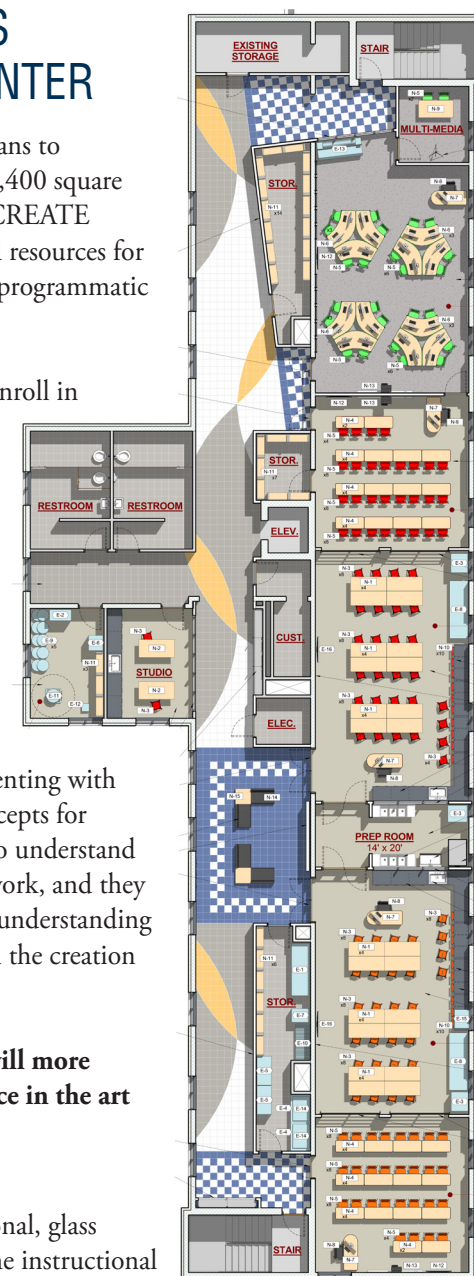
Once fully funded, Hoban plans to dedicate a newly renovated, 7,400 square foot visual arts center called CREATE Studios to provide the needed resources for professional, curriculum and programmatic growth in the fall of 2019.

Nearly 400 Hoban students enroll in visual arts courses each year. Art education is cross-disciplinary and incorporates all subjects. Students apply math skills when dealing with measuring, proportion and scale; language arts skills in written self-reflections, artist statements and reports; and scientific and critical-thinking skills when experimenting with materials and developing concepts for projects. They study history to understand the context of artists and artwork, and they express and develop a deeper understanding of their spiritual lives through the creation of artwork.

**The proposed renovations will more than double the current space in the art department and include:**

- Instructional spaces
- Studios/work zones (functional, glass garage doors will separate the instructional spaces and studios)
- Apple iMac lab with an adjoining multi-media area
- Student and visiting artist gallery space
- Kiln room and ceramics equipment storage space
- Informal gathering area, storage spaces and display areas for student artwork

Capital projects such as the CREATE Studios go well beyond the operational budget supported by tuition. Philanthropic support will make this space a reality. For more information about the CREATE Studios and how you can contribute to this important initiative, visit [hoban.org/create\\_studios](http://hoban.org/create_studios) or call the advancement office at 330.773.8620.





# SCHOLARSHIP AND COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS AGREEMENT STRENGTHENS HOBAN'S CONNECTION WITH WALSH UNIVERSITY

Two new initiatives between Walsh University and Archbishop Hoban High School will provide students an opportunity to earn college credit without leaving Hoban's campus and financial support to attend Walsh once they do. With a shared Catholic faith and commitment to providing a values-based education, Walsh University and Hoban have established a new Hoban/Walsh scholarship, the Rhonda and Gary Didado Family Scholarship, and signed their first College Credit Plus (CCP) agreement.

Through a leadership gift by Walsh University board of director and Hoban supporters Gary and Rhonda Didado, Hoban students who wish to attend Walsh University are now eligible for scholarship support towards their tuition and fees.

"We're pleased to offer this opportunity for Hoban students to attend a prominent Catholic university of which I'm also board member," said Gary Didado, whose daughter Danielle (Didado '08) Hysell is both a Hoban and Walsh alumna. "My hope is that this scholarship opportunity will entice other like-minded individuals to give as well and provide further opportunity for Hoban and Walsh students."

Hoban students can also save time and money by taking Walsh's college-level courses while at Hoban at no cost through a new CCP agreement. The first course in organic chemistry complements Hoban's academic curriculum, and was designed by Walsh Professor of Biochemistry and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Michael Dunphy, Ph.D., who is a Walsh graduate and a member of the Hoban Class of 1975.

"We're thankful to the Didado family who have been longtime supporters of Hoban, and we're especially proud that these new partnerships were spearheaded by members of our own community, the Didado family and Dr. Michael Dunphy," said Dr. Todd R. Sweda, President of Hoban. "As a Holy Cross Catholic institution, one of our priorities is to seek new ways to enhance our student offerings by partnering with other strong Catholic organizations like Walsh University. Geographically, our two schools are in proximity, which allows us to share resources and opportunities for all of our students. This partnership will support Hoban students who wish to stay in Northeast Ohio and lend their talents to our economic development, especially in the areas of healthcare and science."

Walsh University has distinguished itself as a regional leader in the health sciences with faculty and undergraduate research in mathematics, computer science and the natural sciences. Walsh is committed to the principle of "reasoned inquiry" and encourages debate, discussion and inter-disciplinary study relative to all academic endeavors, and reflecting Catholic traditions. The organic chemistry course will not only count as a



*Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume, Gary Didado, Rhonda Didado, Danielle (Didado '08) Hysell, Tyler Hysell and Hoban President Dr. Todd Sweda*



*Back row: The Rev. Mike Ausperk, Principal Emily Hanson, Dr. Michael Dunphy '75 and Kevin Hillery. Front row: President Todd Sweda and Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume.*

college credit, but will prepare Hoban students for requirements in Walsh degree programs such as pre-nursing, pre-med, pre-engineering and pre-physical therapy in which more advanced organic chemistry is required.

"Walsh and Hoban have enjoyed a longstanding relationship. Some of our most successful alumni are also graduates of Hoban, which is a testament to the strength of both of our schools," said Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. "We hope that the establishment of the Rhonda and Gary Didado Family Scholarship and the CCP partnership will benefit future generations of students and continue to reinforce Catholic education in Northeast Ohio."

The purpose of Ohio's College Credit Plus program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students. The agreement between Walsh and Hoban now offers students the opportunity to take college classes and earn college credits toward the field of study they plan to pursue in college, even before receiving their high school diplomas.





## MUSEUM STUDIES CLASS HOSTS REVOLUTIONARY WAR LIVING HISTORY DAYS

Students in the Museum Studies class presented the ninth annual Revolutionary War Living History Days to over 800 local fourth and fifth graders on May 16 and 17. In all, Hoban students have educated more than 15,000 people through the annual program.

Throughout the semester, the class researched local Revolutionary War veterans buried in Summit County. Through intense research into pension files and ancestry records, they created a historical interpretation of the life of these individuals and represented them on the upper field.

“The students this year have added a higher level of authenticity and historical interpretation by spending an entire semester researching, writing, analyzing and interpreting specific elements of the American

Revolution, especially those men who came to the Ohio Territory after the war and settled in Summit County with their families and started anew here,” Mr. Jason Anderson said. “Their stories need to be remembered, and that is exactly what they have done, and will continue to do.”

During the two-day living history, students dress in full colonial historical apparel and military uniforms. Through their research, students can deliver historical presentations, including fife and drum corps performances, field kitchen cooking instructions and 18th century printing press demonstrations.

*Eddie Strah '18 and Sarah Robinson '18 speak to a group of elementary students during this year's Revolutionary War Living History Days.*

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION RECOGNIZES 14 STUDENTS

Each year, Hoban students fare extremely well in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition. This year, 14 seniors were recognized, the highest number of students since 2010. Of those 14, six students—Luke Armao, Jack Bahmer, Joshua Parisi, Michael Rinaldi, Alison Ritenour and Victor Vogt—were named finalists. The remaining eight—James Bowling, Michael Davies, Patrick Hanlon, Sean Hayes, Kathleen McMahon, Jack Skinner, Ryan Volcansek and Chloe Weidrick—were recognized as commended students.

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the program by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants.

About 15,000 of the 16,000 semifinalists advanced to finalist status in February 2018, based on academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership and honors received.



Finalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and are the highest-scoring entrants in each state and continue in the competition for some 7,400 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

The designation of commended student recognizes the recipients' exceptional academic promise shown on the test, but they do not continue in the competition for National Merit scholarships.





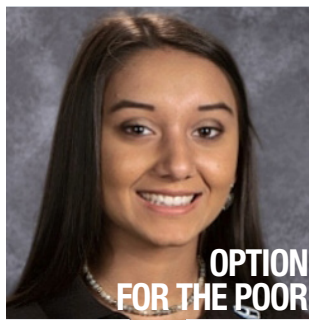
# Celebration of HOLY CROSS

In January, Hoban planned the inaugural Holy Cross Celebration, a 10-day celebration to educate and increase awareness of the 10 core values of the Congregation of Holy Cross—divine providence, excellence, educating hearts and minds, inclusiveness, discipline, option for the poor, hope, family, integrity and zeal.

The festivities were planned to also recognize the Feast of St. André Bessette, C.S.C., which was celebrated on Jan. 6 and the Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C. on Jan. 20.

“With these two feast days in January, it is clear that this month is important for the Congregation of Holy Cross and all of us who are connected to this Holy Cross school,” said Brother Robert Livernois, C.S.C. vice president of mission and leadership. “With that in mind, we created Holy Cross Celebration, which will take the place of Catholic Schools Week moving forward.”

Beginning with a school Mass on Friday, Jan. 19, in anticipation of the Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau through Feb. 2, Hoban students, faculty and staff made a deliberate effort to celebrate our school’s Holy Cross



## OPTION FOR THE POOR

“This value means much to me as I volunteer to serve others during Project HOPE, One of A Kind Pets and Akron Children’s Hospital.”

— Alexis Smith '20



## EXCELLENCE

“This value motivates me to put extra work into my classes, my studies and my cocurricular activities. I want to live up to the expectations of my teachers and classmates, and also my own expectations of myself.”

— Sarah Caley '19



## INTEGRITY

“Integrity means to me staying true to your beliefs, and especially staying true to yourself. I feel through high school, I have never lost who I am and what I stand for and am truly blessed to have been recognized for that.”

— Brady Rowan '19



## DISCIPLINE

“Discipline is being able to challenge yourself every day – to put the effort into every task at hand, and while doing that, doing it with integrity.”

— Matt Salopek '19



## EDUCATING HEARTS AND MINDS

“Our teachers understand the importance of building relationships with students. Hoban has provided me with so many learning opportunities and really prepared me for the future, shaping my mind, as well as who I am as a person.”

— Francesca Mammone '18



heritage, focusing on one core value each day. During the two-week celebration, the core value of the day was recognized during morning announcements, and daily activities took place. All-school assemblies were also planned to allow the entire school to congregate for special events.

“I really enjoyed how the activities, like the faculty-student basketball game, helped to unite the school and create a sense of family,” junior Sarah Caley said.

One example of the activities planned included giving everyone a craft stick with one of the following words written on it: prayer, hug, praise, high five, thank or good deed. They were instructed to complete the task to help become more disciplined in our everyday actions toward one another. The sticks were then strung together and hung around the bust of Archbishop Hoban as a constant reminder to be more disciplined in our concern for one another.



With fewer than 20 Holy Cross Brothers still actively working in schools across the nation, it is extremely important that the values and traditions of the Congregation of Holy Cross be known and impressed upon each member of the Hoban family.

“Our goal is that every student leave Hoban with an understanding of each of the core values,” said Livernois. “As educators, we try to instill the values every day, but during Holy Cross Celebration we are far more intentional so that everyone concentrates on the core value for the day and incorporates it into their daily life.”

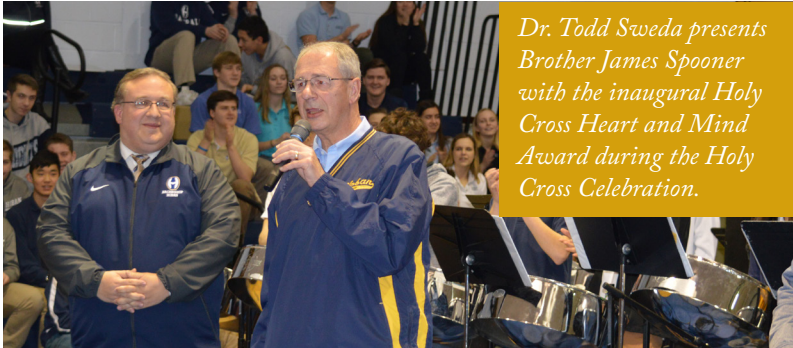
### Spooner receives Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, Brother James Spooner, C.S.C. received the inaugural Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award during an all-school assembly. Associate Principal Spooner was nominated by a faculty and staff vote. The award recognizes Spooner’s dedication in the Holy Cross goal of educating the heart as well as the mind of each student.



“I like to think of what I am to the faculty is a brother,” Spooner said. “As associate principal, I try to help them be the best teachers. I’ve always told them, my job is to make your job easier. So, that’s being a brother.”

The Heart and Mind Award will be given to a Hoban faculty or staff member who has worked at the school for at least five years and incorporates the values of Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Nominated by their peers, the award winner will be selected by a faculty and staff vote, not a small committee of representatives, but the school’s entire community.



*Dr. Todd Sweda presents Brother James Spooner with the inaugural Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award during the Holy Cross Celebration.*



**FAMILY**

“Family perfectly describes our school as a whole. Family, to me, means a unit that works together to accomplish a common goal. That unity is seen each and every day at Hoban in different aspects whether it be the classroom or the field, court or track.”  
 – Faith Benson-Ludle '18



**INCLUSIVENESS**

“At Hoban, I have learned to treat all people with respect. It’s OK to be different – it’s OK that you may not fit in with everyone. You will find your group. Because of Hoban, I understand the true meaning of inclusiveness, which leads to family.”  
 – Daeshon Martin '18



**DIVINE PROVIDENCE**

“I find that reliance on divine providence is very relevant in my life both in and out of Hoban. We all know life isn’t perfect. Yet, knowing that whenever things get rough I can just give them to God and he will always do what’s best for me makes it all bearable.”  
 – Corrie Mullins '19



**ZEAL**

“The Holy Cross value zeal means that you have passion in everything that you do. You never give less than 100 percent of your effort.”  
 – Nicki Hodgkiss '18



**HOPE**

“Hope allows us to trust in God and let him guide our lives through the many ups and downs. They happen for a reason, and we must believe that he will lead us to ultimate happiness. We just have to have hope.”  
 – Samantha Wentz '18





# Hoban students learn in the field

We all can remember a teacher who made a significant impact on us because that teacher was so passionate in the subject matter. For many current Hoban students and recent alumni, Jason Anderson is that teacher. With zeal, contagious excitement and energy, Anderson, chair of the social studies department, teaches an archaeology class, a senior-level course designed to introduce students to the careers in archaeology, as well as, deepen their understanding and appreciation of historical events.

This past May marked the sixth year that Anderson led a group of students on a school-sponsored trip to Mount Vernon, Va. This year's students, Gracie Bagdon, Ryan Davis, Emily Day, Alex Houghlan, Jenna Kupcik, Macy Petit, Kaitlyn Pongracz, Nicole Roberts, Nate Severns and Megan Sutterluety—worked alongside the team of professional archaeologists at the estate of George Washington and were able to get hands-on experience that one would only expect when in advanced-level college courses.

“Hoban is the only school in the area, and possibly the state, to offer a

course on archaeology,” Anderson said. “And we are the only high school in the *world* to have the privilege of working at Mount Vernon.”

This year's archaeology trip was even more unique and special than previous trips as it was the first time the Hoban archaeology students were invited to a second site at the William Pierce plantation in historic Jamestown, Va.

While over 50 students were enrolled in the archaeology course this spring, the selected students who traveled to Virginia were those who chose to take a deeper dive into the course. This enhanced course is called the Center for Archaeological Studies, and the requirements are set to ensure they're capable and ready for the Virginia trip.

“Students in the Center for Archaeological Studies take on a lot of extra work in the class,” Anderson said. “They have to maintain an A in the course, complete a lengthy research paper, interview a professional archaeologist and attend additional lectures at the University of Akron. Based on their performance, they can be eligible for the trip to Virginia.”





## Local Digs

All students in the course have the opportunity to have hands-on experience working with professional-grade excavation equipment. For his class, Anderson has created a replica of a 1760s military encampment on Hoban's campus to allow everyone the opportunity to excavate artificial bones and other materials.

A highlight for students who do visit Virginia is working with the team of professional archaeologists. With the teleconferencing equipment in the Hoban Innovation Center, Anderson has also made this available to his entire class. Mount Vernon archaeologist Joe Downer video conferenced with the class, and gave them insight about his education and profession.

In addition to the replica dig site in our own backyard, Hoban recently entered into a contract to allow students to excavate a second site in Gnadenhutten, Ohio, on the Tuscarawas River called Milligan's Island. Due to poor spring weather and flooding, the students were unable to complete the project during the school year.

"These students completed a lot of hard work to prepare for that dig, including a 20-page archaeology analysis on the land," Anderson said. "They deserved to be the first to excavate on the island."



*Jason Anderson shows his students how to use a Munsell soil color chart at the excavation site on Hoban's campus.*



*Nate Severns '18 sifts through debris from the Mount Vernon excavation site.*





Archbishop Hoban Retweeted



**HistoricJamestowne** @JRarchaeology · May 3

We had a great time with students from @hoban yesterday! These advanced high school seniors are participating in the #CenterForArchaeologicalStudies at their school. You're seeing the future of #archaeology in these students! 📸: Leah Stricker & Lee McBee) #JamestownRediscovery



*Hoban students tour the Angela site, the home of the first African slave worker in the Jamestown Colony.*

## Trip to Virginia

Anderson, two adult chaperones and 10 students left the afternoon of May 1 in two school vans. The group drove through the night to Williamsburg, Va. The plantation they visited was built between 1619-1620, and its owner was the first in the Jamestown Colony to have slaves.

“It is the reputation of our students that has provided this opportunity,” Anderson said. “I was personally contacted by Leah Stricker, an archaeologist who works in Jamestown, and she invited our students to the site. They are the first students to have this opportunity and privilege.”

Anderson and his students did not know what to expect during their first visit to the Jamestown plantation. While there, the students worked for an entire day at the “Angela Site,” which has been named after the first African slave known to be brought into the English colonies.

According to a 2017 NBC News story, of the nine enslaved Africans who lived in Jamestown in 1625, only one woman was identified by name after she arrived on a slave ship in 1620. She is known by the name of Angela. According to historical records, Angela was a “servant” in the household of Captain William Pierce, a successful politician who served as the Virginia lieutenant governor.

It has been discovered that Angela was taken from Angola and forced aboard a Portuguese slave ship, the Sao Ja Bautista, in the early summer of 1619, sailing from Luana, the capital of Portuguese Angola, and bound for the port of Vera Cruz on the coast of Mexico. Of the 350 enslaved Africans aboard the Sao Ja Bautista, historians say, only 147 arrived in Vera Cruz.

Archaeologists have only started to explore the Angela site in the past couple of years. The opportunity this affords Hoban students is extraordinarily meaningful.

“The goal of our dig in Jamestown was to learn as much about the world in which Angela lived as possible,” Anderson said. “We were able to find a great deal of material at that site. It was the best trip we’ve ever taken.”

While at the Angela site, students were able to identify pottery shards, iron nails, clay pipe stems, a piece of a comb and dinnerware, among other artifacts. They also took a tour of the grounds with the archaeologists and other professionals on the team and saw the museum of artifacts that have been found.

“We came home every day completely exhausted and filthy,” Houglan said. “But the experience was worth it. We got to learn how to properly excavate a unit and all the really technical stuff that goes with it.”





*Artifacts discovered during the trip to the Angela site in Jamestown, Va.*

The following two days, the Hoban group was at Mount Vernon. While the excavation at Jamestown was something like a buried treasure hunt, the students performed equally important and rewarding work in Mount Vernon.

“The work we did at the two sites were very different,” Houglan said. “The site at Jamestown hasn’t been excavated as long as Mount Vernon, so there were a lot of artifacts to be found. It really puts what we learn in text books in action and makes it concrete. We touched a piece of history that someone used and I got to find it!”

In the first couple years that Hoban students traveled to Mount Vernon, they completed field digs in the South Paddock, working to discover an old carpentry shop on the site. Most recently, and again this year, students have excavated in the slave cemetery, making a very real and physical connection to a critical and deeply significant era of American history for students.

“This experience made what we learned in history have so much more meaning,” Severns said. “I took U.S. History with Mr. Anderson last year, and we learned about Native American culture. When we were at Mount Vernon, we found stone flakes from when they made stone tools. It was really cool to learn from the archaeologists who could point out those things.”

The purpose of excavating at the cemetery is to determine the number of slaves who were buried on the property. The depth at which they are working is not at a level where human remains could be found. Some of the most memorable discoveries have been an 1800 clay pipe, carpentry nails indicating where the grave shafts are, a broken china cup and saucer and a wine bottle.



*Gracie Bagdon '18 and Emily Day '18 explain their work to Mount Vernon tourists.*



*Jason Anderson and Kaitlyn Pongracz '18 excavate at Mount Vernon.*





“This class has taught me to pay attention to the details,” Severn said. “There is a lot to be learned when you focus on the small things.” Severn joined the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation, starting boot camp in South Carolina in June.

Since excavation began in the Mount Vernon slave cemetery, more than 70 burial sites have been identified.

“These are the people who did all the work,” Anderson said. “They built the buildings. They made the whiskey. By knowing how many slaves worked at the estate, we are honoring their memory and we are expanding our understanding of history.”

Throughout their stay at Mount Vernon, the students were approached several times by tourists visiting the estate who were interested in what they were doing.

“A lot of people stopped us and asked us what we were doing,” Day said. “They were surprised when we told them we were from a high school in Ohio. We explained that we were looking for grave shafts, not remains. I was amazed that they have found so many. They said more than a third of those are children. It’s an honor to help memorialize those people.”

“There is no textbook for what these students are doing in my class,” Anderson said. “They do a lot of background work to have this opportunity, and then they are digging in the dirt. They are touching the things people used and owned in their lifetime. They are commemorating the lives of people from the past. You simply cannot teach that from a book or the classroom.”



*Jenna Kupcik '18*



*Emily Day '18*



*Ryan Davis '18*





*Planning to study anthropology at the University of Akron in the fall, Alex Houglan '18 excavates at Hoban to prepare for the Virginia trip.*

### Hoban alumni on their way to the field—literally

For several of Anderson's students, taking the archaeology course and the real-world learning opportunities they have experienced has made a major impact on their lives. Houglan is preparing to attend the University of Akron in the fall and plans to study anthropology.

"Initially I wasn't sure I wanted to take this course," Houglan said. "I needed another elective, and my mom encouraged me to take it. I agreed because Mr. Anderson is one of my favorite history teachers. Now I'm really looking forward to making this a part of my life. I love the fact that there is so much to learn."

Houglan is hoping to study as an undergraduate at the Jamestown field school and ultimately has goals of working professionally at the site.

Still others, such as Megan Kavcar '15, have left Hoban and Mr. Anderson's classroom with aspirations of entering the archaeology field.

"The trip to Mount Vernon was one of the most amazing experiences," Kavcar said. "Taking the archaeology class with Mr. Anderson was a unique experience. I am thankful to have gotten the chance to take the class and to have attended a school that offers such interesting and diverse courses."

Kavcar, who finished her third year at Kent State University, is majoring in anthropology with a focus in archaeology and a minor in history. With aspirations of working in the field, conducting excavations of her own, Kavcar plans to earn her master's and eventually her doctorate in anthropology.

"The nice thing about archaeology and anthropology is that there are so many career options and paths that you can explore," Kavcar said. "I am not 100 percent certain what I want to do with the rest of my life, but my options are endless because it is such an extensive field of study—one that I wouldn't have considered if it hadn't been for my time at Hoban."





# Class of 2018

A total of 203 students participated in the Archbishop Hoban High School 62nd commencement ceremony on May 27 at the Akron Civic Theatre. The energetic class joins an elite listing of more than 11,000 Hoban alumni making a difference and living out the Holy Cross values around the world.

The Class of 2018 included four international students from China and, as a class, they will disperse to more than 60 colleges and universities in 15 states and Washington D.C. One student will attend college in the Netherlands.

William Scala '71, president of Kenmore Construction and longtime Hoban board member and past board chair, delivered this year's commencement speech. Scala first welcomed the Class of 2018 as official members of the Hoban alumni.

"From now on, your name will forever be connected to Hoban, and I am confident that you will do us all proud," Scala said in his opening remarks.

Scala continued to say that the only thing certain in life is change. He encouraged the graduates to dictate as much of that change in their lives as possible by looking ahead and being prepared. Scala's message

encouraged them to follow the advice of his father, the wisest man he's ever known, who encouraged Scala to know the people around him because they help define who you become, have a passion for what you do and stand up for what you believe in.

"While everything changes in life (except for the Hoban gym not being air conditioned)," Scala said, "the Holy Cross values will always be there for you. Your Holy Cross education makes you all uniquely qualified, and it's why Hoban graduates are so successful in our community, our nation and internationally."

The ceremony featured speeches from Salutatorian Michael Rinaldi and Valedictorian Victor Vogt. Both Rinaldi and Vogt gave encouraging deliveries to their fellow classmates, challenging them in the next stage of their life. Both Rinaldi and Vogt made similar observations of the fact that the Class of 2018 has made its mark on Hoban, and that now, they must make their mark on the world.

"Attending Hoban isn't something that you did," Rinaldi said. "It's who you are. Remember our achievements and look forward to all you will do."

Vogt ended with a lasting piece of advice for his classmates. "Be yourself," he said. "The people who change the world aren't the ones who fit in. They are the ones that stand out."





**INTEGRITY** Archbishop Hoban High School focuses on one Holy Cross value each academic year. Integrity was the theme for the 2017-18 year.

"We will place education side by side with instruction. Instruction transmits particular knowledge and skills, while education of the heart fosters the values, attitudes and behaviors which will use that knowledge and those skills appropriately and productively. The quality which defines the students of a Holy Cross education is the training of the hearts as well as the minds. True education is the formation of the hearts and transforming of values in people." (Moreau, Christian Education 1856)



Following graduation, Kyara Keith is moving to the Netherlands to study at Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen. As a dual American and Dutch citizen, Keith transferred to Hoban for her junior and senior year. She previously lived in Aruba, a Dutch constituent island in the Caribbean. She plans to major in marine biology in college.

## SENIOR AWARDS

Seniors Elizabeth Redle and Mary Stitzel won the 2018 Monsignor Richard A. Dowd School Spirit Award and the Brother André Heart of Holy Cross Award, respectively. The awards were announced at this year's Academic Celebration assembly held on May 22.

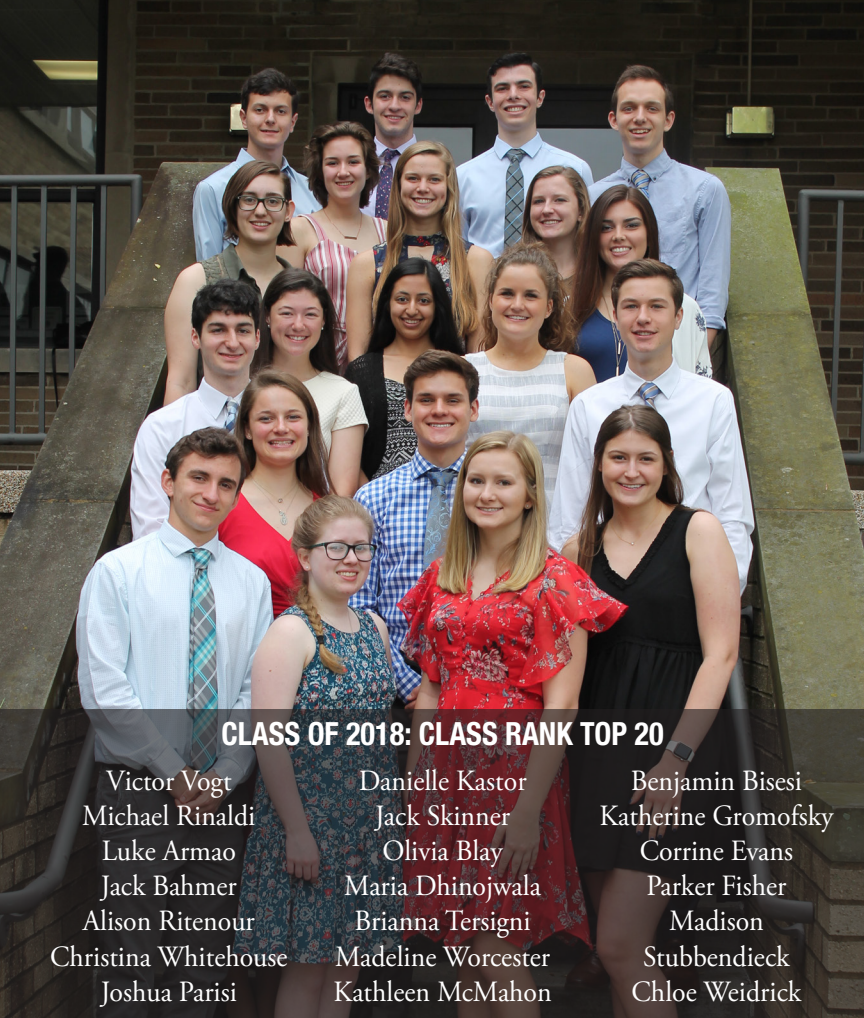
Given to one student in each grade, the Dowd Award is the highest honor awarded to Hoban students. Other Dowd Award winners for 2017-18 are junior Brady Rowen, sophomore Deamonte Traynum and freshman Shane Hamm. The award singles out students who have made outstanding contributions of their time, effort 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. The award dates back to 1957, and is named after the late Msgr. Dowd, who was responsible for convincing 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.

The Brother André Heart of Holy Cross 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 or friend of Hoban who meets this award winner is shown the hospitality of Christ.



*Elizabeth Redle and Mary Stitzel received two of the highest honors given to Hoban students, the Monsignor Richard A. Dowd School Spirit Award and the Brother André Heart of Holy Cross Award.*





**CLASS OF 2018: CLASS RANK TOP 20**

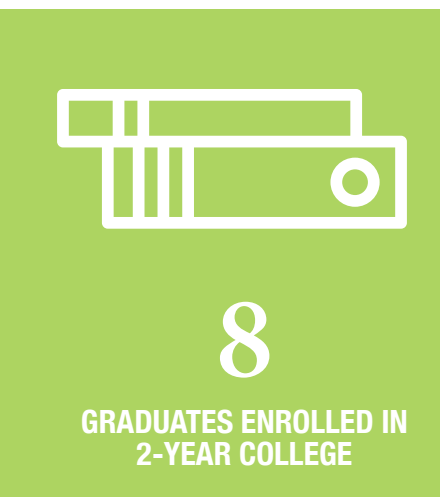
Victor Vogt	Danielle Kastor	Benjamin Bisesi
Michael Rinaldi	Jack Skinner	Katherine Gromofsky
Luke Armao	Olivia Blay	Corrine Evans
Jack Bahmer	Maria Dhinojwala	Parker Fisher
Alison Ritenour	Brianna Tersigni	Madison
Christina Whitehouse	Madeline Worcester	Stubbendieck
Joshua Parisi	Kathleen McMahon	Chloe Weidrick



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD AWARD**  
ANTHONY BISHOP AND KATHERINE GROMOFSKY



**VALEDICTORIAN**  
VICTOR VOGT



**OPTIMIST YOUTH APPRECIATION AWARD**  
DANIELLE KASTOR AND PARKER FISHER



**AKRON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**  
CATHERINE HOVARTH





67

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
SENIORS IN  
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



4

GRADUATES TO SERVE  
IN MILITARY  
(INCLUDES 3 TO ATTEND COLLEGE)



**SALUTATORIAN**  
**MICHAEL RINALDI**



189

GRADUATES ENROLLED IN  
4-YEAR COLLEGE



### HONOR FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Luke Armao	Gromofsky	Mattler	Isaac Srinivasan
Jack Bahmer	Patrick Hanlon	Abigail McAllister	Julia Susany
Brandon Bishop	Sean Hayes	Kathleen	Victor Vogt
Michael Davies	Rachel Kubick	McMahon	Ryan Volcansek
Maria Dhinojwala	Jeremy Leyden	Joshua Parisi	Chloe Weidrick
Corinne Evans	Jonathan	Michael Rinaldi	Christina
Evan Franklin	Markowski	Alison Ritenour	Whitehouse
Katherine	Christopher	Jack Skinner	Lily Zaucha

*Students must attend Hoban for four years, maintain a 3.8 GPA and score in the 98th percentile on the ACT or SAT.*



**THE CLASS OF 2018  
EARNED A TOTAL OF  
\$23,272,634**

**IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO  
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION**



## STUDENT BUILDS A VIOLIN FOR PHYSICS CLASS

Using the newly constructed Innovation Center, senior student Catherine Horvath was able to build a working violin for a physics class project.

“This was the first time I had Catherine in class, and she completely blew me away with her end-of-the-year project,” science teacher Diane Cook said. “She is an extremely bright student and has a great interest for learning.”

Gregory Pero, science and pre-engineering teacher, assisted Horvath in using the equipment in the Innovation Center. However, Horvath had to complete extensive research about how violins are constructed and what makes the notes sound the way they do in order to design and build a functioning violin.



## SERVICE FORMATION PROGRAM

On March 12, three Hoban alumni and two friends of Hoban, a former parent and a former faculty member, visited in a daylong panel presentation. Throughout the day, all students had a chance to hear the panelists share their stories of service. Included in the panel were Hallie Poor '13, Jon Crabbs '12, Katie Caprez '12, Janice Stahl and Greg Milo.

“The campus ministry and mission offices discerned that we have a responsibility to go beyond the service paper and provide students with a more enduring Christian formation,” said Ben Rossi of the religious studies department. “During a three-day program, students were able to process their service experiences, reflect on how to integrate service into their future careers and lifestyles, as well as make the connection between service and salvation.”

As Caprez said during one panel session, “I believe God has given us each gifts so that we can share them with others. No matter what job you have, you can serve others and carry out the Holy Cross values.”



## HOBAN JUNIOR WINS BRONZE, SILVER IN USASA SKIING NATIONALS

In early April, junior Audrey Friess won bronze and silver medals in the United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association National Skiing Tournament in Copper Mountain, Colo. To qualify for nationals, she competed in regionals throughout Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

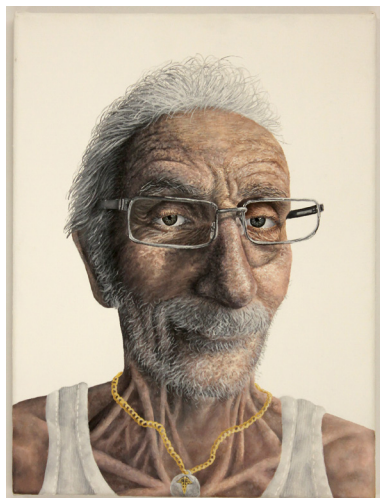
Friess competed in slope-style, receiving bronze, and rail jam, for which she received a silver medal. “This being the first year I ever competed, I was happy and surprised to be able to podium in both events,” Friess said.

According to the USASA, every U.S. Olympic Snowboard Team member since 2006 started their competitive careers at USASA. Ten snowboarding Olympians, including gold medalist Chloe Kim, big air silver medalist Kyle Mack and bronze medalists Arielle Gold and Alex Deibold returned to USASA Nationals to share their journeys from regional USASA series riders to Olympic athletes.

*Audrey Friess '19 (far right) won bronze and silver in her first national skiing competition.*



## TWO ART STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT NATIONAL LEVEL



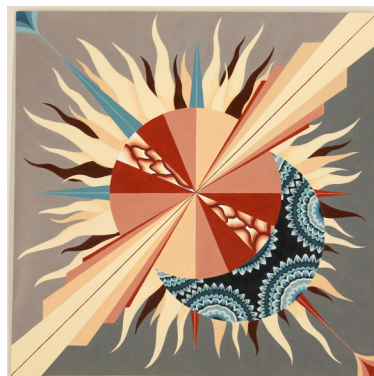
Two Hoban students have been deemed in the top one percent of the nation's art students with recognition at the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

Junior Katie Jordan received a silver medal for her painting entitled "Grandpa Joe."

"Growing up, I realized my grandfather was the epitome of a tough and wise Italian," Jordan said. "Although I intentionally portrayed him as an Italian gangster, his kind

eyes, painted on canvas, take me back to a simpler time when he taught me how to twirl my first, of many, plates of spaghetti."

"Katie's ability to see, to understand and to replicate impeccable detail, color and value is one of her greatest strengths as an artist," said Jill Fortman, visual arts teacher. "Well beyond her years in her artistic ability, this is Katie's second Silver Key at the national level."



Freshman Clara Krohn received a gold medal for her painting entitled "Sun and Moon."

"It was immediately evident that Clara has a natural talent for art, both in terms of her creativity and technical skill," Fortman said. "Clara not only possesses these traits that are vital to a young artist, but she is also unfailingly driven and determined to improve, to grow

and to develop her skill set. Her Gold Key at the national level is a true testament to her ambitious nature and an exceptionally rare honor for a ninth grader."

Award-winning students were identified by panels of creative professionals as among the most talented young artists in the nation. This year, nearly 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Less than one percent were recognized at the national level. As a gold medalist, Krohn's painting will be exhibited at the national headquarters in New York City, and she was recognized at the national ceremony at Carnegie Hall on June 7.

## HOBAN JUNIOR PORTRAYS HOLOCAUST THROUGH AWARD-WINNING ART

Hoban junior John Paul Workley received an Honorable Mention for artwork he submitted to the 30th Annual Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest. Workley created an interactive photo book based on the poem, "Tale of a Sprinter, in the Winter of 1938" by Sudeep Pagedar.

"Through photography, I portray the story Sudeep Pagedar wrote about his life before and while he was in Auschwitz," Workley said. "I incorporated an interactive element in my book structure that lets the viewer feel invested in the story while viewing my photos. The story told within my pictures helps expand your knowledge about the lives of children in the Holocaust. The square picture book format allowed me to control what you see at a given time to help tell the story."

During the awards ceremony, Mayor Dan Horrigan congratulated the award-winning students. Holocaust survivor Barbara Turkeltaub shared her story of survival and compelled the students to continue acting as agents of change. Workley's artwork was on display with other awarded works through May 9 at the main branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.



*John Paul Workley '19 is awarded an Honorable Mention at the 30th Annual Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest. Handing out awards is Holocaust survivor Barbara Turkeltaub.*





## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM ACHIEVES SUCCESS AT REGIONAL, STATE COMPETITION

Seniors Corrine Evans and Victor Vogt won first place in the Femi Equations event of the regional Science Olympiad contests at the University of Akron March 10. It was one of 13 events in which Hoban students placed. As a school, Hoban placed sixth out of 24 schools, which qualified the team for the state competition, to which 80 schools were invited.

At their debut appearance at the state competition on April 28, the Hoban team placed in several events. Out of 40 teams, Hoban students placed in Write It Do It (ninth place) – Leroy (Patrick) Hanlon and Clare Nicholas; Experimental Design (12th place) – Madeline Worcester, Leroy (Patrick) Hanlon and Clare Nicholas; Thermodynamics (13th place) – Maria Dhinojwala and Victor Vogt; Fermi Questions (14th place) – Corinne Evans and Victor Vogt and Mousetrap Vehicle (15th place) – Maria Dhinojwala and Veronica McDowell.

Hoban students also did well in trial events, which did not count for the overall team score but could be considered for official events in future competitions. Xavier Dirker, Michael Clark and Leroy (Patrick) Hanlon were awarded first place medals in Code Busters. Corinne Evans and Clare Nicholas were also awarded fifth place medals in Detector Building. Overall, it was a great learning experience and a big success.



## HOBAN INDUCTS 79 INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

A total of 79 students were inducted into Hoban's Seat of Wisdom chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) on April 15 in Holy Cross Chapel. Juniors Nora Kennedy, Camile Fisher, Corrie Mullins and Samantha Hier spoke on the four NHS attributes of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The Hoban chapter of NHS honors outstanding students for their achievements and service to both school and community. To be a member, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 after five consecutive semesters and demonstrate the qualities of leadership and service. Members are selected by a committee of faculty.





## STUDENTS SPEND EASTER BREAK SERVING OTHERS IN COMMUNITIES

Easter break is an exciting time for students. Some head for the beach, others relax with family and friends. But some Hoban students elect to depart from conventional Easter break activities and engage in various service projects. These trips, planned and sponsored by the school, challenge students to think critically and react to problems faced by members of the communities they serve. Being immersed in diverse environments enables participants to experience, discuss and understand social issues in a significant way.

Over Easter break 2018, the campus ministry office organized three options for students to grow in faith, fellowship and service. A total of 41 Hoban students traveled to Sarasota, Fla., New Orleans, La., and Summersville, W.Va.

Twenty students and three chaperones volunteered with the St. Bernard Project, a disaster rebuilding organization in New Orleans. The nonprofit's mission is to shorten the time between disaster and recovery and to fortify people against unnecessary suffering. The group helped in rebuilding homes in the area.

An additional 14 students and three chaperones traveled to Sarasota, where they stayed at the Brother André House of Hospitality and got to know some of the Holy Cross Brothers. They also volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, All Faiths Food Bank and the Pines Assisted Living Facility. The group spent one day traveling to Immokalee, Fla., to learn about and volunteer with the local migrant community. They learned about the work being done to promote the dignity and rights of the local migrant workers. Lastly, they had the chance to volunteer at Guadalupe Social Services, a branch of Catholic Charities.

A group of seven students and two chaperones visited Summersville, W.Va., to work in an elderly woman's home. After suffering a stroke two years ago, she has been unable, financially and physically, to get work done on her home. The group replaced gutters, water-damaged flooring and ceiling and electrical outlets and put a ceiling in her front porch.

"These trips allow students to learn more about the hardships others face," said Campus Minister Kelsey Sees. "Hoban students provided a total of 21,459 hours of service this past year."



## HIRSCH, FRICKER RECEIVE AKRON FUTURE ENGINEERS AWARD





Principal Emily Hanson, Dean of the University of Akron College of Engineering Dr. Donald Visco, Lauren Fricker, Paul Hirsch, Gregory Pero and President Todd Sweda during the awards presentation.

Lauren Fricker '19 and Paul Hirsch '19 both received the Akron Future Engineer Award from the University of Akron College of Engineering. Dr. Donald Visco, Dean of the College of Engineering, visited Gregory Pero's pre-engineering students on May 24 to present the awards.

In his remarks, Visco said that only a handful of high schools in the state have pre-engineering programs such as Hoban's. Visco speaks to many students planning to major in engineering. He stated that students who have had the opportunity to study in pre-engineering programs can articulate concrete reasons why they want to be an engineer, what they enjoy about the engineering and are ultimately much more prepared and equipped to handle the rigor of their college workload.





# *the* Holy Cross Educator

**KEVIN HILLERY**

*Associate Principal for Student Services*





Kevin Hillery has attended a total of 28 Hoban commencement ceremonies. This year's graduation would have been his 29th except that his son Terence was married on that same day.

Hillery's service to the Hoban students and community has been a rich and rewarding one. Thirteen years of his tenure was spent teaching history. He then served as dean of students for 10 years and, for the past six years, he has served as associate principal for student services.

Much has changed over the time Hillery has been at Hoban, but certain things have remained constant, "the quality group of people working at Hoban who are interested in the mission of the school and the great groups of kids with whom we work," Hillery said.

As associate principal for student services, Hillery's day-to-day duties go beyond a simple job description. With a staff of eight, the Office of Student Services offers a variety of programs and services geared to support Hoban students at each grade level.

"As an office, we have many goals, but I would say the first is working to meet the changing student and parent needs over time, and second, to do our part in helping the school to run smoothly," Hillery said.

Hillery is responsible for and involved in the tutoring center. He supports students and their families as they plan for college and begin the college application process. He manages course registration for all grades and organizes freshman orientation. The student services staff also publishes a quarterly online newsletter, "The Wire," to help students and families stay informed about upcoming events and deadlines, keeping each student on track.

"We have implemented a lot of change over the years," Hillery said. "Overall, we have revamped our structure to provide more college planning services, and we have taken on new responsibilities like Dual Credit, College Credit Plus, ACT testing and state testing."

Hoban graduates consistently experience great success after graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the Class of 2018 are continuing their education at a college or university. Much of the academic success of the student body has been the result of the efforts of Hillery and his staff.

"We have worked with others in the building to provide more academic supports for a larger number of our students," Hillery said. "Examples include guided study halls and the language seminar program. I am proud of these programs and think they have made a difference in our students' experiences."

*In a brief interview, Hillery gives his insight and perspective of the Hoban family and what keeps him motivated after almost three decades of graduating classes, Mum Day celebrations, battles for the shillelagh and all the other activities that make us Hoban.*

## WHY IS HOBAN SPECIAL?

Hoban is special because of its people, traditions and Holy Cross heritage.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY WORKING AT HOBAN?

Some of my favorite memories go back to my own sons' experiences as Hoban students and to the very positive experiences, achievements and time spent with my very talented mock trial students and wonderful coaches, who have made the program the success that it has been over the years.

*Hillery has been moderator and coach of the mock trial program for the last 27 years. Under his leadership, Hoban has won three state championships. This year, Hoban had five teams with 40 students participating. Hoban's Gold team competed in the state competition at the Franklin County Courthouse in March, and finished in the top 20, placing 18th of the 345 teams across Ohio. During the state competition, Ellie Redle '18 was awarded Outstanding Witness and Brandon Bishop '18 was named Outstanding Attorney.*

## WHICH HOLY CROSS VALUE RESONATES MOST FOR YOU?

The Holy Cross value that resonates the most with me is Hope. The congregation uses a slogan that says the Brothers of Holy Cross are "men with hope to bring." I think the Hoban staff and faculty have taken on that mantle from the brothers and continue to bring it to our students in a number of different and positive ways.

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER OTHERS ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE HOBAN FAMILY?

My advice for being part of the Hoban family is for us each of us to bring our own contribution to the community. All of our different strengths and contributions make the Hoban family vibrant and diverse.

## ABOUT KEVIN

I have been married to my wife Barbara for 31 years. She is an early intervention specialist for Akron Public Schools. She teaches a classroom of 3 and 4-year-old children with special needs. We have two sons, Terence, Class of 2009, and Jay, Class of 2011. Terence is beginning his residency as a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, and Jay works in sales for Thirsty Dog Brewery. My interests include traveling, golfing and time with family and friends.





# SOFTBALL SEASON ENDS EARLY BUT ON A HIGH NOTE

‘Play like a girl’ is a sentiment that just doesn’t resonate with Frank Voss, Hoban head softball coach, or his team. “People ask me what it’s like to coach girls,” Voss said. “My response is, ‘I don’t coach girls. I coach athletes.’ I would and have coached boys the exact same way I coach girls.”

A seasoned baseball coach of more than 20 years, Voss has completed his third year as head softball coach at Hoban, leading his team to state competition two of the three years. For Voss, winning is always the focus, but there is also a lot of education that happens throughout the season.

“It’s important that they know and understand the history of the game as well as the fundamentals,” Voss said. “We focus on educating the player to play well and have the desire to win. I am a strong believer in treating players as adults, letting them learn how to communicate and interact with adults. I teach maturity and professionalism.”

While Voss and his team didn’t make it to the state finals as they did last year, the season was a learning opportunity for all involved and a huge success.

“At first look it was a disappointing season,” Voss said. “On the other hand, we ended the season 19-7 and won the North Coast Blue Division (9-1). Last year, we tied with Walsh Jesuit.”

In 2016 the Hoban softball team made it to the final four at state. The following year, they progressed farther still, making it to the finals.

This recent success in softball and in many of Hoban’s other sports has resulted in Hoban advancing into higher divisions in the OHSAA. As such, this was the first softball season that Hoban was in Division I.

“I think we had some adjusting to do in moving up to DI, and we were just not quite there,” Voss said. “The play is a little faster, the players are a little bigger and the pitching is a little more dominating. There were a lot of coaching lessons to be learned.”

## **One Team. One Mission.**

For most athletes playing a sport is more than just performing on the field. It’s about being a part of the team. The Hoban softball team exemplifies the spirit of what it means to be a team. They work hard together and play harder for each other.

During games, the girls can be heard yelling “OTOM” from their huddles. OTOM, an acronym for one team, one mission, is the team motto of sorts.

“That motto was in place when I started coaching here,” Voss said. “When I came on board, they had a good core, have always been willing to listen, to learn and to win, which isn’t the case everywhere. OTOM shows how team-motivated and team-focused they are.”

“OTOM reminds us that if we play with the same goal in mind and work for each other, not just for ourselves, we will be as successful as we can be,” junior Jessica Knicely said. “At times, we can be our own worst enemy and OTOM assures us that we have the support of every player. We are a team.”



“Our team expresses this motto every time we step out on to the field, regardless of whether if it is practice or a game,” junior Allyssa Hagenbaugh said. “We went as far as we did because we knew that winning wasn’t just from one person. It takes everyone on the team, from JV players to varsity players.”

This season was the last for six star senior softball players, Ashley Matousek, Adrianna Powers, Ann Redle, Emma Terzola, Chloe Weidrick and Alexandria Whitmore. Four of the six girls will continue to play softball in college next year for various programs.

“Our last season was the most fun I have ever had,” Matousek said. “As a senior, it was fun to lead the team and be a leader for the underclassmen. I wish we would have gone farther like we did last year, but I wouldn’t trade this year for the world.”

Matousek is committed to continuing her softball career at Baldwin Wallace in the fall. Likewise, Emma Terzola will continue playing for Otterbein College, Chloe Weidrick will play at Case Western Reserve University and Alexandria Whitmore will play at Kent State University.

“The girls I played with (at Hoban) are my sisters,” Matousek said. “They are my best friends and some of the best athletes I have ever played with.”

### **Knights in Training**

During the off-season, Voss encourages the athletes to play travel ball or another sport. Both require commitment for both players and their families but, in Voss’s opinion, it has played a large part in the success of the program.

“A lot of research is showing that being a single-sport athlete is not as ideal as once thought,” Voss said. “You develop different techniques and abilities in other sports and it helps your overall athleticism.”

The softball team also plays indoor softball for eight or nine weeks, which is coached by parents per Ohio High School Athletic Association rules, and the team conditions twice a week with the Hoban strength and conditioning staff.

“The staff in the fitness center has done a lot of work with the team to improve their core strength, and it’s showing on the field.”



*Seniors Ann Redle, Emma Terzola, Adrianna Powers, Ashley Matousek, Alexandria Whitmore and Chloe Weidrick join hands during senior night.*

By late February, their season is in full swing – literally. At the beginning of each season, Coach Voss gives each athlete a card. They write three individual goals on one side and three team goals on the other. They keep these cards on their bat bags and with them throughout the season as a constant reminder as to what they’re working toward. Throughout the season, they review the cards to make sure they’re goals are still relevant and on track to completion.

“It doesn’t matter what my goals are for the season,” Voss said. “The goal cards help them buy into the program, and it’s become something that they look forward to achieving.”

While Voss and his entire team put in the work to get results on the scoreboard, there are plenty of other fundamental life skills and lessons that being a part of the team produces.

“We have a lot of girls that are superstars but they don’t act like it – meaning they are not showboating, egocentric athletes that need all the credit,” Voss said.

Voss attributes the girls’ attitudes and overall positivity to the athletes’ education, both at home and at school. They have a firm foundation and are well-grounded people on and off the field.



*Head softball coach Frank Voss*

## **HOBAN SOFTBALL COACHING STAFF**

Coach Voss has a master’s degree in sports and recreational science from Ohio University. He is also a 4-Star Master Coach, having been credentialed through the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association. His certification was an eight-course certification in which he traveled the country to learn from other coaches, mostly Division I college coaches.

Varsity coach Bob Harris assists in coaching the players in their batting while his son, Chris “Kit” Harris ’11 focuses on coaching defense. Junior varsity coaches Bev Kester and Lisa Harris ’15 manage the JV team.





# WHITE HELMETS HONOR '60S TEAMS

It has often been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. This fall, the Hoban football team will once again wear white helmets—a throwback to the highly successful 1965 – '69 teams.

“Whenever we achieve success, it’s important to remember where we have come from,” said Tim Tyrrell, head football coach and athletic director. “In light of the recent achievements of the young men on our football team, it’s important to remind them of the foundation of the Hoban football program and the history they share with football alumni.”

Bob Zupke was head football coach until 1963, when Tony Paris was hired and continued the trademark success of the program. The Hoban

1966 team was one of the most dominant in school’s history, with an 8-1 record and a final State AP #6 ranking.

“When I was hired, I reached out to many Hoban alumni in order to gain a better understanding of the football program’s history,” Tyrrell said. “Alumni from across all decades spoke highly of the success of the teams during the late ’60s. Our Hoban football program would not be where it is today without the alumni from this great era. I want our current players to know and, more importantly, honor those who came before them. For this reason, the Hoban football team will wear white helmets for just one year.”

**80%**

OF HOBAN STUDENTS  
PLAY AT LEAST  
ONE SPORT



## CHEER, DANCE TEAMS LIFT SPIRIT OF HOBAN

High school athletics is often the heartbeat of a school’s pride and creates a sense of family, community and commonality between students, parents, alumni and fans. The Hoban family is fortunate to have two teams that capture the spirit of the school, leading all spectators in supporting our Hoban teams.

Led by Erin Smith, the Hoban dance team provides pre-game and half-time entertainment at the boys football and basketball games. Their performances have a definite impact on the overall energy of the games, and consistently receive standing ovations.

The cheerleading team is also a dynamic presence at athletic events, cheering, performing stunts and tumbling during games and events. Head Coach Tiffany Sloan joined the Hoban team this past year. As a former Cleveland Cavaliers cheerleader, she brings a lot of experience, enthusiasm and professionalism.

With these two teams of student athletes, it is nearly impossible to not become a lifelong Hoban fan.



## COLLEGE RECRUITS

Hoban athletic programs have had yet another successful year. The Class of 2018 have led the way to team victories, division and regional titles and a state championship. After all the hard work they’ve put in on the hill, 37 graduates now face new challenges, playing at all levels of college athletics. Nearly 20 percent of the graduating class will continue their athletic careers at 25 colleges and universities in 13 sports.



# BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM NAMED NCL CHAMPS

For the first time since 2007, the boys track and field team are North Coast League Blue Division Champions. At the meet held at Parma Padua, they scored 145.5 points and outdistanced Walsh Jesuit for the victory.

Senior Daulson Fitzpatrick was instrumental in the team's success. He won the 100-meter dash (11.22 seconds), anchored the top 400 relay (43.76) and was second place in the 800 relay (1:31.91) and in the long jump (19 feet, 9½ inches) in the six-team event.



Scoring for Hoban in the championship meet was Nate Bauer '18, Daulson Fitzpatrick '18, Matt Fiume '18, Jalen Knight '18, McKae Matthews '18, Chris Mattler '18, Jaden Baxter '19, Tyris Dickerson '19, Frankie Fausnight '19, Andrew Flock '19, Vincent Grosso '19, Michael Jorgenson '19, Jared Phillips '19, Kyle Stober '19, Josh Williams '19, Dominic Brink '20, William Harrison '20, Ethan Kowalik '20, Dominick Moegerle '20, Deomonte Trayanum '20 and Martavian Johnson '21.



# BOYS VOLLEYBALL NAMED DII CHAMPS

The boys volleyball team won the OHSVBA North Region Division II championship on May 26, over Walsh Jesuit (25-22, 18-25, 25-23, 20-25, 15-10). The Knights finished their season with a 12-8 record.

They traveled to Capital University for the second year in a row on June 2 to play in the state semifinal against Archbishop Alter. Alter defeated the Knights in three games (25-17, 25-13, 25-20).

# WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

Nick Meyer, Hoban's swimming and diving coach, was named the North Coast League Boys Coach of the Year, a nod of respect from his peers. His teams had an outstanding season this year. In OHSAA competition, the boys 200-meter relay qualified for state with a new record of 1:31.41. The relay team, composed of junior Justin Icsman, freshman Luke Minick, junior Chance Krohn and junior Michael Heller, finished 15th.



In the NCL Championships, the Hoban boys placed second of eight teams with 108 points and the girls finished third of 10 teams with 85. In the OHSAA sectionals, the boys were fourth of 23 teams with 176 points, and the girls were second of 26 teams with 221.

## BOYS BASKETBALL



T.K. Griffith '89 was recognized at the Walsh game on Feb. 23 for 25 years as head boys basketball coach. He was hired in May 1993, three weeks before his 22nd birthday. This makes him the most tenured coach in school history.

This year's team had an exciting and successful season. At the Canton Central Catholic game Feb. 13, senior Collen Gurley became the all-time leading scorer in Hoban boys basketball history. He scored 14 points in the game, to bring his career total to 1,299 points. This broke the previous record of 1,293 points set by Johnny Goodson in 1979. The Knights beat the Crusaders 54-47.

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### 1960s

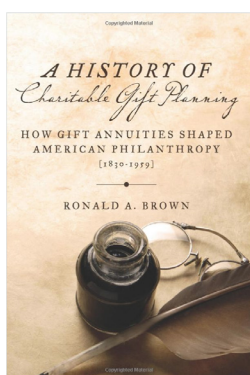
**Philip Maynard '60** received the Greater Akron Chamber's H. Peter Burg Award, an impressive honor. The award recognizes an individual who has displayed paramount leadership for the advancement of Greater Akron's economic and community development.

**The Rev. Marshall Pierson, Ph.D. '63** is in the midst of researching Septuagint messianic material corroborating the messianic claims of Jesus that are not found in the Masoretic text of the Old Testament for future internet placement and free access. Pierson is a pastor and provides mental health counseling, specializing in trauma-informed care.

**Ron Ashley '68** climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, a 47-mile, six-day journey. Approximately 35,000 people attempt to climb Mount Kilimanjaro each year, of which only about two-thirds are successful.



**Ronald Brown '68** wrote a book that was published called *A History of Charitable Gift Planning: How Gift Annuities Shaped American Philanthropy (1830 - 1959)*. The book provides an in-depth history of an American tradition: gifts to colleges, churches, hospitals and other nonprofit organizations in return for fixed annuity payments.



### 1970s

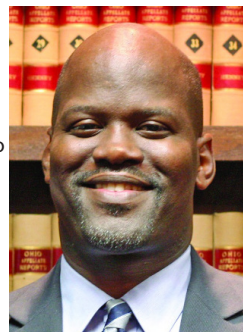
**The Rev. John Kumse '71** was featured in The Plain Dealer on Sunday, April 8. Last December, Kumse was attacked while outside his parish, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, in Cleveland's South Collinwood neighborhood. The article focused on Kumse's perspective of societal issues and the lack of spirituality and respect we face. The incident has strengthened his commitment to serving the inner city neighborhood and congregation.

Read the story at [bit.ly/RevKumse](http://bit.ly/RevKumse)

**Jeff Sheeks '75** was awarded an Achievement in Excellence Award by the Akron/Canton Chapter of National Sales and Marketing Executives. Sheeks and the other award winners were celebrated at the 46th Annual Accent on Excellence awards dinner Feb. 27.

### 1980s

**Marlon Primes '82** has been named president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Primes is the assistant U.S. Attorney and also CMBA's first black president since its current incarnation formed about 11 years ago, when bar associations in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County merged.



**Maria Prinzo Dobbins '89** competed in the 2018 Boston Marathon, her second appearance.

### 1990s

**Bobby Johnson '91** has joined the Indianapolis Colts coaching staff as the assistant offensive line coach. Johnson has formerly coached the Oakland Raiders tight ends, Detroit Lions offensive line and Buffalo Bills offensive line.

**Tim Lucey '97** was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association. Lucey was chosen after a lengthy nomination process. Lucey, who is newsletter editor for the OHSBCA, has served two stints as assistant boys basketball coach at Hoban. The first was from 1998-2011, after which he served as the head coach at Chippewa for four years. He now teaches and coaches at Hoban.



## Class of 1962 donates the 3D Print Room

At first glance, the makeup of the Hoban Class of 1962 is similar to that of other Hoban graduates. Following graduation, some left the area, and some remain in Akron to this day. Some joined the service, some immediately entered the workforce and many went on to obtain college and graduate degrees.

But the Class of 1962 has always maintained a somewhat unique closeness. Whether near or far away, many still closely follow and support their alma mater. In fact, after all these years, a respectable number of these "men taught by men" still regularly gather for lunch. It was no surprise that many of them returned last year when classmate/class officer Mike Urbano was inducted into the Hoban Athletic Hall of Fame.

During a tour of campus that weekend, the group visited the brand new 4,000 square-foot Asente and Scala Innovation Center. They of course remembered the space as the library (some had a clearer recollection than others), and they were most impressed. In particular, they were drawn to the 3D Print Room. When it was realized that naming rights were still available for the room, they embarked on a mini-campaign to raise the funds from fellow classmates.

Numerous 1962 graduates stepped up to the challenge, and they eclipsed the \$25,000 goal! Plans for the dedication and plaque are under way. There is still opportunity for 1962 graduates to participate in this historic event with a gift of any size. If interested, contact the Hoban advancement office at 330.773.8620.



**Father Paul J. Rosing** celebrated his 45th anniversary of ordination on June 9. Rosing has served at St. Paul (Akron), Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Barberton), St. Joseph (Cuyahoga Falls), St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Wooster), Visitation of Mary (Akron) and is currently the pastor of Holy Family Parish (Stow). Rosing has faithfully served on many diocesan and civic boards and committees, including Archbishop Hoban High School as director and director emeritus.



## 2000s

**Andrew Henley, M.Arch, MBA, RA '05** was promoted to Project Architect at Vocon in Cleveland. Henley graduated with a B.S. in architecture in 2009 from Kent State University, and in 2011 with a master of architecture and M.B.A. from KSU. He pursued his goal of becoming a Registered Architect in the state of Ohio. Andrew has lived and worked in the Cleveland area for seven years.



**Melissa Markwald '11** was featured in the spring issue of *Canvas*, a magazine that spotlights Northeast Ohio's strong and growing arts and entertainment community. Read her whole story at [canvascle.com/melissa-markwald](http://canvascle.com/melissa-markwald).



**Travis Pero '14** was named a Top 10 Senior at the University of Akron. Pero is majoring in biomedical engineering.

**Luisa Landaverde '15** earned All-Conference First Team in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference as a lacrosse student athlete at Walsh University. She recently finished her junior year as a psychology major and plays defense for the Cavaliers.

## 2010s

**Jordan Luli, D.O. '10** graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W.Va., with a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine on May 26.



**Daniel Lloyd '13** now a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, won the Draft-Legal Collegiate Club Triathlon National Title. Lloyd completed a 2.5k run, 20k bike ride and another 2.5k run in 44:13, leading Navy to its first overall club title since 2009.



**Avery Bable '16** was hired to work for the Team USA Olympic Committee as a development intern this summer and fall. Bable is a junior majoring in sports management at Ohio University. He was selected from a pool of more than 500 applicants around the country and will be responsible for planning and executing events held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.



## SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2018

- 9/28 Hoban Football vs. Benedictine  
Post-game gathering, Wartko Family Pavilion
- 9/29 School tours, 3 p.m., followed by an Alumni Mass, Holy Cross Chapel

## ✝ In Memoriam

**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 Dec. 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018. Please email [srailv@hoban.org](mailto:srailv@hoban.org) to notify us of a death within the Hoban community occurs.

### 1950s

**Henry Richard**, Class of 1957, died March 11. Frank was a lifelong Akron resident and a member of Hoban's first graduating class. He served the U.S. Army in the 101st Airborne Division and worked at Goodyear Aerospace. Father of Henry Richard '82 and Oscar Richard '84.

**Nicholas P. Rinaldo**, Class of 58, died April 25.

**Richard W. Amshey**, Class of 1959, died Dec. 7. A resident of Akron for many years, he worked in construction.

**David P. Gruber**, Class of 1959, died May 29.

**James Sullivan**, Class of 1959, died May 9. He worked at both Goodyear and Michelin. Father of Maureen (Sullivan '96) Hinson.

### 1960s

**Michael F. Scheeser**, Class of 1961, died March 24. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from '61-'65. He taught for nearly 30 years in Sandusky City Schools. Twin brother of Ted Scheeser '61.

**Michael H. Miller**, Class of 1962, died April 21. A graduate of Walsh College, he had a 35-year career at Harry Miller Excavating.

**Bradley J. Heinzen**, Class of 1965, died April 11. A successful architect, one of Bradley's proudest accomplishments was his involvement in the design of an extension of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

**John F. Wittensoldner**, Class of 1965, died March 13. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from Kent State University.

**Edwin L. Casenhiser**, Class of 1966, died May 31. Brother of Jim Casenhiser '61, Paul Casenhiser '64 and Mark Casenhiser '66; uncle to Amy Jo (Casenhiser '83) Sutterluety, Michael Casenhiser '86, Richard Casenhiser '95 and Meghan Sutterluety '18.

**Dennis Klodt**, Class of 1966, died April 27. Dennis served in the U.S. Army, earned a business degree from Kent State University, had a successful career in insurance and was an active member of his community, serving on the boards of several organizations.



**Louis A. Scarpellini**, Class of 1966, died Jan. 31. He earned degrees from Kent State University, Bowling Green State University and Lehigh University and had a career of civic service.

**Ralph J. DiNicola**, Class of 1967, died April 10. Ralph is a former member of the Hoban board of directors and chaired Extravaganza with his wife Pam, taking the event to a new level of success. Father of Nick DiNicola '93, Laura DiNicola '97 and John DiNicola '00; father-in-law of Valerie (Metzger '00) DiNicola; brother of Mike DiNicola '70; uncle of Mike DiNicola '92 and Deanne DiNicola '93.

**Kevin Aspell**, Class of 1968, died Feb. 8. Kevin was a founding member of the comedy group High Wire Radio Choir, which played in the San Francisco Bay area. He later joined Paul Wells as partner on Paul's morning show, *The Lobster Breakfast*. He taught English at Hayward High School, where he led the drama program, using humor as a tool to teach.

## 1970s

**James M. Pfeiffer**, Class of 1972, died Dec. 25. Brother of John Pfeiffer '68.

## 1990s

**Christopher Gambaccini**, Class of 1990, died April 4. He was a partner at McManus, Dosen & Co. Brother of Ed Gambaccini '92, Steve Gambaccini '96 and Patricia Gambaccini '00.

**Adam Braschwitz**, Class of 1997, died May 8.

## 2010s

**Thomas "Tommy" S. Leslein**, Class of 2015, died April 7. After graduating, Tommy attended Baruch College in New York, N.Y., where he played men's volleyball. Brother of Molly Leslein '13 and Annie Leslein '17.

## Friends of Hoban

**Sharon L. Ambach**, mother of Tom Ambach '89 and Tim Ambach '90; mother-in-law of Julianne (Drapcho '89) Ambach; grandmother of Christopher Ambach '12, Brandon Ambach '17 and Ryan Ambach '19.

**Alphonsus J. Amer**, father of Thomas Amer '67, Jerry Amer '68, Mark '73 and Timothy Amer '79.

**Mary Joan Antal**, mother of Joe Antal '78, Denise (Amer '80) Griggs and Kara (Amer '85) Docs.

**Floyd R. Beatty**, father of Kenneth Beatty '71 and David Beatty '73.

**Catherine Bing**, mother of Matthew Bing, assistant athletic director at Hoban.

**Lucille B. Canfora**, mother of Rick Canfora '73.

**Kimberly Cook**, wife of Robert Cook '66.

**Howard A. Conway**, father of Marty Conway '76, Shawn Conway '81, Patrick Conway '82 and Mary (Conway '86) Marlborough; father-in-law of Judy (Simone '85) Conway; grandfather of Maggie (Dunlap '04) Myers, Molly Dunlap '06, Mallory (Conway '07) Thomas, Corey Conway '08, Patrick Dunlap '09, Dylan Conway '11, and Colin Kremer '21

**Anthony Costanzo**, father of Rosanna (Costanzo '74) Frankovich, Mark Costanzo '76 and Julie (Costanzo '78) Archual.

**Anthony M. D'Andrea**, uncle of Stephen D'Andrea '12 and Ave D'Andrea '19.

**Kenneth R. Dutro**, grandfather of Allison Pugliese '12 and Emily Pugliese '14.

**Brother James Everett, C.S.C.**, educator and counselor at St. Edward High School and close friend of many of the Holy Cross Brothers at Hoban.

**Susan E. Finan**, mother of Mary Jane Finan '85

**James T. Franklin**, father-in-law of Vince Del Medico '71 and grandfather of Dana (Del Medico '99) Harty.

**Francis J. Gallagher**, grandfather of Evan Pomeraning '19.

**Rhonda B. Grimm**, mother of Dawson Rivers '17.

**Kristine E. Hornacek**, grandmother of Michael Hornacek '17 and Victoria Hornacek '19.

**Helen M. Kelly**, mother-in-law of Tom Corall '73.

**John D. Kelley**, father of Jim Kelley '74, Paul Kelley '75, John Kelley '77 and Mary (Kelley '79) Lyons.

**William Kennedy**, father of Patrick Kennedy '77 and Linda Kennedy '88.

**Rita Klingensmith**, grandmother of Meridith (Green '95) Macaluso, Matthew Green '08, Jason Green '10 and Julianne Green '16.

**Jesse G. Labus II**, father-in-law of Andrew Bonnette, Hoban math teacher.

**Frank J. LiCause**, father of Matthew LiCause '76, Michael LiCause '78 and Victor LiCause '81.

**Janice M. Logsdon**, mother of Michael Logsdon '04 and John Logsdon '06.

**Margaret C. Long**, grandmother of Margaret Myers '06, Mark Myers '08 and Bridget Myers '14.

**Kate L. Lytton**, sister of Emma Lytton '02.

**Anna Maltempi**, grandmother of Vincent Maltempi '91, Frank Maltempi '93 and Daniel Maltempi '94; mother-in-law of Heidi Maltempi, Hoban school counselor.

**Robert E. Myers**, grandfather of Margaret Myers '06, Mark Myers '08 and Bridget Myers '14.

**Neil C. Norris**, grandfather of Michelle Agnoni, manager of the Hoban central office and great-grandfather of Cori Agnoni '17 and Monica Agnoni '20.

**Carmena T. Orsini**, mother of Ralph Orsini, Hoban social studies teacher and former football coach; mother-in-law of Kathy Orsini, former Hoban girls basketball coach; grandmother of Erin Orsini '07, Emily Orsini '11 and Dominick Orsini '13.

**Sammy C. Pagna**, brother-in-law of Sam Scaduto '60; uncle of Vicki Srail, Hoban administrative assistant; great-uncle of Sam Srail '11, Jack Srail '13 and Caroline Srail '17.

**Norma Paolucci**, grandmother of Erin Paolucci '02, Stephen Paolucci '04 and Angela Paolucci '06.

**John E. Pasek**, grandfather of Zach Tocchi, Hoban math teacher.

**Ronald Patterson**, father of Lauren Patterson '19.

**Carol A. Perkins**, mother of Michael Perkins '86, Kathleen (Perkins '87) Shoemaker and Greg Perkins '89; mother-in-law of Debra (Belinsky '86) Perkins; grandmother of Zachary Shoemaker '15, Lauren Shoemaker '17 and Haley Perkins '18.

**Dolores H. Polack**, mother-in-law of Ann (Goodall '78) Polack and grandmother of Catie Polack '05.

**James F. Rich**, grandfather of Jennifer Krejsa, Hoban human resources officer.

**Virginia Rossi**, grandmother of Ben Rossi, Hoban religious studies teacher.

**Stephen M. Sass**, brother-in-law of Angela Sass, Hoban director of advancement.

**Michael G. Scala**, father of Cali Scala '07; brother of Paul Scala '68 and William Scala '71; uncle of Matt Denholm '93, Daniel Deluca '93, Stacy (Ross '95) Deluca, William Scala '06, Samuel Scala '08 and Marina Coletta '13.

**Albert V. Sharnsky**, father of Raymond Sharnsky '67.

**Mary F. Stith**, mother of Thomas Stith '73, Kenneth Stith '75 (deceased), Sharon Stith '77, Michael Stith '80 and Edward Stith '81.

**John P. Stetz**, father of John Stetz '69 and Jeff Stetz '70, Hoban director of planned gifts; father-in-law of Dana (Garro '78) Stetz; grandfather of Katelynn Stetz '05 and Stephen Stetz '07 (deceased).

**Louis W. Sukie**, grandfather of Joshua Sukie '16.

**Mary Alice Tavolier**, grandmother of Makenzie Bell '10 and Hayley Bell '11, Blythe McDermott '17, Peter Bell '19, Tess McDermott '19 and Owen McDermott '22.

**Margaret A. Wichorek**, sister of Brother Ed Libbers, C.S.C.







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## BILL THOMSON '62

Most people know Bill Thomson '62 from 50/50 ticket sales at Hoban football and basketball games, something he's been doing for 25 years. Over 300 football and basketball games later, it's impossible to measure how much Hoban students have benefited from his time, energy and love of the school. As trite as it seems, it's true—his veins run blue and gold.

As a student, Thomson played the trumpet in the band under the direction of Brother Roy Nash. Marching onto the field was a thrill for this young Knight. He was a good student and excelled in math and science, especially physics. He studied hard and did well.

Upon graduating, Thomson enrolled at Kent State University with dreams of becoming a Buckeye. His father, an architect at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, expected his son to prove himself before he "sent me away to college." After two years at KSU, Thomson transferred to the Ohio State University and earned a degree in mechanical engineering. He then began working at Goodyear—the start of a 35-year career as a mechanical engineer.

In 1976, when Hoban announced it would close, this alumnus became one of the first phonathon callers and has been serving his alma mater ever since. He has been a member of the Hoban Alumni Association, serving as treasurer for many years; boosters club, coordinating the 300 clubs for over 20 years; and has helped with Extravaganza and other fundraising efforts. For the past four years, Thomson has volunteered his time to mentor the Hoban Robotics Club.

"I am blown away with what these kids are doing from a computer standpoint," Thomson said. "I help them address the problem."

Over the years, Thomson has stayed in close contact with his classmates, regularly organizing gatherings at the Akron Family Restaurant.

"When we get together, we all agree that we are who we are today because of the foundation we got at Hoban," Thomson said. "I learned how to study at Hoban and learned discipline. What we were taught in our high school years made us the people we are today."



## KIM (KARSON '88) COLE

Kim (Karson '88) Cole followed her siblings, Rick '80, Kristina '83 and Mike '84, up the hill to Hoban—a special place she was quite familiar with from football games.

"There was a wonderful thread of Catholic education in my family," said Cole. "There was never a question that we were all going to Hoban, but it was a real sacrifice for my parents."

Their sacrifice was not in vain. Cole loved school despite the daily commute—a couple Metro buses and the walk up the hill. She was a staff member on the Visor and yearbook, and loved campus ministry, which "forces you into a different environment."

Cole went to the University of Akron, majored in psychology and worked hard to make ends meet—in the UA alumni office throughout the week, the Arbors of Fairlawn on the weekends and waitressing on Friday and Saturday nights. She lived at home, drove a beater car, and had Pell Grants and scholarships to make it possible.

After earning a master's degree in public administration, she was hired at Hoban as director of alumni and special events, and was responsible for Extravaganza, alumni events and fundraising activities.

"To be able to work for my alma mater was a dream come true," Cole said. "To put my energies into making Hoban a better place was a gift."

Her hard work and effective leadership didn't go unnoticed, and in 1997 she had an opportunity to work for UA. In various capacities, Cole has played an important role in the growth of campus, its endowment and securing its future. Today, she serves as vice president of development and alumni relations and executive director of the UA Foundation. She manages a team of more than 30 fundraising professionals with an annual goal surpassing \$20 million in support of the university's mission. She also manages the foundation's \$200 million endowment.

Being a first generation college graduate, Cole is passionate about her job. "We need to be bold in our support of students so a college degree is attainable for them," she said. "I've learned people are very generous. I grew up knowing this and witnessed this at Hoban, church and UA."

Cole continues to support Hoban in various roles, and has served as a member of the board of directors since 2007.





*More than 120 people attended the 20th Annual Alumni Awards Dinner at Firestone Country Club on Sunday, March 11, to celebrate four individuals' contributions to Archbishop Hoban High School. Those recognized included Distinguished Alumni Award winners Bill Thomson '62 and Kim (Karson '88) Cole and Friends of Hoban Award winners Brother Philip Smith, C.S.C. and the Rev. Michael Ausperk.*

## **BROTHER PHILIP SMITH, CSC**

He's a musician, poet, teacher, singer, director, writer, producer and entertainer. He's a taskmaster, perfectionist, encourager and listener. He's a mentor and archivist. He crochets and cooks. He's been a department chairman, principal, president. He's a servant. He's a brother.

Brother Phil Smith has been all of these things and more over the last 53 years.

Born in Gary, Ind., Smith entered the Congregation of Holy Cross out of high school in 1964 and graduated from St. Edward's University in 1969 with a degree in English.

Before making his final vows in 1971, Smith was sent to Boysville, Mich., where he met the toughest kids imaginable. After that, he served 18 years at Holy Trinity High School, an urban school five minutes from Chicago's loop.

"We called it the 'Anchor on Division St.," Smith said. "It was a safe haven for our students from the neighborhood gangs."

Leading a life of service, Smith's mantra is the first verse of the "The Servant Song": "Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you: Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too."

In 2007, Smith visited Hoban and colleague Brother Ken Haders and toured the school. They ended up in the band room.

"I saw six kids sitting in a circle, called a band," Smith said. "Driving back to Notre Dame, I realized I just signed a contract to teach music, which I hadn't done in 30 years."

Knowing a traditional band was not going to work at Hoban, Smith and others in the school got creative. Those six kids became the steel drum band, the percussion ensemble and the bagpipe corps. Nearly 150 Hoban students are in six steel drum bands today.

Smith has taught AP English, demanding his students to write in a consistent, complete and coherent way. He is the moderator of *Fifth Avenue Review*, the creative writing club, gourmet food club and crochet and knitting club. This year he serves as director of the Hoban writing lab.

"I am totally indebted to the administration, which has given me opportunities at Hoban, as well as the parents who support my efforts," he said.



## **FATHER MIKE AUSPERK**

It is not surprising that when asked which Holy Cross values define him, Father Mike Ausperk is quick to say Family and Option for the Poor.

Family played a huge part in his becoming a priest, and the families he has met through parish life and his passion to serve the poor have shaped his priesthood.

Ausperk was ordained a Cleveland diocesan priest in 1989. He has served parishes in Mentor, Amherst, Cleveland and Wadsworth, and is currently the parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in Stow and administrator of St. Anne Parish in Rittman.

He has been involved with Hoban since 2001, helping with liturgies and confessions and speaking to religion classes. He has been active in the Kairos retreats (now Spes Unica retreats). Even when he was transferred to St. Vincent de Paul parish in Cleveland in 2006, he juggled his schedule to help with the retreats.

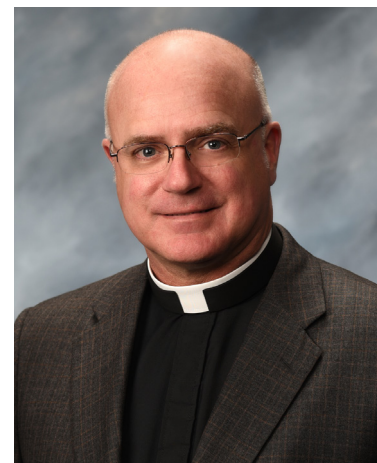
When he was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Wadsworth, Ausperk began attending Hoban athletic events to pray with the student athletes. He was then asked to join the Hoban board of directors in 2011.

"It's been a joy to be part of the Hoban community," Ausperk said. "Being a member of the search committee for a new president was a great way to be part of the future, to guide the school in a new era and new leadership."

Ausperk feels it is a blessing to celebrate Mass at Hoban, participate in the retreats and hear confessions. "I feel I am doing what I am called to do, providing guidance and perhaps relief from the troubles the students might have," he said.

Ausperk has also allowed Hoban students to take part in service internationally. For several years, Honors Spanish students worked as translators for medical personnel on Honduran mission trips. This past January, 72 people—18 of them from Hoban—spent five days in seven villages. The teams treated over 3,100 people for medical, dental and eye care.

"It is mere chance that we are born in this country, and mere chance they are born there," Ausperk said. "We've been given resources, gifts and abilities, and the gospel calls us to share them."





**“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit”**

Nelson Henderson

# WE NEED YOU TO BE THE “Heart of Hoban”

The **Heart of Hoban Society** was established to recognize alumni and friends of Archbishop Hoban High School who plan future gifts to the school through their wills, trusts or life insurance policies to perpetuate our Holy Cross tradition of education.

We respect that everyone needs to provide for family first. We hope that you will consider your Hoban family when you do your estate planning. Naming Hoban in your will or estate plan is an easy way to “plant trees” that will ensure the future of Hoban and leave a lasting legacy of your time on earth.

## Jerry '71 and Tamara Gonsiewski

I have always kept in touch with Hoban but really reconnected after my 40th class reunion. I became involved with the phonathon and was on the planning committee for our 45th class reunion. My wife and I have been attending more events and activities at Hoban and have enjoyed the time with our friends, both old and new. We especially love “Come Home to Hoban” weekends, football games and enjoyed a great performance of *Godspell*.

On a visit to the school, I had the fortunate opportunity to meet a student. It was apparent that the same core values that I received as a Hoban student were still being instilled in our youth.

My wife and I wanted to be able to help the Hoban students with their education and tuition now and in the future through a planned gift. A Catholic education, and especially one from Hoban, is very important to us. We believe that the values and work ethic that Hoban instills in its students offers them a bright future.

We appreciate what we have in Hoban and all that it offers to our students and alumni community. We hope our gift will inspire others to understand that your connection doesn't end with graduation. We are all “Forever a Knight.”

—Jerry Gonsiewski



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# HOBAN ARCHIVES CLASS OF 1967: THE HILLSIDE LETTERS

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The year 1967 marked the days of an all-boys Archbishop Hoban High School with 37 Brothers of Holy Cross dressed in black cassocks cinctured at the waist with black tasseled cords.

"One of the most visible projects of the senior class...was the construction of the giant concrete word 'HOBAN' on the west hill..." (the Way '67, p. 16). On Monday, Oct. 17, known as "Senior Dig Day", senior Terry Ruip with the assistance of senior class moderator Brother Robert Lavelle and maintenance director Brother Jerome Kroetsch (now a resident at Columba Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus) worked with 27 seniors to lay out the HOBAN letters. They were designed by Ruip and are 27 feet high with a total cost of \$213. On the following Saturday, the concrete was laid and the seniors buried a time capsule "beneath the dedication plaque [with] assorted memorabilia..." (Yearbook).

## ABOUT THE CLASS OF 1967

1967 marked the fifth year of Brother William Fitch's principalship and "Hoban-mania." Akron Beacon Journal sports writer Scott Bosley reported in November 1966 that the normally calm principal "lost his cool over a stunning run by Hoban fullback Chuck Mesco and danced atop the Dowd Field press box during a football game." It was also the year the school namesake, Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, died (1878-1966). Father Joe Barry, C.S.C. (1902-1985) was beginning his third year as chaplain and would retire in 1982.

Coeducational physics with Brother Donard Steffes (1914-2015) was offered for the second year, and Brother Donan Johnroe (1921-2004) moved into the new language lab. Brother Thomas Dillman, now 91, taught wood and machine shop, and band director Brother John Hanon's 66-member marching band was led by band captain and drum major John Schmitt. Rounding out the fine arts, Brother Jerome Ziliak produced the 17th century comedy *Tartuffe* and the 14th annual Spring Musicales was called *Showcase '67*.



Terry Real, Bob Bernat, John McElhany, Mike Bowen, Jim Hennessy, Nick Kryah, Tim Kelley, Tom Welsh, Joe Welsh, Paul Trivisonno, Jim Romano, Terry Ruip, Tony Spillane, Jim Pennino, Jeroslaw Durbak, Steve Keplinger, Jim Burke, Chris Fry, Bob Parr, Steve Ahern, John Small, John Stimler, Joe Kerekes, Terry Larvakis, Paul Martell, Ken Klug and Tony Nasrallah



Brother Robert Lavelle, C.S.C.; Brother Jerome Kroetsch, C.S.C.; Bill Grow, Brother Philip Alessandro, C.S.C.; Dave Berardi; Bob Parr and John Stimler pour concrete in frames to make the Hoban letters.

Don Schubert (1930-2003) was in his first year as athletic director, and the varsity football team, coached by Tony Paris, was ranked sixth in Ohio, beating Cleveland rival St. Ed's 36-13 and regaining the Shillelagh by defeating St. Vincent 20-6 during a 9-1 season—the best in 12 years. Senior Joe Antonucci was a varsity cheerleader on the squad with the first girl cheerleaders from the Elms and St. Mary's. Elms senior Peggy Winkler reigned as homecoming queen, and an official program for the football season cost fans 25 cents.

Brother Joseph LeBon advised his first yearbook with editor in chief John Kessler in 1967. LeBon is now in his 52nd year of service at Hoban. The Hoban Visor, Vol. XIV, No. 3 led with a front page article "Seniors Show Incentive": Brother Jerome Ziliak was adviser and Leo Obrst was editor in chief.

Brother Albin Kuzminsky (1928-2014) was in charge of the student work crew, and the mothers club was headed by Mrs. Robert Nelson.

The Associates of St. Joseph's president was Mrs. Jack Deluca and moderator Brother Paul Kelly would become a Hoban president in 1992. He now lives in South Bend, Ind.

Brother Robert Lavelle, who became headmaster of Gilmour Academy, was moderator of the senior class, and James Burke was its president, while Nick Kryah was president of the student council. The Senior Ball was at the Tangier, and Jim Duffy won first prize for the second year for chocolate sales. Commencement was held on Dowd Field, constructed in 1965. The ceremony included speeches by valedictorian David Serva and salutatorian Bernard Franks, a commencement address by E. L. Garrigan, Jr. Diplomas were awarded by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Trivisonno.



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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 \$77,000 to secure the match for scholarships and financial aid.

Under the direction of Cathy (Keller '80) Reeves and chairs John '86 and Michele Frola, Nevin and Laura Nussbaum and Steve and Holly Wilt, an army of volunteers, including board members, current and past parents, alumni, students, faculty and staff, as well as gift donors, sponsors, advertisers and over 380 attendees made the evening a resounding success.



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# THE GIFT OF A HOBAN EDUCATION

## *Kenneth “Kenny” Hudak, DDS.*

When I was growing up in Firestone Park, my mother was a homemaker and my father worked at Goodyear in the factory. Both of my parents were products of the Great Depression and believed the most important thing they could give their children was a good education. They sacrificed a lot to send my sister Mary '90 and me to St. Paul's and Hoban. They deeply appreciated the teachers and staff at Hoban, and felt their children were successful in life because of our Hoban education.

My parents were active in the Hoban community. They volunteered at events like Oktoberfest, attended all my soccer games and any other activities in which my sister and I participated. When my father passed away, my mother immediately knew she wanted donations made to Hoban in my father's memory. My mother passed away last November, and Mary and I knew we could honor her love and appreciation of Hoban by asking others to donate to the school in her memory.

When Nicole and I had children, we knew right away a Catholic education was the best gift we could give our children. The Hoban tradition continued for our children, Emily '10, Chase '13, Natalie '17 and George '19. As parents we believe our children's success in college and as adults began at Hoban. Our children learned academics and the importance of service. They learned that a strong work ethic and perseverance are the keys to success. Hoban not only strengthens our children academically, it helps them be active members in our world. They learned to care for others in our own community and communities far away. The teachers, staff and coaches at Hoban have supported and taught our children how to celebrate victories and learn from defeats.

The Hoban tradition my parents began long ago continues. My sister's children will join the Hoban family in the fall. Rachel, Jackson and Max will be members of the Class of 2022. I look forward to watching them try new things and grow in their faith and education.



Hoban delivers the “trifecta” in education—spirituality, academics and ambition. Graduates of Hoban leave with a sense of accomplishment that they have met every challenge. Being a Knight is forever. As an alumnus of Hoban, I am filled with pride, loyalty and a sense that I am part of something bigger.

Like my parents, I try to give back to Hoban. Since 2010, I have made professional sports mouth guards for all Hoban athletics free of charge. This, along with donating to the HOBAN Fund and many Hoban fundraisers, is a way for me to say thank you. As graduates and friends of Hoban you are a member of this family, and you are always welcome to come home.



**The HOBAN Fund is our annual fundraising effort to raise much-needed support for student financial assistance, technology enhancements, academic resources and other critical needs. Your gift to the HOBAN Fund makes a significant impact in the lives of Hoban students, and it illustrates the incredible support and commitment of our friends and alumni.**





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