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First Principal of Archbishop Grace High School, Sister Mary Tacheny, visits with current Totino-Grace Principal, Cheri Broadhead.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Totino-Grace is an Archdiocesan co-educational Catholic high school in the Lasallian tradition. Welcoming a student body that is academically, economically, and culturally diverse, we strive for equity and excellence in all programs. Recognizing the key elements of our mission as learning, faith, community, and service, we seek to provide a safe environment that places priority on mutual respect, self-discipline, and acknowledgment of our responsibility in the world community.

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From the **President's Desk**

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as we face the incredible challenges and impact resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. As we navigate this uncharted territory, Totino-Grace is leaning heavily on our mission. As a Catholic school, Totino-Grace is known for our human element -- for an inclusive culture that is welcoming, inviting, and encouraging. Whether we are teaching online or in person, helping students to feel loved and important will remain our priority.

This issue was set for publication when the COVID-19 virus was declared a pandemic. Instead of moving ahead as planned, it was important to recognize that both our world and our school's needs have drastically and rapidly changed. Totino-Grace is now in the midst of addressing the most urgent challenges our students and families face. Our students need us more than ever, and Totino-Grace will be there for them.

Our Lasallian and School Sisters of Notre Dame values call us to do what is right for students and the community as a whole. While distance learning includes new challenges for us, we know we have a job to do and that is to focus on "humanness" as we educate students in Christ's image and set them up to live lives of distinction. I am consistently impressed and humbled by the investment of our faculty to create high-quality online education, the resilience of our students, and the encouragement and support shared by many for our school community during this time. The next edition of *The Continuum* will be devoted to how Totino-Grace responded to COVID-19.

This year marks the 50th anniversary year of Archbishop Grace High School's first graduating class in 1970. From the beginning, the Brothers and Sisters partnered with lay teachers and staff members to serve every area of school operations. The early days were about establishing an identity and building a school community. It was clear that the teachers bought into the mission, supported each other, and enjoyed their students. Without a doubt, this remains true today.

Being part of Totino-Grace has always meant being part of a Catholic school community. While our world faces many hardships in the days ahead, one thing hasn't changed: we need to be Jesus to one another. That was the message our first graduating class received in 1970, and that's the message all our students receive today.

In this edition of *The Continuum*, you will find stories about how our early years compare to today. I hope you enjoy it.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig W. Junker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'C' and 'J'.

Dr. Craig W. Junker
President

School News

LEARNING

Totino-Grace students expanded their classroom learning through many enrichment experiences and field trips this year. Just a few of these unique opportunities are included below. To learn more about these activities and our academic program, visit the school website at www.totinograce.org.

Forensics

Forensic Science students participated in an active, hands-on learning experience to put their investigative, problem-solving skills to the test. The students went to an escape room and had one hour to solve a series of puzzles and riddles using clues, hints, and strategies to unveil the secret plot hidden within the room.



Kathleen Murphy Scholars

Kathleen Murphy Scholars participated in an experiential education outing with Pollinate Minnesota. Attendees put on a beekeeping suit and learned about honey bee hives, what bees do, and how to keep bees.



Kathleen Murphy Scholars

Members of Totino-Grace's Kathleen Murphy Scholars Program attended a performance of *Phantom of the Opera* at Hennepin Theater Trust.



Intro to Sports Medicine

Intro to Sports Medicine students toured Athletes Village at the University of Minnesota and learned about sports medicine at the collegiate level.



Ecology

TG students went to Rice Creek to collect macroinvertebrates. Ecology classes have been working with the Anoka Conservation District for the last 15 years to collect data to assess the water quality of Rice Creek.



Art

Art students visited Minnetonka Center for the Arts in Wayzata where they had a chance to take art classes, experiencing a number of new media and techniques.



Intro to Business

Intro to Business students were paired with professionals from Wealth Enhancement Group who represent a variety of fields including graphic design, marketing, and finance. They corresponded with their mentors in advance, discussing career topics, soft skills, and how to launch their career.

AP English 12

AP Literature students who read Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* attended "Finding Frankenstein," an interactive performance from the Bakken Museum. At the event, they learned about the science and culture of the early 1800s.



Harvest to Table

Taher food services partnered with Mrs. Erin Schmidt and her students to plant, grow, and harvest lettuce plants in a hydroponic garden that were then served during lunches. Students discussed cost effectiveness and learned about production and enrichment management throughout the growth process.



College Connections

In addition to one-on-one meetings with students and parents/guardians, ACT test prep, college application boot camp, and other college and career planning opportunities and events, the TG School Counseling Office coordinates on-campus visits with college and university representatives from across the country. Between the Jesuit Excellence Tour, our virtual spring college fair, and daytime lunch hour visits, Eagles were able to learn about post-secondary opportunities at hundreds of schools.





Newsweek STEM Honors

Newsweek announced its ranking of the top 5,000 STEM high schools for 2019, honoring excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Totino-Grace was recognized among impressive programs across the nation.



Honors Band and Choir

Totino-Grace had 23 students participate in the Honors Concert during the Northwest Suburban Conference Music Festival this winter. In addition, junior Lucia Brown and senior Annabelle Majerus were selected into the All-State Concert Band. Six Totino-Grace students were selected for All-State Choirs this year: Soprano Alto Choir singers Helen Dobbemann and Grace Walz; Tenor Bass Choir singers Mitch Pettijohn and Will Bruggeman; and mixed choir singers Andrew Kroll and Mason Anderson. Students from high schools across the state audition for selection to these prestigious groups.

FAITH



TG Ministry Team

Totino-Grace Student Ministers — juniors and seniors committed to being faith leaders in our school community — select a theme for the coming school year based on the lives of one of our founders. These students bring to life our school theme and are the inspiration behind all Campus Ministry programs. The creativity of the students and the talents they bring to this work is what helps Totino-Grace's Campus Ministry events touch the hearts and minds of the community in a variety of ways. For the 2019-2020 school year, we focus on the life of Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger with the theme Together We Are.



As he was sent to show the Father's love to the world, we are sent to make Christ visible by our very being, by sharing our love, faith, and hope. We are called and sent to deepen communion with God and among people wherever we are — in every place, in every time, in every situation. The values, attitudes, and virtues that foster oneness in our community of faith, Totino-Grace High School, are the same by which we promote unity among all people.

We look to the Sisters as women of inspiration to be courageous as we strive for unity that embraces all humanity and the whole of creation. We seek to educate, advocate, and act in collaboration with others for the dignity of life and the care of all creation.

New Chaplain Father Zipp

Totino-Grace welcomed a new chaplain to our school community for the 2019-2020 school year. Fr. Andrew Zipp was ordained in May of 2019 and is the Parochial Vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Brooklyn Park. He joins the TG community for morning Mass each Tuesday and for each of our all school Mass celebrations.



Lasallian Day

On October 21, 450 Lasallian educators who are inspiring the hearts and minds of more than 4,000 middle and high school students across the Twin Cities gathered for a Lasallian Hearts on Fire Conference. Attendees from Totino-Grace, DeLaSalle, Holy Family, Cretin-Derham Hall, and Benilde-St. Margaret's spent time in prayer, connected with one another, and heard from counselor, writer, and motivational speaker Roy Petitfils.



Rediscover: Hour

Mrs. Clarey McInerny, Totino-Grace Theology teacher and department chair, was a guest on Relevant Radio's *Rediscover: Hour*. The segment highlighted the Institute for Catholic School Leadership. Mrs. McInerny was a member of the first cohort of the new program at the St. Paul Seminary.



SERVICE

Giving Tree

Donations from Totino-Grace's annual Advent Giving Tree fundraiser were gifted to the teenagers who live at Mary's Place in Minneapolis. Currently, 400 kids reside at the transitional housing facility.



Trap Shooting

Members of the TG Trap Shooting Team participated in the 21st annual Anoka County Pheasants Forever Youth Day at Beaverbrook shooting range. Dozens of activities were available for local youth to participate in outdoor experiences. The Eagles ran a trapshooting range and coached kids on how to safely shoot trap.



Girls Hockey

The TG girls hockey team made 28 tie blankets for Project Linus. The gift of these handmade blankets provide a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill or otherwise in need.



Boys Hockey

The boys hockey team participated in the Washburn Games in Minneapolis, introducing young participants to the game of hockey. The annual Washburn Games allows kids from age four to 12 to try many different sports throughout the day and is sponsored by the Washburn Center for Children, Minnesota's leading children's mental health center, caring for a wide variety of children's needs.



Girls Soccer

Eagle girls soccer players joined thousands of participants and sponsors in Pack the Park with Feed My Starving Children at Target Field in the fall.



Boys Soccer

The boys soccer team traveled to Wisconsin in September for a soccer and service trip. In addition to games, the team served as volunteer gardeners for the Henry Vilas Children's Zoo in Madison, Wisconsin -- one of 10 free zoos in the country.



Service Immersion Mission Trips

The Totino-Grace service immersion program encompasses the core values of the Lasallian mission while providing students with unique opportunities to learn about different cultures and poverty issues locally, nationally, and internationally. More than 150 students had the opportunity to travel with Totino-Grace this year through our 15 trip opportunities, living out the Gospel as Jesus calls us to do.

Our Service Immersion Program is the recipient of the 2020 Program Award from the Minnesota Independent School Forum. The organization recognized that our program truly reflects the spirit of the award, which "highlights an innovative or successful program that supports engagement and academic achievement for the school, students and faculty." In addition, our El Paso mission trip was highlighted by *The Catholic Spirit* in the February 13, 2020 issue.

Music Department

St. Olaf Concert

TG instrumental music students assisted the St. Olaf community with a Holiday Open House, serving meals and leading activities for people struggling with homelessness over the holiday season. Their winter concert then took place at the church.



Dodge For A Difference

TG students participated in the 15th annual Dodge for a Difference in March. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support the two Guatemalan students we sponsor through Common Hope.

Dig For A Difference

Campus Ministry once again hosted Dig for a Difference, a volleyball tournament for TG students that serves as a fundraiser for our sister school, St. Joseph's School in Eritrea.

COMMUNITY

TJ Paal

TJ Paal bid farewell to the classroom following the first semester of the school year. TJ student taught during the 1981-1982 academic year and was hired in 1983. He retires after a notable career as a social studies teacher, admissions director, and coach. TJ and his wife Laurie are the parents of graduates Tommy '16 and Kate '19. His dedication and commitment to Lasallian education and the TG community provided a meaningful and lasting impact on his colleagues, the families he helped enroll, and the students who were blessed to be taught and coached by him.



OZ

The TG Theater Department had a successful run of their winter production, OZ. The show is our second annual production of the Totino-Grace Theatrical Mentorship Program, a collaborative production with TG theater students and local middle school students.



Spectacular

Totino-Grace played host to the 20th annual Spectacular. Seventeen show choirs from five states competed and TG Company of Singers, T-Tones, and Encore Singers performed for attendees. Company of Singers had the honor of performing at the opening of the 46th annual Huether Lasallian Conference in Minneapolis this fall.



Jazz

Totino-Grace's Jazz Band performed at Crooners, one of the Midwest's premier jazz clubs, this winter.



High School Musical

Totino-Grace's fall musical production of Disney's High School Musical included 52 students involved in the show as cast, crew, pit, front of house, publicity, and more. Claire Hahn Campbell '07 was the show's costumer and Pat Campbell '07 served as technical director. The cast put in 133 hours of rehearsal for the production, learning all the music, choreography, staging, and adding in all the technical elements like lights, sound, scene, and costume changes. Nearly all shows were sold out or oversold!



Football Program Coaching Change

Following an 18 year term as head coach of the varsity football team, Jeff Ferguson '74 has retired. Coach Ferguson dedicated 42 years to coaching and developing high school athletes on the football field. Jeff will continue to work at TG in his current role of Associate Director for Advancement. Long-time Totino-Grace Offensive Coordinator Jay Anderson was named head coach of the Eagle football program. Jay has been a member of the coaching staff for 18 years and is a science teacher and the network and support systems manager for the school.

Baseball Coach Honors

Congratulations to Mr. Mike Smith '90, Eagle varsity baseball head coach, who was presented with the 2019 Craig Anderson Ethics in Coaching Award from the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association. The award is given to a Minnesota high school baseball coach who has displayed ethics in coaching and teaching the game of baseball. The honoree displays class, integrity, character, and respect for the game, the players, the spectators, and the officials. *Photo credit: Official Twitter Page for the Minnesota High School Baseball Coaches Association.*



Carla Meyer

Senior Carla Meyer scored her 1,000th career point this winter. She is the sixth in TG girls basketball history to mark the achievement, joining Joanna Naumann Magnuson '00, Jenny Alexander '01, Lizzi Naumann Olson '09, Kaeli Kraska '11, and Gabby Zehrer '12. Carla was honored by the Minnesota Girls Basketball Coaches Association as one of 40 players included in the list of finalists for Miss Basketball 2020.





E'Gals

Following first place section wins, the E'gals dance team competed in the 2020 Minnesota State Dance Team Competition taking home the championship title in Jazz and runner up in High Kick. The team received this year's Minnesota Association of Dance Teams Sportsmanship Award for Class AA.

Wrestling State

Senior Joey Thompson earned his third consecutive state championship title in this year's Class AA State Individual Wrestling Tournament. Junior Adam Sylvester placed 4th in his weight class and the following Eagles competed in this year's event: Ethan Sylvester '24, Ramses Peterson '23, Bryce Erkenbrack '20, Triston Zuniga '20, Michael Loger '22, and Joe Hinkle '20.



Emilie Meyer

Junior Emilie Meyer competed in the 2019 Cross Country State Tournament and placed 80th among 176 female high school runners.



Swimming State

Nick Melsha '21 and Abba Mayanja '23 are members of the inaugural TG / Coon Rapids co-op swimming and diving team and participated with their teammates in the Class AA Swimming and Diving State Tournament. Nick (butterfly) and Abba (freestyle) swam in the 200 medley relay and Nick competed in the 500 freestyle.



Science Team

The Eagles placed third in the Science Club Regional Competition and qualified to compete in the state competition.



Knowledge Bowl

Totino-Grace's Knowledge Bowl Team competed for regional finals in February and qualified to compete in the state competition.

DECA

A school record 35 TG students competed in the annual Minnesota DECA State Career Development Conference in March. The event included more than 50 events focused on entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, marketing, and other related fields designed to simulate real-life business scenarios and test students' academic understanding and skills development. The event included around 1,500 students representing 64 schools. As a result of their performance, seniors Maria Dehn, Meredith Jaeger, Jack Cibuzar, and Jake Prochniak qualified to compete with 20,000 top placing students from around the world at the International Career Development Conference – the pinnacle of DECA competition.



Robotics

The TG Robotics Team participated at Week Zero and in the Duluth Regionals FIRST Robotics Competition this year. In Duluth, the team won two of three matches in the first round and one of three matches in the second round.

Then & Now

Our Foundation and Our Legacy



The first graduating class of Archbishop Grace High School will gather to celebrate their 50th reunion. In the decades that have passed, much has changed but the spirit and enthusiasm for our school community and the development and success of students remains strong and vibrant.



In this feature, community members from 1970 share memories and insight into the early years of the school. Reflecting on the contributions of those who paved the way, current students, parents, and staff members offer their reactions and remark on the Totino-Grace experience today.



As you will observe, the foundation of our school mission and the legacy of those who established our pillars has been upheld. Totino-Grace remains a place where students are supported by talented and caring individuals who encourage them as they develop confidence in themselves and their futures.

A Fresh Beginning

Pursuing a high-quality, Catholic education has been a priority of Eagle families for generations. Each year, we welcome a new class to follow in the footsteps of those who paved the way, partaking in opportunities led by motivated new staff members and expert educators who continue to inspire through the valued mission of our founders.



SISTER MARY TACHENY

First Principal of Archbishop Grace High School

Everything was new; no traditions to worry about. We had to set our own course. That first class of kids were the top leaders through their four years. That was meaningful in itself. And those kids took pride in that. When the next class came along they took pride in getting them into the spirit of the place.



PAT HEIGES

*Parent Association and Board Member, 1991
President's Award Recipient, Parent of Kathleen Heiges Larson '71 and Michael Heiges '70*

Both Marie and I went to Catholic high schools and it was always something that we valued. In general we simply trusted the school to offer a great Catholic education to our children. Grace exceeded those expectations; in part because the experience of being part of a new school was very exciting.



SUE PATTERSON '70

Activities: Audio-visual Club, Intramurals, Trampoline, Tumbling, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Voted most Athletic by 1970 Classmates

The dynamics of that first group will never be replicated because it was such a unique, eclectic group of 15-year olds coming from so many different schools, so many different backgrounds, city and rural students coming together for the first time. There were just a handful of students who knew each other with that first meeting, that first day of school. That was what made everyone so special, so much a part of this new school. There were no preconceived thoughts of where you might fit in. It was uncharted territory so-to-speak. It was easy to make friends because we were immersed in each other's lives five days a week.



CAROL BRAUN SHUKLE '70

Activities: Student Council, Eagle Newspaper, Choir, German Club, Pep Club, Intramurals, Drama, Senior Singing

For the class of 1970, that was truly the most unique part of our high school experience; we were always the "top" grade. With the help of staff we created traditions – a fall festival that later became Homecoming once there were actually alumni, Sno Daze, dances, supporting our athletic teams, and finally a senior class all-day picnic at Taylor's Falls.





NED THOMPSON

Retired Mathematics Teacher, Baseball Coach

The two religious communities — the Christian Brothers and the School Sisters of Notre Dame — worked extremely well together, building and fostering a strong academic, social, and well-rounded experience for students and faculty. Sister Mary and Brother William were strong leaders, pushing everyone toward excellence in their field and fostering new and innovative ideas. Father Jerry Frier, our Chaplain, was a big part of helping establish our Catholic traditions and strong faith community. Together, they integrated the two orders along with the Archdiocese into a very cohesive Catholic school experience.



ANDREW BLAKE '99

Dean of Students, Director of Campus Ministry, and Soccer Coach

We feel blessed by the challenge and the opportunity to continue finding new ways to share the charisms of the Christian Brothers and the School Sisters of Notre Dame with our staff, families, and students of today. While the dynamics of running a school and teaching kids are perhaps different from our beginnings, the principle opportunities remain the same. We have the chance to help our young people know and experience God's love, to be connected and united through their faith, and to be lived examples of Christ, especially for those most vulnerable community members.

Today we are preparing young people to go out into a multi-lingual and multi-cultural world that is still in need of young people prepared to be models of Gospel love and advocates for the poor. We are honored to continue to be inspired by our faith traditions and find new ways to fully live out our Lasallian charism.



CHERI BROADHEAD

Principal and Parent of Rosa '20, Gianna '22

In many ways, things have not changed. Our commitment to each other, as staff, and our commitment to developing strong relationships with students remains strong. It is because of our Lasallian charism that this remains constant. What has changed, however, is the on campus presence of Christian Brothers and School Sisters of Notre Dame to serve as strong witnesses to our mission in the way they lived their lives. Thankfully, TG has worked hard to form lay teachers in both charisms, so that we can faithfully live them out and make decisions that are consistent with our mission. Our staff is incredibly dedicated to students and they work hard to meet each student where they are in their academic, emotional and social journey.



ANASTASIA SETTER '20

Activities: LINK Ambassador, National Honor Society, Kathleen Murphy Scholars, Student Ministry, Music Ministry, Winona and Philadelphia Service Immersion Trips, Lasallian Youth, Mock Trial, Show Choir and Choir Ensembles, Theater, Swimming, Cross Country, and Track and Field

Totino-Grace is at a period in its development where it is enjoying the fruits of its fashioning. It has been built with foundational departments, co-curricular programs, and perhaps the most important element of them all: legacy. When we go through TG, we know that there is a rich history. We have a mix of young teachers and those who have been around to tell the story of years of this extraordinary community. We have activity programs built upon tradition which really makes a student feel like they belong to something larger. Along with this kept history of the Lasallian tradition and that of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, we have not only been able to spread the fire for pursuit of knowledge like the past, but we have evolved into something even more.



Support from the Start

Personal investment is a hallmark of our school. Special fundraising events, committees, service opportunities, and financial support from current and past families have allowed members of our community to forge lifelong bonds while providing needed resources and transformational opportunities to our staff and students.



SUE PATTERSON

I do recall being driven to school – morning and night – because there were no school buses. Everyone came to school on their own to meet up each morning with their “new school family.” Now that I think about it, I can only imagine what a huge sacrifice both my parents made in driving me to and from school from rural Blaine for all four years. If you knew my parents, you would know that they never gave it a second thought. You know...the inconvenience and hardships that they endured to make sure that I was given every opportunity to be a part of this new school.

I am in complete awe at how far this institution has come in what it offers its students in opportunities – beyond the books, beyond the classroom. I feel proud to have been a part of the transformation of a future “remarkable” high school. I take pride in what the class of 2019-2020 has accomplished and where they are headed in their lives – both personal and professionally.



SISTER MARY TACHENY

Tuition was a sacrifice but they were engaged and supportive families. When we'd hold an event there'd be a crowd. They knew they had to support it.



NED THOMPSON

Traditions like Sno Daze, our major fundraiser eventually replaced by the present Winter Place Gala, were necessary in order to help with the funding of the school but were also great bonding experiences for parents, students, and staff. It really helped establish a strong community among all members that stands strong to this day.



PAT HEIGES

It was pretty easy to create a vibrant community because everything needed to be done. Everyone was encouraged to chip in and join something. There were many opportunities which included chaperoning dances, taking tickets at sporting events, and fundraising. We remember all of the planning nights for Sno Daze where we would work late in the night and spend some quality time with the Brothers and Sisters. Grace High School was the great social work of our lives. We developed lifetime friendships with faculty and other parents.





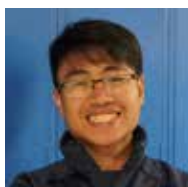
TARA BRANDT MELSHA '89

Board of Directors Secretary and Parent Representative, Member of the Board Mission Committee and Executive Committee, 2018

and 2019 Gala Chair, Parent of Carter '18, William '21, and Nicholas '21, with spouse Christopher Melsha '89

Of all the investments we make in our children, an exceptional education as well as their spiritual and emotional development is critically important. Parents sacrifice and struggle a great deal to send their children to TG, but they know what a difference it makes in their lives. It's sometimes hard to put into words all of the benefits our children are receiving as a result of an education at TG. We just know it's been worth every penny.

Many parents volunteer with TG athletics, activities, and fundraisers. Past parents still choose to be a part of the TG community by volunteering for the Winter Place Gala, which I think says something about the strong sense of culture and community — they still want to support the school and its students with their time, talent, and treasure even though their own children no longer walk the halls.



DUC TRAN '20

Activities: National Honor Society, Soccer, Jazz Band, Woodwind Ensemble, Show Choir Band, Brass Ensemble, Flaherty Family Foundation Advisory Council

Our teachers know us and look for ways to support and encourage our interests, sometimes creating a path to helping us discover a new passion. I play saxophone in the band and was teaching myself how to play guitar. Mr. Hoffman, the band director, suggested I join the Jazz Band — playing guitar — to explore different styles of music and get better at playing. Because of his invitation, I was able to make new friends quickly with a group that shared my interest; I found my place, a favorite past time, and a new path to follow in the future.

When preparing for our AP test, Mrs. Dengerud stayed after school every day to help her math students. She offered her personal time to make sure we were confident and felt ready to take the exam. Our teachers look for ways to give us the best opportunities to succeed.



Building Community

Developing relationships has been a priority of school administrators since Grace High School opened in 1966. Teachers, staff, and students seek out new opportunities while fostering traditions to allow members of our community to connect with and support one another.



SUE PATTERSON

In the early years of Grace High School, community was developed and nurtured through some very basic yet worthwhile outings and activities. Students embraced opportunities to interact closely with their teachers because it showed that they cared about you as individuals.



PAT HEIGES

Catholic life was pretty rich. The Brothers would take students to St. Mary's for long weekends, and Sr. Pat Frost would take students to the North Dakota Indian reservation over spring break. The goal was to teach values not so much doctrine. It is hard to overstate the role the religious played in the early years.



NED THOMPSON

During those formative years I mostly enjoyed the camaraderie of the staff and the way we were able to interact with the students. The school was small enough that you could get to know everyone and the staff was either young enough or young at heart enough to do so many things together.



SISTER MARY TACHENY

We believed early on in developing a relationship between the students and the teachers. That was very important; developing relationships, trying to develop a community spirit, trying to have everybody work together, and assuming responsibility. All of us are in this together.





GRACE MARCHEK '20

Activities: Engineering Institute, Kathleen Murphy Scholars, Student Council, SOURCE, National Honor Society, Tennis, Soccer, Track and Field, Cross Country, El Paso Service Immersion Trip, Lasallian Youth

I am proud to say that being accepting and kind is the social norm at Totino-Grace. I know every single person in my grade and a lot of the underclassmen as well. It is very common for grades to be friends with those older than them or younger. You will find your place in the community, and the support network is absolutely incredible.

I think the spirit and acceptance of the community haven't changed after reading the comments from the alumni of 1970. The fact that Totino-Grace teaches you not only academics but also helps you discover your morals and who you are as a person seems to have been in place much longer than before I entered TG as a freshman.



TARA BRANDT MELSHA '89

A sense of community has always been woven throughout the fabric of TG. It's consistently been a place that is both welcoming and respectful, where

students can know God, grow, and succeed. It's incredibly clear the staff love to teach here and you leave grateful knowing that Totino-Grace is not only an excellent Catholic school, but that your children truly matter not only as students, but as people. They know your child. They care about them. They encourage them, challenge them, and expect a great deal of them because they unquestionably want what's best for them.

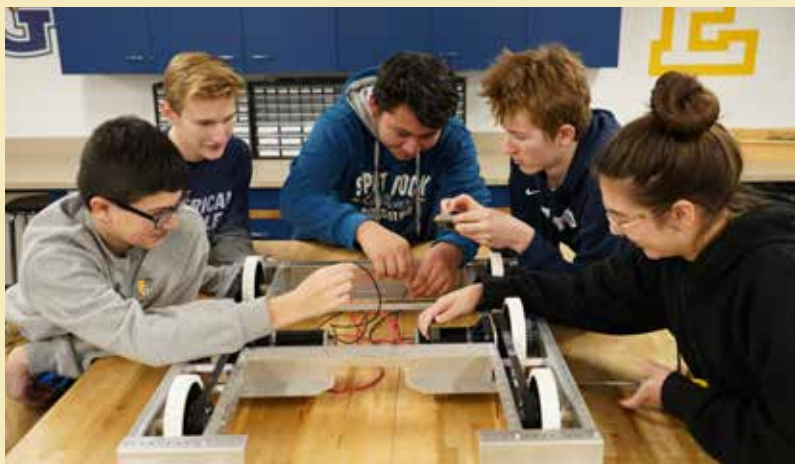


ERIN LAUINGER SCHMIDT '99

Science Teacher

The community aspect of TG has been a constant throughout the years. Recently, we have further developed our efforts to welcome new students through LINK Crew and TG Connect. Upperclass LINK leaders are paired with freshmen and transfer students to facilitate relationship building among their class and peers. These leaders help new students navigate their new school and serve as a resource for all things related to student life at TG. Many seniors who graduate still remember these small groups and this program has shown to be a vital part of building community with our incoming students.

Students are now in the same homeroom all four years with two teachers/ staff members. Once a month we have a special TG Connect schedule to gather our homeroom group together and connect at a deeper level through prayer and activities. These have been just two of the many ways we have sought to continue building a strong sense of community here at TG. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!



The Eagle Way

Activities outside the classroom provide rich opportunities for students to discover and explore talents, set and achieve goals, and develop discipline and leadership skills. Coaches and moderators play a critical role in helping challenge and encourage students to live up to their potential. The experiences and connections made as a member of a team, club, or performing group are fondly remembered by alumni.



SUE PATTERSON

People that came into my life at the most opportunistic time of my life assembled a game plan for me that enticed me to be better than what I thought I could be. They made sure I had knowledge, skills, self-esteem, self-worth, and value as a human being. Key individuals prompted me to make good choices and good decisions that shaped my life in a way I could be proud of. It was opportunities that opened doors for me to step out on my own, however, I would have never taken that first step without someone who was genuinely interested and committed to see me make it in this world. In my case, it was an entire “team” of committed educators who brought me along on their own “mission” and championed me in my own pursuits to success.



CAROL BRAUN SHUKLE '70

I believe students learn as much from co-curriculars as they do in the classroom. Co-curriculars build confidence and teach teamwork and a sense of responsibility. In a very real sense my high school activities brought me to my career and my adult free-time pursuits. The activities I pursued in high school are still a part of my life more than 50 years later.



NED THOMPSON

We were very lucky that so many of the teachers were willing to try new things, work together, and volunteer to do so many extra things. If students or staff wanted to start something new, all they had to do was ask and some staff member would almost always volunteer to be the moderator. That is how most of our present activities got their start.

We played in the Don Bosco Conference but also faced several public schools. It was those 1970s teams that set the tone for so much that was to come. Those early athletic successes helped establish the school as a strong competitor and won the respect of our opponents in the private school ranks as well as in the surrounding area public schools. It also helped us gain more publicity around the Twin Cities and was one of the reasons our enrollment continued to climb.



MIKE SMITH '90

Activities and Transportation Director, Baseball Coach, and Parent of Brynn '21 and Tanner '24

The athletic and activities offerings at Totino-Grace have continued to grow and evolve. Many programs have been added over the years but the one thing that has remained consistent is the important role our coaches and moderators play. I know that for me, the people who have had the most influence in my life were the coaches that I had at TG. We really work to make sure these adults know the influence and impact they can have on our students' lives.





JOE HINKLE '20

Activities: Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Weight Lifting, Student Ministry Team, Student Council, New York and Chicago Service Immersion Trips

Participating in sports as a freshman helped me get my foot through the door and start meeting people. Like all of TG's co-curricular programs, we learn things that can never be taught in the classroom. Traits like perseverance, high pressure decision making, and coordination. Going through times where you want to quit but push through teaches you that you can do whatever you want in your life if you work hard enough. It teaches you to be independent and accountable for your actions while also being part of a team. The discipline required can be a burden at times but in the long run develops us into physically and mentally strong men and women.

This year has been the busiest of my life but with the skills I have acquired throughout my years here, I have been able to thrive and make a difference in my community. The people I met and looked up to as an underclassman, including students, teachers, staff, and coaches have helped form me into the leader I am today for the next classes at TG.

TOTINO-GRACE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS CURRENTLY OFFERED

ATHLETICS

- Baseball
- Basketball, Boys and Girls
- Cross Country, Boys and Girls
- Dance Team
- Football
- Golf, Boys and Girls
- Hockey, Boys and Girls
- Lacrosse, Boys and Girls
- Soccer, Boys and Girls
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving, Boys and Girls
- Tennis, Boys and Girls
- Track and Field, Boys and Girls
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

CLUBS AND TEAMS

- Book Club
- Bowling Team
- DECA
- Drama Club
- Fall Dance Club
- Game Club
- Healthcare Interest Club
- Intramural Basketball
- Knowledge Bowl
- Lasallian Youth
- Link Ambassadors
- Math Team
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Respect Life Group
- Robotics Team

Science Team

- SOURCE
- Speech Team
- Student Council
- Student Ministry Team
- Trap Shooting Club
- Talon Yearbook

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- Chamber Percussion
- Drumline
- Jazz Ensemble
- High Brass Ensemble
- Musical Pit Orchestra
- Show Choir Combos
- Trombone Choir
- Woodwind Choir

VOCAL MUSIC

- Company of Singers Show Choir
- Encore Singers Show Choir
- T-Tones Show Choir
- Chamber Singers
- Cantabile
- Men's Chorus
- Music Ministers
- Musical Theater

THEATER

- Fall Musical
- Winter Play
- Spring Children's Production



The Academic Experience: Together and by Association

The classroom experience has dramatically changed since 1970. Technology, college level curriculum, and experiential learning have enhanced the student experience in exceptional ways. The high level of excellence and expectation, care and concern from teachers, and thoughtfulness to the overall academic experience has been maintained by decades of educators dedicated to their vocational call.



CAROL BRAUN SHUKLE '70

Our classrooms were pretty traditional – lectures and small groups. We read assignments, wrote papers, did our math homework, had science labs – but without many of the bells and whistles of today.

Technology was nothing like today. We had film strips, overhead projectors, and electric typewriters in what would now be considered keyboarding class. And of course, there were microscopes in the science labs.

Personalized learning was not a concept in the 1960s. Education was much more one-size-fits-all. On the other hand, with our small and close-knit campus, students could get individual help from teachers when they needed it, or teachers were able to quickly recognize when a student was struggling.



NED THOMPSON

The staff was given a lot of freedom to create their own teaching style and to develop the curriculum for their subject areas. We were very lucky to have many very intelligent, dedicated, and creative teachers in every curriculum area. Everyone was quite enthusiastic about developing new traditions for the school.



SISTER MARY TACHENY

Early on, of course, we had simple classes, a simple schedule. Everybody took music and art appreciation; it was required. We offered journalism – really a writing course – and German and Spanish. Home Ec – foods and sewing – were offered when the home ec room was finished the second year.

We would get students who were behind in some cases. Brother Mike Rivers started a program for kids who needed academic support that was really good after a few years and parents really appreciated that.

It was wonderful to have people who treasured good education and understood what that meant; didn't need to be taught. We're not all going to do it the same because we're unique but we need to work together or we're not going to be successful. Those are things I believed in and felt needed to be incorporated into the school. I believe we needed good teachers, prepared teachers. They're worth their weight in gold.

And lay people that came on, they were young, energetic, creative. One of the things I did early on was develop departments. That helped a great deal. That got them to know each other to start with. To meet and share ideas: what can we do better? Department building was very important, helped a lot in sharing ideas, getting acquainted, I think doing better teaching as a result.



CHERI BROADHEAD

Sister Mary was creative and innovative in her approach to academics. She built structures that would support teachers and create space for creativity and the ability to meet a wide variety

of students' needs. Today, however, the pressure to be cutting edge, to ensure student success, to fully prepare students for a highly competitive college market, and to meet parents' expectations, keeps us on our toes. We are constantly asking ourselves what excellence looks like in all of our programs so that we are better than our competitors and offer something special and unique.

One program I began many years ago was our Kathleen Murphy Scholars Program. I believed that our highest achieving students needed more opportunities to learn outside of the classroom and to engage their curiosity in different ways. What I didn't realize at the time is that this program would provide these students with an affinity group of similarly motivated students committed to academic achievement. These students experience tremendous internal and external pressure to succeed. They benefit from their peers' support.

**ERIN LAUINGER SCHMIDT '99**

Today, classes are quite different than they were 50 years ago and even 20 years ago when I graduated. All students have laptops, which has drastically changed not only what we teach, but how we

teach. Teaching now extends beyond the walls of my classroom — we can communicate and teach at home (especially useful during snow days). My role as a teacher is more of a facilitator, rather than a lecturer. Inquiry, critical thinking, and exploration are at the heart of my teaching. Classes are more collaborative and I can individualize learning a lot easier.

We have also maintained a high level of excellence in our classes — offering 15 AP classes in addition to honors level classes. Our Kathleen Murphy Scholars Program has had a lot of success, as well as our Engineering Program. At the heart of our teaching though, not much has changed. We are still working to inspire our students and empower them to be the next generation of change-makers.

**GRACE MARCHEK '20**

Something pretty unique about going to Totino-Grace is the fact that there is such a wide range of students coming from different schools and backgrounds. I have heard perspectives and viewpoints that I had never heard prior to going to Totino-Grace. I love

going to a school where people are not only academically educated but are politically educated and have a strong level of awareness as well.

Even with all of the difficult courses and the ACT/SAT and college applications, teachers still remind us that we are not represented by our grades. Failure is a part of learning, and the effort placed behind the work is even more important than the final grade. Even with a challenging curriculum and the encouragement to stay focused and driven, the teachers place an emphasis on the importance of our mental and physical health.

I am extremely appreciative of all of the teachers I have had at TG and the level of investment that they place individually into all of their students. The teachers not only care about your academic learning but your spiritual and emotional growth as well.

Best Regards to the Class of 1970 on their 50th Anniversary

Bud Paape, former Social Studies Teacher

I was hired in 1968, and was there for the graduation. I had just returned from Peace Corps/Nigeria, and after three years at Hill High School and three years of teaching in rural Nigeria, I had never taught girls. In her wisdom, Sister Mary Mark assigned me to a sophomore girls homeroom. These were the days of bouffant hairdos, and lots of hair spray. I started my days with an aura of perfumed fog!

The class of 1970 was an extraordinarily bright group of people...interested in education, interested in my African stories, and never considered reading for pleasure an oxymoron. In his wisdom, Brother William made World Cultures a required course. Most appropriate for a generation that would end up in Vietnam and not know where it was.

Over the years, I have met members of the class of 1970... at universities, where they got graduate degrees...at bars, where they bought me a drink! They continue to be part of my world.

I also taught Journalism, in a room with 30 manual typewriters, and I moderated the *Continuum*. My nearly 30 years at Grace were most rewarding.

I got my Bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's in Winona and the university of Lasallian educational philosophy served me well in suburban Twin Cities, in the bush of Nigeria, at the university in Morocco, and beyond.

My Lasallian mission continues as I work at Saint Mary's in south Minneapolis.

To the class of 1970 and those graduating in 2020... wishing you only the best!



Live, Jesus, in our Hearts...

Bud Paape

TG Giv

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020



Totino-Grace
High School

Each year, Eagles everywhere come together for 24 hours to support our students in the pursuit of their passions in and out of the classroom. **But this year is no ordinary TG Giving Day. In fact, it might be the most important one yet.**

In these uncertain times, many of our families have been impacted financially as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and its effect on the economy. They've reached out to us, unsure how they can continue making tuition payments and maintain their child's enrollment at TG.

THE TOTINO-GRACE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BECAUSE OF THIS CRISIS.

Your gift, and all gifts made now and on TG Giving Day, will offer tuition assistance for these families, ensuring their children can continue their TG experience.

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, May 7**, and join other alumni, parents, and friends in helping those in our community most in need right now.

Make a gift on TG Giving Day, Thursday, May 7, to aid Totino-Grace students and



giving Day

benefiting the Totino-Grace Emergency Support Fund

Ways to GIVE



Online at
www.totinograce.org/givingday



Call TG Advancement Staff
at **763-586-6327**



Mail your gift using the envelope
provided in this issue of the Continuum



Transfer of stock
or securities



Match your gift through your
employer's matching gift program

families most in need.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Advancement Office

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT



Acknowledgement of the Coronavirus and Its Impact

Since March 15 words like “unprecedented,” “uncharted,” and “unparalleled” have been spoken over and over on the networks and in the newspapers to describe the events surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. When we started planning this issue of the *Continuum* we intended to devote the issue to how our community has changed since our first graduating class in 1970 and yet has stayed the same in others. That is still our focus, however I do think we need to acknowledge the “new” normal that we are living through now and perhaps throughout this generation.

At Totino-Grace our teachings instill in us we are not alone, God is always present in our lives, and love is the strongest bond that exists. Because of these three steadfast principles, we will get through this. Our faith will be stronger and our mission will be more important than it ever has been: to educate our students in the Holy Presence of God; strive for excellence by instilling Gospel values in all we do; and by inspiring academic and spiritual growth.

Message from the Vice President for Advancement

Totino-Grace’s Advancement Department is leading the charge to build a culture of engagement and philanthropy at TG. For 54 years, our school has produced generations of self-motivated, optimistic, humbled leaders by providing its own distinct brand of faith-based education. Fifty-four years does not seem that long in the history of our country, but when you consider that Fridley has only been a city for 63 years, Totino-Grace is truly a foundational piece of this community.

The TG experience is defined by powerful faculty-student interaction, emphasis on collaboration and innovation in our classrooms, service-immersion opportunities across America and around the world, an environment for students to know God and expand their faith, and opportunities to influence change. The Advancement Department assists the faculty and staff in continuing and enhancing that legacy of excellence, and it is exciting to be part of that effort.

Totino-Grace’s ability to deliver a best-in-class education depends greatly on generous private support. TG also relies on active volunteer involvement by alumni, friends, parents, students, faculty, and staff. The Totino-Grace Advancement Department oversees many of the efforts to engage our community in meaningful ways to maximize impact on our beloved institution. From gifts of time and treasure to transformative and meaningful gifts and consistent annual support, every donor plays a critical role in fueling TG’s success. It is a privilege to see so many answer the call to shape the future of this Catholic high school.

As Totino-Grace continues in its second half-century of educating high school students under the leadership of Dr. Craig Junker, there has never been a better time to support the Eagles. The Totino-Grace High School Strategic Plan the leadership team is drafting will provide a bold vision and plan for taking our school to greater levels of success. At the heart of it all is a commitment to our students. An investment in Totino-Grace, whether it is for student tuition assistance, academic program support, co-curriculars, or facilities, will ensure we honor our commitment to providing the highest quality education to the many talented students we serve.

There are numerous ways to support Totino-Grace High School. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about how your investment will ensure a brighter future for our students.

On behalf of the hundreds of students, faculty, and staff who study and work at TG every day, and our Advancement Department, please accept my deepest gratitude for your support.



Richard J. Olson
Vice President for Advancement

Signum Fidei Society

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Making a gift to Totino-Grace High School in your will is easy to do and will impact the school for generations to come. Notifying the school of your planned gift lets us recognize you as a member of the Totino-Grace *Signum Fidei Society* today — and you'll know that you are joining many other generous benefactors in supporting TG's mission in a significant and lasting fashion.

To discuss the benefits of making an estate gift, please contact Vice President for Advancement, Richard Olson, at 763-586-6335 or richard.olson@totinograce.org.

WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Totino-Grace Endowment Fund

Totino-Grace's unrestricted endowment provides a steady and predictable stream of income to fund school programs, improve our facilities, invest in our talented faculty, and provide financial aid to 45% of our students.

The Lasallian Scholarship Fund

You can also direct that your bequest or legacy gift be directed to the Lasallian Scholarship Fund at Totino-Grace. Gifts to the Lasallian Scholarship Fund are critical to our ability to create the academically talented and economically diverse student body we strive to achieve.

Endowed Scholarships

Planned gifts of \$50,000 or more can be used to create an endowed fund in your name or the name of a loved one to honor them or their memory. Endowed scholarships exist in perpetuity, providing financial aid to generations of deserving students who would not otherwise be able to attend Totino-Grace High School.



PLANNED GIVING



Matt and Diane Clysdale are parents of Nick '11, Amy '14, Emily '14, Marie '18, and Charlie '21

“If life is a journey, I’m forever blessed that my path led me to Totino-Grace. My time here as a student was formative in preparing me for what lay ahead. My wife, Diane, and I have tremendous gratitude for the guidance of teachers, coaches, and the overarching TG community for ourselves and our children. We firmly believe the Lasallian education, with its values and call to serve others, was instilled early and continues to serve us on our paths. Diane and I chose the gift of this education and amazing culture for our five children and have seen how it has helped to center them on each of their pursuits. Including TG in our estate plans helps us know this wonderful school will remain strong in its mission to touch the hearts and minds of future generations and hopefully, with a nudge of the Holy Spirit, our grandchildren too.”

Matt Clysdale '83



Honoring Brother Milton Barker

July 27, 1948 – January 3, 2020

“Example leaves a far stronger impression on the mind and heart than words.”

Saint John Baptist de La Salle MTR 10.3 (202.3)

- 1948** Born on July 27
- 1966** Reception of the Habit
- 1968** Taught English and Typing for one semester at Archbishop Grace High School
- 1970** Graduated from Saint Mary's University with a degree in Communication Arts
- 1970** Hired by Principal Sister Mary Tacheny as a full time Film, Theater, Speech, and Religion teacher at Archbishop Grace High School
- 1975** Obtained Masters Degree from the University of Minnesota in Educational Administration
- 1975** Assumed role of Principal of Archbishop Grace High School
- 1979** Reassigned to serve as Principal of Roncalli High School in Manitowoc, Wisconsin
- 1985** Returned to Totino-Grace High School as Director of Development
- 1987** Assumed role of President of Totino-Grace High School
- 2011** Retired as President of Totino-Grace and assumed new role as Assistant to the President
- 2020** Passed onto eternal life on January 3

Brother Milton Barker, FSC served the Totino-Grace community as a classroom teacher, theatre director, Development Director, Assistant Principal, Principal, and as President for 24 years. Following his retirement as President in 2011, he continued to reside on campus and serve as Assistant to the President until 2015.

His steady, humble, faith-filled leadership was characterized by a special concern for the poor and vulnerable, a love and support for the arts, a dedication to lay ministry, and a sincere and genuine commitment to hospitality and community.

Totino-Grace President Dr. Craig Junker remarks, “Since I arrived at Totino-Grace High School in 2014, I am often reminded of the impact Brother Milton made on our community. He cared about people and he was good at letting them know that they mattered, especially our students. From his first days at Grace, Brother Milton wanted our students to feel loved and important, so he made sure to also generously value the contributions of the people who served them — our faculty and staff. The way he led our community inspired people to feel capable and part of something big and important.”

“Almost 45% of Totino-Grace students receive tuition assistance and would not be able to attend TG without the generosity of others. Brother Milton dedicated his life to Catholic education and investing in others, so they could live better lives. He knew that a Totino-Grace education teed up students to live better lives. For this reason, we decided to establish a scholarship in his honor. We are grateful to all who wish to support his legacy by contributing to this endowment.”

Brother Milton Barker’s passion for teaching, service, and Christian virtue has left an indelible mark on the Totino-Grace High School community. In honor of Brother Milton’s lifelong commitment to Lasallian education, an endowed scholarship fund has been created to ensure that his legacy remains at Totino-Grace in perpetuity. If you would like to contribute to the Brother Milton Barker Scholarship Fund, please visit www.totinograce.org/brmiltonendowment or call Richard Olson, Vice President for Advancement, at 763-586-6335.

Legacy Awards

On December 15, Totino-Grace President Dr. Craig Junker welcomed the following individuals for an annual Christmas Dinner and Legacy Awards Ceremony. Members of our community were honored for sharing their generosity, time, and talents with Totino-Grace.



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Bob Betzold '73



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Sara Gartland Lomeli '97

LASALLIAN LEGACY AWARD

Russell '81 and Andrea King
Robert and Phyllis Eibensteiner

SIGNUM FIDEI PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

James and Carolyn Brandt
Matthew '83 and Diane Clysedale
Richard and Kathy Drew
Mark and Nina Novitzki
William and Bonnie Shutte



BROTHER MILTON SERVICE AWARD

Pictured left to right: Maggie Albers, Deb Lutz,
Robyn Sitarz, Sue Hodapp, Sue Hall

Community Events Wrap Up



Alumni cross country runners were back on campus for the first annual alumni run on August 15. They joined current Eagles at their annual Time Trial.



On September 6, the 2004 and 2009 football teams were welcomed back to Jim Totino Stadium to celebrate the 15th and 10th anniversaries of their state championships.



Former girls basketball players returned to Totino-Grace for the program's annual girls basketball alumnae night on December 20. They cheered our current team to victory!



Alumnae hockey players were joined by current Eagles for their annual alumnae game on December 29.



E'gal alumnae gathered at Cowboy Jack's on Friday, February 7.

TG Trick or Treating

On October 27, Totino-Grace welcomed community members and friends for the annual TG Trick or Treating event. Families enjoyed games, crafts, and trick or treating around the gym.



TOGETHER WE GATHER

Together We Gather

Thank you to all who joined us at the October 4, 2019, event at Moe's and the January 8, 2020, event at Beast BBQ.

Homecoming Week

Totino-Grace hosted a Legacy Breakfast for parents and grandparents who are graduates of TG to join their sons and daughters who are current students for breakfast to celebrate the Totino-Grace tradition within their families.

Many alumni came to campus early for the pre-game tailgate party, food and fun before the kickoff at the varsity football game.



Hall of Fame inductees were recognized at halftime of the football game. The fall dance team surprised the 1995 State Champion Dance Team with a re-enactment of their 1995 Jazz Funk dance.



Winter Place Gala

The 34th annual Winter Place Gala took place on November 23 at Totino-Grace. Alumni, current and past parents, and friends celebrated the TG community while hearing from 2014 alumnae, Katessa Archer, who spoke of how the TG community impacted her life – both personally and professionally. The Gala was co-chaired by current parents Lisa Arnold, Tara Brandt Melsha '89, and Wendy Washburn Koschak '93, past parent Robyn Sitarz, and Dan Shamp '00.



Breakfast with Santa

On December 7, Totino-Grace welcomed community members for our annual Breakfast with Santa event. Families enjoyed breakfast, games, crafts, and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photography provided by Johnson and Johnson Photography, Jesse Johnson '08.

Alumni Mass Before Christmas Break & Luncheon

Our school community gathered to celebrate Mass before Christmas break with current and past parents, grandparents, family members, and alumni guests. Each year brings a large crowd of former Eagles!

4th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame

On October 5, Totino-Grace honored alumni and coaching staff at an annual Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony. This event is designed to publicly honor individuals and teams for their outstanding accomplishments or contributions to the athletic history and traditions of Archbishop Grace High School and Totino-Grace High School. Congratulations to our 2019 inductees!

TEAM



1995 Dance Team

EXCEPTIONAL EAGLE ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTORS



Dick & Kathy Drew

COACH



Margaret Richter Schauer '83
Dance Team

COACH



Paul Gasner
Football, Golf

ATHLETE



Mike Ramlet '74

ATHLETE



John Long '86

ATHLETE



Maureen Richter Finley '91

Not Pictured: Athlete honoree Iker Iturbe '94

Photography provided by Johnson and Johnson Photography, Jesse Johnson '08

Make plans to attend this year's Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on October 3, 2020.

Learn more about the Totino-Grace Athletic Hall of Fame, past honorees, and submit a nomination at www.totinograce.org/activites/hof.



Save the Date

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Friday, April 17, 2020
TRACK & FIELD ALUMNI NIGHT

Saturday, May 16, 2020
SOFTBALL ALUMNAE GAME



TOGETHER WE GATHER

Thursday, June 4, 2020

TOGETHER WE GATHER

Join Totino-Grace graduates from all decades at Number 12 Cider (owned by Steve Hance '86). Keynote speakers will be new retirees TJ Paal.

September 28, 2020 - October 3, 2020

2020 HOMECOMING WEEK

Mark your calendar for our annual Homecoming celebration. Join the TG community and your classmates for various festivities and events throughout the week.

- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30** - Legacy Breakfast
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2** - Homecoming Football Game and Alumni Tailgate Party
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3** - Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



Monday, June 8, 2020

EAGLE SHOOT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Corporate sponsors of our annual Eagle Shoot Golf Tournament support Totino-Grace co-curricular activities and athletic programs that create conference and state champions, future community leaders, stars of the stage, and global student leaders. Learn more at www.totinograce.org/support-tg/eagleshoot.



A Christmas Village

Saturday, November 21, 2020

WINTER PLACE GALA

Save the date and make plans to attend this year's Winter Place Gala.

Reunions

In 2019, classes ending in 9 and 4 celebrated their reunions at various locations in the Twin Cities.



Class of 1974 – Grumpy's Bar



Class of 1979 – St. Anthony Village Pavilion



Class of 1984 – Beast BBQ



Class of 1989 – Jax Cafe



Class of 1994 – Republic



Class of 2009 – CHS Field



Class of 2014 – Cowboy Jacks



CLASS REUNIONS

All classes ending in a 0 or 5 are due for reunions in 2020. Totino-Grace partners with reunion coordinators to make sure each class of graduates has an opportunity to celebrate a reunion every five years. Planning your reunion is now easier than ever! Totino-Grace collects RSVPs, serves as the point contact for venues, and sends invitations. Class reunion coordinators work with the Alumni Relations Coordinator to set a date, pick a venue, and coordinate additional details to make the event memorable for all attendees. If you are interested in helping plan your reunion please contact Gabby Schauer at gabby.schauer@totinograce.org or 763-586-6328.

Classes are already underway with their planning!

Save The Date!

CLASS OF 1980

September 12, 2020

Doubletree Hotel – Roseville

CLASS OF 2000

September 12, 2020

Location to be determined

CLASS OF 2004

Celebrating in 2020!

Class Notes

1985

Doug Jaeger '85, Laura Sokolowski Jaeger '87, Kristin Kavolak Sharp '90, Matt Schauer '11, and Gabby Schauer '14 met up at the Notre Dame Football game.



1988

Shane Cotter and two of his brothers **Shawn '90** and **Michael '05** met up with retired teacher **Susan Lomanno** for lunch to celebrate Shane's birthday and reminisce about their days at TG.

1992

Jason Benzinger and his wife Alissa Rauen welcomed daughter Morgan Lillian on October 21, 2019.



1988

Chris Beckish got a chance to see the Marine One in Tupelo. Chris owns a fitness center in Tupelo that President Trump's staff used while they were visiting.



1995

Angee Forte' received the 2019-2020 Minnesota Association of Dance Teams Assistant Coach of the Year Award. Angee is pictured with E'gals Head Coach **Kristen Malik Gagnon '93**.



1997

Sarah Gartland Lomeli was set to make her Minnesota Opera debut as Donne Elvira in Mozart's Don Giovanni. Unfortunately, the May performances at The Ordway have been canceled in response to COVID-19 restrictions. Learn more about the production at www.mnopera.org and explore Sarah's career and achievements at www.sarahgartland.com.



2001

Andy Bartho married Lori Freudenberger on July 19, 2019, in Boulder, Colorado. Pictured are TG alumni in attendance at the wedding. From left to right: **TJ Leonard '01, Bob McBride '00, Matt Swan '01, Matt Hasty '01, Molly Berenjian Bartho '05, John Bartho '82, Andy Bartho '01, Lori Bartho, Connie Kraby Bartho '71, Tom Schmidt '01, Dan Fraser '01, Kristin Fraser Schreier '01, Brian Jensen '01.**

2001

Paul McGuire is a Minneapolis actor and movie critic and does a weekly piece on Friday's Twin Cities Live program on KSTP, channel 5.

2002

Justin and **Theresa Kraemer Stenglein '03** welcomed their daughter **Gloria** on April 16, 2019.



2003

Chris and **Jenna Langsdale Tauscheck** welcomed twins Reid and Demi on February 16, 2019. The twins joined big brother Jude and big sister Tessa.



2004

Meghan Quinn Knoke and her husband Adam welcomed their son, Theodore William on May 2, 2019.



2006

Tony Pastoors and his wife Emily welcomed daughter Charlotte Ruth on July 16, 2019.



2007

Daniel Grimmer and his wife Kylie welcomed son Gavin Daniel on October 8, 2019.



2007

Pat and Abigail Gullickson Ludwig welcomed son Jonathan Troy on July 29, 2019. He joins two and a half year old big sister Joanna. Jonathan is the grandson of **John and Rose Fischbach Ludwig**, both class of 1974, and **Troy and Neva Anderson Gullickson**, both class of 1981.



2007

Garrett Gmach married Lisa Marie Del Re on October 11, 2019.

2008

Caroline Haik Rossow and her husband Ben welcomed daughter Blake Elizabeth on October 24, 2019.



2009

Andrew Million, Tom Morawczynski '10, Jason Schroeder '11, Molly Blanski '11, and Renee Ries '11 participated in their annual Meals on Wheels service outing on Thanksgiving morning.

2009

Emma Ranum Erickson and her husband Matt welcomed daughter Ella Ruth on September 1, 2019.



2009

Bob Hinrichs and his sisters **Kate Hinrichs '07** and **Ann Hinrichs '13** competed in the RedBull Flugtag and created a "flying" machine as part of the competition!



2010

Ashley Kidd-Tatge and her husband Erik welcomed daughter Gilmore Jilyann on November 7, 2019.



2010

Matt Schroeder and **Erica Meyer '11** were married on February 29, 2020.



2010

Mary McDaniel married Patrick Kunkel on October 26, 2019.



2011

Jake Schauer and **Abbie Slipka** were married on October 12, 2019. Included in the bridal party are TG alumni, **Matt Schauer '12, Jeff Daugherty '12, Jason Schroeder '11, Matt Schroeder '10, Steve Dado '11, Alex Jarosz '11, Nathan Kavolak '18, Brittany Slipka Verschaetse '08, Gabby Schauer '14, Paige Jacobs '11, Jenna Jacobs '11, Annamarie Raeker '11, and Katie Turcotte '11.**

2011

Tommy Laventure married **Kayla Westling** on October 26, 2019.



2011

Jordan Rice Davies and her husband, **Brian**, expanded their training company, Complete Performance LLC, to include training for the general population looking for fat loss, changes in body composition, and strength development.

2011

Megan Schaffhausen and **Adam Seifert** were married on November 2, 2019.



2011

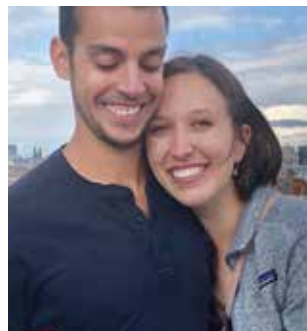
Jenna Erickson and **Josh House** were married on November 23, 2019. TG alumni, pictured in attendance, are **Lauren Erickson Wilczynski '07**, **Kyle House '04**, **Ryan Crimmins '11**, and **Pat Roeser '11**.

2012

Hannah Drier married **Ryan Banwart** on August 3, 2019.

2012

Jenny Wilson got engaged to **Peter Falcon** on August 13, 2019.



2012

Libby Wanner married **Asher Seering** on September 14, 2019. Past TG cross country teammates, **Taylor McDonald Walz '13**, **Emily Kindelspire '11**, **Tessa Archer '14**, and **Sarah Shutta Severns '12** helped Libby and Asher celebrate.



2012

Savannah Fernholz married **Dillon Muhlbauer** on September 7, 2019. **Katelyn Ferguson '11** photographed the wedding.



2012

Tab Nesser '76, **Tony Schauer '83**, **Mark Meyer**, **Marc McDaniel**, and **Kevin Waters** with sons, **Charlie Nesser '06**, **Frankie Nesser**, **Jake Schauer '11**, **Matt Schauer**, **Sam Meyer**, **Bob McDaniel**, **John Waters**, **Michael Waters '14**, and **Charlie Waters '17** gathered for their 8th annual Lake of the Woods fishing trip.



2012

Melissa Schuler married **Derek Osland** on June 22, 2019. TG graduates, **Chris Schuler '05**, **Tony Schuler '07**, **Caitlin Dreier Schuler '08**, **Nick Schuler '09**, and **Bob Schuler '15** were part of the wedding party.

2013

Anders Uppgaard and **Caitlyn Beam** got engaged on September 12, 2019.



2013

Ali Hall got engaged to Jon Blomquist on September 10, 2019.

Derek Lodermeier was named three time captain for the University of Vermont men's hockey team. He was also named three time honoree of the Hockey East All Academic team.



2013

Brad Moberg married Alyssa Wigand on August 24, 2019. Pictured are TG alumni present at the wedding.

2014

Erin Opat participated in a medical outreach trip that provided services to different areas in Jamaica. She said it was an amazing experience working with other professionals and helping out where needed. She is looking forward to possibly returning next year.



2014

Aimee Jo Ayshford Martinek and her husband Aaron welcomed daughter Emerson Joan on November 15, 2019.

2014

Kellen Schmitz and **Greta Lewis** got engaged on November 2, 2019.



2014

Matt Olson was inducted into the Herb Brooks Hall of Fame on August 12, 2019.

Sean Mulcare has advanced in his path to becoming a priest. He has asked for TG community members to keep him in our prayers as he continues with the second half of his formation.

2015

Ricky Lee and his wife Kristen welcomed their second child Lincoln John on August 6, 2019.



2015

Cami Anderson married **Ryan Berthiaume** on August 16, 2019.



2019

Brianna Glynn and **Sydney Weierke '17** played college basketball on opposing teams on November 5, 2019.



Admissions Office News

Totino-Grace Tuition Assistance and Scholarships

Providing need-based tuition assistance and non-athletic scholarships is a priority at Totino-Grace. Are you aware of the many ways Totino-Grace strives to help families bridge the gap between what they can afford to pay and tuition? We invite you to explore the variety of available opportunities Totino-Grace and generous school supporters offer families to make attending TG a reality for all deserving students.

- ➔ Need-based Tuition Assistance
- ➔ Multiple Child Tuition Discount
- ➔ Four Pillars Mission and Leadership Scholarships
- ➔ Legacy Scholarships in Honor of Rachel Woell '15 and Brian Hara '05
- ➔ Academic Scholarships based on Placement Exam Results
- ➔ International Student Scholarships
- ➔ Student Work Study
- ➔ TG Eagle Foundation
- ➔ SCRIP
- ➔ The Flaherty Family Foundation



Totino-Grace Summer Camps

TG offers a wide variety of academic, performing arts, and athletic summer camp experiences for students in grade school through high school. Our camps provide opportunities to explore new activities, expand current interests, discover talents, and develop emerging skills. Visit our camps webpage at www.totinograce.org/summercamps for a list of offerings and an online registration form.

Learn more about events and opportunities for prospective families at www.totinograce.org/admissions.





Exciting Totino-Grace Boarding Residence News

On-Campus Boarding Residence Now Open to Domestic Students

Think the TG Boarding Residence is just for international students? Think again! Totino-Grace now offers an unmatched opportunity for students currently residing in the United States who are ready to pursue expanded opportunities in high school and prepare for future success. The TG boarding residence offers the convenience of safe, student-centered, on-campus living and exciting options to experience all that the Twin Cities has to offer. Visit www.totinograce.org/boarding to learn about this unique opportunity and the benefits of five and seven-day boarding at Totino-Grace High School.

Boarding Residence Referral Program

The single most effective way of attracting more students to TG is through referrals from members of our community. To help grow awareness of our on-campus boarding residence program to domestic and international students, Totino-Grace has a boarding residence referral program. Members of the Totino-Grace community who refer a new student to our boarding residence — and they enroll for the 2020-2021 school year — will receive \$2,000.

Requirements of the referral program:

- ➡ The student must be new to our database.
- ➡ The student must be accepted, enroll for the 2020-2021 school year, and reside in the dormitory.
- ➡ The referral source must be a current employee, parent of a current student, parent of a graduate, or a graduate of Totino-Grace.

The applicant should indicate the referring individual or family on applicable admissions forms.

Questions should be directed to Shanna Peterson, Assistant Director of Enrollment and International Students, at shanna.peterson@totinograce.org or 763-576-6318.

Connect with our **Admissions Team** at admissions@totinograce.org or 763-571-6316.



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