

January 2020

Dr. Tom Curry installed as 11th Hoban president

Hoban formally invested Dr. Tom Curry as 11th president at an all-school Mass and investiture ceremony on Jan. 21, the memorial of Blessed Basil Moreau. The Rev. Matt Jordan '08 was principal celebrant, along with concelebrants the Rev. Michael McCandless '98, the Rev. Emmanuel Kallarackal, C.S.C., Deacon Raymond Herrick '68 and Deacon Ray DiMascio. At the ceremony, Dr. Curry promised to guide the school in the charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross and the Holy Cross core values. Guests included Brothers and priests from the congregation, board members, Associates of St. Joseph, and Dr. Curry's family.



Watch Dr. Curry's video message for students.



Medical mission group goes to Honduras

Seventeen Hoban students, chaperoned by teachers Pachy Bell and Jason Dzik, joined Father Mike Ausperk, a Hoban board member, and 48 medical professionals on the 15th annual Holy Family Parish Medical Mission to Honduras.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, the team was blessed by Father Paul Rosing and the congregation at Holy Family Church in Stow. The 70-member team departed the United States on Jan. 15 and returned on Jan. 22. It consisted of doctors, dentists, optometrists, nurses, pharmacists and others. The Hoban

students, who served as interpreters in the English-Spanish translation, who attended were Alex Coleman, Stephanie Conley, Clare Esposito, Adam Geary, Mariana Gonzalez, Allison Jansen, Abby Kamenar, Catie Knapp, Maggie Kreiner, Rebecca Kubick, Joseph Osmun, Rachael Rice, Riley Scofield, Peter Stitzel, Jackie Turk, Sophie Tylicki and Natalie Vrobel.

More information and photos, [HERE](#).

Young Entrepreneur Workshop offers opportunities for middle school students

Eight seventh-grade students from St. Francis de Sales were selected to participate in the Young Entrepreneur

Workshop at Hoban under the direction of Jason Dzik. The students spent four two-hour sessions learning the basics of entrepreneurship, including discovering an opportunity, designing a marketable product or service, writing a business plan, identifying a target market, product validation and pitching an idea to an audience. The program culminated with the students pitching their ideas to their classmates and a panel of judges. The workshop will take place each semester going forward.



Hillery receives Brother Spooner Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award

Kevin Hillery, associate principal of student services, has been named the 2020 recipient of the Brother James Spooner Holy Cross Heart and Mind Award. Mr. Hillery has worked at Hoban for 31 years. He has served as a history teacher, dean of students and moderator for mock trial for nearly 30 years.



**Register now for
Men's Night Out**



**Save the Date:
March 28, 2020**

Be an Extravaganza 2020 Volunteer! This is a good way to get involved and meet new friends. Contact [Cathy Reeves](#) for more information and any questions regarding Extravaganza.



Artists fare well in Scholastic Art awards

Hoban art students enjoyed remarkable success at the 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing regional competition. In Hoban's region, 35 high schools and 14 middle schools submitted a total of 3,177 works to the competition, of which 960 received awards. Hoban students received 82 total awards, including 15 Gold Keys, 15 Silver Keys and 52 Honorable Mentions. The artwork awarded Gold and Silver Keys artwork will be on display at the Kent State University Stark Campus art building from Jan. 21 to 29. Artworks awarded with a Gold Key will continue on to be judged in the National competition. [Images of Scholastic Art Award Winners](#)



Sports medicine expert visits anatomy classes

Dr. Joe Congeni, director of sports medicine at Akron Children's Hospital, spoke to the anatomy and physiology classes on Jan 17. He tested the students' knowledge of the muscular and skeletal systems. According to teacher Amie Mancine, the students were engaged and enjoyed interacting with Congeni and answering his questions.

"He is an inspiration to those wanting to do sports medicine as a career," Mancine said. "He is a dedicated member of many of our sports teams. It is a privilege to have him come to Hoban for a visit."

Spring Musical Events

Help Hoban continue to raise money for the new Barry Gym stage curtains. Make your reservations today, space is limited.

Be Our Guest

Friday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Room

Ticket price: \$500 (two guests)

You and a guest will enjoy reserved seating at the 7:30 p.m. performance of Beauty and the Beast, and appetizers and drinks prior to the show.

Tea with Belle

Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Room

Ticket price: \$250 (two guests)

Bring your little prince or princess to a tea party with Belle, played by senior Julia Martin. You will also receive two general admission tickets to Hoban's spring musical performance of Beauty and the Beast. Performance dates: Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.

For Reservations Call Vicki Srail at 330.773.8620.



NFL grant to help turf Hoban practice fields: Why Hoban?

Hoban was one of a dozen or so schools nationwide to receive an award from the NFL Grassroots Grant Program. The grant process is highly competitive and includes specific criteria, which Hoban met.

The goal of the NFL Grassroots Grant Program is to provide neighborhood-based organizations financial assistance "to improve quality, safety and accessibility of local football fields." Strong preference was given to Hoban because of the existing relationship Hoban has with the youth football programs in the East Akron neighborhood. Our supporting grant materials included numerous letters from East Akron church pastors, civic leaders, youth football program officials and CYO representatives. Through the grant, Hoban was able to illustrate the needs of this community and received the maximum grant award of \$250,000.

While the NFL grant is a considerable gift and will greatly support the project, the cost of the entire project is approximately \$740,000. A generous Hoban benefactor will be providing an in-kind gift for most of the preparation and infrastructure, including drainage and grading of the fields. Hoban is responsible for raising the remaining \$300,000 necessary to complete the turf project.

The area in which the artificial turf will be installed is roughly the equivalent of two football fields. The fields will benefit not only youth football and Hoban football, but they will also be used extensively by Hoban boys and girls soccer and lacrosse teams. In addition, the softball field will be entirely covered with artificial turf, providing weeks of practice and game time that would otherwise be impossible because of weather conditions.



2019 Hoban-VanDevere Thrive and Drive raffle Winner

Nick and Eileen Mlachak, parents of sophomore Madeline Mlachak, are the winners of the 2019 VanDevere Chevrolet Thrive and Drive program. VanDevere has been donating a car to Hoban for the past nine years, allowing Hoban students to raise more than \$600,000 for their athletic and cocurricular activities. Nick and Eileen won a 2019 Chevy Cruze.



Freshmen get certified in CPR

The Akron Fire Department helped train and certify more than 90 Hoban freshmen in CPR and first aid on Jan. 9. By the end of the academic year, the entire Class of 2023 will be certified through their health course.

Call for Applications

Hoban is currently seeking applications for three administrative positions. As members of the Hoban family, please share these opportunities with anyone who you think would make a good addition to the Hoban team of Holy Cross educators. [Employment Opportunities](#)

Seniors participate in Early College Signing Day

Four Hoban seniors were included in the national early signing day on Dec. 18. Caden Clark will attend and play football at the University of Alabama next fall. Molly Strah will attend Rider University (N.J.) in the fall, where she will play volleyball. Deamonte "Chip" Trayanum and Devin Hightower graduated from Hoban early to begin their collegiate career in January. To do so, they had to plan ahead, take additional coursework and double up on service hours in order to meet all of Hoban's graduation requirements a semester early. Trayanum and Hightower will be enrolled and playing football at Arizona State University and Michigan State University, respectively.



"All four of them are great students," said Dr. Emily Ramos, principal. "Chip and Devin's decision to graduate early is one that required a lot of reflection and conversation with their families and the school. They have worked very hard for this opportunity, both in the classroom and in their sport. We could not be more proud of them, and can't wait to see their future successes."



Winkler elected regional director for national strength coaches' association

Michael Winkler, Hoban's director of strength and conditioning, has been elected regional director of the National High School Strength Coaches Association. He will represent Region 7, which includes Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. At Hoban, Winkler is responsible for the strength and conditioning programs for 26 male and female teams.

14 athletes recognized by Akron Touchdown Club

Hoban athletes received recognition from the Touchdown Club of Greater Akron at a banquet on Jan. 13. Additionally, Quinn Parker, Hoban's boys golf coach was named Summit County Coach of the year.

- **Golf:** Solomon Petrie, Aaron Apticar, Nolan Haynes and Head coach Quinn Parker was Summit County Coach of the year
- **Football:** Deamonte Trayanum, Caden Clark, Jake Burns, Shane Hamm, Devin Hightower, Darryl Peterson III and Damon Ollison II
- **Soccer:** Duncan Ulman and Miriam Szijarto
- **Volleyball:** Molly Strah and Michaela Cloonan



Girls Bowling won the North Coast League Championship

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