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## From the Principal's Desk



Dear Members of the Hannan Family,

Every educator worth his or her salt will tell you that there is something extraordinary about the beginning of the academic year. Yes, I know. Just a few months ago, we could not wait for the sound of that last bell and the beginning of another perfect, stress-free, binge-watching, beach-going summer break. Six weeks later, having had the opportunity to sleep in on occasion and watched every back-episode of *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Stranger Things*, and *This Is Us*, we begin to feel a strange restlessness. We start thinking about our classes, teams, clubs and events. We long to hear the bell and the pitter-patter of large feet, shuffling their way to academic excellence. We miss the whining, the drama, and the laughter. We miss the kids and the feeling of hope they elicit in each of us.

Regardless of our position at Archbishop Hannan High School – teacher, staff member, or administrator – we are all driven by a call to educate and form young men and women. Hope is the magic elixir that pushes us through the difficult moments that come with high school and growing up. It fuels our passion and reminds us that every new academic year, every month, every day brings new opportunities in the lives of our students, as well as our own.

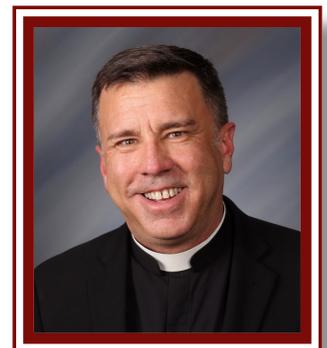
We are blessed to begin this new school year with plenty of reasons to celebrate. The school year opened with enrollment at capacity with 621 students living the Hawk life. Proceeds from the 2018-19 I Believe campaign provided our returning faculty and staff with an average bonus of \$2,300. Our five-year accreditation visit unequivocally affirmed the caliber of education we provide our students, giving us an overall score of 3.65 out of 4.0 (the national average is 2.75). Four of our Seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists, scoring in the top 1% of all students across the country tested for the PSAT. In addition, four Seniors were named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students, scoring in the top 2% of those students taking the PSAT. Finally, in less than a month, we will complete construction of a new multipurpose room and training facility for our wrestling and cheer programs.

These are all opportunities to remind ourselves of how God continues to bless our school. I certainly can't predict the future, but if this year is in any way like the last nine, it will bring with it moments of challenge, growth, and change as well as more than our share of successes, blessings, and joy. I am very excited to welcome you to the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year. It's a great new year at Archbishop Hannan High School. This year. Every year.

Geaux Hawks!

Fr. Charles Latour, O.P.

Principal





# The Class of 2019 Breeds Success Across the Board



*By: Nancy Baird*

This past May, we said goodbye to the Class of 2019 – a class of seniors that will long be remembered for their assorted talents, personalities, and gifts that they readily shared with Archbishop Hannan High School. Though we will miss them, we are proud to see the Class of 2019 charge into the future with their hopes, dreams, and lessons learned throughout their years at Hannan.

A whirlwind of special activities preceded their official graduation on May 17, 2019. In the spring, the annual senior retreat bonded the class in a very special way. The seniors then invaded Disney and Universal Studios in April as they participated in “Grad Bash” and celebrated their impending graduation with seniors from across the country. After exams in late April, the class enjoyed their last day as Hawks with the annual senior crawfish boil and senior countdown.

Dressed in their caps and gowns, the 124 seniors celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass in the Hannan Gymnasium on May 14, 2019. Fr. Charles Latour officiated the Mass that began with the presentation of the special symbols representing the mission of Archbishop Hannan High School. After Mass, an awards presentation was held and deserving students received a variety of scholarships and awards. Baccalaureate concluded with the traditional crowning of Mary. Excitement filled the air as the seniors sang the Hannan Fight Song and tossed their graduation caps into the air! In only two days, they would become the graduating Class of 2019.

On May 17, 2019 the graduating Class of 2019 arrived at First Baptist Church dressed in their white gowns and tuxedos anxiously awaiting the diplomas they worked so very hard to earn. The evening began with seniors Maya Bachemin and Annelise Sernich singing a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. In the invocation, Fr. Charles Latour asked for a moment of silence to remember the life and legacy of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan. Adeline Fogle, the 2019 Class President served as the emcee for the event.

In her address Salutatorian Sarah Dufour reminisced about her class’s great times at Hannan and thanked her classmates for walking this journey with her. Our valedictorian Kathlyn Dannewald, quoting a line from Avengers Endgame remarked, “Everyone fails at who they’re supposed to be. The measure of a person, of a hero, is how well they succeed at being who they are.” She said, “Discover who you are and what you want, and then do everything you can to succeed at becoming you.”

The much-anticipated Crystal Award presentation recognized many of our seniors who made outstanding progress in each of the subject areas. In addition to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian awards, crystal award winners were Caera Taylor, English Language Arts Excellence award; Ashley Burke, Claire Landry Social Studies Excellence Award; Kathlyn Dannewald, Mathematics Excellence award; Kathlyn Dannewald, the Science Excellence award, Shawn Beattie, the Theology Excellence award; Dominick Sachitana, the Fine Arts Excellence award; Corrin Heinold, the Foreign Language Excellence award; Mikayla Boyer, the Outstanding Female Athlete award, Victor Harvey, the Outstanding Male Athlete award; Trent Zelden, the Larry Martin Award for School Loyalty; Catherine Kurucar, the Sybil Skansi Outstanding Service award; Zavien Kellum, the Paulette Krause School Spirit award; Adeline Fogle, the Msgr. Robert Massett Leadership Award, Sarah Labbe, the John Serio Heritage award; and Kathlyn Dannewald, the Archbishop Philip M. Hannan Outstanding Graduate award.



One of the big highlights of the evening was the musical interlude by Sarah Labbe and Caera Taylor who sang, “The Prayer” composed by Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster. In this beautiful rendition they asked God to “Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace, to a place where we’ll be safe.”

After the ceremony, the fun continued with Project Graduation, which provided the seniors one last activity to enjoy as the Class of 2019. Games, food, prizes and fun rounded out this most memorable evening as students left with a goody bag and a nice prize to begin their new lives as college students. This event was organized and worked by the junior parents and was chaired by Sherri Pitre, Dawn Goodreaux, Janine Hundley, Rebecca Plaisance, Holly Pounds, Stacy Valenti, Ann Barre, Gigi St. Philip, Pam Menesses, Rachel Estopinal, Chad Jarrell, and Barbara O’Donnell; and the entire project was overseen by senior parent Shannon Dufour.

See you later, Class of 2019, because we know this is not goodbye! Good luck in college and know that you can always come home to Hannan.



# AdvancED Engagement and Review Report and AdvancED Performance Accreditation



*By: Donalyn Hassenboehler, Ph.D., Academic Dean/Assistant Principal*

On April 2-3, 2019, a team of four Louisiana educators visited Archbishop Hannan High School to conduct a review of our school in the areas of Leadership Capacity Domain, Learning Capacity Domain, and Resource Capacity Domain. They rated thirty standards under these categories. The findings in the report represented the degree to which these Accreditation Standards were effectively implemented in support of the learning environment and the mission of the school. The rating categories were Needs Improvement, Emerging, Meets Expectations, and Exceeds Expectations. We are pleased to report that we received only one rating of Needs Improvement but only because we just do not have a special education program. We received three ratings of Emerging, seven ratings of Meets Expectations, and nineteen ratings of Exceeds Expectations.

Based on this data, Archbishop Hannan High School received an institution IEQ (Index of Education Quality) of 365.0. The AIN (AdvancED Improvement Network) 5-year IEQ Range is 278.34-283.33. Obviously, we performed well above most other schools and institutions. We are quite proud of our IEQ.

In addition, the Engagement Review Team observed all of our teachers in their classrooms, rating our teachers on 28 items organized in seven environments aligned with the AdvancED Standards. In all seven environments our teacher ratings, 4.0 being the highest, ranged from 2.84 to 3.55. Our teachers showed a strong performance.

We want to thank Dr. Robert Picou and his team for all their time, expertise, and effort on our behalf, as they combed through our documentation and evidence, interviewed our stakeholders, and ultimately wrote their report. Their work has left us some goals and a five-year Action Plan for continuous improvement.

## **NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS**

### **ASHLEY GROS, BEN HUNDLEY, ADAM MCCANN, KATELYN WILSON**

Archbishop Hannan High School was recently informed that four (4) of our seniors were named National Merit Semi-Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in association with College Board. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of the Semifinalists in the 64th annual National Scholarship Program, and Archbishop Hannan High School is pleased to announce that four students earned the prestigious designation: Ashley Gros, Ben Hundley, Adam McCann, and Katelyn Wilson. Four Scholars represents the largest number in any one year for Archbishop Hannan High School, and this number far exceeds the number for many of the Catholic and private schools in and around New Orleans. They have all earned the title of National Merit Semifinalists for their performance on the PSAT test last fall. These students will go forward to produce a portfolio which will entitle them the status of National Merit Finalists.



## Activities at Hannan Spring into Summer

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*By: Charles Baird, Director of Student Activities*

### SPIRIT WEEK

Hannan's 2019 Spirit Week was "Game Show" themed and included multiple dress-down days such as Career Day, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Day, Wipeout Wednesday, Jeopardy (Nerd Day), and The Price is Right (Twin or Group Dress-Down). A school-wide blood drive was sponsored by student council on the Tuesday; and, throughout the week, students participated in various competitions. Olympic Night was on Wednesday night and resulted in a victory for the seniors (Class of 2019). However, in a colossal turn of events, the juniors (Class of 2020) won the Spirit Stick at the culminating pep rally Thursday afternoon. Although it was an upset, the juniors reign in Hannan Jeopardy, a new, intense pep rally game, and thus secured their spot as the most spirited class.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Rho Kappa was recently awarded the Youth Activities Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. This was in recognition of the Veterans Day Fundraiser that Rho Kappa sponsored in November. Rho Kappa also participated in a community service activity in January with Habitat for Humanity. Club members helped in the landscaping of a new home for a Habitat for Humanity participating family. They had induction of new members during the Spring Awards Ceremony on April 30th. New members received their induction certificates, and seniors were presented with their honor cords for graduation.

Mu Alpha Theta has continued to compete in competitions and had some great successes this semester. On January 12th, the team of Zoe Eymard, Marie-Claire Honoree, Matthew Verges, and

Over 1.6 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring.

Congratulations, Ashley, Ben, Adam, and Katelyn. We are so proud of you!

### NATIONAL MERIT LETTER OF COMMENDATION NICCOLO BONURA, JAKE KOPECKY, EMILY MORAN, CHRISTOPHER RESO

The National Merit Scholarship Program has also rewarded four Archbishop Hannan High School Students with a LETTER OF COMMENDATION for outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2018: Niccolo Bonura, Jake Kopecky, Emily Moran, and Christopher Reso. These students will also be highlighted to awarding agencies in the scholarship program.

Congratulations Niccolo, Jake, Emily, and Chris. Your hard work has paid off!





## Student Activities Continued

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Kate Rush went to Catholic High for their annual competition. Matthew took second in the individual Geometry competition, Marie-Claire won third place in the individual Algebra 2 competition, Kate was third in the individual Advanced Math competition. Marie-Claire and Matthew won first place in the team Comprehensive 1.5 competition and third place in the Interschool competition. On January 26th, the team of Katelyn Wilson, Zoe Eymard, Andres Jacob, Matthew Verges, and Marie-Claire Honoree went to Baton Rouge Magnet for their annual competition, where the team of Marie-Claire and Andres earned an honorable mention for the Comprehensive 1.5 competition. On February 16th, the team of Ben Wilson, Katelyn Wilson, Zoe Eymard, Andres Jacob, Marie-Claire Honoree and Matthew Verges attended the first annual Haynes Academy Competition. Matthew won third place in the individual Geometry competition, and the team of Katelyn and Zoe took third place for the Advanced Math team competition. The whole team won third place in the Interschool competition. In addition, we had many members compete in the Rocket City Math Competition, the LSU Math competition, and the LSU Tai-State Math tournament. We had a great year and are looking forward to growing even stronger in the years to come. The Science National Honor Society began a year-long project in August, conducting real world science. They brought the project to closure with a white paper which was delivered to the LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in late April. Below is the abstract from the paper:

Archbishop Hannan High School Science National Honor Society students investigated the presence and conditions of the protective sand berms along the northern shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. The study focused on collecting evidence to evaluate the assertion that the sand berms were not being replenished at a sustainable rate. Evidence consisted of (1) soil samples both onshore and in water, (2) sand berm cross-sectional areas, (3) comparative satellite imagery of the Lake Pontchartrain northern shoreline, and (4) in situ observations of berm conditions. Our evidence suggests that sand transport, which serves to replenish the protective berm system, is closely tied to shoreline features. Specifically, some westerly stretches of the shoreline are not being replenished at a satisfactory rate. The students argue that this western region of Lake Pontchartrain's shoreline merits inclusion in the next iteration of Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's Coastal Master Plan.

Science Honor Society students had fun, including two data collection trips on the waters of Lake Pontchartrain, a field trip to LSU's engineering school, and a visit to the LSU Center for River studies which hosts a river model that is 10,000 square feet and based on the topography and bathymetry of the Mississippi River Delta covering southeast Louisiana. They also learned a great deal about the science behind coastal erosion and practical skills such as conducting soil sieving and analysis, sand berm systems, and, of course, the level of effort required to conduct real world science, and then report out findings in a credible way.

The SNHS Leadership team finished the last edit of their Itsagreatday87's whitepaper which was presented to the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District on April 17th.



## Charles Baird Awarded Student Council Advisor of the Year

*By: Jamie Alonzo-Watts*

This year at the Louisiana Association of Student Council Convention, our very own Charles Baird was selected as “Advisor of the Year for 2019.” Congratulations!

The “Advisor of the Year” is selected each year by an LASC leadership group who chooses the Louisiana student council advisor who best exemplifies the leadership qualities it provides to student leaders through a myriad of activities yearly. Their goal is to recognize the advisor that has selflessly given his/her time to his/her council and has provided his/her student leaders many different opportunities to hone their leadership skills throughout the year.

When receiving the award, it was mentioned that Charles Baird “demonstrates leadership and hard work to his students by always pushing them to achieve their goals as well as encouraging them to give back to their community. He is always willing to go above and beyond to make sure his council has all the opportunities available to them, gives of his time freely, and makes himself available to them whenever they need advice or guidance.”

Charles leads by example with a strong background of accomplishments and dedication. He has been in education for 22 years and has been in the US Navy Reserves just over 20 years.

He has been the Archbishop Hannan High School student council advisor for the past nine years, was the student council advisor at Pope John Paul High School for four years, and served as student council advisor at Andrew Jackson Fundamental High School and Our Lady of Prompt Succor Elementary School for another combined five years.

The Archbishop Hannan student council has made great strides since Mr. Baird took the helm in 2010. Once an unknown at state and southern student council conventions, they have recently become a force to be reckoned with. Archbishop Hannan has held the positions of 2017 Secretary Host for LASC, 2018 Parliamentarians for SASC (Southern Association of Student Councils), 2019 LASC State President, and elected this year as the 2020 Vice Presidents of SASC. Archbishop Hannan has served as district President multiple times and is currently holding the position under Charles Baird’s leadership.

One thing is for certain -- the Archbishop Hannan High School student council will continue to do great things in the future under the leadership of Charles Baird.





# First AHHS Student To Score a 36 on the ACT



*By: Steven Bradley*

Kate Rush, a sophomore student at Archbishop Hannan High School, recently earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on the ACT. Kate's achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. Marten Roorda, Chief Executive Officer of ACT, states, "Only around two-tenths of 1% of all test takers earn the top score. Among U.S. high school graduates in the class of 2018, just 3,741 of more than 1.9 million students who took the ACT earned a composite score of 36." In fact, earning a composite score of 36 during ones sophomore year is even more exceptional. Perfect scores typically come from older students during junior and senior year. Kate previously took the ACT at the end of her 7th grade year as part of the Duke Talent Identification Program. At just 13, she earned a 30 composite, with perfect scores in English and Reading.

Kate has a very healthy perspective on education. She explains that she "is not satisfied with simply memorizing information or receiving it directly," instead preferring to "derive the subject matter from first principles." Kate adds that she does not place grades as her highest priority and would "much rather focus on understanding and exploring the material." She believes that "viewing school without competition promotes much deeper learning, more intellectual curiosity and exploration, and better relationships among classmates."

Kate's teachers at Archbishop Hannan High School have very high praise for such an outstanding student. Mr. Tim Anger states, "Kate is an extremely talented student. One of her greatest academic strengths is her ability to think critically and ask thought-provoking questions. She is an absolute pleasure to teach in my Advanced Placement United States History class." Ms. Laura Lowe, Archbishop Hannan High School's Mathematics Department Chair, says "Kate truly finds the joy and wonder of discovery through learning. She reminds us how much fun learning can be when we approach new ideas from a place of curiosity. She is a joy to teach." Ms. Rebecca Sigler, Kate's English III Advanced Placement teacher, states, "Kate encapsulates the well-rounded student; not only is she highly intelligent and studious, but she approaches every task with passion, curiosity, and the upmost humility. It is an honor to teach her."

Kate's parents are incredibly proud of the young woman that she is becoming. Kate's mother states, "Kate has always had a curious and creative mind, a strong will, and a generous spirit. We can't wait to see how she uses her talents to make a difference in the world." Kate's father adds, "I am happy that Kate balances her scholarly pursuits with adventurous ones. She has already obtained her advanced open water scuba diving certification, and she is working toward her pilot's license. I wouldn't be surprised to see her lead a Mars mission one day!"

Kate makes a strong effort to remain actively involved in her extracurricular pursuits at Archbishop Hannan High School. She has served as her class president since eighth grade, and she is the current District II President of the Louisiana Association of Student Councils. As a member of the Blackfriars theatre troupe, she portrayed Jack's Mother in the musical *Into the Woods*, and she will soon appear as Wendy in Hannan's *Peter Pan* adaptation, *Peter/Wendy*. Through her involvement with the Science National Honor Society, Kate has participated in hands-on research regarding Louisiana's coastal erosion problem. Additionally, Kate has been a varsity cross country runner since ninth grade, and she is an active member of Mu Alpha Theta, Liturgical Band, and Student Ambassadors.



Kate is deeply involved in activities outside of school as well. As a violin student at Southeastern Louisiana University's Community Music School, Kate was named Outstanding Musician in 2017 and was selected for Louisiana's All-State Orchestra in 2018. Kate is also a Cadet Second Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), which is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. She recently received CAP's prestigious Billy Mitchell Award, and she will be attending a CAP Glider Academy in Minnesota this summer, where she will learn to fly an engineless plane.

Kate appreciates that her involvement in a wide variety of activities has allowed her to "form friendships with different types of people and gather knowledge across disciplines." She explains that she "enjoys thinking in ways that stretch the brain" and "loves creating, whether that be by playing violin in an orchestra, sketching in art class, or building a project in engineering."

Kate is currently looking into the possibility of attending the following universities after graduating from Archbishop Hannan High School: Tulane, St. John's College, Rice, Emory, Notre Dame, LSU, the University of Georgia, and Georgia Tech. Kate would like to major in one or more of the following fields: physics, math, philosophy, ecology and evolutionary biology, linguistics, or music.

Kate has long been attracted to a wide range of career choices; she has considered being everything from an astronaut or research scientist to a musician or author. However, Kate says, "Despite my varied career interests (and my refusal to choose one at the moment), I am positive of the fact that, no matter what do, I want to devote my time to improving the lives of those around me and across the world. I want to give of myself in service of others and, in turn, Christ."



# AHHS Development in Full Swing

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*By: Errol Gauff*

Our excitement at Hannan continues to heighten – whether it’s due to the slow change to cooler weather, or the news from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that four of our students earned National Merit Semi-finalist status and four more were recognized as Commended Scholars, or the fact that we are less than a month away from our 2019 Crimson and Navy Gala.

The Crimson and Navy Gala is Archbishop Hannan’s largest fund raiser and will take place on November 2nd, in the school gym. This year the Gala will have the Molly Ringwalds performing, a variety of local restaurants providing some of their best dishes, and the customary silent and live auctions. As preparations continue and anticipation grows for this night of fun, we are still working hard on our other School Development Initiatives.

The 2019-20 Hannan Fund “I Believe” campaign is three months old and even though we are currently behind last year’s pace, Father Charlie and I believe this will be another successful Hannan Fund. “I will continue to preach our goal is 100% participation,” explains Head of School Father Charles Latour. Currently, parent participation is at 18% and climbing. Conversely our faculty and staff are at a high of 97% participation. This year’s “I Believe” campaign will run through June 30th with all the proceeds being used to retain and attract the best faculty and staff to work with our students.

On October 3rd, Father Charlie held his annual Donor Reception at the Lake Pontchartrain Maritime Museum. The relaxed social event had plenty of laughs, smiles, good food, and drink. Much appreciation to one of Hannan’s own families (K & B Event Services) for planning such a special event.

Looking ahead: please save the date of Thursday, April 2nd, for our annual Hannan Classic Golf Tournament. We hope to see you there.



## Faculty and Staff Recently Recognized for Service to Archbishop Hannan High School

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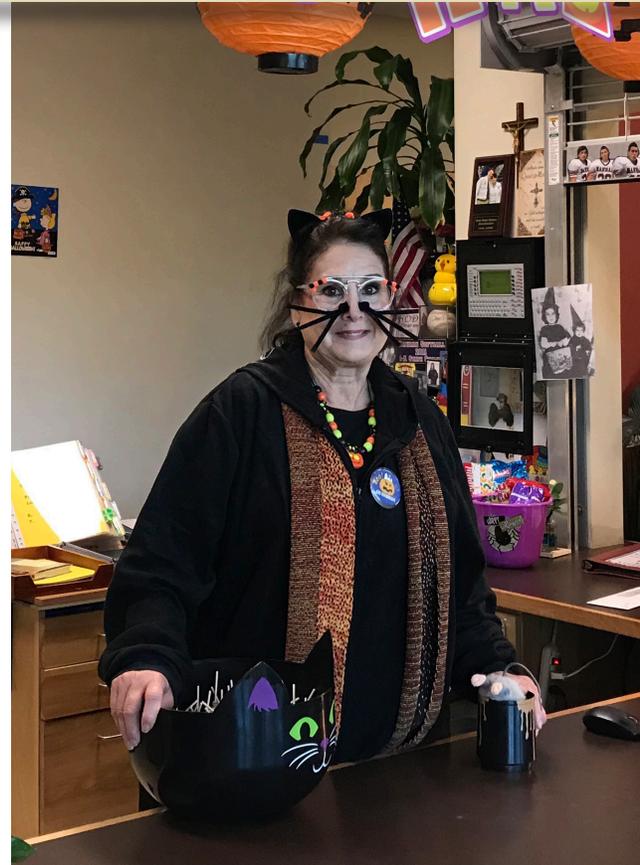
*By: Nancy Baird, Assistant Principal*

At Archbishop Hannan High School, we recognize the value of longevity and commitment to our school community. In recognition of these two important values, Fr. Charles Latour, O.P. recently presented service awards to long-serving faculty and staff members at a school assembly.

Five Year Service pins were awarded to any faculty or staff member serving between 5 -9 years. Recipients included Jamie Alonzo-Watts (5), Tim Anger (8), Charles Baird (9), Nancy Baird (8), Bekki Bonnafee (7), Steven Bradley (6), Terri Carlisle (9), Karen Davis (5), Joan Dittman (6), Kirsten Djuve (5), Ashley Faucheux (9), Christine Haney (7), Jane Harkin (7), Donalyn Hassenboehler (9), Joe Hines (8), Ricco Impastato (coach, 5), Laura Lowe (6), Tresa McAuliffe (7), Laura Midgett (5), Adolfo Rodriguez (9), Steven Shepherd (6), John Thacker (6), and Anthony Trombatore (5).

Ten Year Service awards were presented to any faculty or staff member serving between 10-13 years. Recipients included Sherie Gioe (12), Rouge Helmer (12), Jill Hogan (12), Jerry Kennedy (coach 10), Becky Lambert (coach, 13), Gary Nunez (coach, 12), and Tammy Petit (12).

Congratulations to all of our service awardees for the 2019-2020 school year. In future years, pins and computer bags will be awarded as faculty and staff reach five years or ten years of service.





# Alumni Spotlight

*By: Kayla Siemann, '05*

From TV Production at Archbishop Hannan to “NCIS: New Orleans” Script Coordinator, Cameron Dupuy (Class of 2012) is making his dreams come true in the television industry.



Cameron began writing at a young age. “I’ve been putting pen to paper (via computer, of course) since I was ten or so,” he said. “I’ve always loved telling stories.” Being a Hannan student helped foster Cameron’s creativity. He learned filmmaking and technique in Mr. Rodriguez’s TV Production class where he was able to write and produce several short films. “Being a student at Hannan impacted me in a lot of ways. The biggest was that it provided me an environment to create and tell stories that was always open and never judgemental. I always felt empowered to do my own thing creatively.”

One of Cameron’s favorite memories from Archbishop Hannan was getting to be an anchor on the very first episode of Hawk Talk. “It was such a cool moment for myself and for the school in general,” he said. “Hannan allowed me some great opportunities to gain more confidence in my abilities to communicate and talk to large groups effectively. So much of my job (and what will eventually be my career) is pitching ideas. So communication and confidence are really important.”

Following high school, Cameron attended the University of New Orleans and started as an intern on “NCIS: New Orleans” during his senior year of college. “I eventually worked my way from production to the writer’s room in California,” he said. “I interned for a year, then moved to California a week after graduation and started as a Writers P.A.” The following year he became a Script Coordinator for the series and recently co- wrote his first episode set to air on March 5th.

Cameron’s future goals include being staffed fulltime on a television show, eventually becoming a showrunner, and ideally directing one day. “Being able to do something that’s rewarding, both personally and professionally, is a gift.”



## 2nd Annual Gumbo Cook-Off

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*By: Kayla Siemann*

The Archbishop Hannan High School Alumni Association hosted the 2nd Annual Gumbo Cook-Off on Saturday, January 26, 2019 on campus. This annual event began in 2018 as a way for alumni to gather as a Hannan community and deepen our roots between alumni and our alma mater. With 9 teams competing and beautiful weather, everyone who attended had a fun day, filled with delicious food, good friends, and healthy competition.

Each year, two awards are given. Attendees were able to vote for their Fan Favorite, and three local judges tasted each team's gumbo to determine the Judges' Choice winner. For the second year in a row, the Fan Favorite award went to Gumbeaux Rouxlerz for their traditional Chicken and Andouille Gumbo. In a very tight competition, the Judges' Choice award for 2019 went to FCT represented by three Hannan alumni from the class of 1995 on their team.

All proceeds from the Gumbo Cook-Off go to the AHHS Alumni Association and directly benefit the AHHS Alumni Legacy Scholarship and Legacy Lunch. The 3rd Annual Gumbo Cook-Off is set for Saturday, January 25, 2020. The competition is open to anyone in the Hannan community, and we challenge you to beat our alumni. Start perfecting your roux and gumbo recipes now!

Thank you to our 2019 Gumbo Cook-Off Sponsors: Galloway Law Firm, Creole Delicacies Kitchens Inc, NOLA Lending, Rouses Markets, Speedway Printing, Brent Herrington (music/sound), and Keith Heidel (graphic designs).



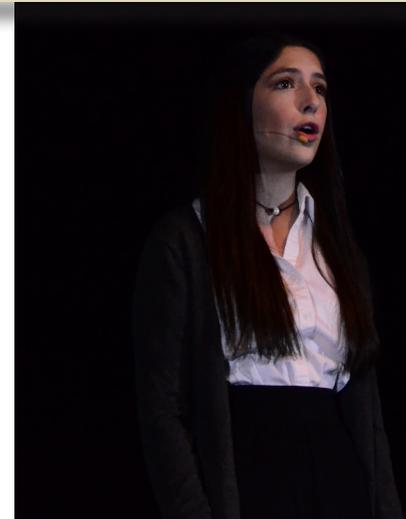


# Hannan Blackfriars Perform “Songs for a New World”

*By: Rebecca Sigler*

As per tradition, the Archbishop Hannan High School Blackfriars Theatre Troupe produced a musical during the spring semester. *Songs for a New World*, written and composed by Jason Robert Brown, is a musical comprised of a series of songs, all united by the theme of decisiveness. Songs featured various moments of decision; whether devastating, joyous, or simply revelatory in nature, these moments staged by the Blackfriars proved universally profound. Actors Cody Schexnaydre and Niccolo Bonura sang of their woes, concluding that for some, hardship is fated. Ava McGee assumed the role of an early explorer, praying for the safety of souls aboard her ship destined for a New World. Billie Guffey took the stage as a wealthy yet neglected wife, who climbed on the ledge of her high-rise apartment in effort to gain her husband’s attention. Allie Bouillion sang of wonder over an unplanned yet cherished pregnancy in “Christmas Lullaby.” Trevor Fortier and Sophia Boeckl posed as lovers who, after time apart, reunited in hopes of rekindling love in “I’d Give It All for You.” Julia Ernst recounted the stories of two past lovers, realizing what she has sacrificed for wealth in “Stars and the Moon.” Other actors included Gracie Cousin, Victoria Fernandez, Isabella Kay, Grace Ladner, Justin Mouledous, Sophie Romano, and Olivia Troxclair.

Under the direction of Adolfo Rodriguez and Jesse White, the musical successfully ran at the Fuhrman Auditorium in Covington from March 14 through March 23. The Blackfriars Theatre Troupe would like to extend gratitude to any and all those who provided support before, during, and after the production.



# Hawks Capture First Volleyball State Championship

*By: Rebekka Bonnafee*

On Saturday, November 10, 2018, the Hawks captured their first ever state championship in volleyball! The Pontchartrain Center was rocking with Hannan fans as they cheered the team on to beat University High, Baton Rouge, and earn the Division IV state title. The Hawks completed their season with an impressive 40-6 record, an undefeated district championship for the second year in a row, and the state title!

Congratulations to the 2018 Hawk Volleyball senior class who has been here through two state runner-up titles and a semi-final finish. They were determined to lead their team to that highest of titles. They did it in high Hannan fashion, dominating these last couple of years of their careers. This year's seniors are some of the most driven athletes out there. They have truly made the volleyball program into something that everyone would like to be a part of. Hannan volleyball won't be the same without them. The 2018-19 seniors are Grace Lagalante, Allee Morris, Casey Aucoin, Abby Roux, Mikayla Boyer, and Mia Migliore.

Four out of six seniors this year are continuing to play at the next level. Allee Morris will play indoor volleyball at LSU. Mia Migliore is going to be a libero at Memphis State. Casey Aucoin will be playing at Loyola, New Orleans. Mikayla Boyer will go to Spring Hill College to play indoor and beach volleyball. We're so proud to call them Hawks!

Other awards received by the 2018 State Champions are as follows:

**All District Team Members:**

Honorable Mention – Ava Valenti, Abby Roux, Sydnee Goodreaux, Morgan Banta

Second Team – Casey Aucoin, Kennedy Flauss

First Team – Grace Lagalante, Mia Migliore, Allee Morris

MVP – Mikayla Boyer

All-Metro: Allee Morris, Mikayla Boyer, Mia Migliore

Clarion Herald Elite: Allee Morris, Mia Migliore, Mikayla Boyer

St. Tammany Farmer All Parish Volleyball Team: Mia Migliore, Allee Morris, Mikayla Boyer, Grace Lagalante

All-Academic Awards: Grace Lagalante, Mikayla Boyer, Abby Roux

Composite All Academic: Allee Morris

**Division IV All-State Team Members**

Mikayla Boyer, Grace Lagalante, Mia Migliore

**Division IV Player of the Year**

Allee Morris





# Hannan Lady Hawks Capture Softball State Title

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*By: Becky Lambert*

The Archbishop Hannan Lady Hawks captured the Division II LA State Championship on April 27 at Frasch Park in Sulphur, LA, securing a dramatic, come-from-behind 6-2 victory over two-time defending state champion Parkview Baptist. After the game, Jim Derry, columnist for nola.com and The Times-Picayune, tweeted, "In 29 years of this job, I can count on one hand more improbable victories considering the situation. Down to their final strike, Hannan softball found a way."

How did they do it? The answer start with the first game of their season, back in mid-February, against John Curtis.

The Lady Hawks were viewed by many to be a program in transition. Five seniors who were major contributors to the 2018 squad that reached the State Semi-finals graduated and were replaced by a talented, if young and unproven, group. To further complicate matters, in a scrimmage in the week prior to the season opener, sophomore 1B Jenna Armstrong injured her shoulder and was lost for the season. The team did return a strong core for 2019, led by senior 1B/OF Sarah Dufour, juniors P Alex Clesi and C Gentry Spinks, sophomore SS Alexis Dale and freshman 2B Kristen Wegener. To this group, head coach Becky Lambert welcomed sophomores 3B Sydney Thompson, OF Shelby Thompson and Rylie Bankston, and freshmen P/DH Amelia Mares, CF Avery Boudreaux, and UTIL Hannan Kennedy.

Against (eventual Division I State Runner-up) John Curtis on that cold and wet February afternoon, the Lady Hawks showed a resiliency that would manifest repeated throughout the season. On two separate occasions, the Hawks battled back from deficits to take the lead. Despite dropping the contest 7-6, the belief -- that the game was never lost until the final out --was born.

In wins against Mount Carmel and Oak Grove (1A State Champions) later that month, Hannan again overcame deficits to lock up impressive victories. The challenging schedule also saw the Hawks best Catholic – Point Coupee (Division IV State Champion) and Holy Savior – Menard (Division III State Runner-up). After securing the district title with a 5-0 record, the Hawks advanced to the Division II State Playoffs with a 22-6 record as the number 2 seed.

After defeating an overmatched Lusher Charter 13-0 to open the playoffs, the Lady Hawks faced their postseason nemesis, St. Charles Catholic, who twice previously sent Hannan home from Sulphur in heart-breaking fashion. The game entered the bottom of the 5th with the two teams tied at 1 and a feeling of déjà vu in the air. With two outs and nobody on, consecutive singles by Spinks, Mares, and Sydney Thompson gave the Hawks a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Alex Clesi was stellar on the mound, striking out 10, and Spinks added a homer in a 6-run 6th inning, en route to a 9-1 victory, and another trip to Sulphur.



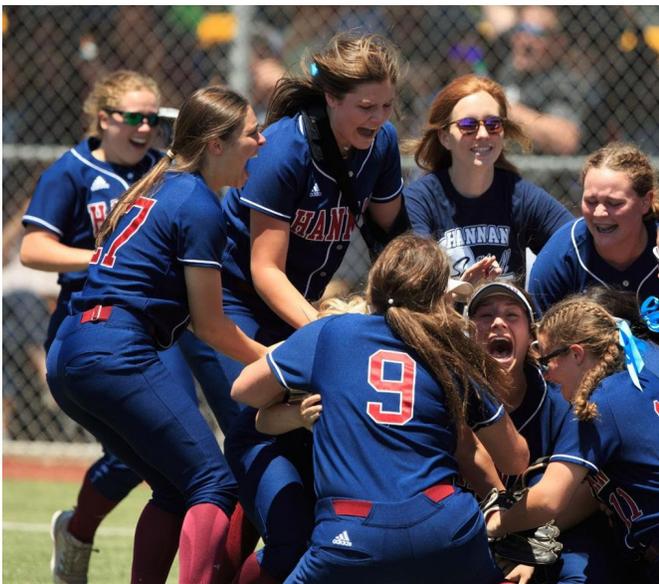
In the semi-finals, Hannan faced 3rd seeded St. Thomas More, 2018 State Runner-up. Again, the Lady Hawks answered early scores by STM. Bankston and Dale each tallied 2 hits, and Spinks again drove in 2 runs, while Clesi struck out 11 over seven innings in the 6-3 win. This victory set up the championship game with top-seeded Parkview Baptist the following day.

In the championship game, pitchers dominated early, as neither team scored through the first four innings. Shelby Thompson led off the 5th inning with a single to left. After a wild pitch, Hannah Kennedy was entered as a pinch runner at second. Parkview Baptist chose to intentionally walk Alexis Dale to get to Spinks. On the second pitch of her at-bat, Spinks launched a double deep into the left-center field gap, scoring Kennedy.

The score remained 1-0 entering the bottom of the 6th, where Parkview scored two runs. Alex Clesi limited the damage, getting a strikeout and ground out to end the 6th with the Hawks only down 2-1. The top of the seventh started with two strikeouts, and Parkview Baptist preparing for their 3rd straight State Championship celebration.

Alexis Dale worked a full count, then fouled off two pitches. On the eighth pitch of the at-bat, Dale lined a single into left field to keep the game alive. This hit was followed by Spinks getting hit by pitch, then walks to Amelia Mares (her third of the game) and Sydney Thompson to tie the score. Senior Sarah Dufour, in her final at-bat in a Hannan uniform, delivered the winning blow, driving a single to left field to score Mares and Thompson. The scoring concluded with a 2-run error off the bat of Kristen Wegener. When the dust settled and dog pile on the infield was over, the Lady Hawks were crowned State Champions for the 3rd time with a improbably 6-2 victory. Clesi finished the game with 8 strikeouts, while Dufour was named the Most Outstanding Player for the game.

On offense, the Lady Hawks were led by Alexis Dale (.563 BA, 48 Runs, 13 SB), Gentry Spinks (.477, 7 3B, 6 HR, 47 RBI, 48 R), Sarah Dufour (.390, 4 HR, 43 RBI), and Amelia Mares (.396, 2 HR, 30 RBI). On the mound, Alex Clesi had a 15-4 record with an impressive 185 strikeouts in 130 innings pitched, while Mares backed her up with an 11-2 record and 73 strikeouts in 68 innings.





## 2018-2019 College Signings

*By: Michael Perniciaro*

Our Volleyball Team had a banner year winning their first ever state championship. With that victory, the team celebrated their players who signed college scholarships for volleyball. Allee Morris signed with Louisiana State University, Mia Migliore signed with Memphis University, Mikayla Boyer signed with Spring Hill College, and Casey Aucoin signed with Loyola University.

Our football team set a school record this year by going 10-0 and winning a district championship. The team also saw three players sign with three different colleges to continue their football careers. Cameron O'Brien signed with Tufts, Frank Bretey Jr. signed with Louisiana College, and Brendan David signed with Trine University.

Our wrestling team also celebrated a great season with its first ever individual state champion. Deno Talbot will continue his wrestling career with Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida.

We also like to say congratulations to Trent Zelden on his preferred walk on spot with Mississippi State University.



## Athletic Hall of Fame - Class of 2018

*By: Kayla Siemann, '05*

The Archbishop Hannan High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2016 to honor individuals and teams who have made a significant positive impact on Hawk Athletics. Those inducted serve as the cornerstone of what the school believes is a truly representative group of the proud tradition of Archbishop Hannan Athletics. Since its inception, the AHHS Athletic Hall of Fame has honored 17 inductees including 15 alumni, 1 administrator and 1 team.

The most recent honorees were inducted on January 30, 2019 at the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet honoring the Class of 2018. The banquet was held at Tchefuncta Country Club where inductees, family, friends and members of the Hannan community gathered for cocktails, dinner, and a night of reminiscing about Hannan Athletics.

The AHHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018 Inductees are as follows:

- Vincent Chimento, Class of 1992 - Basketball & Baseball
- Crystal Eliers Domreis, Class of 1999 - Golf
- Brad Humphreys - Faculty, Athletic Director, Administrator (1999-2007)
- 2011 Softball Team - First Softball State Championship

The following evening, our inductees were honored and presented with certificates at halftime during a boys varsity basketball game. Afterwards, a small reception was held in their honor.

We look forward to inducting a new class each year, and nominations are currently being accepted. Nominees must be at least a 5 year alumnus/a, be a major contributor to Hannan Athletics, and must continue to live out the Hannan Way. If you would like to nominate an Archbishop Hannan High School athlete, coach or team, please email Kayla Siemann ([kziemann@hannanhigh.org](mailto:kziemann@hannanhigh.org)) or Bekki Bonnafee ([rbonnafee@hannanhigh.org](mailto:rbonnafee@hannanhigh.org)).





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