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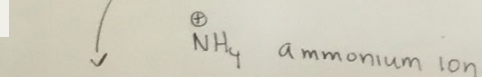
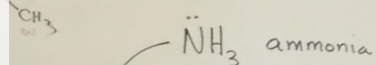
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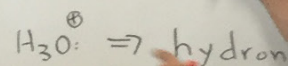
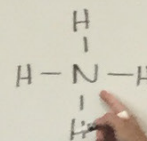
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We are a Catholic high school in the Holy Cross tradition.

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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.

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On the cover: Juniors Nick Smith and Chris Czaplicki visit with a man they met through Project HOPE, Hoban's service organization that prepares weekly meals for Akron's homeless community.

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Message from the President



“Catholic education is not a gem but the crown jewel of the word's educational opportunities.”

— Dr. Todd R. Sweda

Dear Hoban Family,

The Hoban community recently celebrated National Catholic Schools Week, referred to as Holy Cross Celebration at Hoban. This is a time when Catholic schools across the nation honor and promote our Catholic heritage.

We have so much to celebrate and for which to be thankful. Catholic education is not a gem but the crown jewel of the world's educational opportunities. A Holy Cross education has the capacity to fuse intellectual excellence with our spirituality. This formula has transformational power for our students and our world.

THE BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Expectations are high with excellence as the goal for all endeavors.
- Abundant opportunities exist to encounter Christ through religious studies, liturgy and the sacraments.
- A robust program of service opportunities underscores the value of life and dignity of every soul.
- Retreats provide for prayer and reflection about relationships with friends, family and God.
- Students come to understand they are not simply citizens of the world, but members of the human family.
- The gold standard is the Master Teacher and message of the Gospel.

Catholic education—experienced through the lens of our Holy Cross tradition—offers the opportunity to develop young people of great competence to be courageous leaders. Armed with the Gospel, students come to hear the longings in their hearts, are willing to deploy their God-given gifts and understand their responsibility to help make the world more just and humane.

May we always give thanks for our Holy Cross school on the hill and for the gift of Catholic education!

Todd R. Sweda, Ed.D.
President

BISHOP PEREZ CELEBRATES FIRST ALL-SCHOOL MASS, INSTALLS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MEETS STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT HOBAN



During a visit to Hoban, Cleveland Bishop Nelson J. Perez celebrated the first all-school Mass of the year on Sept. 12, inducted the 2018-19 class of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and had lunch with a group of students.

The Mass, commemorating the feast day of the patroness of Holy Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows, is celebrated each year. The 28 newly-commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will assist in the distribution of the Eucharist at all-school Masses and rotate assignments at the Masses held before school on Wednesdays and Fridays. These seniors opted to serve their school in this capacity and were trained by the Diocese in order to do so. Following the Mass, parents and friends attended a luncheon in Moreau Ministry Hall for the newly inducted Eucharistic ministers.

Perez requested to have lunch with a group of students after Mass, during which time he learned more about Hoban and about the students' involvement. Junior Alexis Smith told him about Project HOPE and about how she spoke at an Akron City council meeting a few days prior in order to save the tent city she often visits to deliver food to the homeless. Senior Nolan Rumler and junior Deamonte Trayanum spoke about their experience playing football at Hoban. Senior Juliette Streeter discussed her plans for the future and her mixed feelings of excitement and anxiety about going to college. Perez listened with a friendly manner, offering his experiences about growing up and his life as a bishop.



A total of 28 seniors were inducted as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Sept. 12 all-school Mass celebrated by Bishop Perez.



Bishop Perez met with a group of Hoban students during his visit over lunch in the Holy Cross Room as part of a diocesan-wide school tour.

HOBAN PRESENTS 'OUR TOWN' AS FALL THEATER PRODUCTION

Hoban presented *Our Town* as the fall theater production in Barry Gym in early November.

A landmark in American drama, Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Our Town* tells the story of a small town, Grover's Corners, N.H., in order to tell us the story of every town, the whole world over. Narrated by the "Stage Manager," played by senior Corrie Mullins, the play follows the Gibbs and Webb families, residents of Grover's Corners, through 12 years of life changes—from the mundane in Act I, "Daily Life," to the romantic in Act II, "Love and Marriage," to the devastating in Act III, "Death and Eternity."

Through the young lovers Emily, played by senior Sarah Caley and George, played by freshman Jude Yovichin, their strong and loving parents, and the many other Grover's Corners locals, Wilder delivers universal truths about what it means to be human. "Oh, earth," Emily Webb exclaims towards the play's end, "you're too wonderful for anyone to realize you!" With humor, wit and exceptionally powerful storytelling, *Our Town* offers a unique opportunity for audience members to make precisely that realization.

"The mind of the audience is meant to be stimulated by the absent portions of the spectacle," said Kyle Kelvington, theater instructor and director of *Our Town*. "This is the story of *our* town, of every town, every marriage, and every death. We are all George or Emily, burning for a brief moment on our path, orbited by those about us and guided by the light of others."

CAST

Stage Manager, **Corrie Mullins** | Artist, **Maria Redle** | Dr. Gibbs, **Giovanni Palermo** | Joe Crowell, **Isabella Grace Spina** | Howie Newsome, **Trever Behrend** | Mrs. Gibbs, **Abby Griffith** | Mrs. Webb, **Elizabeth Jorgenson** | Rebecca Gibbs, **Grace Kostko** | George Gibbs, **Jude Yovichin** | Wally Webb, **Madison Reed** | Emily Webb, **Sarah Caley** | Professor Willard, **Christina Worcester** | Mr. Webb, **Nick Sack** | Woman in Balcony, **Piper Kolasky** | Man in Auditorium, **Andrew Scott** | Lady in Box, **Eva Katherine Klockner** | Simon Stimpson, **Clara Dannemiller** | Mrs. Soames, **Tessa Skovira** | Constable Warren, **Luke Kolasky** | Si Crowell, **Trent Suckling** | Sam Craig, **Grace Castle Rossi** | Joe Stoddard, **Christine Monsour** | Farmer McCarty, **Andrew Scott** | Man Among the Dead, **Trent Suckling** | Woman Among Dead, **Piper DeYoung** | Townspeople, **Isabelle Spina**, **Christina Worcester**, **Piper Kolasky**, **Andrew Scott**, **Trent Suckling**, **Piper DeYoung**, **Simon Monsour**

CREW

Director, **Kyle Kelvington** | Stage Managers, **Kayla Mullins**, **Lauren Tecca** | Violin, **Ayaka Coffman** | Set Designer, **Tym Tagliaferro** | Lighting Design, **Kevin Rutan** | Costume Design, **Maureen Thomas** | Sound, **Maddie Ferree**, **Swati Dirgo** | Set Crew, **Brianna McCarron**, **Rebecca Kneier**, **Clare Polack** | Makeup, **Maria Redle**, **Abby Kurtz**, **Lily Anna Logsdon**, **Kaylee Hood**, **Maeve Wilson**





HOBAN NOW OFFERS ESPORTS—A GROWING INDUSTRY, ATTRACTIVE COCURRICULAR FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

Esports, which are competitive, multiplayer online games, was introduced at Hoban in the fall, and has become a popular, new cocurricular. Hoban has a total of 50 participating students, and is one of only a handful of high schools in Summit County to offer online gaming as a cocurricular. Other area high schools in our league include Akron STEM High School, Western Reserve Academy and Hudson High School.

Each week, Hoban's esports teams compete against other high schools across the nation, playing online games such as Rocket League, Overwatch, Smash Bros. and League of Legends.

"I have definitely seen growth in their ability to communicate and work together as a team," League of Legends moderator Jon Belvin said. "They have a lot of fun with it and are improving each week."

As moderators, Belvin, Tom Hottinger and Tym Tagliaferro assist the participants to organize weekly games. "An esports club is a great way to get more students involved in an interactive, skill-building, in-school activity," Hottinger said. "Participants gain confidence, grow friendships and develop skills that will help them through high school and beyond."

Seniors Nick Sack, Ben Vrobel and Alex Baumgartner all play on the League of Legends team. A total of six members on their team meet at the school every Tuesday evening and play from about 7 to 9 p.m.

"Our teamwork has improved a ton," Vrobel said. "We are currently tied for sixth place in the league out of about 40 teams."

While Vrobel has only been gaming for about a year, a hobby he picked up from his friends, others have been playing longer.

"I've been playing for about four years, Sack said. "When I heard Hoban was offering esports, I thought it would be a cool way to hang out with friends and do something I enjoy for Hoban. Playing casually at home with friends is fun, but it means more when I'm playing for Hoban. There's a lot of pride when we win for our school."

For these seniors, esports is also a hobby that will serve them into the future. Sack and Baumgartner have already been awarded scholarships for the opportunity to play in college.

"It's definitely something I will continue in college," Baumgartner said. "It's an easy way to meet friends and also stay in contact with friends from high school."

For senior Paul Hirsch, esports has extended what he's learned in pre-engineering classes in a practical way. "Pre-engineering has helped me to know a lot more of the internal workings of computers, which helps know what technical equipment you need and how to improve the gaming experience," Hirsch said. "You learn about technology and how to use it, but you also learn more about strategy and critical thinking skills. I've heard it compared to playing chess because it takes a lot of strategy."

Above all, these students are having fun, and that is what keeps them interested to improve each week. "It's a video game," Vrobel said. "It's supposed to be fun. I encourage anyone interested to give it a try."



BENEFITS OF ESPORTS PARTICIPATION

TEAM BUILDING

Playing esports requires a massive amount of communication and coordination among team members. In a team environment, members learn to receive constructive criticism. These skills, honed while playing games, are transferable to all other activities in school and beyond.

COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

Colleges and universities are awarding scholarships to students who participate in collegiate esports teams. Involvement in esports can also trigger new interests within the STEM fields because it introduces new technology in which students can find hidden talents and interests.

FAST-GROWING INDUSTRY

Esports is a booming industry. There are many job opportunities, outside of playing games, being created. Esports teaches many skills necessary to be successful in these positions, such as streaming, production, programming and management.



Fine arts department chair and art teacher Micah Kraus' Round Table group of freshmen participate in a schoolwide trivia game called Kahoot during Spirit Week.

ROUND ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL TABLE

EDUCATING THE

Most people connected to Hoban would likely agree that the school has a strong sense of community resembling a family. Therefore, it may have come as a surprise to some that students expressed a desire to form closer connections with faculty and staff. Upon learning this, administration responded immediately. To facilitate this request, a committee was formed to research the creation of an advisory program.

For two years Hoban faculty and staff researched and visited schools with existing advisory programs. Their goal was to develop a program that met the unique needs of Hoban students and could be incorporated into the existing, tightly-scheduled school day.

At the beginning of this academic year, a leadership team was assembled, led by Katie (Haubert) Surface, and Hoban's advisory program, named Round Table, was introduced. Others on the committee include Kevin Hillery, Deacon Ray DiMascio, Elaine Reichart, Krissy Sokol, Ben Rossi, Molly Doenges, Heidi Maltempi, Kate Ribovich and Judy Mohan.

While the program is based loosely on models used by other schools, Round Table is unique in that its primary focus is to build relationships and reinforce the Holy Cross core values of family, inclusiveness and cultivation of the heart and mind.

planning," Surface said. "While we touch on those topics at times, we want every student to have at least one adult in the building with whom that student feels comfortable. It is a critical difference between Hoban's advisory program and other area high schools."

Throughout the months of planning, it was decided that the best format for Hoban would be grade-level groups of about 12 to 14 students, meeting once a week for 30 minutes with an adviser. The committee works closely with Surface to create the plans for each week.

"We are intentionally not planning too far ahead," Surface said. "Especially during this first year, we need to stay open to the process and listen to feedback to make adjustments. Weekly plans are designed around the developmental needs of students and cover a variety of topics, such as managing time, coping with stress and transitioning to high school and college."

The Round Table weekly plans are as varied as the students themselves. Beyond planned discussions, groups have played games, completed activities such as writing gratitude letters to someone in their life, planned and participated in schoolwide service projects and celebrated birthdays and holidays as a group.

"No matter what the subject matter is, it is important to remember that

"Others schools may focus on academic support or college and career

MY EXPERIENCE AS ROUND TABLE ADVISORY GROUP ADVISER

When people ask me the best thing about my job, I always say my students. Each day reminds me why I decided to go into education in the first place. This year, with our schoolwide addition of Round Table, that statement could not be more true. For me, Round Table gives me an opportunity to get to know some of my students in a completely different way.

As Round Table adviser, I have a group of 13 seniors, and the time we spend together has become the best part of my week. Despite the two years I have been a part of the Hoban community, there are several students in my group that I only knew previously by name. In this first semester, I think we have developed a great dynamic. We take the time to celebrate birthdays, talk about the stresses of senior year of high school, fears of leaving Hoban after graduation and sometimes just play

games and have fun. We have even paired with a freshman Round Table group for mentoring and community building (through a friendly, yet competitive, game of dodgeball).

I know I am not the only adviser to have this experience. It has been exhilarating to hear colleagues share their experiences—they all sound so similar and tie closely to our Holy Cross core value of family. As a school community, Round Table allows us to come together to grow in our journey to become true to ourselves.



HEART AND MIND

it is always culture over content," Surface said. "This means relaxing enough to be present and listen to the students and to their specific needs that week. Our overall goal is to build relationships in their group so that each student has a smaller community within our larger school community."

Advisers have taken different approaches to connect with their groups. Michael Del Medico '73, vice president of advancement and planning, advises a group of seniors, and shares tips to help them in professional settings or in everyday life.

"It's fun to anticipate what the weekly tip Mr. Del Medico will share with us," senior Justin Chalfant said. "His tips have included not driving in the left lane, how to shake hands, where to put your name tag and a lot of other topics."

The success of Round Table is largely contingent on the strength of faculty and staff advisers. It is understandable that some questioned their ability to be effective advisers in the beginning because it is a slightly different role than educator or disciplinarian. This role requires advisers to mentor and lead a group in building deeper relationships with each other. The Round Table committee paid close attention to this need and created training and ongoing support to faculty and staff advisers in their new role.

"Hoban has fantastic teachers and staff, and they are giving this pro-

gram a great deal of effort and attention," Surface said. "It is a work in progress. Much of the feedback is anecdotal, but we are already seeing signs that the program is effective. Many students and advisers have expressed that they wish we had more time for Round Table."

This year, there are a total of 66 advisers who facilitate 62 Round Table groups, nestled into every nook and cranny of the school building. Regardless of the plan that day, it is structured so that groups organize their seats in a circle, advisers collect all mobile devices to eliminate distractions and begin their time with a prayer.

"Round Table has been an overall positive addition to the curriculum for the Hoban community," senior Megan Tucci said. "It is a great break between classes when we are able to be with people we wouldn't normally talk to, and form bonds and relationships with people in our groups. As a senior, leaving Hoban is becoming a reality pretty quickly, and Round Table has given me the opportunity to create relationships with people that will last far beyond high school."



Seven sets of multiples joined the Hoban Family along with the other members of the Class of 2022.

HOBAN WELCOMES CLASS OF 2022, SEVEN SETS OF MULTIPLES

Although Hoban's office of admissions does not routinely report the number of multiples in each class, we are almost certain this year's freshman class has set a record. With six sets of twins and one set of triplets, the Class of 2022 is one of the largest in recent history, and Hoban is loving having all 223 of them. Overall, they are a diverse, bright and energetic group of students.

WE ASKED A FEW FRESHMEN TO SHARE THEIR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT HOBAN:



"I love being part of such a diverse culture that's built on family and love."
—Colton Burkhardt '22

"So far, I'm so happy how everyone is treated like family and accepted for who they are as a person."
—Mary Dolensky '22



"I have learned that if you're down there is always tons of people at your side to help, and we all support each other in what we do, from theater to sports."
—Briana Foster '22

"I love being on the varsity football team as a freshman and being able to bond with the upperclassmen. It's outstanding how many people at Hoban care about you and others."
—Shawn Parnell '22



"Although the academics are good and I have learned a lot so far, the community at Hoban has been so welcoming and my favorite thing so far."
—Sawyer Huckabee '22



CLASS of 2022

64
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS

223
TOTAL
STUDENTS

29
LEGACY
STUDENTS

111 MALE

5

STUDENTS FROM
CHINA

112 FEMALE

103

STUDENT ATHLETES

76% CATHOLIC

75%

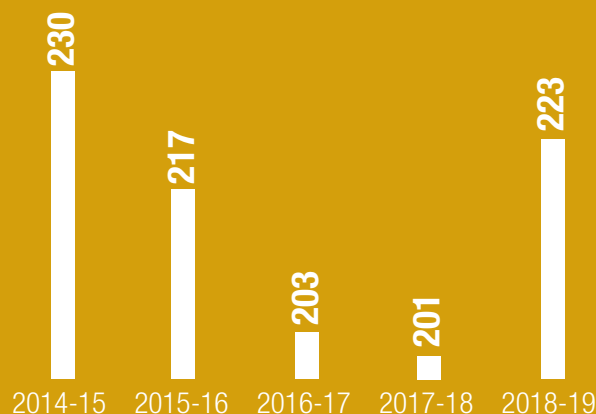
AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS

22% MINORITY STUDENTS

7

COUNTIES

ENROLLMENT HISTORY





Project HOPE

10 YEARS OF OPTION FOR THE POOR

For some Hoban students, Wednesday is their favorite day of the week—not because their week is halfway over, but because they know that on Wednesday they get to visit with their friends through Project HOPE.

“I started coming to Project HOPE because a friend of mine was involved and invited me,” junior Alexis Smith said. “Now, I look forward to Wednesdays. It’s my favorite day of the week because of Project HOPE.”

Project HOPE, which stands for Hoban’s Outreach for Peace and Equality, was launched in the fall of 2008 by two former Hoban faculty members, Jason Horinger ’03 and Greg Milo. Now, 10 years later, this ministry continues to enable students, faculty, staff and other volunteers to share food and fellowship with members of the Akron community who are less fortunate than many of us—the homeless and impoverished.

It is estimated that approximately 5,000 Hoban students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents have worked together, volunteering their time, donating food and offering monetary donations to serve more than 25,000 meals to people by visiting them in largely unseen corners of our community—under bridges, on street corners, in vacant parking lots and alleys and in wooded areas along the railroad tracks.

“It was definitely uncomfortable and out of my comfort zone,” junior Peter Stitzel said. “All I could think about was the stereotype that society has for the homeless. Now, I realize that they are not just people on the corner asking for money, and I can see past the stereotype.”

Every Wednesday, after school and throughout the summer months, students and adult volunteers, like alumnus Dan Weiss ’70 and his wife Carla, who have been volunteering for more than six years, meet in the Hoban cafeteria kitchen to prepare a meal. After a brief prayer, they depart by school van and return to the Hoban campus around 7:30 p.m.

“Honestly, this is just something we are supposed to do,” Carla said. “And, I’ll do it as long as we’re called to do it.”

Carla and Dan may not have had the culture shock that many others experience with Project HOPE. Dan is a retired educator and school counselor and Carla is a registered nurse, so they have both witnessed unfortunate circumstances, but they still feel it.



“It’s draining,” Carla said. Dan agreed immediately, saying, “You give everything to them, your full attention, and at the end of the night, you’re physically exhausted.”

Rain, snow, heat, even during finals week, Hoban students are committed to delivering food 52 weeks a year. Some people would consider volunteering four and a half hours each week torturous work, but for Smith, Stitzel and others, it’s the most rewarding thing they do.

“I come back for the people I have met and gotten to know,” Stitzel said. “I know how much some people depend on this food each week.”

Operated with the precision of a train schedule, the Project HOPE van tours Akron, sticking to a tight schedule. That’s because the regulars know when to expect the van. The students feel the responsibility of not making them wait or leave unfed.

Approximately 60-80 meals are provided each week. Each meal includes a hot entree, vegetable, dessert and bottled water or other beverage. Weekly menu items vary depending on donations received and foods that are purchased on sale or wholesale. Toiletries, batteries, bus passes and other highly requested items such as socks, hats and gloves are also provided when those items are available. But handing out food and materials is only one aspect of this service.

“Sometimes we hear students say it wasn’t what they expected on their first trip,” Dan said. “They think we pull up, hand out food and drive away. There are plenty of missions in Akron to feed people. The most important thing we do is we interact with people.”



Mariana Gonzalez '20 fills each meal container with tortilla chips to finish the taco dinners prepared for the homeless.



Josh Williams '19 and Nick Smith '20 grill dozens of hamburgers and hot dogs at Hoban while others in the pavillion assemble.



Project HOPE weekly schedule

MONDAY-TUESDAY Purchase all food and necessary items to create 60—80 meals

WEDNESDAY

3—4 p.m.	Prepare meals
4:05—4:20 p.m.	Arrive at Billy's house
4:30—4:45 p.m.	Stop at the railroad tracks
4:55—5:10 p.m.	Deliver food to anyone in Grace Park
5:15—5:20 p.m.	Take meals to Mom and Pop's house
5:30—5:45 p.m.	Park in vacant lot in North Hill neighborhood
6—6:20 p.m.	Visit "the alley" in downtown
6:30—6:45 p.m.	Deliver all remaining food to Second Chance, previously known as "Tent City"
6:55—7:30 p.m.	Return to Hoban, wash coolers and containers, reflect as a group about the evening and pray before leaving

A GLIMPSE INTO PROJECT HOPE

Each week, the students' first stop is just a few blocks from Hoban at Billy's house. Billy is one of the success stories. After living in a tent in the woods, he now lives in a home he rents and he works for his landlord to renovate and clean other rental homes. Billy welcomes the group into his home and talks to the students about his week. Multiple dinners are typically left with Billy, which he then shares with others in his neighborhood who need a warm meal.

As they drive from site to site, the students and Chris Fahey, Hoban religious studies teacher and co-moderator of Project HOPE, catch up from the previous week's visits. They discuss how Shane's new job is going. Someone asks if the woman at Second Chance Village has had her baby yet and if she needs diapers. Another inquires if certain people who regularly visit with them showed up the previous week. Fahey and his students know more about the people they've met throughout Project HOPE than some people know about their own relatives.

When the van pulls up, the students welcome and greet people warmly. The students know most of the people they serve, and conversationally introduce themselves to those they do not know. They interact with people as if they are old friends. It's these relationships that keep students returning week after week. When new people approach the van, the Hoban students politely introduce themselves and ask them if they would like something to eat.

"Our students gain a unique perspective into the lives of those we see and talk to each week, while building relationships and seeing the face of Christ in those who are often ignored," said campus minister and co-moderator of Project HOPE Kelsey (Ott '07) Sees.

Each weekly visit includes stopping by the railroad tracks to see Mark and Mike, who live in tents along the tracks. On one particular afternoon, Mark and Mike are waiting by the roadside as the van approaches

and the group of students greet their friends. When Chris noticed a new tent propped up next to the others, he asks who has "moved in." Mike told him that a couple has moved in next to them. Fahey called down to them to tell them to get some food. Typically, both Mark and Mike each receive several meals and batteries, one of the most commonly requested items among the homeless community. When asked, Mark also told Fahey he needs a new backpack—one dark in color so it will not show dirt as easily.

"These kids are doing the right thing," said John, another person regularly visited by Hoban students. John shows his appreciation for the work Hoban students do by thanking them, and he often reminds the students of the importance of staying in school and getting good grades.

"I think many people see homelessness as a far-off reality, never relating it to themselves," Smith said. "Yet, through Project HOPE, I've learned everyone is one step away from homelessness. Many people I have met were just like me in high school. Then one thing inevitably goes wrong in life, and they're on the streets."

Project HOPE is a testament and outward expression of Hoban's mission and reflects the Holy Cross core values of family, educating hearts and minds, inclusiveness, integrity, discipline and most definitely, option for the poor. As a family of learners, anchored in gospel values, Hoban empowers each student to grow spiritually, develop intellectually and reach out in service to others. We value each person and welcome one another with the hospitality of Christ.



"OUR STUDENTS GAIN A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE INTO THE LIVES OF THOSE WE SEE AND TALK TO EACH WEEK, WHILE BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND SEEING THE FACE OF CHRIST IN THOSE WHO ARE OFTEN IGNORED."

—KELSEY (OTT '07) SEES, CAMPUS MINISTER AND CO- MODERATOR OF PROJECT HOPE

"Many people say 'homeless people,' overlooking the people part and only focusing on the homeless side," Smith said. "In the end though, we are all people, and we must take care of each other."

Each week, the last stop of the Project HOPE schedule is Second Chance Village. Located in the Middlebury neighborhood, Second Chance Village was known as "tent city" for nearly two years. What started with just a few people setting up tents in the fenced-in backyard of an office building owned by Sage Lewis, quickly grew to be home to about 50 people. When surrounding neighbors began to complain about the encampment, the City of Akron got involved and forced those living there to move out.

A few Hoban students, including Smith, Stitzel and junior Jacob Fahey, attended an Akron Zoning Council meeting in September to plead with the council members to accept Lewis' request for a conditional use permit and to be considered as a "campground, tent community." Despite Smith's heartfelt and passionate testimony to save the tent city, Lewis' request was denied and everyone had to find new homes by Thanksgiving.

Lewis' office building continues to house the Second Chance resale store located in the basement and also offers designated areas for food donations, a computer area and showers for those in need.

As the students drove back to Hoban one evening, tired from a day at school and their visits, and likely thinking about the load of homework waiting for them, Smith, remembering the conversations from earlier in the afternoon, turned to the others in the van and asked for anyone who has old book bags at home to bring them in so they can give it to Mark the following week.

Hoban students involved with Project HOPE do more than give people food. They listen. They laugh. They care. They respect. They do not judge. They acknowledge. They pray. They learn that, no matter what your age or income, we all have something to contribute to make this world better.

"Project HOPE has been a fantastic experience, and I encourage all to try it or get involved in some capacity," Stitzel said.



Carla Weiss, Jenna Kupcik '18 and junior Jaclyn Turk visit with Mark and his dog Bunker.



Juniors Kasey Dodson, Nai Consbruck, Peter Stitzel, Jenna Kupcik '18, junior Jaclyn Turk, Carla Weiss, Billy and Macy Petit '18.

HOBAN ALUMNI STILL MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Students who participate in Project HOPE do not soon forget the experience. Many Hoban alumni have been significantly impacted throughout the service, learning to view the world through a different lens and choosing careers that allow them to continue their service.

As a reporter at *The Washington Post* who writes about the way major news events impact individual lives, Jessica Contrera '10 writes about people and social issues.

"Project HOPE was about far more than just helping those in need," Contrera said. "We had the opportunity to get out of our comfort zones and truly get to know those we served. We learned about their families, their challenges, their dreams—and just how much we had in common with them. As a journalist, my goal with every story is to do just that: Take readers to meet someone whose life, on the surface, may seem very removed from their own and show them how in reality, we are all more similar than we are different."

DaNay Carter '17 is studying psychology at Kent State University. In her second year, she is not sure what she wants to do with her degree but knows that she wants to help people, especially those with mental illness, who are often left homeless and without much support.

"Project HOPE was so eye-opening for me," Carter said. "I didn't realize before how intense the need was for the homeless. When you see the tents in our community and talk to people, it makes you thankful for what you have. Randomly, especially as the weather gets cold, I still say a prayer for the homeless every day."

After her experience with Project HOPE, Hallie Poor '13 is now a medical social worker at Equitas Health in Akron.

"I think what was most impactful to me at that age was seeing the people we encountered not as just "homeless" but as full, dignified human beings who had entire lives and stories, and now for whatever reasons or circumstances, happened to be in an extremely difficult place in their lives," Poor said. "We learned through our conversations with them about the multiple factors that can cause and contribute to homelessness. This gave way to challenging discussions surrounding income inequality, struggles with addiction, trauma and abuse, racism, mental health and lack of access to health care. All of these issues and more became increasingly important to me, and I do believe my time with Project HOPE was a major influence on my decision to choose a career in social work. I am extremely grateful for those experiences."

Not every student at Hoban will participate in Project HOPE, but for those who have it is life changing. It has and continues to make a mark on our community and on the hearts of those who choose to serve.

SUPPORT THE MISSION

It is estimated that approximately \$100-\$150 is needed each week to pay for food and other necessities to support this ministry. Since its inception, Project HOPE has relied on the generosity of kind-hearted benefactors for monetary and food donations. Without this assistance, the program would not exist. This ministry is not a line item in the Hoban operating budget; however, the school regularly provides financial assistance to supplement donations, including the use of a school van and fuel.

Hoban actively seeks grant money and private donations. The ultimate goal is to eventually endow this program, a goal that the office of advancement is working toward. If you would like any further information on how to become financially involved with this ministry, contact **Angela Sass** at **330.773.8620** or email **sassa@hoban.org**.



HOBAN STUDENTS FIND 6,000 YEAR-OLD STONE AX AT MOUNT VERNON, VA

For the past several years, Hoban students have made a trip to Mount Vernon, Va., to work alongside the archaeologists at the estate of George Washington. During this year's October trip, seniors Dominic Anderson and Jared Phillips made a substantial discovery during their dig, making national headlines.

The Washington Post was first to publish an article about the find—a 6,000-year-old stone ax. According to the Mount Vernon archaeologists, the ax was carved and shaped by Native Americans. The students found it while excavating land believed to be burial ground for African American slaves who worked on the plantation. The school trip, led by Jason Anderson, chair of the social studies department, included digs at Mount Vernon and Jamestown.



Junior Jaclyn Turk and senior Audrey Friess were two of several students to help design and produce the Slide 'n Ride store display.

STUDENTS DESIGN, PRODUCE PRODUCT STORE DISPLAYS

Slide 'n Ride is a locally invented vehicle assist seat that eases the transition from a wheelchair or walker to a vehicle. A creative display of the Slide 'n Ride, designed and produced by students in the Hoban Innovation Center, popped up in local Acme Fresh Markets in November.

Matt Aloisi '88 contacted Hoban pre-engineering teacher Greg Pero to ask for assistance in making the store display. Aloisi works for Group Endeavor, LLC, the Akron-based marketing firm hired to promote the product.

“We needed displays for each ACME store, so we took a Slide 'n Ride™ to the school, met with some of the students and they started working on ideas,” Aloisi said. “We’re thrilled with what they developed and how it simply, but effectively, demonstrates how the Slide 'n Ride works.”

Since the product launched in stores, Hoban students have been interviewed about the project on the Ray Horner Show on 1590 WAKR and on the Donovan Live show on WKYC Channel 3. Seniors Audrey Friess and Nate Montecalvo and junior Jaclyn Turk, along with pre-engineering teacher Greg Pero, explained how they became involved with the project.



HOBAN MODEL U.N. PARTICIPATES IN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Twenty Hoban students participated in the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Winter conference at Lorain County Community College on Dec. 5 and 6. Freshman Sawyer Huckabee and senior Abby Griffith won the award for Superior Delegation on the UN High Committee on refugees debate, and junior Evan Cihlar won an Honorable Mention on the General Assembly.



Freshman Sawyer Huckabee, senior Abby Griffith and junior Evan Cihlar were recognized at a Model UN conference.



Senior Alana Christian, junior Montrell Jamison, junior Will Harrison, and senior Lonasia Brewer plant native trees with their environmental science class.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS PLANT TREES

Candace Bates' environmental science students planted approximately 200 native trees in the southern part of Cuyahoga Valley National Park near the banks of the Cuyahoga River. These trees, which included oaks, maples and cottonwoods, are important to habitat restoration in the park. Once invasive species are removed, which Hoban students have helped with, native trees can be replanted to help return the environment to a healthier state.

"Part of Hoban's success is due to the fact that we show education in action," Bates said. "It is one thing to talk about the problems with ecosystems in our environmental science class. It is another to actually go out and plant native trees to help improve our local biome. Hoban students get the opportunity to participate in their education. By participating, they have a better idea of what their Holy Cross education can help them accomplish in the future."

Hoban classes have visited this site three times in the past five years. Trees that were planted in 2013 and 2016 are thriving. These trees provide native habitats for insects, birds and small mammals. They stabilize soils to help prevent erosion and reduce the overall effects of flooding.



RON MARTIN AND HIS STUDENTS MARCH
TO THE BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRUM...

A STEEL DRUM

For many years, Hoban had a traditional marching band, peaking at more than 150 members in the early 1960s. By 1990 about a dozen students were in the band and at one point only eight students were left to perform during football halftime shows. It was clear that a traditional band was not working at Hoban.

After the University of Akron steel drum band performed at a school assembly in 2006, Brother Ken Haders, then president of Hoban decided a steel drum band would be a better solution.

Just a few short months later in 2007, Brother Philip Smith visited his colleague Haders at Hoban. During a tour, Smith ended up in the band room, where six students were sitting in a circle, seemingly waiting for something.

“When I asked what they do, the students ran to their drums to play,” Smith said. “As I drove back to the University of Notre Dame a few hours later, I realized I had just signed a full contract to teach music, a subject I hadn’t taught in 30 years.”

Not only had Smith not used his music degree in a few decades, but he also had never seen a steel drum prior to that tour. Haders sent Smith to an intense, five-day steel drum camp in Delaware during which Smith mastered the concept of steel drums. What started with six students in a huddle quickly grew in popularity.

“Steel drum band put music back on the map for Hoban,” Smith said. “The great thing about steel drum is that there is no prior experience requirement. Throughout a six-week period, you can get pretty good at the steel drum.”

After several years of teaching steel drum band, Smith reached his limit. Teaching several AP classes and music courses, Smith was overloaded and recommended just one person for the steel drum band director position. Upon his recommendation, Ron Martin began teaching at Hoban in 2013. With a bachelor’s degree in music from the University of Akron, Martin knew steel drums, and even sold the first sets to Haders to start the band. Martin brought with him great knowledge, passion and excitement for music.

“The kids liked Ron right away, and I knew he would cause the program to grow,” Smith said. “Our band has to be one of the largest in the country now.”

Martin now currently directs six steel drum ensembles, totaling approximately 160 students, and there has yet to be a year that the steel drum band has not grown in size from the previous academic year. Each band is made up of four sections, including lead drums, double seconds, triple cellos and bass drums.

“Learning where the notes are on each type of drum can be very problematic,” Martin said. “I have to teach each section separately. However, nearly 60 percent of students joining the band have no previous musical experience, and they master it fairly quickly.”

Still, some students join the band having already learned several instruments. For them, steel drums is yet one more opportunity to explore music.

“Steel drum band is another different and interesting way to experience music, which has always been a part of my life,” senior Matt Fahey said. “It has opened a whole new avenue of music experience for me.”

Fahey, who joined Hoban’s band with previous musical training and a current member of the advanced band class, is planning to attend West Virginia University in the fall to study music education, a degree that will certify him to teach kindergarten through 12. He would prefer to teach high school and has aspirations to earn his master’s and doctorate to potentially teach at the collegiate level.

Martin has estimated that 25 percent of his beginning band students will persist all four years in steel drum.

“Steel drum is a fun and energetic alternative to a standard art class,” said sophomore Kennedy Panuska, who is in the intermediate class.

It is estimated that more than 800 Hoban students and alumni have participated in the steel drum band, and many, through their experience, have grown within their ability and are planning to make some big moves in the music industry.

A computer science major at the University of Alabama, Carson Keenan ’17 continues to be involved with the Hoban steel drum band by arranging music for Martin’s classes.

“My experience in the band at Hoban was one of the most enjoyable aspects of my high school career,” Keenan said. “Through the band I was able to diversify my musical experience and make quite a few great friends. My arranging experience started in my junior year at Hoban, when I arranged a version of “Margaritaville” because Mr. Martin could not find a good version of it online. Whenever Mr. Martin spontaneously developed an idea for a new song with limited sheet music, it went to me and has continued even as I’ve gone on to college.”

Although music is not his choice of study, Keenan continues to be involved with music in college as a pianist in the music ministry at St. Francis of Assisi University parish in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and has career aspirations to improve the music industry from the software perspective.

“I know I faced a lot of the struggles when using computer programs designed for creating sheet music,” Keenan said. “I would really be glad if I could find a way to get involved with one of the companies that create these programs, such as MakeMusic.”

Tim Topoly ’18 has decided to study music with a focus on composition and percussion at the University of Mount Union.

“Pursuing music for a career, Mr. Martin jump-started my passion through steel drums,” Topoly said. “Mr. Martin perceived my talents and advanced my musical capability by suggesting piano lessons, percussion lessons and summer concert band at the University of Akron. Through past experiences I became a leader in the steel drum band, and I am currently composing a short steel pan panorama for Mount to perform in the spring of 2019.”

Regardless of students’ musical ability when entering Martin’s classroom, they each seem to leave with a deeper appreciation for music, especially the steel drum, a rather rare choice among high school students.



SOPHOMORE MOTOCROSS RACER

Sophomore Max Caiazza is a nationally-ranked amateur motocross racer. This hobby has allowed him to travel all over the country to compete, now having raced in 11 states. Over the summer, Caiazza raced against some of the best competitors in the country at Baja Brawl in Millington, Mich., in which he placed fifth and 11th in his classes.

More recently, Caiazza attended one of the largest annual races in the country at the Gatorback Raceway in Gainesville, Fla., and placed in the top 30 out of over 80 participants in each of his classes. He is currently racing a KTM 125cc bike, and has obtained corporate support and sponsorship, which helps greatly in his sport.



Senior Paul Hirsch, pictured with Courtney Wagner and Sean Osborne, is the first Hoban student to take pre-engineering III, which included a co-op at Wagner Machine, Inc.

PRE-ENGINEERING III OFFERS CO-OP

The pre-engineering program expanded this academic year to include pre-engineering III, which offers students an opportunity to participate in a co-op. Senior Paul Hirsch is the first to advance to this level.

"The class is very selective because students are expected to have already taken pre-engineering I and II, and have the capability to work two to three hours after school each day," pre-engineering teacher Greg Pero said.

Throughout the fall semester, Hirsch worked for Wagner Machine, and was responsible for compiling the company's safety program, managing the production of a marketing video and he also shadowed many of the engineers to learn how to operate the tools and machinery.

"It was a great experience that many college students don't even get," Hirsch said. "I learned about how production runs and hundreds of tools. I knew the basics from my classes at Hoban, but this first practical application was a great learning opportunity."

Hirsch plans to work at Wagner Machine over the summer prior to attending college, which has yet to be decided, and study mechanical engineering.

EVAN CIHLAR TRAINS FOR FUTURE IN BUSINESS

Junior Evan Cihlar is the president and CEO of *Railroading in America Magazine*, a bimonthly, nationally-distributed publication. Founded in January 2017, the magazine features articles and reviews about model railroading, prototype railroading, news and railroad preservation efforts. Cihlar's magazine is read and purchased by many industry professionals and leaders such as Wick Moorman, the ex-CEO of one of the largest railroads in the nation, Norfolk Southern.

From a young age, Cihlar has been a fan of trains. The hobby has since transformed to a full-time job for Cihlar as he and business partners maintain two websites, social media channels, online store and oversee the writing and production of the magazine. This includes the managing and constant interaction between advertisers, on-staff writers, photographers and digital designers.

Cihlar has been invited to speak at train conventions and seminars, and the magazine was also recognized by MTH Electric Trains, a privately held company based in Columbia, Md., that produces model trains.



Junior Evan Cihlar co-founded Railroading in America Magazine, now printed and distributed nationally.

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OTTERS.
PROTECT OUR
WATERS.

ART CLUB, LEAP CLUB COLLABORATE IN STORM DRAIN PROJECT TO BUILD AWARENESS

In a partnership with Summit Soil and Water Conservation District, Hoban's Art Club and Leaders in Environmental Awareness and Protection (LEAP) Club have painted two storm drains on Hoban's campus, reminding students and visitors that litter thrown on the ground will eventually make its way back to our local streams.

"The storm drain project was very successful, as it was an innovative way to include Hoban students from LEAP and the art club in a project that both benefitted and beautified the campus," senior and LEAP member Josie Savitski said.

Two designs were created by Art Club students that include local animal life—river otters and blue herons. The students involved with LEAP crafted clever sayings, "Love the otters. Protect our waters." and "Help the herons. Protect our waters."

"The phrases are short, easy to memorize and action-oriented to get our point across—don't throw trash down the sewer drains," said Candy Bates, environmental science teacher and moderator of LEAP.

JUNIOR PLACES THIRD IN NATIONAL WRITING CONTEST

Junior Isabelle Kolleth won third place in "Local Letters for Global Change," a national letter-writing competition sponsored by the Pulitzer Center. Her letter to Sen. Sherrod Brown about the environmental effects of using Indonesian and Malaysian palm oil was selected from among some 270 entrants worldwide.

"I passed on the information about the contest in my class, and Isabelle ran with it," social studies teacher Margaret Reed said. "She is a great example of what Hoban is all about."



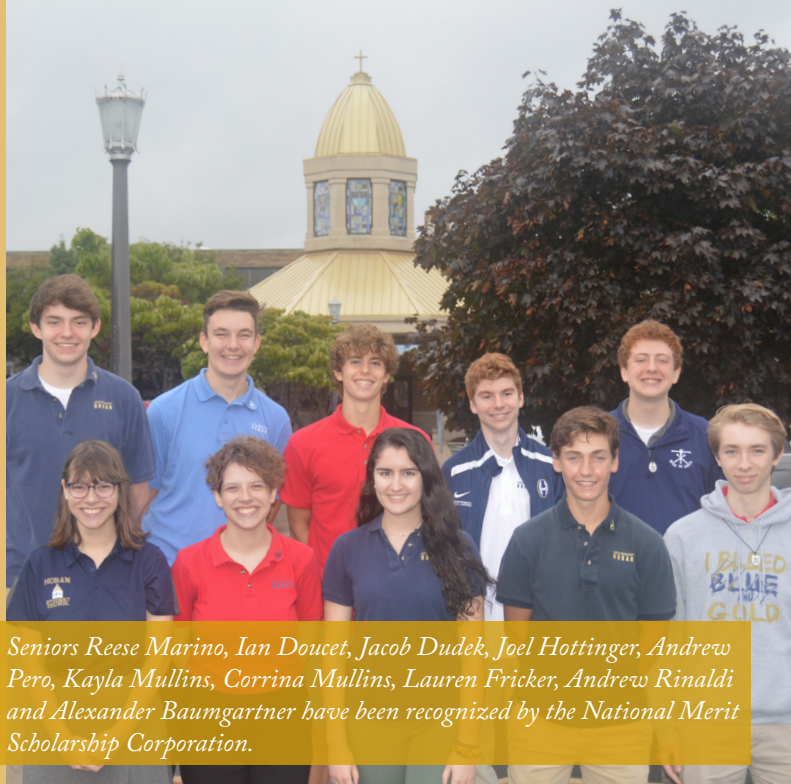
"It is impossible to ignore the devastating effects that humans have on the Earth, so we must stand together to protect this once-beautiful planet and its inhabitants. I believe that change should start by terminating the usage of Indonesian and Malaysian palm oil, a horrendously common soap, cosmetic, and food ingredient."

Read Kolleth's entire letter at tinyurl.com/Isabelle-Kolleth-article.



SENIORS NAMED OUTSTANDING MATH AND SCIENCE STUDENTS

Seniors Paul Hirsch and Lauren Fricker were honored as Outstanding Math and Science Students for 2018-19 by the Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies (ACCESS) at a ceremony on Nov 1. The mission of ACCESS is to enhance the technical environment in the Akron area through coordination and cooperation with the technical societies, industry and academia.



Seniors Reese Marino, Ian Doucet, Jacob Dudek, Joel Hottinger, Andrew Pero, Kayla Mullins, Corrina Mullins, Lauren Fricker, Andrew Rinaldi and Alexander Baumgartner have been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION RECOGNIZES 10



Senior Reese Marino has been named a semifinalist in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship competition. He is one of about 16,000 academically talented high school seniors to be considered for some 7,500 scholarships worth more than \$31 million to be offered next spring. Marino must fulfill several requirements to continue to the finalist level. Over 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of finalists will win a National Merit scholarship.

An additional nine Hoban seniors were named Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Alexander Baumgartner, Ian Doucet, Jacob Dudek, Lauren Fricker, Joel Hottinger, Corrina Mullins, Kayla Mullins, Andrew Pero and Andrew Rinaldi have been commended, based on their scores on the PSAT/NMSQT they took as juniors.



Sophomores Alex Stankard and Maeve Wilson with Anna Fletcher, a sophomore at Medina High School and Bishop Perez at the annual Girl Scout Mass.

RELIGIOUS MEDALS AWARDED TO HOBAN STUDENTS

Sophomores Alex Stankard, Alex Dillon and Maeve Wilson received the Spirit Alive award from Bishop Nelson Perez at the annual Girl Scout Mass on Oct. 21 at St. John's Cathedral. Stankard and Wilson also received the Pillars of Faith Award, representing the completion of all four religious medal programs in Catholic Scouting. In the past, the girls have participated in the Rosary Walk at their parish. This year they volunteered at Kitten Crazy in Medina. The troop actively participates in the gravity race at the Soap Box Derby, winning the event in 2017.

In addition, Girl Scouts from St. Hilary Parish and seniors Lauren Fricker, Rachel Reese, Merideth Vieson, Maria Redle and Elizabeth Jorgenson also earned the Spirit Alive award. Fricker and Reese earned the Pillars of Faith Award. For one of their Spirit Alive service projects the girls collected school supplies, with the help of the Hoban Spanish club, to donate to families who had recently moved into the area from Puerto Rico due to the effects of Hurricane Maria.

SENIOR EARNS PERFECT ON ACT TEST



Senior Lauren Fricker achieved a perfect score of 36 on her ACT.

On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn the top score. Broken into four sections, the ACT assesses high school students on English, math, reading and science aptitude. Each test receives an individual score, and the composite score is the average of the four scores.



HOBAN LAUNCHES ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES PROGRAM

With the support, generosity and vision of Hoban donors, the McCool Center for Entrepreneurial and Leadership Studies program was launched, and classes began in January.

"We have an opportunity to develop this program into a premier academic opportunity in Northeast Ohio," principal Emily Ramos said.

"When it comes to the skills necessary to compete and thrive in the 21st century workplace, few are as valuable as leadership, communication and the innovative problem-solving that comes from learning the entrepreneurial mindset," Dzik said. "The McCool Center will stress the learning and application of these skills in the classroom and through an array of experiential learning opportunities."

Dzik has been working for the last year to develop the new entrepreneurial course's curriculum and cocurricular opportunities for students, which include Hoban's current Leadership Institute. The program will introduce students to various areas of entrepreneurship, working collaboratively with members of the Hoban and Akron business community.

In the fall, it was announced that Jason Dzik accepted the position of Director of Entrepreneurial and Leadership Development. He has been a teacher at Hoban for 14 years, teaching economics.

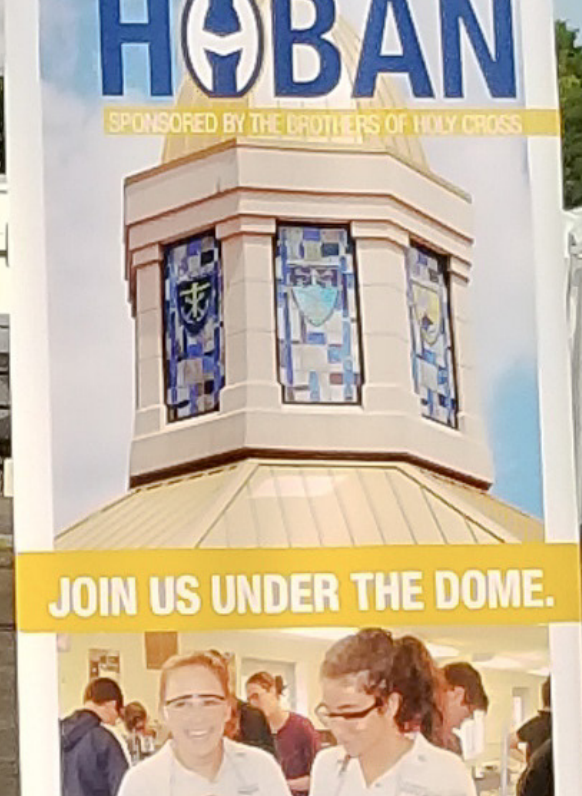


PRE-ENGINEERING STUDENTS VISIT ALUMNUS' 3D PRINTING COMPANY

On Sept. 26, Greg Pero's pre-engineering students took a field trip about 15 minutes from Hoban's campus to Additive Engineering Solutions, where Hoban graduate Andrew Bader '06 is part-owner. Bader's company owns some of the largest 3D printers in the nation. With a niche market, producing large industrial components such as jigs, dies and fixtures used to make parts in automotive, aerospace and other sectors, the Hoban students saw the future of 3D printing.

"The field trip gave the students the opportunity to connect to a Hoban graduate and see one area of the engineering field they could pursue after graduation," Pero said. "Until the field trip, the students thought that a 3D printer was an interesting toy. Now they see it as a tool to be used on a large scale."





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SARA STONE *Assistant Director of Admissions*



Assistant director of admissions Sara Stone has become one of Hoban's biggest cheerleaders, not just in the way she represents the school, but in her involvement and support of so many student activities. In the seven years Stone has worked at Hoban, she has chaperoned school dances and Mum Day lock-ins, traveled with students during Easter break to volunteer on alternative spring break trips, is a Round Table adviser, attends athletic events and theater productions, chaperoned a Spes Unica retreat, and even coached the discus and shot put for track and field.

"Sara is a blessing to Hoban," director of admissions Julie Stieber said. "She personifies the Hoban family in her interactions with prospective students and families, faculty, staff and alumni. Her contributions to our school community cannot be measured."

Upon graduating from Walsh University, Stone first joined the Hoban family in 2011 as a member of the office of advancement. After five years, she decided to take a position with CommQuest Services, a nonprofit organization that serves people with mental health and addiction-related issues.

Now, as assistant director of admissions, Stone is responsible for attracting prospective students and families to Hoban, a job in which she is passionate and invested.

"I wear many hats in my current role, which includes both commu-

nications and marketing efforts," Stone said. "I work closely with incoming families to help them understand all that Hoban has to offer and what it means to be a Holy Cross school."

Many of the families Stone meets with are eager to learn about Hoban's scholarship and financial assistance opportunities, a benefit Hoban is able to offer with the support of generous alumni and friends, many of whom she directly worked with in her previous position.

"I know firsthand what goes into raising the money for scholarships, so I am happy to share those opportunities with families and always make sure to acknowledge the contributions that allow us to do so," Stone said. "Paying tuition can be a real sacrifice for some families. I love sharing all the opportunities that come with making a financial investment in their child's future."

Stone's service at Hoban extends far beyond her busy role in admissions, and her investment in the students does not end once they are enrolled as new students. She views her position as a calling from God, and looks to the Holy Cross core values to guide her as she welcomes every person to Hoban with the hospitality of Christ.



Sara Stone traveled to New Orleans, La., during 2018 Easter Break to do volunteer work.



Sara and Jeff Stetz '70 at the Alumni Golf Outing



Sara and the students in the "Rolling Stones" Round Table student advisory group she co-moderates

WHY IS HOBAN SPECIAL?

Hoban has always pushed me to be and do my very best. I knew I wanted to work in the nonprofit sector but never imagined my faith being such a big part of my professional life. How amazing it is to be able to work for a place where you can grow on all levels. Hoban has never felt like a job. It truly is an extension of my family. Hoban has pushed me to develop my leadership skills and expand on my strengths. Hoban has given me the opportunity to live the life I always dreamed to have.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY WORKING AT HOBAN?

My favorite memories from working in the advancement office have to be the ones made with the alumni. Hearing stories from past generations and seeing young alumni become more involved with their alma mater is special. To know the impact this place and the people in it have made on the lives of our graduates 50+ years later is priceless. Also, being a part of the Lip Dub was so much fun, and I will never forget that special day. In admissions, it has to be the look on the faces of mothers and fathers who never thought a Hoban education could be possible for their sons and daughters.

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

You will never regret your time spent with the Hoban family. From the leadership of our administration, board and committees, to the faculty, staff and students, you *will* be changed for the better. I encourage anyone willing to give of themselves for a bigger mission to join our family. It is a calling from God, and we must be open to wherever He is guiding us. The Hoban Family will always be there for you.

WHICH HOLY CROSS VALUE RESONATES MOST FOR YOU?

HOPE—It is the most important thing we can have in this life. It is what gets me out of bed in the morning and what helps me fall asleep at night. Every prayer I pray includes the message of hope for my family, friends, colleagues and all those in need. This place has kept me at peace during the most difficult times, and it has placed some very special people in my life. Attending the Spes Unica retreat this year made me so grateful for the youth we are blessed with having the opportunity to form into disciples of God. No one is perfect, but to know we all have someone to lean on in times of need makes this place a home. We are a castle full of love for one another and, through this, we are changing people's futures and changing our world.

ABOUT SARA

I come from a family of six, with two brothers and a sister. My mother is a hospice nurse and father is a high school principal. I am recently engaged to a great man, Matt, and I have a black lab mix named Rocky who is one year old. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and taking my dog to the park. I love to lift weights and be hands-on in the kitchen and around the house. Antiques fascinate me, and I like to try and find ways to repurpose items. I am trying to develop my snowboarding skills in preparation for a trip to Vermont this year. I look for opportunities to give back to missions I have a personal connection to through service. I am a member of the Leadership Stark County 32nd Class.

CROSS COUNTRY: two teams, one goal

Boys and girls cross country head coach Connie Gardner is an accomplished, elite athlete. As an ultramarathon runner, she has traveled the world, met amazing people and has won 11 USA Track and Field national championships. In her fourth year at Hoban, Gardner was named the NCL Blue Division Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year. Her first freshman runners are getting ready to graduate, and their season's successes are no doubt largely due to Gardner's influence. As a coach, her focus is on teaching them how to be successful, long-term runners.

"Everyone loves to be around Connie," said assistant coach and Hoban Latin teacher Christine Hahn. "The students love having a coach to run with. She has created a strong running culture at Hoban."

In 2015, when Gardner took the Hoban position, there were only 13 girls on the team, and they finished almost last in the district. This year, a total of 69 boys and girls participated in cross country, and two school records have been set. The boys placed fifth at districts while the girls placed second and one member, senior Bridget Hahn, finished sixth in the state.

RELAXED BUT FOCUSED

Anyone who runs understands that cross country is an intense sport. With just seven varsity spots, it easily becomes competitive among team members. Yet, instead of competing with one another, the Hoban team is a close-knit, supportive group of friends.

"Without our team we could not have done as well as we did this year," senior Samantha Hier said. "Even though the boys and girls compete separately, we are one team. We push each other every day to get better."

Senior Michael Jorgenson joined the team in his junior year. Previous to joining cross country, Jorgenson was a single-sport athlete as a sprinter on the track and field team.

"They are two completely different sports," Jorgenson said. "Sprinting is all about technique. Long-distance running is all about physical and mental toughness and pushing yourself not just for your own personal time, but to help your entire team succeed. People think of cross country as an individual sport, but we need everyone to do well to compete with other teams."

"It's been amazing to learn from a coach who has accomplished so much," Bridget said. "As a team, we have changed so much in the past four years."

Outside of the Monday through Thursday practices, Gardner suggests optional runs before school, typically on Wednesdays, and on Saturday mornings, which have become more like social club meetings than practices.

"The first goal I have as a coach is to instill a love of running in the students," Gardner said. "I don't want to force a student to run. I want them to wake up on Saturday mornings and look forward to a run with their friends. I want them to associate running with fun and camaraderie."

"Coach Gardner doesn't make you to do anything," senior Kyle Stober said. "That actually made me care more. Instead of her telling me to care, I knew I had to take responsibility."

The team's support can be seen during meets when the first to finish either waits at the finish line to cheer on their teammates, or they circle back to run the course again with them.

"Everyone has worked hard and listened to the coaching to earn their spot on the team," Gardner said. "We have hardworking students. Those on the varsity team have worked for their success. Anyone on the team who wants one of the seven varsity team spots can work to get it."

As a freshman, Sawyer Huckabee often fluctuated between varsity and junior varsity teams.

"My first season on the team has been great," Huckabee said. "We work together and it just depends on who is having the better week to determine the varsity runners."

"As a team, we are relaxed but focused," Bridget Hahn said. "We all came into our season with goals but have a lot of fun together."



IT IS ALL ABOUT BALANCE

Gardner is committed to maintaining a healthy balance in the team. This philosophy of balance extends to the team's practices, mixing difficult runs with much more relaxed, conversational runs. The team does not practice on Friday—another example of balance. Instead of practicing on Fridays before meets, Gardner prefers her athletes go home to spend time with their families, eat a good meal and enjoy time with friends. She is also adamant about the importance of being strong, healthy and eating well.

"I am a firm believer in strength training for runners," Gardner said. "Some runners think to get faster they have to lose weight. Those runners will expire. The runners who are strong and eat well are the runners who will last and have longevity in their running careers."

Assistant coach Kristina (Drnjevic '05) Reilly is a living example of the balance that Gardner is hoping her student athletes learn in life. Reilly is an assistant prosecutor in Portage County. As such, her career is very demanding of her time, yet she still balances time and focus to maintain other activities such as coaching and running.

"I met Kristina through running and asked her to help coach, even if she could only make it to the meets on Saturdays," Gardner said. "I didn't even know she was a Hoban graduate at the time. She is a great person—very spiritual, hard-working and has a great message for high school students."

RUNNING IN THEIR FUTURES

For many seniors, their running days are far from over. Bridget Hahn has committed to attend Walsh University next fall and will be a member of the cross country and track and field teams.

"Coach Gardner has really interested me in marathon running," Bridget said. "I'm not sure if I'll be involved with ultramarathons or not, but I'm definitely not opposed to it."

For others like Stober, Hier and Jorgenson, they are unsure if they will continue running on a team in college, but will continue running for themselves.

"I met some of my best friends through this team," Hier said. "I will definitely miss running with everyone next year."



Seniors Kyle Stober and Bridget Hahn beat school records

STOBER, HAHN SET SCHOOL RECORDS

Seniors Kyle Stober and Bridget Hahn set the 5K school records at this year's OHSAA district competition. Stober was fourth overall with a time of 16:25.0. Hahn placed first overall with a time of 18:45.9. Their times helped their teams advance to regionals.

HAHN IS SIXTH IN THE STATE

Senior Bridget Hahn placed sixth among 177 runners in Division II at the OHSAA state cross country tournament with a time of 19:09.3. The race was run at the National Raceway in Hebron on Nov. 10. Junior Hannah Schill also qualified to run in the state tourney. Hahn was also invited to run in the Mid-East Championships in which the top 12 seniors from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois ran. Hahn placed 19th out of 48.





Junior Aaron Apticar, freshman Solomon Petrie, sophomore Josh Wright, senior Colton Vincelette, senior Matt Russo, senior Vincent Grosso and Head Coach Quinn Parker attended the boys golf state tournament at the Ohio State University in October.

BOYS GOLF FINISHES 6TH IN STATE

For the second time in school history, the boys golf team qualified for the state tournament. Despite very difficult weather conditions, the team finished sixth in the state at the Division I state championship with a total score of 661. The two-day tournament was held in Columbus at Ohio State University's Scarlet Course on Oct. 19 and 20. Individual scores were sophomore Josh Wright 161, freshman Solomon Petrie 163, junior Aaron Apticar 167, senior Colton Vincelette 170 and senior Vincent Grosso 174.

"We had the worst weather at the state tournament—35 and 45 degree weather and lots of wind, and it was the toughest course we have played all year," Vincelette said. "But we were able to stay focused and did well."

At the beginning of the season, head coach Quinn Parker and his team had four goals: 1. win five tournaments, 2. win sectionals, 3. win districts and 4. go to the state tournament. The team finished by accomplishing three of the four goals as they came in second at districts.

HIGH SCHOOL	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	TOTAL
Dublin Jerome	316	309	625
Liberty Twp. Lakota East	321	329	650
Cincinnati St. Xavier	323	327	650
Mason	323	332	655
Massillon Jackson	333	325	658
Archbishop Hoban	334	327	661
Columbus St. Charles	334	330	664
Cleveland St. Ignatius	338	327	665
Walsh Jesuit	352	333	685
Perrysburg	345	358	703
Toledo St. John's Jesuit	363	360	723
Dover	387	378	765

Hoban won the North Coast League Blue Division, Parker was named the NCL Coach of the Year and several Hoban student athletes were recognized, including: First Team: junior Aaron Apticar, freshman Solomon Petrie and senior Colton Vincelette; Second Team: senior Matthew Russo; and Honorable Mention: sophomore Josh Wright and senior Vincent Grosso.

"We each play for our teammates," Grosso said. "It's important to keep our composure and get the best score possible to help our team as a whole. We have become such good friends."

Parker attributes the team's successes not only to their athletic ability but also credits the alumni golfers who helped lay the foundation for them.

"We have had some amazing leaders on the golf team in the past who have helped change the culture at Hoban," Parker said. "This team of young athletes benefited from earlier classes' expectations of winning and setting the example of how to behave on the course and in competition."

"We had so much fun this season, but we are serious when we need to be," Vincelette said. "We came in to our season knowing our goals and worked really hard to achieve them."

Vincelette is committed to playing golf next year at Tiffin University, achieving his goal to play DII college golf. Grosso has decided to focus on studying and continue golfing as a hobby.

Moving forward, Parker and his team are likely to achieve continued success. The team has a lot of talent in the underclassmen.

"I think we have a shot at states again next year," Apticar said. "Going to states was a big accomplishment this year, and now that we've been there, I am excited for next year."

76%

OF HOBAN'S FALL STUDENT ATHLETES MADE THE HONOR ROLL

LU TZ JOINS ATHLETIC TRAINER STAFF



Steve Lutz joined the Hoban staff as head certified athletic trainer in the fall. Previously assigned at his alma mater, Mogadore High School, Lutz brings nearly 10 years of professional experience and has quickly adapted to life as a Knight.

"The kids at Hoban are awesome, and the coaches have all been very welcoming," Lutz said.

As an employee of Akron Children's Hospital, Lutz had his choice of schools but was looking for a full-time position. One conversation with athletic director Tim Tyrrell convinced Lutz that Hoban was the right fit.

"After meeting with Coach Tyrrell I called my wife and told her, Hoban is the place," Lutz said. "Our philosophies are very similar."

Lutz graduated from the University of Akron in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine. He is licensed in the state of Ohio and certified nationally by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. He and his wife Leann were married in 2012 and have a three-year-old daughter named Sydney.

STUDENT ATHLETIC AIDES

With such a vibrant athletic program, Lutz's role as athletic trainer is a busy one. Hoban has created the student athletic aides program to help support Lutz and all student athletes.

"Being new to the school and not yet having built relationships with coaches and athletes, I found the student aides to be a huge help," Lutz said. "They are a great group and make my life much easier."

Athletic aide responsibilities include stocking the first aid kits, cleaning the training room and preparing water and ice for the team. The most important role of the athletic aide is to learn about injuries and anatomy. They must be able to tape and know when to send an injured player to Lutz. Some students who may be interested in medical careers choose to attend summer camps to learn techniques and assessments.



FALL HIGHLIGHTS

HOBAN COACHES

A total of five of Hoban's fall sports head coaches were named NCL Coach of the Year. Connie Gardner (Boys Cross Country), Quinn Parker (Boys Golf), Tavi Muresan (Boys Soccer), Tim Tyrrell (Football) and Jason Dzik (Girls Tennis) were all recognized by the league.

BOYS SOCCER

Overall, the Knights finished 12-3-3, 4-0-1 in the NCL and 2018 NCL Blue Division Champions. They defeated Green in the OHSAA Sectional Final and their season came to a close in the district semifinal with a 2-0 loss to number one seed Medina High School.

Many members of the team were recognized by the NCL Blue Division. Senior Justin Chalfant was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player while the following student athletes were also recognized: First Team: Bennett Nichols, Jacob Dudek, Dylan Farah, Sebastian Lacatus. Second Team: Duncan Ulman, Josh Bisesi, John Lauterjung, Nathan Nagucki. Honorable Mention: Matt Fahey, Johnny Lawrence, Andrew Rinansi, Alex Wong.



FOOTBALL

Head football coach Tim Tyrrell was named the Paul Brown Coach of the Year for the fourth year in a row and USA Today High School Sports ALL-USA Ohio Coach of the Year. USA Today also recognized five of Hoban's student athletes. Senior Nolan Rumler and junior Caden Clark are first team offense; junior DeaMonte Trayanum and senior Matt Salopek are first team defense; and senior Tyris Dickerson is second team offense.

Senior Nolan Rumler was selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game. The game was played on Jan. 3 in Orlando, Fla., and was televised on ESPN2.





FOUR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS...IN A ROW

Hoban has many school traditions. Mum Day, the annual canned food drive and Spes Unica Retreats (previously called Kairos) are just a few. Some may be wondering, could winning the football state championship be a new Hoban tradition? For the graduating class of 2019, it has been. Four state titles in four years and a 57-3 record—an accomplishment not many high schools have experienced.

"Not very many people win one state championship in high school, and for us to win four was incredible," senior Matt Salopek said. "Ending with a state championship win truly means everything to me. The classes before us taught us the special traditions of Hoban football. They taught us how to be better football players and better men as well. Listening and learning from them helped us win a fourth state championship."

With all the prior success of the football program, the team still managed to reach new heights this season. For the first time in Hoban football history, they had a perfect, undefeated 15-0 season. This success does not come overnight, and it is not the result of just a few players' efforts. Countless hours of practice and training, coaches' dedication and the support of the Hoban family make the difference.

"I always hear the saying, play for the community," head coach Tim Tyrrell said. "Some of our opponents pack the stands with the whole community. I'd much rather be a part of a close-knit family. A family may be fewer in numbers but always has your back."

That humble, pragmatic philosophy, while it may not always be the popular approach, has made a huge impact on how the Hoban football team operates and how the players maintain focus during a chaotic, media-centric season.

The Hoban family followed the football team this season through some of the worst weather Tyrrell has seen. Regardless of the rain, snow and ice, along with six regular-season away games, Hoban fans were still backing the team throughout their journey to the state championship at Tom Benson Stadium.

"The Huber Heights Wayne game in Cincinnati was my favorite game, even more than the Massillon game," senior Tyrus Dickerson said. "The group of people who were there showed us love, and we played for them and for our brothers on the field."

Hoban's 42-28 win over Massillon Washington was an exciting game, to say the least, and it marked the team's second consecutive Division II state championship and fourth state title in a row. There were times in the game that the Hoban fans looked a little nervous, yet the team on the field remained calm and kept their composure.

"In 2015, the team and the entire Hoban community was just happy to be in the playoffs," Tyrrell said. "It was the first appearance at the state finals game in school history, and they were more emotional. This year's team had a business-like approach to the season. They really bought into what we're trying to do, and they did a great job of blocking out the noise. Their emotions were even throughout the game."

The day of the big game, visitors to the school would likely never know Hoban was about to play for a state title. Apart from students dressing down to kick-off 12 Days of Hoban Christmas (yet another school tradition) the school day was completely relaxed—productive even.

"We were never worried about week 15," Dickerson said. "We focused on each game. That first game against St. Ignatius was when I realized what this season would be. As a team, we were prepared, and we powered through that game."

FOUR SEASONS IN ONE: A DISCIPLINED APPROACH

Tyrrell and the Hoban football team live by a seemingly simple rule: don't talk about previous successes. Each football season begins in January, and on day one everyone knows there is no more discussion about the previous season. It's a new year and a new team, and Tyrrell, his staff and his team get to work.

"We never start a year with the goal of going to the playoffs," Tyrrell said. "Our football season is broken down into four smaller seasons. We focus only on the short-term goals of each."

1. The first season of Hoban football consists of two-a-days. During these rigorous practices, the team works on fundamentals with the goal of making progress each day in perfecting technique.
2. The second season includes the first four games, with the goal to win three of the four.
3. The week of St. Vincent-St. Mary is the football team's third season. The hype and commotion created by this one game could potentially derail the entire team. For this reason, Tyrrell doesn't allow it to be a topic of discussion until the first four games are completed.
4. Like all the other seasons, players do not talk about the STVM game after it is completed. That game is over, and they move on to the next and final season—the North Coast League games with the goal to win the league.

Not until week ten is over does Tyrrell and his team consider playoffs, where each game stands alone.

"In playoffs, everything from the regular season is wiped clean," Tyrrell said. "Now, it's all about winning and advancing to make it to the state championship."

GREAT COACHING STAFF, GREAT FACILITIES

Beyond the actual work of the football players, their success is supported by one of the best coaching staffs and athletic facilities in the state.

"We have a core group of coaches that has been here since I was hired at Hoban," Tyrrell said. "Coaches Jeff Smith, Renzy Parnell, Renard Parnell, Pat Kennedy, Dave Arbogast, Tom Paris '79 and Brian Motil '06 have completely bought into what I wanted to do and, since that first season, we've continued to pick up other great coaches."

In late 2015, the Didado Family Health and Fitness Center was opened and Director of Strength and Conditioning Mike Winkler was hired, establishing a whole new level of professionalism not only for the football team's training, but for all student athletes.

"We are fortunate to have an unbelievable facility, equipment and a strength and conditioning staff who work with our kids on and off season, making them stronger and helping prevent injuries," Tyrrell said. "Coaches don't have to be the authority in the weight room, and can be present during lifting to talk with kids and build relationships."

There are a total of 12 seniors who are committed to play football next year, and another five to 10 not yet committed. The list of colleges spans the country, and include Division I, II and III schools.

"Playing Division I football has always been a dream of mine," Salopek said. "I'm still working on strength and speed, but will be prepared next year. Academically, Hoban has prepared me for Miami, teaching me many different techniques and skills to excel in the college classroom."

For the time being, the Hoban family can continue to celebrate its fourth state championship. The seniors are enjoying their rings while Tyrrell and the underclassmen are back to work in the weight room.



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Visit hoban.org/AlumniUpdate to notify us of your recent changes and accomplishments (i.e. career and professional achievements, weddings, births, awards, etc.) to be included in the magazine. You can also email the editor of the Hoban Magazine at whitem@hoban.org. Accompanying photographs can be submitted for publication in the magazine and will be used at the discretion of the magazine staff.

1960s

Guenter Posjena '61 hosted a Familien Treffen in Germany on Aug. 4 for 43 of his relatives. Some he had not seen since 1984, and some he only met for the first time at the gathering. During his trip, he visited Ingolstadt, Munich and Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany and Saalfelden, Austria.



John LaGuardia '65 was awarded the Outstanding Professional Fundraiser Award by the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

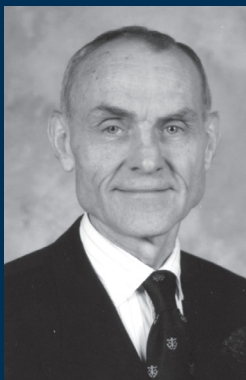
Chet Novack '67 is living in Jingmen, Hubei, China where he works for a startup airplane manufacturing company, Aloong Aircraft (Jingmen) Co., Ltd., building an Angel.



"My first love is still teaching the children, and I find they are the same all around the world," Novack said. "It is a long way from Hoban, but who can predict where life will lead us!"

Brother Paul Kelly, C.S.C.

celebrates 60 years as a Holy Cross Brother at the end of January. Brother Paul taught at Hoban in the '60s, was the business manager for a short while before he served as president of the school in the '90's. Beyond his years of service to the school, Kelly continues to influence and inspire current Hoban students through a student scholarship fund established in his name.



Timothy Rastok '69 retired in December 2017 after more than 43 combined years of military and government service.

1970s

Frederick Costanzo '72 was invited to deliver the keynote address at the annual Shock and Vibration Symposium, an international forum for the exchange of technical information related to engineering applications for both the military and industry. He retired in 2013 after serving 38 years as a research engineer for the Navy's Underwater Explosions Research Division. He and his wife Andrea have lived in Hawaii for the last five years, where besides hiking and beach activities, he continues to work part-time, having established his own engineering consulting business. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.



Mark Guarino '77 and his wife Lisa celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18. They have two daughters. Elizabeth is a freshman at the University of Portland, where she is majoring in nursing and also sings in the Women's Chorale. Anna is a sophomore in high school.

Steve Dimengo '79 was appointed president and managing partner of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC. He also serves as Hoban's Board of Directors Secretary and is a long-time supporter of the school. Dimengo has worked for nearly 30 years at Buckingham, where his practice focuses on corporate law and taxation.

1990s

Dave Dech '90 recently relocated to Austin, Texas, after accepting the position of Vice President of Rail Operations at Capital Metro.

Robert Hoose '92 and his wife, Alicia, welcomed their first grandchild, Tristan Robert, on Sept. 23, 2017.

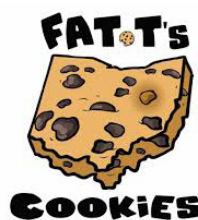


2000s

Matt Mortier '06 was recently hired as the director of donor relations at Eastern Michigan University Foundation.

2010s

Travis Howe '10 is the owner of Fat T's Cookies, which was ranked #1 Cookie in Ohio. Fat T's Cookies is home of the MidKNIGHT Snack, a cookie tribute to his alma mater. <https://tinyurl.com/Fat-T-Ohio>



Andrew Fisher '14 is engaged to Samantha Huffman and will be married Aug. 29, 2020. Fisher graduated from the University of Mount Union in May 2018 with degrees in business management and marketing.



Nate Severns '18 graduated from Marine Corps boot camp in Paris Island, S.C., in August as Private First Class and squad leader of his platoon.

Chloe Elaine Weidrick '18 was among 34 débutantes presented at the 116th Charity Ball, sponsored by the Women's Board of Akron Children's Hospital.

Friends of Hoban

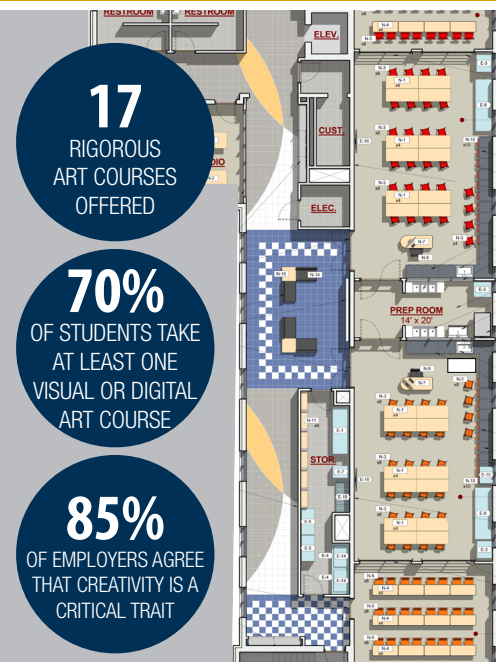
Metis Construction Services was recently awarded the Small Business Leadership Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals for their continuous support of the Akron community. Owned by Julie and Steve Brandle, parents of Kim Brandle '17, Metis Construction Services is a long time supporter of Hoban.



CREATE Studios

Visual Arts Center

Hoban will redesign and renovate fourth floor space into a 7,400 square-foot visual arts center called CREATE Studios. This space will provide the needed resources for professional, curriculum and programmatic growth. For more information about the project, call **330.773.8620**.





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✚ 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 June 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018. Please email srailv@hoban.org to notify us of a death within the Hoban community.

1960s

Albert Kunkle, Class of 1960, died on May 5. Brother of Joe Kunkle '62.

James Talarico, Class of 1960, died Sept. 8. Father-in-law of Sharon (Iacobucci '87) Talarico.

Michael Collins, Class of 1961, died on Oct. 6.

Mark Kunkel, Class of 1961, died July 4. Brother of Gerald Kunkel '63 and Thomas Kunkel '63 (deceased).

Michael Patnode, Class of 1962, died on Sept. 18.

Joseph Pepe, Class of 1962, died Oct. 8.

Jimmy Cortesi, Class of 1963, died on Oct. 8. Brother of Gary Cortesi '67 and Monica (Cortesi '78) Buchanan; uncle of Stefan Buchanan '06 and Danielle Buchanan '10.

Eugene Kirgesner, Class of 1963, died June 20.

Lowell Moss, Class of 1964, died on June 4. Brother of Loren Moss '65 and Leon Moss '67; father of John Moss '04.

John Pinto, Class of 1964, died July 30. Brother of Joseph Pinto '68 and James Pinto '72.

Lawrence Pribonic, Class of 1964, died on July 26. Father of Lisa Pribonic '85.

Charles (Chuck) Armstrong, Class of 1966, died July 5. Brother of James Armstrong '64.

Daniel Auber, Class of 1967, died on March 1.

Ronald Braun, Class of 1968, died on April 14. Brother of Kenneth Braun '65, Stephen Braun '66 (deceased), Edward Braun '71 (deceased) and Gary Braun '74.

Dale Chapman, Class of 1968, died July 17.

Michael Hamad, Class of 1968, died on Nov. 1. Brother of Dale Hamad '71 and James Hamad '73 (deceased); father of Joanna (Hamad '94) Perez.

1970s

Kevin Elrod, Class of 1977, died Oct. 13.

William Stimler, Class of 1978, died on Sept. 15. Brother of Jeff Stimler '79.

James Knapp, Class of 1979, died Nov. 17. Brother of Tom Knapp '67, Denny Knapp '70 and Ed Knapp '71.

1980s

John Deeken, Class of 1980, died on Sept. 18. Brother of William Deeken '81, Bryan Deeken '85 (deceased) and Eric Deeken '87.

Michael May Sr., Class of 1986 died July 29. Brother of Julie Ann (May '89) Irvin.

1990s

Angela Davis, Class of 1993, died on July 29.

2000s

Rebecca Barnes-Felton, Class of 2008, died on Dec. 16.

Friends of Hoban

William Arbogast died on Aug. 21. Father of Coach David Arbogast; grandfather of Michael Arbogast '00, Kevin Arbogast '04 and Katie (Arbogast '06) Reichert.

Ashok Baldev died Sept. 16. Father of Eric Baldev '99, Michael Baldev '01 and Ashley Baldev '03.

William Barry, died on Nov. 22. Grandfather of Caroline Kane '16, Charlotte Kane '19 and Will Kane '22.

J. Annabel Brubaker died on Oct. 18. She worked as Hoban's librarian from 1972 to 1975.

Carmen Ciccarelli, died on June 23. Grandfather of Samantha Podlogar, Hoban science teacher.

Carolyn Conjerti died on July 29. Mother of Annemarie (Conjerti '83) Crouse, Joe Conjerti '85, Carrie (Conjerti '88) Stanley and Felicia (Conjerti '91) Adam; mother-in-law of Brian Stanley '87 and Marc Adam '91.

William Costigan died Dec. 10. Father of Jim Costigan '74.

Mary Ann Fetchu died Sept. 13. Mother of Mary Jennifer Fetchu '88, Beth Ann (Fetchu '90) Wyszynski and Sara Ann (Fetchu '93) Wyszynski; grandmother of Grace Wyszynski '21.

Patricia Finn died on August 20. Wife of John Finn '66; mother of Julie Finn '00.

Noreen Foley died July 24. Aunt of Brian Kelly '83, Sean Kelly '85 and Michael Kelly '89.

Hugh Fox died on Nov. 10. Grandfather of Melanie White, Hoban director of communications.

E. Gail Francesconi died July 6. Mother of David Francesconi '06 and Michael Francesconi '10.

Mildred Groom died on Sept. 28. Mother of Don Groom '65 and Mike Groom '70.

Stefan Herschberger died Nov. 22. Father of Mary (Herschberger '82) Shane and Peter Herschberger '75.

Lara Inman died on Dec. 3. Daughter of Hank Inman and stepdaughter of Karen (Schubert '74) Inman; stepsister of Michelle (Adkinson '01) Andes, Rebecca (Adkinson '02) Meiser and Bryan Adkinson '05.

Nathan Keith died Oct. 16. Father of Nathan Keith '85 and Ernest Keith '89; grandfather of Nathan Keith III '10.

Mark Keller died on August 10. Father of Brianne Keller '13.

Marcia Kuder died July 5. Wife of James Kuder '73; mother of John Kuder '12, Andrew Kuder '17 and Emily Kuder '17; sister-in-law of Charles Kuder '76 and Celeste (Kuder '77) Powell.

Paul Marcinkoski, died on August 28. He was an architect and oversaw many Hoban construction projects. Father of Thomas Marcinkoski '75, Joan (Marcinkoski '76) Kolodzik, Beth (Marcinkoski '78) Altieri, Ann (Marcinkoski '81) Gruska, Laura (Marcinkoski '83) Hawk and Jenifer (Marcinkoski '86) Burt; grandfather of Lauren Gruska '10 and Austin Hawk '16.

Thomas Mariola died August 5. Brother of David Mariola '59 and Dennis Mariola '65; grandfather of Thomas Ingellis '09.

Nancy Mascio died on Nov. 23. Daughter-in-law of past board of director member Margaret Mascio-Medzie; grandmother of Mario Mascio '04 and Gino Mascio '05.

Carrie McHargh died Sept. 1. Mother of Winston McHargh Jr. '84.

James Moffitt died on Sept. 11. Father of Patrick Moffitt '68 (deceased) and Robert Moffitt '70.

Daniel Ricci died Nov. 17. Father of Kyra Ricci '05.

Jill Roush died on July 21. Sister of Michelle Roush '80; mother of Diana Roush '22.

Carole Shannon died Nov. 29. Wife of Joe Shannon '57; grandmother of Courtney Smith '18 and Ava Shannon '22.

Bernadette Smith died on Oct. 9. Mother of Michael Smith '73 (deceased); grandmother of Steven Smith '87 and Gracey Smith '19.

Steven Smith died Oct. 15. Brother of Michael Smith '73 (deceased); father of Steven Smith '87.

Mary Thornburg died on Dec. 18. Mother of Jim Thornburg '69, John Thornburg '73, Robert Thornburg '76, Ann (Thornburg '78) Merendino and Jeannie Thornburg '85; mother-in-law of Andre Caruso '66; grandmother of Scott Caruso '92, Lisa Larocca '97, Jamie Thornburg '99 and Tamara Nickol '03.

Caleb Tindall died June 15. Nephew of Melanie White, Hoban director of communications.

James Vondemkamp died August 14. Father of Valerie Scalf, former Hoban parent and employee; Father-in-Law of Scott Scalf, former Hoban coach; Grandfather of James Scalf '08.

Sister Claire Young died Dec. 11. Sister Claire, formerly Sr. Mary Pius, was dean of girls at Hoban from 1973 to 1984. She then returned to Hoban to work part-time from 1992 to 1994.

Joan Zwisler died Sept. 23. Mother of Don Zwisler '64; grandmother of Don Zwisler '90, Daniel Zwisler '93 and Jo Ellen Zwisler '03.

William P. Verstraete

Former Hoban principal from 1974 to 1983, William P. Verstraete died in Sylacauga, Ala. He was a member of the Brothers of Holy Cross until 1983 and led the school through the difficult years when it was in danger of closing. After leaving Hoban he met his future wife Faye in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he went to teach. They married in 1991.

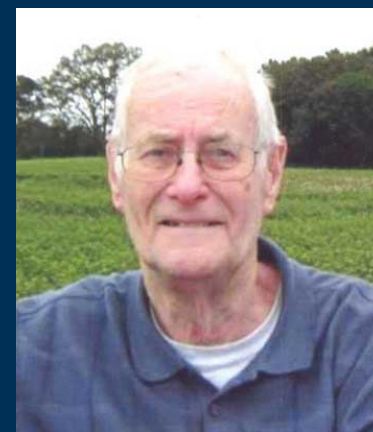
Verstraete's impact on Hoban was immediately clear from the outpouring of comments when we posted his obituary on social media. Those

who knew him, knew him as a kind, compassionate, dedicated, strict yet patient educator and leader. Here are just a few comments alumni shared:

" Rest in peace Brother William! Truly a great man who mentored many a student. I was in his office a lot! I also worked on the work crew and many have no idea the number of hours this man worked to make Hoban the best it could be. Thank you for all the second and third chances brother and always believing in me."

"Tears are flowing. Oh I loved this man sooo much! I kissed him on the cheek as he handed me my diploma and gave him a big hug of thanks. He helped me through some tough times during my four years at Hoban. Rest in peace, sweet man. Cheers till we meet again."

"He was very helpful to me. One time my parents couldn't pay my tuition before school started so my schedule couldn't be released to me. But Brother William said there wasn't anything saying I couldn't see my schedule, so he let me copy my times and room numbers. I have never forgotten that."



"Many great memories of Brother William as he monitored class change in the central hallway. Also recall his tears as he announced the planned closing of Hoban in 1976. May he rest in peace."



Mariah Carter '19

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS: A life-changing gift

Hoban gives experiences like no other school. Every person I have met through Hoban has been a gift from God, and I'm so grateful for the scholarship donors who help students like me attend this special school.

Four years ago, I never could have imagined how much Hoban would help me grow as a person—spiritually, morally and academically. At Hoban, every student can find their place. For me, I joined the tennis and track and field teams, where I have met many friends. Last year, I attended the Alternative Spring Break trip in Sarasota, Fla., and participated in a Spes Unica Retreat. Both of these campus ministry experiences were eye opening and positive. This year, I am thrilled to be part of the Spes Unica leadership team, as well as Project HOPE, JAM (Justice Akron Ministry) and the Student Ambassador Program. For all of these reasons, I thank all the Hoban supporters from the bottom of my heart.

Halfway through this year, now I am enjoying my last months as a Hoban student and am excited for my future. I am planning to attend either St. Edward's Holy Cross University, Miami University (Oxford), the University of North Carolina or Texas Christian University to major in social work and Spanish—a path of service I would not have known without my Hoban experience.

Thank you to my scholarship donors, Brother Paul Kelly and Mr. Ralph Bernard, and to Mrs. Cathy Reeves for her help and guidance while I was applying to Hoban. Thank you to all the scholarship donors—your support makes a life-changing difference.

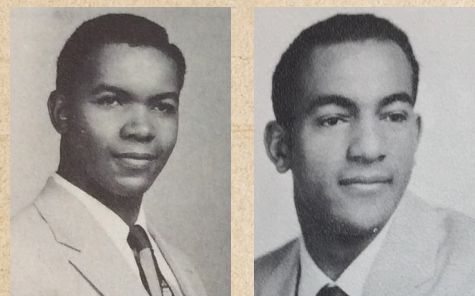
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From the HOBAN ARCHIVES THE THOMAS FAMILY

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Inclusiveness is one of the 10 core values of a Holy Cross education. All the men and women of the Body of Christ are welcome in Holy Cross schools.



Anthony Thomas '57 Lawrence Thomas '58

When the Brothers of Holy Cross founded Hoban in 1953, Anthony Thomas '57 (1939-1991), was among the 88 freshmen enrolled that year. His brother Lawrence '58 joined him in 1954.

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

Henry Thomas, Sr., father of Anthony and Lawrence, was born in Beaumont, Texas, in 1886 and worked at Goodyear since the early 1930s. His son Lawrence, one of the 10 Thomas children, recalled that his father told him that when he applied to be a chauffeur at Goodyear, he was told that he was not dark enough, and was advised to apply for a job as a conveyor operator at a higher salary. Henry worked for Goodyear for the next 31 years. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church on Center Street.

Henry's wife, Iva Mae (Dunn) Thomas, was the Roman Catholic mother of the family who was born in Lebanon, Ky., in 1896. In 1917, she met her husband-to-be on a train headed for Akron, and they were married that same year.

Iva Mae became a member of the Church of the Annunciation where, Lawrence recalled, she attended Mass seven days a week. On more than one occasion, she was asked by Monsignor Richard Dowed to take care of the parish house while he and his sister traveled to Florida. She cooked for the assistant priests and sometimes for the Humility of Mary Sisters who staffed the school.

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

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

When the two oldest nuns came back to Akron in 1954 for their first home visit since entering the convent, the event was featured in a Catholic Universe Bulletin article: "Nun-Daughters' Visit Reunited Family of 12." The article proclaims that "Henry goes to the Baptist Church every Sunday morning, but he's mighty happy over his Catholic family."

Mrs. Thomas and her two boys were very active at Hoban. Iva Mae was elected the treasurer of the first Hoban Mothers Club.

Both Anthony and Lawrence played football and were in the marching and swing bands for four years. Lawrence remembers that Mr. Phil Clover, the father of Phil '58 and Bill Clover '58, assisted Brother Jerome Schwabe with the swing band. Brother Jerome was the first director of both bands. The boys also participated in the annual speech contest and either acted in school plays or worked behind the scenes. Lawrence recalls that the years at Hoban were good, and that he and his brother were never without a date for a dance.

Immediately after his graduation, Anthony joined the Air Force. After his military service he worked at Goodyear as a builder of racing tires.

Lawrence has very fond recollections of Monsignor Dowed and was nicknamed Dowed's Caddy by his classmates. He recalled that when the principal came to his class to tell him that Monsignor Dowed wanted to see him, it meant that they were off to the links for an afternoon of fun.

Since graduation, Lawrence has held a number of jobs in construction. From 1959-69 he worked at General Tire and Rubber Company. During this same time, he owned and operated the Blue Pond Marathon gas station on East Market Street, and he was also a tow-truck operator. In 1995, he became a plumber and still works today in semi-retirement.

The other four Thomas brothers and sisters worked in a number of areas. The oldest brother Henry, Jr. (1926-1981) joined the Army and served in Japan. After the war, he returned to Akron and worked at Quaker Oats and Firestone. The next oldest, Alonzo (1928-1987), moved to California and worked for McKesson pharmaceuticals. Martha (1930-2010) worked for the U.S. Government until her retirement, and Mary Frances (1935) became a banker in Philadelphia.

Iva Mae and Henry, Sr. can be mighty thankful for all 10 of their children.

Hoban grads Anthony and Lawrence are the vanguard for hundreds of other African American young men and, beginning in 1973, young women graduates. Today, approximately 15 percent of the Hoban student body is African American. Since 1953, there have always been African American youth among the Hoban family. Among the scores of these graduates, there are many stories of success. Inclusivity remains one of the most essential values imparted to our students as Hoban continues to educate minds, form hearts and transform lives.



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GREG '72 AND ALIX DAVIS

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Hoban's trajectory since my graduation in 1972 has been remarkable. The financial struggles of the '70s culminated in an announcement of the school's closing in 1976, and I well remember the day it made headlines in the Akron Beacon Journal. But that event, instead of being an ending, catalyzed the community into action and became a new beginning. Hoban transformed itself from "a school for men, taught by men" into an institution that continually and actively incorporates the Holy Cross core values, is nationally recognized as a Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence, has outstanding cocurricular activities, and has proactively broadened its community.

My grandparents raised my father on the east side of Cleveland. They immigrated to the U.S. and received their surname Davis at Ellis Island in the early part of the 20th century. My father and his brother both became accomplished professionals and are wonderful first-generation examples of the American dream.

My grandparents and parents deeply believed in the value of education, and furthermore my parents strongly believed in the value of a religious education. I am the oldest of five children, and all of us but one graduated from Hoban. My brothers Chris Davis '76, Tim Davis '77 and sister Mary "Mimi" (Davis '79) Moore all enjoyed our time at Hoban. My other sister Anita graduated from Our Lady of Elms in '74, and she would have most likely gone to Hoban had it been coed at the time. We all have developed a strong Hoban tradition. Our family's next generation has also attended Hoban with my niece Lauren Davis '14 and nephew Ryan Davis '18. Today, Hoban remains a remarkably positive presence in my and my family's lives.

Hoban provided me with an excellent education, and instilled in me a Christian value system that has guided me throughout my life. Since my graduation, I have been incredibly fortunate to have many

personal and professional blessings. One of my most prominent professional successes was being a member of NASA's Mars Pathfinder team, which successfully returned to Mars in 1997 after a 20-year hiatus.

Shortly after the successful mission, I was asked to present at my alma mater, the University of Akron. By then, I had been away from Akron for 15 years, and had not been formally in touch with Hoban for quite a while. While standing in front of the audience, I saw several brothers from Hoban who knew that I was one of theirs. I was impressed! Since that reconnection, I periodically return to Hoban, volunteering time to speak with STEM students and to participate in pre-engineering advisory board meetings.

When my father passed away in 2009, our family worked with Hoban to establish the Joseph P. Davis Family Scholarship to commemorate his values and commitment to us, and to assist other Hoban students with backgrounds similar to his.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." I and my family got much from Hoban. Like Winston Churchill, my wife Alix and I believe in giving back.



The HOBAN Fund is an 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 Hoban friends and alumni.



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