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URBAN PLAN & THE IWA ADVANTAGE





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Rising Junior Victoria Bonilla consults with Alex Hamilton, Attorney at Law at BoyarMiller as part of the UrbanPlan Program. Photo Credit: DAB Photos

OPPOSITE PAGE

The one hundred and thirty-ninth graduating class of Incarnate Word Academy tosses their caps after the 2016 Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Photo Credit: Dr. Stephen O'Connor, father of Sara O'Connor '17.

Incarnate Word Academy provides young women with a Catholic college preparatory education, helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus, the Incarnate Word, and live according to His values. Our cornerstones are academics, values and spirituality.

a letter from the president
SISTER LAUREN BECK, C.V.I.

Sometimes people think that schools shut down in the summer. Some may wonder what - if anything - goes on in a school during June and July. However, if I had to describe the summertime at IWA in one word it would be “busy!”

The most visible sign of our summer activity is the progress of the new academic building. The six-story frame is up, concrete is poured on all of the floors, and the construction workers are steadily moving toward their February 1 completion date. This is so thrilling! Check out the full plans and see how you can make your contribution by clicking the I AM IN capital campaign link on our website.

Meanwhile, the inside of the building also needed major repairs. In June and July, our construction firm gutted the administrative office corridor, replaced the foundation, and implemented a new design to give the welcome space a fresh look. It was a priority to have the interior back in order for the girls’ return to school, and we are so pleased that the deadline was met.

Amidst the clamor of summer construction, happy students’ voices

echoed throughout the hallways. IWA once again hosted athletic camps for middle school students, tryouts for fall sports teams, and volunteer opportunities for students focused on making a difference out in the community. You can read about some of these accomplishments in our “Word in the Word” section in this magazine. Another group of students elected to participate in a week-long workshop about urban planning. The feature story in this magazine captures their experience. I am so proud of them all.

“Amidst the clamor of summer construction, happy students’ voices echoed throughout the hallways.”

Lastly, the school is in the final processes of developing a five-year strategic plan for the school. We have been working with Meitler Consulting Firm since January to create a vision and plan for the school’s next five years and we are thrilled to begin implementing this in the new school year. You will hear more about this plan in the next few months.

All in all, it was amazing how many activities were going on simultaneously: the construction on the new building,



the repair of our current foundation, programming for current and incoming students, and the completion of the strategic plan. Kudos to our staff who stayed focused to meet all of their responsibilities and contribute to the success of IWA during the summer.

So, to answer what goes on during the summer at IWA, I would give a resounding response and perhaps one more word, “PLENTY!”

Praised be the Incarnate Word!

Sr. Lauren Beck C.V.I.

Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I.
IWA President

a letter from the board president
PATRICK BARRY

When you walk through the doors of Incarnate Word Academy, you *just know*. You know you have entered a special and holy place, a place where compassion and faith thrive and a place where character is built and nurtured in the lives of our young ladies.

You know you have entered a unique environment, suited for discovery and learning, a place where excellence and relevance is built into every academic experience. You know, as I do, that IWA is a pillar of strength in the lives of the young women who attend school here.

I was drawn to this remarkable Academy by my mother, Charlene Barry. She held a special place in her heart for IWA, serving as a Theology teacher for a number of years and then later serving on the Board of Advisors and as Board President. In our home she spoke endlessly about IWA and the amazing young ladies who came through its doors.

Though she is no longer with us, I honor her memory by supporting IWA and offering my service on the Board of Advisors as I am needed. I look forward to serving as the President of the Board for the 2016-17 school year.

I look forward to advancing the mission of Incarnate Word Academy along with my fellow board members. As I look toward the school's immediate future - a future that includes implementing a new strategic plan, completing an essential capital campaign, and building a state-of-the-art academic building - I feel blessed to contribute to a school that has remained fiercely dedicated to its mission and traditions for over one hundred and forty-three years.

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I want to thank president, Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I., and all the Sisters of the Incarnate Word & Blessed Sacrament, principal, Dr. Mary Aamodt and the dedicated faculty and staff that give 100% of their time and efforts to the young ladies of Incarnate Word Academy. I know the girls feel the concern and level of expertise that permeates the faculty. The girls also appreciate the supportive environment that surrounds them when they enter the doors each day. The blessings of IWA are endless.



Incarnate Word is built on a strong and firm foundation and will continue to offer its students an education based on Academics, Values and Spirituality for years to come.

...This I know.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P B" followed by a horizontal line.

Patrick Barry
IWA Board President

FROM THE CLASSROOM

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCHOLARS

Incarnate Word Academy students took Advancement Placement (AP) Exams in May 2016, earning college credit before they graduate from high school. The AP Program measures demonstrated achievement in college-level subject matter for 11th and 12th grade students. Incarnate Word Academy recognizes our 38 AP Scholars - 19 AP Scholars, 7 AP Scholars with Honor, and 12 AP Scholars with Distinction. The list includes:

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTON

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least “3.5” on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Mary Amsler '16	Katherine Edwards '16	Reagan Herreth '16	Mikaela Rey '16
Kelsey L. Covington '16	Cheryl Gingoyon '16	Gabriela Marin '16	Caroline Siegfried '16
Kirsten Covington '16	Hannah Hanz '16	Leah Moreau '16	Shannon Stokes '16

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least “3.25” on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Paola Bakker '16	Kathryn Caudell '16	Miranda Lozoya '16	Sofia Sosa-Yanez '16
Cortiana Barnes '16	Elizabeth Engbarth '16	Alexandra Parris '16	

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR

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Samantha Annab '16	Allison Fitzgerald '16	Mary Theroux '16	Elyssa Vega '16
Isabella Bacilla '16	Adrianna Geegan '16	Sophia Tolman '16	Talia Voltz '16
Katherine Bigunac '16	Megan McKee '16	Sarah Trumble '16	Anna Winter '17
Glenn Blade '17	Marina Pirzada '17	Haley Turner '17	Isabel Zubizarreta '16
Clare Cuthrell '16	Elizabeth Ramasute '16	Lillian Turner '17	



PERFECT SCORE

Congratulations to Norma Ferrel '19 for achieving a perfect score on the 2016 National Latin Exam. Only 929 students out of over 140,000 who participated attained this distinction. The test is administered in over twenty countries including the entire United States, Canada, England, Australia, Hong Kong, Italy, Germany Spain, Greece, France, and China. To Norma and Professor Boureiko we say “Gaudeamus igitur!” (“So Let Us Rejoice!”)



WOMEN ENGINEERS

2016 Valedictorian Hannah Hanz and Salutatorian Mikaela Rey were recognized with 2016 Society of Women Engineers Certificates of Merit. Hannah and Mikaela were recognized for their achievements in math and science at an awards ceremony at University of Houston Downtown. Both plan to continue their STEM studies in the fall: Mikaela is studying chemical engineering at UT Austin and Hannah is pre-med at Texas A&M Honors College.



GOLD MEDALISTS

Fatima Garcia '19 and Brianna Villareal '18 were awarded gold medals for excellent performance on the 2016 National Spanish Examination. Several other IWA students also attained national recognition, with the school racking up a total of 2 gold, 20 silver, and 13 bronze medals along with 43 honorable mentions. The National Spanish Exam is the largest of its kind with over 160,000 participants in 2016.



HOUSTON CHRONICLE: IWA'S YOUNG LEADERS CLASS CREATES BUSINESS, AIDS NON PROFIT

Incarinate Word Academy's *Leading with Business* class was featured in the Houston Chronicle article, "Young Leaders Create Business, Aid Nonprofit" for the bold promise that they made and kept this year: plan, create and run a small business and donate 100% of the profits. Eighteen students fulfilled that promise on Foundation Day when they presented

a \$800 check to Summerhouse, a Houston Heights non-profit serving young adults with mental disabilities (Pictured Above). *Leading with Business* students raised the money by creating the first-ever student-run business at IWA. The business, "Lemon Chill", was a fresh take on a lemonade stand that operated within school lunch periods. Charles Kafoglis,

Director of Character and Leadership at IWA, applauded the program: "As an all-girls school, we have a particular mission to help meet the demands for female voices at all levels of leadership. This course helps students put classroom leadership lessons into action in the real world and contribute to their communities in meaningful ways."



YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM & LEADERCAST LIVE

For the fourth year in a row, the Young Leaders Program joined over 100,000 leaders at the global simulcast of Leadercast Live - the largest one-day leadership event in the world. Broadcast live from Atlanta to hundreds of locations around the world, Leadercast Live exists to create better leaders in businesses, organi-

zations, communities, and homes. IWA is one of the only high schools in the nation to attend Leadercast Live. IWA also helped host the event in Houston; Distinguished Leaders and interested YLP students ran the registration tables before attending the conference. The theme for this year's Leadercast Live conference was,

"Architects of Change." IWA students had the incredible opportunity to listen to presentations from prestigious leaders across many fields including Nick Saban, Head Football Coach of the University of Alabama, Kate Cole, Group President at FOCUS Brands, and Steve Wozniak, the Co-Founder of Apple.

AROUND CAMPUS

FOUNDATION DAY & JEANNE DE MATEL AWARD

On May 5, 1873, the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament celebrated their first Mass together in a new chapel in Houston, Texas. One hundred and forty-three years later, the IWA community gathered together to celebrate the pioneering sisters whose passion for making Christ's love known throughout the world started the Academy. Libby Diamond '18 reflected: "Today, we unite to realize how blessed we are to be part of a community with such a rich history. Today, we join generations of Women of the Word who integrate their values into all aspects of life because of their foundation in Christ."

Foundation Day also included an awards ceremony; students were inducted into the International Thespian Society, and received recognition for excellence in Visual Arts, Foreign Lan-

guage, and the Young Leaders Program. Three distinguished seniors were presented with "Women of the Word" Awards for modeling the pillars of IWA during their four years as students. The Servant of the Word Award went to Jhena Patriarca '16, the Spirit of the Word Award went to Allison Wagner '16, and the Woman of the Word Award to Mary Amsler '16. Lastly, the Jeanne de Matel award, voted on by faculty and staff, was presented to long-time physics teacher Mary McGivern for outstanding service to the school. Congratulations to all!

After the Foundation Day Awards Ceremony, students were released from class early for a school-wide celebration. Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed food trucks, ice cream carts, face painting, and lawn games in an IWA street party!

"Today, we unite to realize how blessed we are to be part of a community with such a rich history. Today, we join generations of Women of the Word who integrate their values into all aspects of life because of their foundation in Christ." - Libby Diamond '18



Ice Cream at 609!



Students enjoy the taco truck at the IWA street party



Sister Lauren Beck announces Mary McGivern as the Jeanne de Matel Award Winner

“THE BIGGEST WIN IN IWA SOFTBALL HISTORY”



After finishing fifth in district, the IWA softball team headed to Dallas to play against athletics powerhouse Bishop Lynch. Though the Bishop Lynch Friars had finished 14-0 in district, IWA beat the heavily favored Friars 4-0 on their own field. The win advanced the team to the TAPPS Regional Play-offs. Athletic Director Rick Perez called it “the biggest win in IWA softball history”. Congratulations to the following athletes who received

all-state and all-district recognition:

All-State 1st Team: Lily Hatcher ‘17

All-State Honorable Mention: Anna Winter ‘17

All-District 2nd Team: Julia King ‘17 & Carolina Luera ‘16

All-District Honorable Mentions: Diana Muniz ‘17, Reagan Herreth ‘16, Mikayla Herreth ‘18, Kaylee Kieschnick ‘17, Erin Gonzalez ‘18 and Kat Montes ‘18

TRACK & FIELD



The IWA Track & Field teams had great seasons! The JV team finished 2nd in district and Varsity finished 3rd in district. IWA placed 3rd at the regional meet in the 4x200 and qualified to the state meet with the team of MacKenzie Everette ‘18, Shannon Stokes ‘16, Nadia Herrada ‘16 and Adrianna Geegan ‘16. Shannon Stokes also qualified 1st in both the 100m dash and the

200m dash at the regional meet. She placed 2nd in the 100m at state and 3rd in the 200m at state. Shannon also broke her own school record this year in both the 100m and 200m. Domanique Williams ‘17 finished 5th at regional meet one spot away from qualifying for the state meet with her season-best throw in the shot put.

AROUND CAMPUS

HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORTS: DOWNTOWN PRIVATE SCHOOL RAISING FOR EXPANSION



The Houston Business Journal reported on Incarnate Word Academy's new building project and capital campaign effort. The new building will enable IWA to provide more of Houston's young women with an exemplary, affordable Catholic education. The building will also provide additional space for IWA's Young

Leadership Program, a trail-blazing program that empowers young women to lead and serve. IWA broke ground on the new building in January 2016 and is on track to be completed and occupied by students at the start of 2017. To learn more about the campaign progress, please visit www.iamincampaign.org

"This summer has been no vacation for our construction crew! Their hard work is producing results; the majors repairs for the administration offices and reception area have been completed just in time for our students' arrival! If you drive down Capitol Street, you can see that the new building construction continues to move forward. We are looking forward to the next phase of the project and an early 2017 opening!" - Bing Vuong, IWA Director of Operations





I AM IN*quisitive.*
I AM IN*trospective.*
I AM IN*clusive*
I AM IN*novative.*

I AM IN*carate Word Academy.*



I AM IN.

The Campaign for *Incarate Word Academy.*

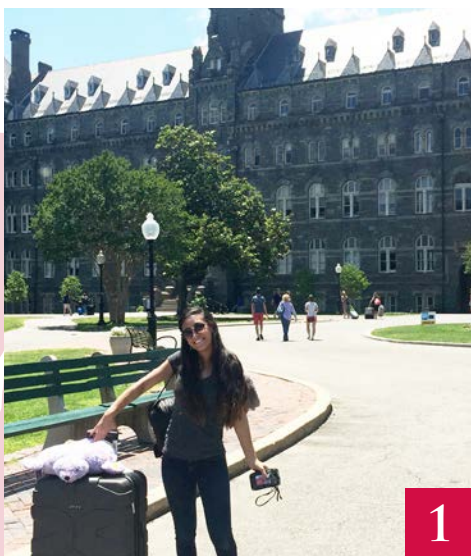
To better serve the needs of our students, Incarnate Word Academy has embarked on a \$15 million capital campaign to greatly enhance our existing campus. The new 18,500 square foot academic building and adjacent parking space will enable IWA to provide 350 young women with a Catholic, college preparatory education.

We are proud to have raised 47% funds to date, but we still need YOUR support to cross the finish line.

I AM IN. ARE YOU IN?

To make a gift, visit www.iamincampaign.org or contact our Advancement Office at advancement@incarnateword.org or 713.227.3637.

WORD IN THE WORLD



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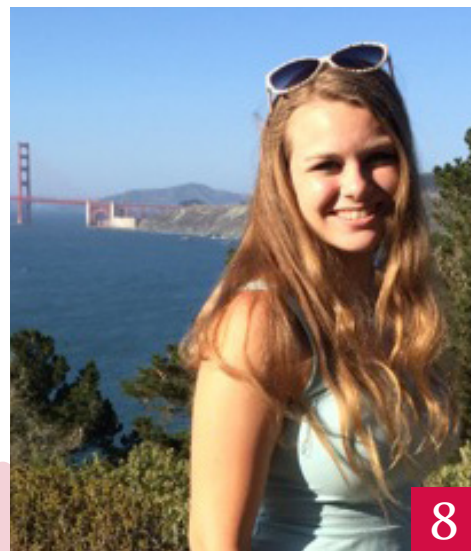
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1 Bri Salang '19 attended the Georgetown University Medical Institute in Washington DC. Living in the dorms and attending classes taught by Georgetown professors gave Bri insight into the life of a pre-med college student at GU: "I love studying science and I am really interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. This program was a great way for me to confirm my passion for medicine."

2 Liliana Billings '19 attended Houston's AFA Summer Orchestra Conservatory as a violist for the fourth year in a row. "It was a great experience to advance my viola skills and make new friends with other students throughout the state who have my same passion for music."

3 Elena Arellano '19, Katherine Rose '19, Becca Barry '19, Judith Cashin '19, Ashley Kindla '18, and Katherine Montes '18 took time this summer to work at the Houston Food Bank.

4 Pursuing her passion for art and illustration, Cristobella Durette '17 attended Comic-Con Houston. Cristobella explored careers in the art world, displayed her own work, networked with professionals, and learned from other artists.

5 Sarabeth Hanz '19, Hannah Hanz '16, and Madison Ripp '18 attended the Collegiate Dance Intensive at Texas A&M - College Station. These dancing Falcons had a great week studying ballet, modern yoga,

pilates, improvisation, and choreography from Texas A&M Professors. Gig 'em!

6 Anna Winter '17, Emily Garcia '17, Libby Diamond '18, and Victoria Bonilla '18 attended the Louisiana Youth Seminar, a week-long leadership camp held at LSU in Baton Rouge. Out of the 300 delegates, Anna Winter was given the camp's highest honor - the Barbara Jo Pease Most Outstanding Delegate Award. Congratulations!

7 Theresa Doan '17 was an all-star this summer, spending her time volunteering at Texas Children's Hospital, interning at the Museum of Natural Science, attending the Youth Leadership Conference at Rice University, and setting her sights on Europe!



Theresa spent two weeks in Paris and Nice with the Travel for Teens Language Program and one week in Oxford, England with the Oxford Academic program. Bien joué!

8 Aiden Neaves '19 spent her summer cleaning artifacts at Stanford University. Last summer she was invited to join the team under Dr. Laura Jones excavating the site of an Native American village on the campus. Aidan was invited to return this summer and is the only high school student working on the project. "I felt so close to history holding a tin soldier that belonged to the son of California Governor Leland Stanford, who the university is named after."

9 Camryn Johnson '19 is a Junior Volunteer with Harris Health System at Ben Taub General Hospital. This summer she learned about the system's commitment to improving the community's healthy by providing high-quality and accessible healthcare to Harris County residents.

10 In addition to volunteering at her elementary school St. Augustine Catholic School, **Brianna Villareal '18** was a camp leader for Troop 8559 Girl Scouts. As part of her counselor duties, Brianna planned daily activities to help bring out the girls' creativity. The mission of Girls Scouts resonated with Brianna: "I love working with the younger girls and helping the campers to build courage, confidence and character."

11 Micaela Durette '19 gave back to her parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, by volunteering at their Vacation Bible School. "It was neat to teach the same lessons that I learned when I was in the campers' place seven years ago."

12 Peyton Wood '17 competed in the National American Miss Texan Teen Tournament. Peyton, who played the role of Maria von Trapp in the IWA Spring Production of *The Sound of Music*, took home the top award for the Actress and Talent Competitions. She also placed 1st runner up in Volunteer Service and 4th Runner Up overall. Peyton will travel to Anaheim, California in November to participate in the National Pageant!

URBAN PLAN



photo courtesy of Houstonfirst

HoustonFirst Chief Development Office Peter McStravek stands on the George R. Brown Convention Center bridge with IWA Urban Plan Students and explains the ongoing transformation of Houston's Convention District.

With construction on every corner of Crawford Street, eighteen curious students spent their summer taking an inside look at urban growth in their very own neighborhood.

For the first time ever, Incarnate Word Academy partnered with the Urban Land Institute to offer UrbanPlan, an exciting educational initiative designed to teach students about urban growth and development.

After taking a crash course in the workings of local government, land development, and public-private partnerships, students were presented with their week-long challenge: respond to a request for proposal for the revitalization of a once-thriving-but-now-rundown hypothetical community. Students formed into development teams and individually assumed one of five roles: finance director, marketing director, city liaison, neighborhood liaison, or site planner. Through these roles, teams developed a comprehensive understanding of the various forces and stakeholders that affect the land-development process.

STUDENT-PROFESSIONALS

The integration of working professionals into the learning process was an essential element of the UrbanPlan program. Nearly a dozen professionals from the land-development industry served as facilitators, presenters and advisors to the students, helping them to navigate the hypothetical issues with real-world experiences. Real estate attorneys, environmental consultants, civil engineers, tourism development officers, and others offered perspective on balancing competing demands from a variety of constituents. The all-female mentors quickly became role models and encouraged students to get involved in local government,

and to consider careers in architecture, city planning, civil engineering, and law.

Former IWA Board of Advisors member and Houstonfirst Chief Development Officer Peter McStravek generously hosted a lunch and learn for our students. He spoke about the challenges that the downtown area had overcome to make Houston a more beautiful, dynamic, and tourist-friendly city. After a tour of the George R. Brown Convention Center, Mr. McStravek hosted a question and answer session about the transformation of Houston's Convention District ahead of SuperBowl LI. Students were particularly curious about when the Marriott Marquis' Texas-shaped lazy river would be completed!

The week ended in a formal presentation by the student development teams to a "City Council" made up of professionals from the Houston area. After listening to the students' presentations, the City Council analyzed each plan for its ability to balance the social, economic, cultural, and political goals of the City and its residents. They asked tough questions and expected balanced, well-thought out answers. Participant May Huynh '17 was up for the challenge: "It was an interesting experience to have professionals treat you like an adult; it was a great way to see what life will be like outside the IWA hallways."

THE IWA ADVANTAGE

Incarnate Word Academy is the first high school in the nation

“Being in the heart of downtown Houston during this period of historic growth was a fantastic addition to the classroom learning experience. Students were able to literally look outside their classroom windows and see the application of what they were learning on the streets below.” - Mark Richardson, IWA Faculty



to complete this program during a week-long intensive summer session. Normally offered as a semester-long program, UrbanPlan easily adapted to IWA's accelerated time-frame because of the school's location at the center of a quickly growing downtown community. “Being in the heart of downtown Houston during this period of historic growth was a fantastic addition to the classroom learning experience. Students were able to literally look outside their classroom windows and see the application of what they were learning on the streets below,” said UrbanPlan program moderator and IWA US Government and Economics teacher Mark Richardson.

Incarnate Word Academy students were able to approach the hypothetical issues with real-world experience. Sister Lauren Beck praised the program's real-world integration:

“When our students considered a hypothetical request to take care of a neighborhood's poor and homeless, they recalled organizations like Star of Hope and Loaves and Fishes that they have actually volunteered at. When students are asked how to increase neighborhood pride, they look directly across the street to Minute Maid Park.”

UrbanPlan also leveraged IWA students' leadership skills and demanded that team members work together to understand a problem, create a vision, and consider complex issues from broad perspectives. Stephanie Roman-Pavajeau '18 was amazed by the commitment to excellence that her teammates had, even though it was a summer project : “I have never been so challenged and so invested in a project that wasn't for a grade.”



Clockwise from top: (1) Adrienne Schwartz, Principal at AMS Consulting meets with an UrbanPlan team (2) The winning team - Bridget Arrellano, Lauren Daniels, Nita Vemuri, Victoria Bonilla, Isabella Altman, and Aimee Tovias - presents their plan to the mock City Council; (3) Anissa Sabawala, Vice President at O'Donnell/Snider Construction shares her perspective with an IWA students-team(4) IWA student Nita Vemuri shakes hands with Mock City Council Member Abbey Robberson, Vice President of Planning at Texas Medical Center

The header features a collection of pennies, some with the IWA logo and others with the profile of Abraham Lincoln. A large, stylized umbrella is positioned on the right side, with several pennies scattered around it. The background is white with faint circular patterns.

Pennies from Heaven!

2016 Gala and Auction

Pennies from Heaven, 1936

Words by Johnny Burke

*Everytime it rains, it rains
pennies from heaven!
Don't you know each cloud contains
pennies from heaven?
You'll find your fortune fallin'
all over the town
Be sure that your umbrella
is upside down!*

The Event

Hundreds of people gathered together at the Omni Houston Hotel this April to celebrate one-hundred and forty-three years of excellence on 609 Crawford Street. The Annual Gala & Auction, themed “Pennies from Heaven”, brought Incarnate Word Academy friends, supporters, students, and families together in support of the mission of IWA: to provide an affordable, exemplary Catholic college

preparatory education to young women in Houston.

As the popular song goes, IWA certainly found its “fortune falling all over town.” In between mingling with IWA students, faculty, and staff, guests eagerly bid on a selection of silent auction items that included premium ticket packages for Houston sporting events, top-shelf scotch collections, spa weekends and more. Live Auction items included trips to Cabo, a chance to throw out the first pitch at an Astros game, a Taylor Swift-signed guitar and most popular, a charcoal Labrador puppy!

However, it was the “Paddles Up!” portion of our evening that showed how truly generous our guests were. Asking nothing in return, guests raised their paddles to enhance the new academic building with state-of-the-art educational technology. In less than sixty seconds, guests pledged a record-breaking \$30,000, enough to purchase 5 interactive touch panels for our students.



Honorees Ed & Bernie Powell watch a tribute video honoring their commitment to service in the Houston community.



Clockwise from top: (1) IWA Principal Mary Aamodt and St. Thomas High School President Fr. Kevin Storey, C.S.B. (2) Live Auction Chair Victoria Sears with her husband, Ross; (3) IWA President Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I. greets Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza; (4) IWA Parents Kate Fitzgerald, Steve and Beth Fischer, Paula Amsler, and John Fitzgerald

The Honorees

Each year, Incarnate Word Academy is proud to present the Agatha Sheehan Award to a person or persons who demonstrate integrity, passion and excellence in their field, making them leaders and role models in the community. This year, Incarnate Word Academy presented this award to Ed and Bernie Powell, a couple that has been married for 52 years and who have been dedicated to serving the Houston community with passion and care for just as long.

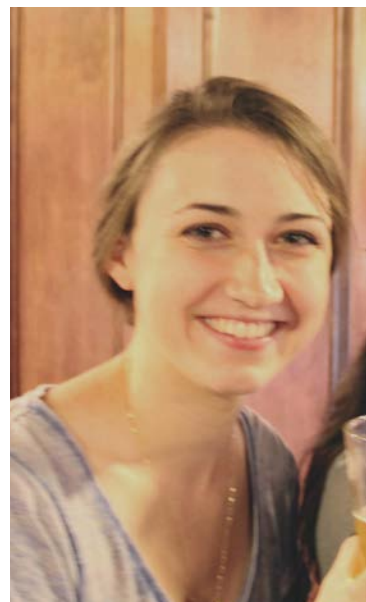
Ed and Bernie have tremendous hearts for service and Sister Lauren Beck, C.V.I. was thrilled to celebrate their contributions to Incarnate Word Academy with these kind words: “With Bernie’s support and respect, Ed has worked tirelessly to further the mission of Incarnate Word Academy for 11 years as a member of the IWA Board of Advisors. His leadership contribution has been invaluable. The Academy and the Sisters owe Ed and Bernie a tremendous debt of gratitude. It is not easy to sum up anyone’s

character, their goodness and their service but from time to time we can pause and try our best.”

With Gratitude

Incarnate Word Academy is proud to educate students from a wide variety of ethnic and economic backgrounds. Our students hail from over 112 zip codes and 50 parishes across Houston. Over forty percent of our students receive need or merit-based aid. Revenues from tuition cover just 63% of the costs to operate Incarnate Word Academy.

The Legacy Gala & Auction plays a central role in helping the Academy close the 37% gap while remaining faithful to the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament’s mission. The Incarnate Word Academy community is extraordinarily thankful for the humbling generosity of our families, supporters, and friends.





FROM THE INCOMING ALUMNAE COORDINATOR CARMEL TAJONERA '08

Dear fellow IWA alumnae,

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Alumnae Relations Coordinator for our beloved alma mater. Since graduating from IWA, I have earned an undergraduate degree from Trinity University and a masters in business administration from St. Mary's University. I have worked in both advertising and collegiate education but have always hoped that I would return to 609 Crawford to put my talents to use at a place that I feel so passionate about.

We have many upcoming events for all of our alumnae: downtown happy hours, "Sunday Funday" at IWA, Silver Tea, "Saluting Alumnae" luncheon at the Junior League of Houston, and the annual gala and auction. I look forward to connecting with you all whether at an event, over the phone, or through an email. Let's make this the best year yet for IWA alumnae!

Sincerely,
Carmel Tajonera '08
Alumnae Relations and Annual Fund Coordinator



INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY ALUMNAE EVENTS PICTURED OPPOSITE

Alumnae Happy Hour at Part & Parcel

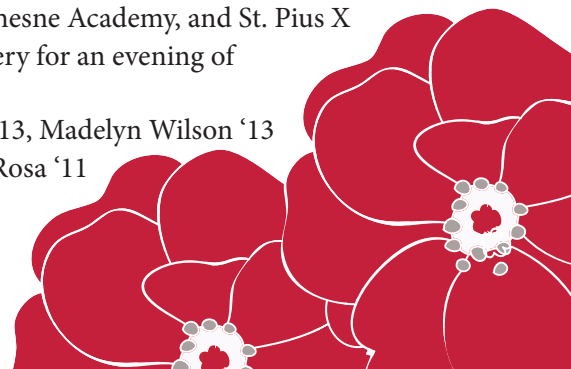
We had a blast spending time with our many alumnae in Downtown Houston this summer. It was a great evening of catching up with old friends, making new ones, and networking with other Women of the Word. Thank you to everyone who attended!

1. Wanda (Labrie) LeBlanc '69, Jada Davis '10, Daniella Gonzalez '09, Nicole Marin '07, Patricia Trostmann Perez '79, Kara Trostmann '04, Sara Montelongo '06
2. Daniella Gonzalez '09, Cristina Vaglienty '09, Christina Perez '07,
3. Carmel Tajonera '08, Natasha Thomas '07
4. Sara Presas '12, Anne Presas '11, Amanda Rodriguez '11, Sasha Rodriguez '11

Co-Ed Young Alum Happy Hour at St. Arnold's Brewery

Young Alumnae from Incarnate Word Academy, St. Thomas High School, Strake Jesuit, St. Agnes Academy, Duchesne Academy, and St. Pius X gathered together at St. Arnold's Brewery for an evening of fellowship and Catholic camaraderie!

5. Jillian Davis '14, Paula Montiel '13, Madelyn Wilson '13
6. Maggie Walker '11, Erika DeLaRosa '11



ALUMNAE *Save the Dates!*

SEPTEMBER 2016

*Happy Hour
Downtown Houston*

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

*IWA Sunday Funday
609 Crawford*

DECEMBER 11, 2016

*Alumnae Silver Tea
609 Crawford*

MARCH 4, 2017

*Saluting Alumnae Luncheon
Junior League of Houston*

APRIL 29, 2017

*IWA Gala & Auction
Omni Houston Hotel*

MAY 2017

Downtown Happy Hour

MAY 18, 2017

*Red Check Luncheon
for Classes of 2017, 2007, 1997,
1987, 1977, 1967, 1957, 1947
609 Crawford*

Class of 1966



INCARNATE

Here are names of candidates for graduation representing the 1965-66 senior class of Incarnate Word Academy:

Barbara Auderer, Suzanne Auguste,
Diane Bairstow, Rosemarie

Barnstead, Dolores Becerra, Connie Bradshaw, Jacquelyn Briscoe, Jeannine Buchanan, Marina Buenrostro, Rose Ann Butler, Gloria Buyajian,

Jackie Carbone, Carolyn Cashiola, Katherine Casserly, Kathleen Casserly, Angela Celis, Dolores Cervantes, Leora Clepper,

Sandra Conway, Janet DeJohn, guez, Maria Dom lupe Dominguez,

Dominique G a Gallo, Evangeline Goodwin, Joseph Linda Guidry,

Pictured Above: Congratulations to the Class of 1966 for celebrating 50 years since graduation! This photograph ran in the Houston Chronicle in May 1966. *Pictured Right:* The class of 1966 graciously hosted and sponsored a beautiful Red Check Luncheon at the Academy this May. Seven classmates in attendance signed their names to a beam that will be a part of the new academic building. *Pictured from left to right:* Vita (Ditta) Rao, Giovanna (Messina) Colonna, Angie (Turnini) Adams, Jeanette (Martinez) Azzarello, Loretta (Orozco) Garcia, Juanita (Lopez), and Susan Visinsky-Bracken.

Class of 1967 - we want to hear from you! Please e-mail us at alumnae@incarnateword.org to fill us in on your life since graduation!

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!



WORD SENIOR CLASS OF '66

Linda Cuccia, Teresa Dominguez, Guadalupe Ann Ditta, Lillian Hill, Kathy Garza, Eileen Guerrero, Diane Greco,	Gretchen Gregory, Madeline Hamala, Eileen Hatcher, Patricia Haun, Rose Anne Head, Rose Lee Hearn, Viola Hernandez, Yolanda Herr, Cindy Hickey, Janet Hill, Barbara Horn, Yvonne Jalufka, Martha Jimenez.	Cheryl Kirsch, Theresa Konieczny, Judy Krieger, Lillian Kurtin, Elsa Lerma, Sharon Linbeck, Nancy Lockridge, Mary K. Long, Juanita Lopez, Mary Ruth Lopez, Linda Lozano, Eileen McElgunn, Jeanette Martine, Giovanna Messina,	Linda Mock, Sylvia Moore, Samira Nazzal, Mary Anne Orlando, Loretta Orocco, Mary Jeanette Palermo, Frances Parrish, Patsy Pechanec, Angela Petersen, Patricia Ann Pier.	Yolanda Reyna, Elizabeth Richie, Rebecca Rocha, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Mary Jo Romano, Mary Inez Poletti, Marie Ragley, Rose Romeo, Karen Rose, Georgia Ann Salibo, Frances Sanchez, Ann Seamon, Mary Theresa Sedita, Karen Sherwood,	Cindy Starnader, Lindsay Starnader, Darlene Stolz, Molly Strey, Connie Lee Swiech, Susan Telotta, Louise Todaro, Diane Turnbull, Angie Turnini, Linda Ann Vaesa, Hortencia Vallejo, Susan Visinsky, Gloria Vogel, Angie Wegwert, Florence Weyer, Marilyn Womac.
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ALUMNAE UPDATES



1979

Perla Cloninger recently celebrated her 29th wedding anniversary with husband Terry Cloninger. She works at Memorial Hermann Prevention and Recovery Center as their Community Liaison/marketing representative. In addition to traveling, taking cooking classes and entertaining family and friends, she is also the mother of Jesse Cloninger who graduated from Cypress Christian High School with honors and will attend the University of Alabama in the fall.

1993

Adalia Aborisade is a professional educator, geography enthusiast, and Choices Teaching Fellow. She recently accepted a position as Technology Director at the Discovery School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

2001

Sarah Patch Matthews graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 2007 and married Brad Matthews in 2008 at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Spring, TX. They have two children, Emma (4) and Bradley (2), and currently reside in the San Francisco Bay Area. (Picture 1)

2005

Amy Rizkallah is the new Managing Attorney at the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County. RCC advocates for women, children and all victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

2006

Audrey DeGuzman is the Chair of the Classics Department, Admissions Coordinator, and sponsor of the first student-run newspaper at the Highlands School in Irving, Texas. She is getting married this fall to Daniel Murray, a Dallas attorney.

Sara Montelongo is the Houston Development Director for Texans Can Academies, an organization that works to help those who have struggled with non-traditional high school settings to graduate from college and ensure their economic independence. She will marry Rolando Oyervidez, Jr. in November 2016.

Allison Ortega will marry Joel Munoz Jr. this September in Houston. (Picture 2)

2007

Sarah Garza is the new Admissions

Outreach Coordinator at St. Thomas High School.

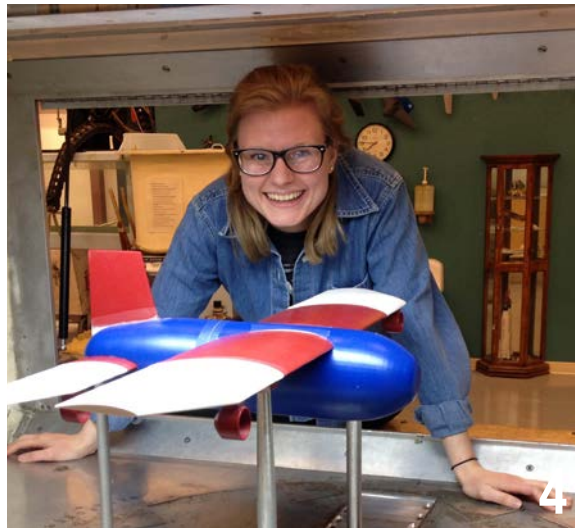
Melyssa Torgerson received her doctorate in audiology from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2015. She completed a yearlong externship with the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson, AZ, and is now a practicing clinical audiologist at Advanced Hearing Center in Sugar Land, TX.

2010

Jada Davis graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2014. She moved to Tampa, FL to begin her career at VoltAir Consulting Engineers, an MEP firm that specializes in engineering design for commercial projects and renovations. In April 2016, Davis requested a transfer to the company's Houston office and returned home to continue the same work while being close to family. Davis actively participates in mentoring programs to increase minority pursuance of STEM majors.

2011

Arielle Cottingham is a spoken word and performance artist living in Melbourne, Australia. She recently pub-



lished her first book *The Tarantist's Soapbox*, a poetic exploration of heritage, identity, travel, relationships and femininity.

2012

Jordan Nile Bingham is a recent graduate of Drexel University, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Design and Merchandising. For years she has maintained part-time jobs and internships in small businesses and corporate offices, while being a full-time student. Her passion lies in marketing and special events. Currently, Jordan is the Executive Marketing Assistant for Spot86, an up-and-coming women's apparel showroom in Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Bole graduated with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology of Saint Louis University. She will start work at Northrop Grumman in Melbourne, Florida this August. "I chose Northrop Grumman because of their commitment to their employees and their equal treatment of women in such a heavily male populated industry." (Picture 4)

Catherine Ann Gonzalez received a Bachelors of Science in Chemistry

from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. She graduated with honors, a certificate from the American Chemical Society and a minor in Business Administration.

Christiana Fote will graduate from The Ohio State University in December with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and a minor in Spanish. She works in roadway design at an engineering consulting firm in Columbus and also in football recruiting for OSU's Office of Admissions. During the winter of 2016, Christiana studied abroad in Techiman, Ghana on a humanitarian engineering trip where she worked improving access to electricity through solar panels and a bicycle-powered generator. (Picture 5)

Jasmine Hodges graduated cum laude from Xavier University of Louisiana on May 7, 2016 with a BS in Chemistry, and was the recipient of the Sr. Thea Bowman Award. She was accepted into Meharry Medical School Dental College's Class of 2020 and will begin her dental studies this summer. (Picture 6)

Sofia Leggio earned her degree in English and French from Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles).

Sofia will be spending a year in service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corp, teaching at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep Middle School.

Sarah Lessman is a graduate from Texas A&M University (whoop!) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences and an emphasis in Youth Development. RPTS inspired me to spend a semester working at Walt Disney World where I set up In-Room Celebrations with the Floral and Gift Department and spent my free time exploring the parks. (Picture 3)

Maddie Pelletier graduated from the University of Dallas with a BA in Art - Printmaking, and now works full time at a custom screen print and embroidery shop called Printed Threads, based in Keller, TX. She currently works in customer service, and hopes to one day open her own print shop. (Picture 7)

Paige Weishaar graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Texas Christian University Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design and a minor in Architectural Lighting Design. Paige was one of two students who out of over 1,300 graduates had

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perfect 4.0 averages the entire four years at TCU. She works as a junior interior designer at HKS, Inc., a leading architectural design firm.

2013

Katie Revia is a rising senior at the University of Dallas and is the marketing intern for the North Texas chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

2016

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament, the Board of Advisors, administration, faculty and staff are proud to recognize **the 139th graduating class of Incarnate Word Academy**. At the traditional Red Check Luncheon, the Class of 2016 signed a construction beam that will stand in the new building for generations to come (Picture 8). The 69 graduates earned over \$5.5 million in scholarship and were accepted to 77 different universities across the world. They will attend the following universities in the fall:

Eva Acevedo-Caballero
Texas Tech University

Mary Amsler
Texas A&M University

Samantha Annab
University of Houston

Isabelle Bacilla
St. John's University

Paola Bakker
New York University

Cortiana Barnes
University of Texas at Arlington

Noel Bartniski
Texas Tech University

Dulce Bautista
University of St. Thomas

Abigail Bielstein
University of St. Thomas

Katherine Bigunac
St. Edward's University

Rebecca Bujnoch
Mount Carmel College of Nursing

Alison Castillo
Texas State University

Kathryn Caudell
Southwestern University

Madelyne Consley
Texas Tech University

Kelsey Covington
Texas A&M University

Kirsten Covington
Texas A&M University

Clare Cuthrell
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Vivian Duttlinger
University of Texas at San Antonio

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Texas State University

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University of Dallas

Evelyn Fischer
Auburn University

Allison Fitzgerald
University of Texas at Austin

Jessica Flores
Stephen F. Austin State University

Adrianna Geegan
Baylor University

Cheryl Gingoyon
Houston Baptist University

Sheridan Guidry
Loyola University New Orleans

Hannah Hanz
Texas A&M University

Julia Anne Heiser
Texas State University



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Reina Hernandez
University of St. Thomas

Sofia Hernandez
Texas Woman's University

Nadia Herrada
St. Edward's University

Reagan Herreth
Texas A&M University

Jessica Ikoya
Houston Baptist University

Angelle Leal
University of Texas - San Antonio

Caitlin Linton
University of Mississippi

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Texas Tech University

Caroline Luera
Texas A&M University - Corpus

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University of St. Thomas

Mahimaleah Mathews
University of Houston

Megan McKee
University of St. Thomas

Madeline Mireles
University of Texas - San Antonio

Leah Moreau
Franciscan University - Steubenville

Alondra Morillon
University of Houston Downtown

Sydney Novak
Lone Star College

Ifeoma Nwora
Houston Baptist University

Carolina Olivares
Texas Christian University

Alexandra Parris
Trinity University

Jhena Patriarca
Texas Woman's University

Caitlyn Payne
University of Texas - Arlington

Tiffany Phan
Temple University

Elizabeth Ramasute
University of St. Thomas

Mikaela Rey
University of Texas at Austin

Lauren Reyes
University of North Texas

Danielle Rodriguez
Lone Star College

Caroline Siegfried
Rice University

Gabrielle Simon
Baylor University

Sofia Sosa-Yanez
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Shannon Stokes
Texas A&M University

Hannah Tello
University of Houston

Sophia Tolman
Saint Louis University Madrid

Lucy Tovias
Texas A&M University - Galveston

Sarah Trumble
University of St. Thomas

Jacqueline Vasquez
University of Houston Downtown

Elyssa Vega
University of Houston

Diana Bailleres
University of Waterloo

Talia Marie Voltz
Purdue University

Allison Wagner
Seattle University

ALUMNAE REUNIONS

Class of 1947 The Class of 1947 gathered for their 68th Reunion Luncheon at “Christie’s Seafood Restaurant” on May 3, 2016. In attendance were classmates Clarissa (Porras) Schiefan, Patricia (Gibson) Huebner, Sr. Jean Marie (Jo Ann) Guokas, Teresa (Paratore) Dodgen, Mary Ann (Valouch) Weishaupt, Teana Sechelski, Mitzi (Pool) Bridges, Angelina (Bolcerek) Heinrich, and Betty Lee (Lewis) Westmorelan. Please mark your calendars for October 20, 2016 when we will say “Farewell “ to the Sacred Heart Society’s “Thursday’s Spaghetti Lunch”. We will hold our 69th Reunion Annual Luncheon on May 2, 2017.



Class of 1962 Members of the Class of 1962 shared Mass at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. Pictured are Loretta Prazak Kasoski, Christine Micklitz Womack, Lillian Cegielski Kozel, Judy Carraba Sanders, Peggy Schulin, Janet Hamala Huber, Maria Villagomes Fillingame shared Mass at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral. This has become an annual event for the class of 1962. Please email peggyschulin@comcast.net with any inquiries about upcoming events for the Class of 1962.

Class of 1956 On June 23rd , twenty four members of IWA Class of 1956 gathered to celebrate their 60th high school reunion. All classmates are invited and encouraged to join the group for lunch on the first Thursday of February, June and October. at Sacred Heart Society Hall. Class President, Jo Carrabba Valenti, welcomed everyone and thanked those who worked to organize the luncheon. A prayer was offered for the 21 members of our class who have died. This was followed by lunch, renewing old friendships and lots of reminiscing looking through yearbooks and pictures brought by several classmates. Pictured: (Front Row L-R) Rosalie Lorino Altomari, Rose Ann Clark Hardy, Frances Ann Carbone Halbert, Natalie Garcia Meza, Mickey Triola, Earlene Babin Machart, Annessa Bastien Boane, Mae Jozwiak Hamilton (Back Row, L-R) Nelda



Storrs Tamborello, Sylvia Carter Peebus, Josie Pizzo Melia, Josephine Carrabba Valenti, Helen Rigamonti Hoogendam, Socorro Valdez Valverde, Vita Sedita Uresti, Mary Valenti Klohn, Cathlyn Binder Widner, Olivia Carrion Guzman, Louise Tamborello Sebek



Class of 1986 The Class of 1986 gathered together for a weekend celebration of their 30th reunion. The weekend included dinners in Houston, Saturday Mass with the sisters at the convent, and Sunday brunch at The Grove at Discovery Green. Pictured: (2)(Back, L-R) Sr. Lauren Beck, Sr. Theresa, Joi Chevalier, Michelle Ruch, Viviane Casteneda, Sr. Brendan, Claudia Robinson, Denise Guajardo, Sr. Marian Grace. (Front, L-R) Sr. Madeleine, Sr. Jean Marie

TRADITIONS



CLASS OF 2017 RING CEREMONY

The Junior Ring Ceremony has long been a beloved tradition for Women of the Word, as it marks the passage of the junior class into leaders of the school. At IWA we often talk about the importance of the long-standing traditions at 609 Crawford Street, but this April IWA students received the gift of having that oft-mentioned history come to life.

A poignant homily from celebrant Father Tom Rafferty, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in the Woodlands, touched the hearts of the IWA community. He reflected on his own mother's experience as an IWA student in 1935: "During the summer between her junior and senior year of high school, my mother Margaret Helen Casey Rafferty moved with her family to Houston, settling in the Houston Heights area. In only one year, she made many life-long friends and the Academy has blessed my family in many ways".

Father Rafferty's remarks were a beautiful message to pass onto the rising seniors. As they look toward their final high school year and a future beyond IWA's walls, the Class of 2017 found inspiration and comfort in Father's affirmation of the life-long IWA sisterhood.



ALUM UPDATES & REUNIONS

The Alumnae section of the magazine is only as good as our updates from you! If you have recent news or story ideas to share - including class reunions, educational degrees, job promotions, marriages and birth announcements, please email alumnae@incarnateword.org.

If you have any additional questions about Incarnate Word Academy Alumnae, please contact our Alumnae Coordinator, Carmel Tajonera at ctajonera@incarnateword.org or 713.227.3637 ext. 104

IN MEMORIAM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen.

Barbara Jane Hoge Anderson, Class of 1952

Betty Bozalina, mother of Cecilia Bozalina Davidson '69

Theresa Bozalina Wahid '72, sister of Cecilia Bozalina Davidson '69

Maria del Carmen Garcia, mother of Carmen Garcia '72, Connie I. Garcia '73 and Perla Garcia-Cloninger '79

Margaret Jean Lambert Lohmann, Class of 1956

Frank Montalbano

James Sullivan, husband of Rita Gorski Sullivan '57

Sister Anastasia Thibodeaux, C.V.I

YOLANDA BLACK NAVARRO



While in the presence of family and in the hands of her son, Yolanda Black Navarro, a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, friend, and champion of Houston's East End, lost her battle with leukemia on Monday, November 9, 2015.

Following her career as a business manager with Southwestern Bell, Yolanda became a community and city icon through her civic and political leadership. Yolanda was a woman of deep faith, and was at all times guided by her Christian desire to love her family and serve her community. She knew no stranger, no one was exempt from her love and guidance, no problem was too big to solve, no cause too great to undertake. Yolanda found the best in everyone, but was not blind to the challenges present in our society such as poverty and discrimination; challenges that she took head on through advocacy and activism. She fiercely fought for all Houstonians to be treated equally and helped disadvantaged youth by founding "Shoes for Kids", an event that provides shoes to low-income children.

Yolanda Black Navarro, a native Houstonian, was born on July 15, 1947 to Herbert Adalid Black and Velia Arcos Rodriguez. She graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in 1964. Classmate Virginia Lazzaro Moore '64 reflected, "During her school years at IWA, Yolanda was an honor student, a leader, and very well liked by the other students. She was very strong in her Catholic faith and demonstrated this throughout her lifetime by her charitable works and her sense of responsibility for civil justice."

Yolanda served on IWA's Board of Advisors and was the recipient of the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award. In the Spring of 2016, the HISD Board of Education renamed Stonewall Jackson Middle School to Yolanda Black Navarro Middle School of Excellence. Yolanda touched countless lives and was loved by many. Incarnate Word Academy is proud to recognize her as distinguished alumnae for her contributions to Houston as a true Woman of the Word.

SISTER ANASTASIA THIBODEAUX, C.V.I.

Sister Anastasia Thibodeaux, C.V.I. died on June 2, 2016. She was 99 years of age.

She was a woman of great faith in God and in people. Her presence made the world a better place. As an Incarnate Word Sister she was called to serve as the first Diocesan Religious Education Director and later as Parish Religious Education Director/Pastoral Minister in the Diocese of Beaumont, as an elementary teacher in many parishes, a music and theology teacher at IWA and as a Vicar for Religious all within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Sister was a beloved teacher at both Annunciation and IWA. She left an imprint on her students' hearts long after they left her classroom. No doubt she had a large following who loved her very much. Throughout her life former students kept up with her, as she did them. She enjoyed receiving their phone calls, visits and notes. She made it a point to "keep an eye on them" and to support them with where their lives had taken them.

She loved having a good time, or as her Louisiana Cajun heritage says, "pass a good time." She particularly loved going to eat at Carrabba's restaurant on Woodway, where Rosie Carrabba, owner and former student, would tell others that Sister taught her in the first grade and high school. It was a mutual admiration society. She had that kind of relationship with many.



Sister understood well that the most important reality in a person's life is to have a strong relationship with God. Undoubtedly, she devoted her life to responding to that loving relationship. She also embraced the call of an Incarnate Word Sister to be the loving presence of Jesus to others by sharing her gifts and talents with her family, her religious community and with those to whom she ministered.

*Well done, good and faithful servant!
May she rest in peace.
Praised be the Incarnate Word!*

FOND FAREWELL...

"Sister Anastasia was loving and full of life. She was very kind to all. I think she was a favorite no matter where she taught. She will be missed."

J. Roussel '56

"Sister Anastasia always led the choir with gentle prodding and great praise. The Annunciation choir was always an excellent lead into a life of great music and continued love of music. She filled our life with song and happiness and I am sure is with the choir of angels."

Kay Panther Holzle '55

"I love you, Sister Anastasia! Thank you for bringing out something in me I could love. I will be eternally grateful."

Vera Rivera '63

ANNUAL REPORT

To ensure that the traditions and values of Incarnate Word Academy will continue for generations to come, IWA relies on the support and commitment of the Sisters, our alumnae, board of advisors, corporate partners, families, faculty, staff and friends. This report recognizes all who dedicated their time and resources during the 2015-2016 academic year. We are grateful and blessed to have such loyal, generous and committed champions for our school. The following donations were received by the Advancement Office between July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016. We salute you and thank you for assisting us in our accomplishments.

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The Bishop Rizzotto Scholarship

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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

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Church



Stained Glass Windows at Annunciation Church

Alicia and Rudy Vara Family

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Dolores Pranger '50

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Jerry Scroggins

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Mary MacMichael

Norma Shore
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REVENUE:

Tuition & Fees	\$4,150,000
Support of the Academy	
Annual Fund	\$307,000
Spring Gala	\$340,000
Raffle Sale	\$67,000
Scholarships	\$85,000
Donations & Contributions	\$375,000
Other Income	\$381,000
Total Revenue	\$5,705,000

EXPENSES:

Salaries & Benefits	\$3,246,000
Educational Expenses	\$1,751,000
Administrative Expenses	\$97,000
Fundraising Expenses	\$223,000
Contributions to Operating Reserve	\$388,000
Total Expenses	\$5,705,000

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

IWA Scholarship Fund	\$2,704,000
Named Scholarships	\$2,027,000
Sr. Brendan O'Donnell	
Knight-Powell	
Most Rev. John McCarthy	
Most Rev. Vincent Rizzotto	
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