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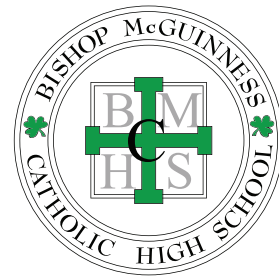
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The year 1950 was the dawn of a new decade, and a new high school emerged from a piece of farmland on the far north edge of Oklahoma City. Bishop Eugene McGuinness had a vision. Referred to as the “Building Bishop,” he saw a need to consolidate two existing high schools—John Carroll and St. Andrews—by bringing them together on one campus.

Seventy years have come and gone since the school officially opened its doors. Central Catholic High School became Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School following the death of Bishop McGuinness in December 1957. In response to the growth of the Catholic population, the school expanded in size with the addition of the west wing and central hallway in 1956 and the auditorium addition in 1960. The number of students enrolled grew from 288 in 1950 to 562 in 1960. The class of 1951 received the first diploma issued by the school, while the class of 2020 saw 171 students receive their diplomas in the first outdoor graduation ceremony in the school’s illustrious history. More than 10,000 diplomas have been awarded over the past 70 years. These graduates have made a large footprint in our country, state, and local communities. I can say with great assurance that Bishop McGuinness graduates have played a key role in shaping the state I am proud to call home.

The school has ridden the tide of war, civil unrest, natural disasters, terrorist plots against our state and country, and, in case you have not heard, we are in the middle of a pandemic. Following nine weeks of distance learning, we entered the summer planning for a new but far different school year in our 70-year history. Realizing the importance of in-person instruction and the loss of social interaction and extracurriculars during distance learning, we made the decision to begin the school year with all our students in the building. When our doors opened on August 12, our students were greeted with protocols and instructions designed to keep not only our students safe, but teachers, staff, and guests who might enter our building. In addition to our academic programs, the majority of our extracurricular programs began on schedule, but with the safety measures in place to keep participants and spectators safe from COVID-19. Thanks to federal grants, contributions from loyal McGuinness supporters, and solid financial planning during the past 20 years, the school is weathering the storm. As our families struggle to manage the financial challenges created by COVID-19, this year’s needs are greater than ever.

Bishop Eugene McGuinness’s motto, “All Things to All People,” has withstood the test of time and paralleled the school’s mission of developing “A Person for Others.” Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was chosen by the student body in 1997 in conjunction with the opening



of the Frassati Chapel located in the school’s west wing. The students believed that Pier Giorgio best emulated the tradition of school reflecting on the needs of others. Through the vision of Bishop McGuinness and the inspiration of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Central Catholic High School/Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School students have grown in their faith, pursued their dreams, and have continued to support the high school they call home. What will the next 70 years bring? Things looked quite different in 1950, and we would be hard-pressed to recognize the way it might appear in 2090. I want to believe that our school will still be standing strong, educating students in the Catholic faith that we embrace while reaching into our community and beyond, helping others to live richer lives.

May Jesus Christ Be Praised...Forever and Ever.

Where are We Going...Toward the Top.

Blessed Pier Giorgio...Pray For Us.



◁ Jeff  
Alexandra  
Zach '17  
Hannah '19  
Keli  
Carly

## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIR

**SEVEN YEARS AGO, MY WIFE, KELI, AND I ATTENDED A BISHOP MCGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, KNOWING OUR SON, ZACH, WANTED TO ATTEND.**

I remember touring the theology wing and realizing at one point that Keli had left my side and was in a deep conversation with department head Deacon Clyde Grover. I was sure they were discussing how our Jewish son would fare at a Catholic high school and was, frankly, a little nervous. I walked over as they were wrapping up and introduced myself to Deacon Grover, who was personable and charming. I immediately felt at ease, as did Keli. We enrolled Zach, along with his younger sister, Hannah, two years later and never once looked back. It was one of the best decisions we made raising our children, and our continued involvement with the people who make up the Irish community is something all of us treasure to this day.

When I was asked to serve on the Student Advisory Council (SAC), I was honored and could not have put together a more dedicated, humble, and intelligent group of people with whom to work. Our twelve members serve at the pleasure of the Archbishop of Oklahoma City and, with the assistance of school administrators and clergy, provide for the progress and welfare of our school.

That being said, Bishop McGuinness is so much more than a great preparatory high school; it is truly a community. Our Irish community brings together students, families, faculty, and alumni in numerous ways—in celebration, service to those in need, prayer, student activities/accomplishments, and comfort for one another during difficult times.

The Irish community is truly a blessing and one that our family is thankful to be a part of.

Speaking of difficult times, we are all aware that 2020 has certainly had its share. The pandemic and all that it entails has been trying for all of us and has been particularly difficult on our schools. Bishop McGuinness was no exception, but I witnessed firsthand as our administrators and teachers quickly adjusted in the spring to provide distance learning successfully to all of our students. This was a challenging time, especially for our seniors; however, through our faculty's hard work, meaningful distance learning was implemented, along with safe and creative year-end events for our graduates and their families. The manner in which our faculty and the Irish community rose to the occasion was not surprising but was certainly impressive. We have approached this fall in the same manner, with the primary consideration being safety while also balancing that with meaningful instruction and creative collaboration.

Looking back at my time as a parent and SAC member, I realize that our school is poised for continued success. I look forward to the return of normalcy in our school and community. We must remember that we are working from a new "lesson plan" for the immediate future, but our school and Irish community remain a source of hope and a home for dreams and inspiration.

For the Student Advisory Council,  
Jeff Segell  
Chair



THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED 70 YEARS! THOUGH THE WORLD HAS CHANGED AND THE SCHOOL'S PHYSICAL CAMPUS HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED, MANY THINGS HAVE REMAINED THE SAME, INCLUDING THE ONGOING DESIRE OF GOING "TOWARD THE TOP."

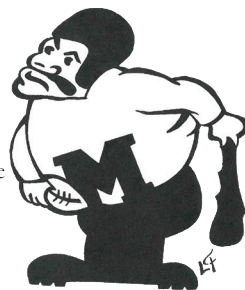
As we document the school's many milestones, we recognize the impact the school community has had—and continues to have—on those it serves.

The 2019-20 Chi Rho staff took pride in recording these milestones and preserving these memories. It is the everlasting traditions that make our school the special place that it is.



## 1951

Kelly green and white were chosen as the school colors.



## 1955

The "Irish" nickname was adopted, and Clancy became the mascot.



## 1960

Construction of the auditorium began. The school hosted the first Olympics and McGuinness Classic Tournament. "Forever McGuinness" was written.



## 1965

Color photos appear in the school yearbook. The first language lab is installed.

## 1968

Bishop McGuinness became the first private school allowed in the OSSAA.

## 1987

Girls cross country team earns first state title. The track & field complex was finished.

## 1950

Central Catholic High School opened its doors with Sister Mary Mercedes as principal.



## 1959

Central Catholic High School was renamed Bishop McGuinness High School in honor of the school's founder, Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness.



## 1961

The school crest is laid in the entry floor. The first Mass is held in the auditorium, and senior robing is introduced.

## 1966

Graduation is held in the auditorium for the first time.

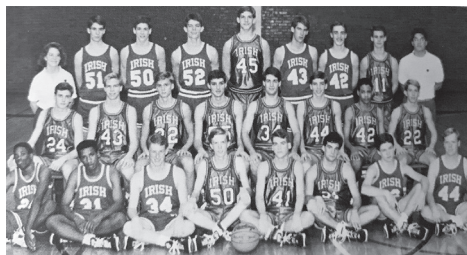


## 1984

Boys cross country earned the school's first state title. A lobby was added to the gymnasium.

## 1989

The boys basketball team and girls track team earned the first state championship titles.



## 1999

The academic team won its first state title.



## 1992

Construction is completed on the theology wing and art center.



## 1996

Cheerleaders received first bid to nationals.

## 2002

The auditorium received a face-lift and is named the Petuskey Performing Arts Auditorium.

## 2004

School is recognized with a Top 50 award for America's Best Catholic High Schools.

## 2003

School uniforms were adopted.



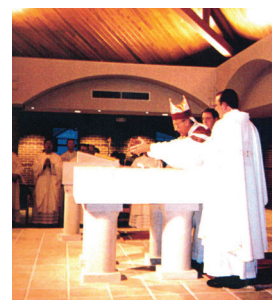
## 1995

The first Kairos took place. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was selected as the school's patron. "Toward the Top" is chosen as the school motto.



## 1998

The Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Chapel is completed.



## 2012

The math and science wing was completed.

## 2015

iPads were introduced, which are still a key learning tool in classrooms as part of our 1-to-1 iPad initiative.

## 2016

The All Girls Sports Complex is completed. It includes spaces for cheer and pom to practice, locker rooms, visitor concessions, and restrooms.

## 2019

The Baseball Complex is completed. The school receives the 2019 Values Driven Award of Excellence from Cognia. The cheer team earned its third consecutive state title.



## 2008

The school was rated as the 11th Best High School Athletic Program in the country by Sports Illustrated. Phase II of the Building Faith Campaign was completed, which included a major gym renovation, music and dance practice rooms, a new chemistry lab and a new softball dressing room.

## 2007

Construction of a new school is completed. The photo shows the east wing of the original building being knocked down and reveals the newly completed building.



## 2020

We adapted to distance learning amid COVID-19 by meeting via Zoom throughout the spring semester.



# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



- △ 2 National Merit Finalists: Dane Farris and Alexandra Haworth
- 3 National Merit Semifinalists: Ford Collier, Emiline Henderson, and Jack Turk

## AP SCHOLARS

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is proud to announce that 92 of its students earned Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards for the 2019-20 school year. 250 students took 303 exams, with 82 percent of students earning a score of 3 or higher.

### 42 AP SCHOLARS

### 19 AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS

### 31 AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION

### 5 NATIONAL AP SCHOLARS

RECEIVED AN AVERAGE SCORE OF AT LEAST 4 ON ALL AP EXAMS TAKEN, AND SCORES OF 4 OR HIGHER ON EIGHT OR MORE OF THESE EXAMS

AVERAGE ACT SCORE: 25.1

40 STUDENTS WERE NAMED OKLAHOMA ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

22 AP COURSES OFFERED

74 STUDENTS AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

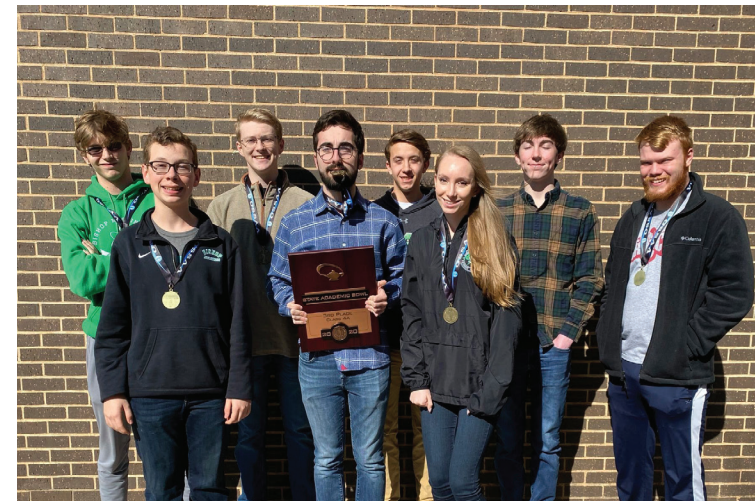


## COGNIA AWARD

Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School was named Oklahoma's only Cognia recipient of the 2019 Values Driven Award of Excellence. Dr. Andrew Worthington, Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Testing, and Admissions, accepted the award during the 2019 Midwest Region Fall Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on October 30, 2019.



- △ The 2019 Chi Rho took home numerous awards at the Oklahoma Scholastic Media State Yearbook Competition—the biggest ones being the Highest Honors and All-Oklahoma Award! The staff—including Daisy Baker '19, Maggie Forth '22, Amelia Goodrich '22, Hannah Lee '21, Henry Nguyen '19, Kenadee Perry '22, and Cassidy Potter '19—also walked away with numerous individual awards for their features, photos, and spreads.



- △ The Academic Team finished third at the Class 4A State Academic Bowl!

## SPEECH + DEBATE

The Speech and Debate team competed at the NSDA District Speech and Debate Tournament. Catie Leonard '21, Clare Jordan '20, and Jacob Marino '20 made it through to the finals—Catie and Clare in the DUO final, Jacob in the Original Oratory final, and Catie in the Dramatic Interp final. We also want to congratulate Romy Abu-Fadel '21, William Janson '21, and Madeline Camp '21 for making it to the semifinals.

## DANCING WITH THE IRISH STARS

The 2019 Mirrorball Champs were Sophia Lopez '22 and Nathan Lopez '23, and Nailah and Ms. Veleccia Hearne-McKeever. We are so amazed by all of our Irish stars and want to congratulate them all on their marvelous performances.



- △ Jacob Marino '20 was named a 2020 Kelli O'Hara Awards' Outstanding Actor Finalist for his role as Emmett in *Legally Blonde: The Musical*. Although the in-person awards were cancelled, OKC Broadway and Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma hosted a "virtual" 2020 Kelli O'Hara Award ceremony on June 2!



- △ During the month of November, more than 600 students donated 70,000 pounds of canned food to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Harvest Food Drive – a school record! We could not be more proud of their effort, dedication, and hard work throughout the month.

# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



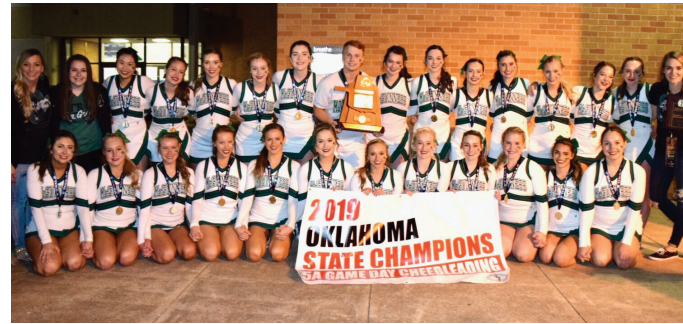
**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY - STATE RUNNER-UP**



**FOOTBALL - STATE RUNNER-UP**



**POM JAZZ - STATE RUNNER-UP**



**CHEER GAME DAY - STATE CHAMPION**



**CHEER PERFORMANCE - STATE CHAMPION**



**BOYS SWIM - 4TH AT STATE**



**VOLLEYBALL - STATE QUARTERFINALIST**

# SIGNINGS



**SAM BASS**

committed to play football at Southern Nazarene University.



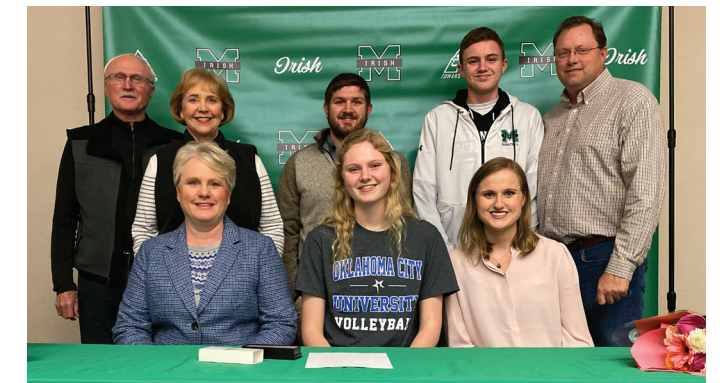
**CALLAWAY CRENSHAW**

committed to play football at Lake Forest College.



**MARY GEORGE**

committed to play volleyball at Seminole State College.



**HANNAH GRUNDY**

committed to play volleyball at Oklahoma City University.



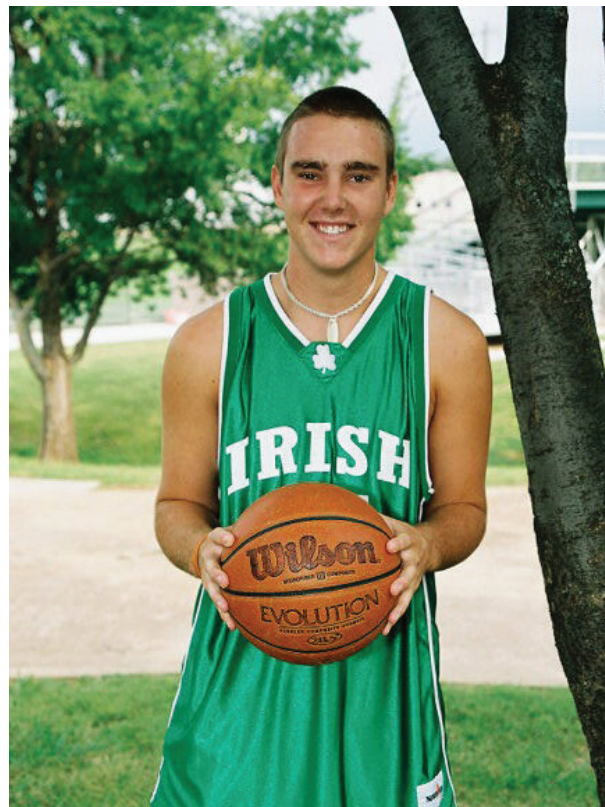
**ZACH SCHMIT**

walked on at the University of Oklahoma as a member of the kicking team.



**BRYNDEN WALKER**

committed to play football at the University of Oklahoma.



**NEWLY HIRED BOYS HEAD BASKETBALL COACH, JAKE BROWN, HAS BOTH THE BISHOP MCGUINNESS ROOTS AND THE WINNING PEDIGREE TO TAKE THIS PROGRAM TO NEW HEIGHTS.** A 2009 graduate, Brown played for Coach Tondrell Durham, and, after four seasons, he and star teammates Gabe Ikard, Ryan Randolph, and Daniel Orton notched two state championships.

"I played with guys that were a lot better than I was. It was a very successful time," Brown said.

But the new head coach's basketball experience did not stop with his high school years. Brown continued his basketball career as a club team coach while studying at Oklahoma State University. After graduating, he found a spot teaching and coaching the freshman team at Bishop Kelley High School. Just before returning to his alma mater, Brown taught economics and was the head coach at Bluejacket High School.

Players see Coach Brown as the beginning of a new era and a fresh, more modern basketball culture.

"With Coach Brown, since he's younger, he's more relatable," senior forward Gabe Grim said.

Brown added to this notion, emphasizing the importance of commitment between the coaching staff and the players, and wants to bring a fast-paced, team-focused approach.

"I want to bring the energy. I want the guys to buy in and believe in something bigger than themselves, and hopefully we can derive success from that," he added.

At just 30 years old, Brown looks not only to build a winning program but to help his players develop valuable skills beyond the court.

"I really feel that life lessons learned on the basketball court are applicable to tons of aspects of your life," Brown said. "I mean, little things, like showing up on time, to the even bigger things, like your personal responsibility, can all be built through the game."

Brown is married with three young children who will someday attend Bishop McGuinness as well. Basketball is important, but Brown looks at the bigger life picture.

"If winning state in basketball is the best thing they do in their lives, then I've failed them," he said.



**Julia Anderson-Holt was named the Archbishop Paul S. Coakley Educator of the Year for the 2019-20 school year!**

She is a passionate educator who possesses a constant thirst for learning and empowers her students to seek a higher level of understanding in all their endeavors. When given the opportunity 15 years ago to teach at Bishop McGuinness, she accepted a position in the science department and has not looked back. Besides her teaching duties, Julia is the science department chairperson, the IT coordinator for the football team, a KAIROS leader, and has helped several young women obtain their Gold Awards for Girl Scouts of the USA.

Besides these activities, she was instrumental in helping set up the school's distance learning this past spring. Julia continually looks for opportunities to better her personal, spiritual, and professional life.

**TO QUOTE JULIA'S NOMINATOR, "SINCE ARRIVING ON CAMPUS, JULIA HAS IMPROVED THE LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION IN THE BUILDING WHILE HELPING STUDENTS AND FACULTY GROW ACADEMICALLY, PROFESSIONALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A GIFTED EDUCATOR AS PART OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY."**





# LEAD THE WAY: SERVICE DOG PROVIDES EXTRA SET OF EYES TO TEACHER

BY REESE MEARS '21



**THEOLOGY TEACHER PETER MCCONNELL'S NEW SEEING-EYE DOG, ELROY, BECAME ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE BISHOP MCGUINNESS STAFF IN AUGUST 2019.**

"[Elroy] is part of the faculty now, and I'm glad he's around a bunch of people who, I think, really get a kick out of him," McConnell said.

McConnell, who is progressively losing his sight due to an eye disease called choroideremia (CHM), began using Elroy as his eyes. In addition to being an amazing pet, Elroy helps McConnell perform many daily tasks.

"He's my vision, basically below my nose," McConnell said. "When I walk to work every day, it's his job to help me get curb to curb and down the street and to keep me out of traffic. In fact, he's already pulled me out of the way of three different cars."

Elroy had to go through vigorous training before coming to his new home. He's specially trained to run with McConnell, as well as guide him through everyday life.

The extensive process of getting Elroy took months. Seeing-eye dogs need to be perfectly trained to their owners' needs and lifestyles.

McConnell lived in New York for three weeks, training and learning about Elroy before taking him home.

**"They match you up with a dog based on your pace and personality," McConnell said. "I trained with him every day. We even had a graduation."**

Elroy was a welcome addition to his classroom, staying in his crate during class to be nondisruptive.

"The kids have been great with respecting his boundaries," McConnell said. "He just does his own thing, and he's been great too."

McConnell was pleased with the way things worked out and was surprised by how much people know about service dogs. He encourages questions because every dog has different boundaries.

"Communication is as important as anything else," he said. "Everything really depends on the dog. There is also this illusion that you can't pet the dog. It's all about communicating. Always ask. He's a pet. He's like a school mascot now."

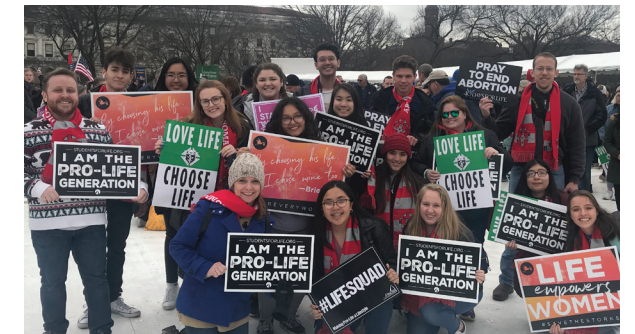
**"I HAVE A SPECIAL HARNESS HE WEARS WHEN HE GOES RUNNING WITH ME, WHICH IS REALLY UNIQUE," MCCONNELL SAID. "THE SCHOOL I WENT TO IS ONE OF THE ONLY ONES IN THE UNITED STATES THAT SPECIALIZES IN THIS TYPE OF TRAINING, SO I CAN TAKE HIM OUT TO RUN. WE RAN WITH THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM THIS SUMMER, AND HE LOVES IT."**

## FAITH IN ACTION

BY KELLY ALLEN

Learning to put our faith into action is an ongoing process. For the past two years, Bishop McGuinness students have been able to rise to this challenge through participating in the March for Life in Washington, DC. In January, 15 students and three teachers traveled to DC to learn more about the pro-life movement, advocate for life, and build relationships with fellow Catholic students from across the country.

Students were challenged to make the movement a part of their everyday lives. Wyatt Lanphear '21 stated, "As someone who has always taken an interest in politics, integrating my faith into my political and moral decision-making is integral to who I am." Katherine Ramirez '21 learned that "being pro-life means being able to put in the effort to change our current society for future generations."



**For many of the students, just being in the company of so many like-minded young people was welcoming. "I believe being pro-life isn't just telling women not to have abortions," Shelby Savely '21 said. "It's about helping them seek an alternative route and helping them through the process. I can't do this on my own, so being surrounded by other teenagers who have the same passion makes my dream feel like it could one day be a reality."**



Students have seen changes in their lives because of the trip. Paula Le '21 journeyed to the March for Life two years in a row. "I have become a more open person in terms of believing in things and investing time into them," she explained. "The person I was a year ago would've probably been shocked, seeing me become more aware and involved in matters that I thought were too complicated."



# CULTURAL COMPETENCE AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE

BY VELEECIA HEARNE-McKEEVER

## HUMILITY. FAITH. INCLUSION

The Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School community is threaded in countless values—humility, faith, and inclusion are just a few to name. With our ever-changing nation and world, maintaining our faith and values are the ways in which we reach our community and advocate for social justice through understanding who we are as faculty, staff, and students.

Bishop McGuinness is focused on the growth and development of not only academics for our students, but also being “A Person for Others.” Inclusion is at the heart of the Catholic faith, as we work to strengthen our school community with cultural competence for faculty, staff, and students. It is our belief that cultural competence and inclusion is at the core of our mission in understanding ourselves and those around us. The makeup of our school community encompasses a wide range of diversities, whether cultural, disability, socioeconomic or religious. With this awareness, our intention is to acknowledge and celebrate those differences that make our community unique in every way.

**This school year, Bishop McGuinness has taken action in developing the Cultural Competence and Inclusion Initiative for Teachers led by Veleecia Hearne-McKeever, senior academic counselor.**

Bishop McGuinness will focus on providing opportunities to connect, listen, engage, and learn from those in our school community, the great state of Oklahoma, and beyond. Through the initiative, focus is placed in three areas of understanding in its beginning stages: uncovering our own biases, navigating difficult conversations, and dispelling myths within marginalized groups.

It is our hope to develop change agents who are open to the challenges they may encounter in our world. The Cultural Competence and Inclusion Initiative will work to develop thoughtful, inclusive, and impactful community leaders in all their future endeavors. The work begins here.

“Most of my important lessons about life have come from recognizing how others from a different culture view things.”

— Edgar H. Schein



# ADAPTING TO DISTANCE LEARNING

BY JACOB LEO MARINO '20



Being part of the now infamous class of 2020 has, in an odd way, given me a sense of hope for myself and my generation.

No one would expect a global pandemic to cut their senior year short by two months. It quite honestly sounds like the stuff that young adult novels are made of. "In a world where a rapidly spreading disease takes away the hopes of 200+ 18-year-olds..." Of course, it wasn't quite that dramatic. I remember being on spring break when my friends broke the news that we wouldn't be heading back to physical classes for at least two weeks, maybe more. I didn't know how to feel. Initially, it was, "Aw, sick! I get to do school from home! I'll have so much free time to do a whole bunch of things I love!" That narrative proved itself untrue within two weeks of our online classes. It got old. We were restless and frustrated that something we had worked toward for almost four years would most likely be taken away from us. Even the most apathetic among us recognized the disappointing nature of having no Olympics, no prom, no sports regionals or state, and, certainly, no true graduation.

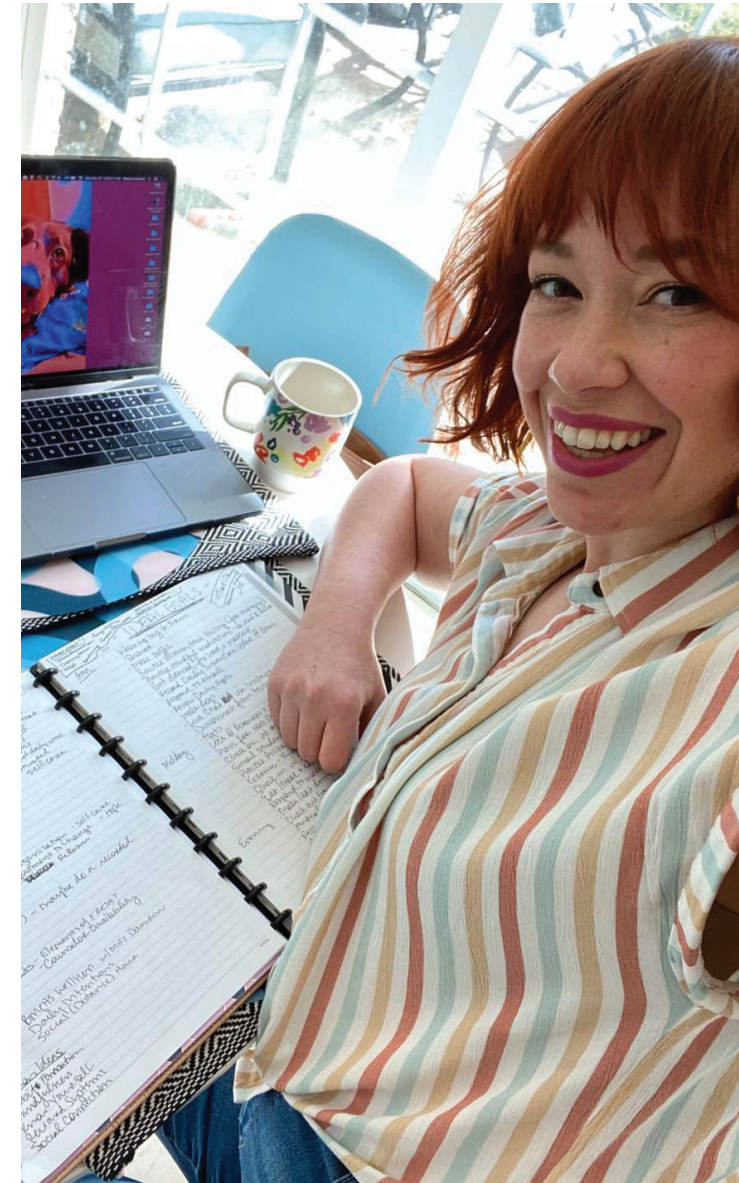
A few weeks into our online schooling escapade, I started to see things a bit differently.

All of the canceled events, all of the adaptations we made to our academic processes, all of the postponements to what should have been a final send-off into the real world was, most literally, the best possible training we could've gotten. We as a generation were born into a world at conflict in the weeks and months following the worst terrorist attack the U.S. had ever seen. We grew up through the 2008 financial crisis, when many of us watched our parents stressed beyond comprehension, facing an unknown future. We lost classmates, family members, and role models. Most notably, we graduated through a global pandemic that has taken the lives of thousands of innocent souls. In the face of utmost hardships, we have persevered. We have taken all of the challenges the world has thrown at us in stride and never once let it deter us. We haven't simply survived—we've thrived.

All of these aforementioned roadblocks have accumulated into hope for my generation. The real world is filled with uncertainty. I firmly believe my generation will be the trailblazers for those who follow us, able to handle anything and everything the world throws at us. We have the opportunity to change the world for the better because of the experiences under our belts to know how to handle any challenges we may face. We're the soldiers of hardship, with hearts that know true compassion. We have tools for a brighter tomorrow. I speak with complete honesty when I say that I wouldn't trade graduating through a pandemic for the world.

# WELLNESS IN COVID-19

BY REBECCA DAMRON-WHITEHEAD



WHEN THE COUNSELING TEAM LEARNED WE WOULD SHIFT INTO A DISTANCE-LEARNING MODEL FOLLOWING SPRING BREAK, WE KNEW WE WOULD HAVE TO GET CREATIVE WITH HOW WE STAYED CONNECTED AND AVAILABLE FOR OUR STUDENTS. WE WERE ENTERING UNCHARTED TERRITORY.

We believed we could stay connected with our tried-and-true students, those who frequented our offices throughout the year just to chat, share their hardships, or seek academic support. However, we were concerned for the students who would not reach out when they needed us most. This concern is what birthed the idea for the Bishop McGuinness Wellness Instagram. My hope was to create a daily connection with students by providing access to a familiar face in unfamiliar times. I wanted to give students a reason to wake up in the morning and start their day on a positive, hopeful note; thus began Damron's Daily Intentions. The plan was to livestream every weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. for the two weeks of quarantine. As we now know, that evolved into 40 days of recorded videos and livestreams. I had no idea what would emerge through this process, but it truly became a gift from God. I developed connections with students who had never walked through my door while on campus. I learned that parents watched with their teens and shared in deep discussions with each other. Faculty members and students were communicating via the livestreams, finding common ground in their interests and aspirations. These new and unexpected experiences proved that what we needed most in this time of hardship was connection. In a world of uncertainty, we found a way to adapt to our circumstances, ensuring that we remained united as one Irish family.



**AS SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS, WE BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE MOST SPECIAL TIMES OF THE YEAR IS GRADUATION AND ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH SENDING OUR SENIOR CLASS OUT INTO THE WORLD. BACCALAUREATE, ROBING, BANQUETS, AWARDS CEREMONIES, AND GRADUATION DAY ITSELF ARE ALL DESIGNED TO HONOR THE HARD WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO ACHIEVING THIS VERY IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE LIVES OF OUR SENIORS.**

But COVID-19 made all of those events difficult to have, at least in their usual formats. During distance learning, the seniors most often asked teachers and administrators questions concerning graduation activities and what would even be possible to celebrate their end of high school. They were grieving the loss of what they thought their senior year would be. They desperately wanted to see their friends, teachers, and coaches, and they really just wanted to set foot back on campus and feel like a normal graduate for a while.

Teaching seniors is unique in that we get to help them transition away from our school, a place that has been their home for four years. Second semester is when that transition really starts to happen, but once we went to distance learning, even teachers were left feeling as though we had unfinished business with our seniors. We had been counting on having more time with them to make sure all our objectives had been met and lessons had been taught, but, more importantly, we had been counting on having the time to say goodbye.

The new format of the robing ceremony really fit the needs of our school community. While still following safety guidelines and social distancing, students and their immediate families were able to experience the seniors put on their caps and gowns for the first time, receive a blessing from Father Grover and Deacon Grover, and take photos. We heard from multiple parents that they were grateful for the opportunities this experience provided their seniors. The students were able to see some of their close friends and peers from afar; many stood outside and socially-distant visited long after they had walked through all of the stations in McCarthy Gymnasium. Being able to see them at robing and wish them a wonderful future felt a little more like closure for us, as well as the seniors.



**OLYMPICS IS A TIME-HONORED TRADITION AT BISHOP McGUINNESS. IT'S A WEEK FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES, SHORT SCHEDULES, AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION THAT TAKES SO MUCH PLANNING.**

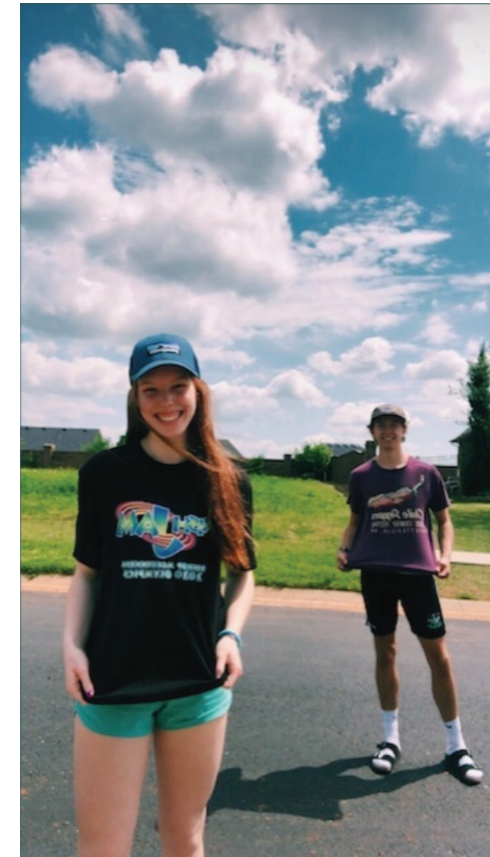
Last year, my co-chair, Brooke West '20, and I had big plans. We wanted to completely revamp the Olympics tradition, breaking down the how-to guide for putting on Olympics months in advance. We wanted student input to add new events and increase student involvement and excitement. We planned schoolwide decorations, brainstormed a blacklight assembly that would surely dazzle, and started organizing a philanthropic angle. We wanted to give back and give meaning to this tradition beyond the friendly competition that defines the event.

It was a massive undertaking, but with the green light from our sponsors and administration, we were full-steam ahead—until March 12, the Thursday before spring break. The leadership class was told that if COVID-19 got worse, we may have to lose a week of planning due to an extended spring break. Worst-case scenario, Olympics may have to be pared down to a minimum to make up for the lost school days. We all laughed, maskless and confident that things wouldn't get that bad. We surely would bounce back, leaving school certain that we would return to our planning and schedules with even greater fervor.

Cut to three weeks later, when Brooke told me it was unlikely we would even go back to school, much less be able to have Olympics as we had known it at all. I wish I could say I took it in stride and immediately jumped into backup plans with Pollyanna optimism. I actually cried for a good minute, as no such backup plans existed. Like so many things this spring, I was existing in limbo, and I had never dreamed of an event so intrinsic to our traditions being canceled.

After wallowing in my pajamas for a day, I joined Brooke, Mrs. Hightower, and Mr. Morton on a Zoom call. Mr. Morton said if we could find a way to continue the Olympics tradition from home, he was all ears. And so, the first-ever virtual Olympics was born.

Brooke and I spent hours comparing our before-COVID-19 plan and figuring out what could be modified or kept. A lot of events simply weren't possible to do at home, and we didn't want to ask people to leave their homes to participate in socially distant events with everything shut down. However, some things were easily adapted, such as the art contest and Class Feud, which could continue from home. Other events were completely new and soon became favorites, like the hilarious and scarily accurate teacher impersonations. Brooke and I expected the die-hard students to participate, maybe a few of the bored and restless to join in; we did not expect the absolute flood of submissions and excitement from both the student body and the faculty.

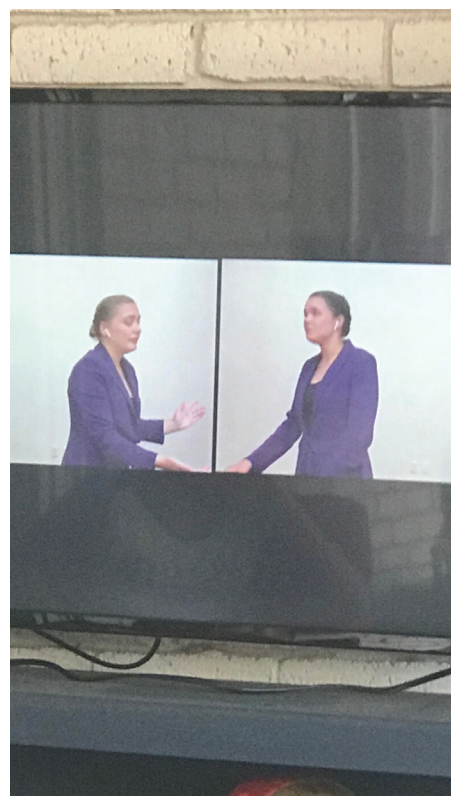


With the help of our Communications Coordinator Hadley Ferguson '21, STUCO President Clare Jordan '20, Class President Peyton McCuan '21, and our amazing video production team composed of Jacob Marino '20, Ethan Silvernail '20, and Jake Williams '21, we were able to create an entirely new tradition that ended up more successful than we ever could have imagined. Brooke and I sorted through dozens of submissions of dancing videos, at-home scavenger hunts, and virtual rock-paper-scissors results every day. The video production team made daily-results YouTube videos and organized a YouTube Premier with the final overall results of the 2020 Virtual Olympics. Hadley managed to keep the entire student body updated and celebrating the at-home dress-up days through Instagram Stories. And, of course, we couldn't have done any of this without the support of our STUCO sponsors and the wonderful administration who helped us continue this time-honored tradition.

While it wasn't what we expected, Brooke and I did leave our mark on Olympics, even if we did it from behind a screen. I had people texting and emailing me saying this was the most fun they had had for a school event in a long time. Was that heightened due to the boredom of mandatory quarantines? Maybe. But most of all, I think it was the excitement of a new take on a favorite tradition and the taste of normalcy in a year filled with unprecedented situations. I'm so incredibly proud of the 2020 Virtual Olympics, and I'm excited to see what this year will hold.

# JORDAN AND LEONARD FINISH SIXTH IN THE NATION

BY CATIE LEONARD '21



**SPEECH AND DEBATE IS AN ACTIVITY THAT SPARKS PASSION, INFLUENCES INVOLVEMENT, HELPS DEVELOP COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, BUILDS A FAMILY.** Although Speech and Debate tends to be an individually competitive activity and skill, we are always able to accomplish much more as a team. The 2019-2020 school year was a very successful year for our Bishop McGuinness team. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, under the leadership of Brett Young, we were headed to the regional competition with 50 students representing Bishop McGuinness—the most students that have ever qualified to compete at regionals from our school. We were eager, prepared, and excited to see who would advance to the state competition. Of course, the event was cancelled, and, like many other student athletes and competitors, we were very disappointed we never had the opportunity to finish the year.

Our team was, however, able to compete at the NSDA District Tournament in March. This competition qualified the top 3 students in every event for the National Speech and Debate Tournament. After many rounds of competing, Clare Jordan '20 and I were fortunate enough to be the district champions in Duo Interpretation. This exciting recognition meant Clare, Mr. Young, and I would be on our way to the national tournament in Albuquerque, New Mexico, over the summer. Clare is one of my best friends. To work with her and Mr. Young all year on something so meaningful and then to hear our names called to represent Oklahoma at Nationals was a feeling that I will never forget; tears were shed, hugs were endless, and the excitement was unreal. The piece we would bring to compete with was titled "Divided Minds," written by Pamela and Carolyn Spiro. We

portrayed twin sisters growing up together as one battles schizophrenia. The topic was heavy, but the overall lesson was the impact that family has on the way you love and the way you look at life. There wasn't a single time that we performed the piece that I didn't look at Clare at the end and cry. Even though we are not blood related, our companionship last year truly made me feel as if I had gained a sister for life, and I know I have.

**WHEN THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WAS SHIFTED TO A "VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE," WE CONTINUED TO BE EXCITED AND TO WORK JUST AS HARD BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OUR PIECE HOLDS NOT ONLY IN OUR OWN HEARTS, BUT IN THE HEARTS OF OUR ENTIRE TEAM, WHICH CONSTANTLY SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED US.**

This was new territory for everyone. After recording our parts separately while social distancing, we transferred our duo into a "split-screen" style and submitted it. Two hundred-forty duos entered our division, and after six rounds we advanced to the Top 60—our goal! I cannot explain the excitement we felt as we advanced to the Top 30, then Top 14, and finally Top 6—in the nation! Simply competing at the national level was a dream, and being national finalists was something that never even occurred to me as a possible reality. The moment our code, "D172," was awarded the 6th-place title nationally, I knew it was something I will always remember, cherish, and hold onto dearly. Because of all this, I am thankful for Clare Jordan, I am thankful for Mr. Young, and I am thankful for our Speech and Debate team at Bishop McGuinness—my family. I can't wait to see what the future holds for our Bishop McGuinness Speech and Debate team!

# JOURNEY FROM CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO NURSING

BY ADELE EDMONDS '15

Catholic education has long been a staple in my family. During my time at McGuinness, I competed in cross country, track, soccer, and served on student council and in campus ministry. My involvement fostered a sense of belonging and helped me learn leadership and discipline. Starting sophomore year, I traveled three times to the Santisimo Sacramento mission in Peru. My encounters with the mission community enriched my soul; the people's joy and faith serve as a reminder to me of what really matters in life.

After graduating, I attended Saint Mary's College in Indiana. Early on, I was undecided about my academic focus. I knew Saint Mary's offered an excellent nursing program, but science had never come easy. I wrestled with the notion of following in the footsteps of my grandfather, a psychiatrist, and my dad and uncle, who are surgeons. My parents encouraged me to give nursing a try, and I was accepted into the program my junior year. It turns out I would flourish in the program, finding my voice and my calling.



The summer before my senior year, I studied in Rome and worked with Holy Cross sisters in a rural village clinic in Uganda. We treated patients with infectious diseases, led immunization outreaches, and tended to expectant mothers and victims of domestic violence. The sisters had limited resources, but they taught us to adapt quickly and think critically.



After graduating from nursing school, I started a first-year residency program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Just six months in, COVID-19 emerged. Given the outbreak potential in an urban area like Chicago, the hospital converted entire units to treat COVID-19 patients. We researched personal protective equipment and crafted new policies.

Days off from work were often the most difficult. I would see very sick patients at work and then have difficulty processing it at home. I was living alone, and Chicago was shut down. To keep sharp and optimistic, I would go for runs, make art, and call loved ones. My sister Charlotte stayed with me for about a month. She would make me dinner, clean my apartment, and just be a listening ear when I needed it. I also built a "quarantine family" of nurse friends I could rely on for support.

In April I was assigned to a COVID-19 intensive-care unit, where my professional growth accelerated. The experienced nurses who trained me exhibited such composure under stress. The following month, I was promoted to the charge nurse in the step down unit. In this role I developed patient-care plans with doctors and therapists, created shift schedules, and assisted social workers in the discharge process. Most significantly, I served as a support system to nurses who directly cared for patients, offering second opinions as needed. This was all more responsibility than most nurses encounter so early in their careers, but it was a tremendous growth experience. Caring for COVID-19 patients ultimately came to feel like a privilege. It was incredibly rewarding when one of my patients was reunited with their loved ones after spending months in the hospital.

I love that nursing gives me a tangible way to serve and care for others, and, looking back, my choice of career makes perfect sense.

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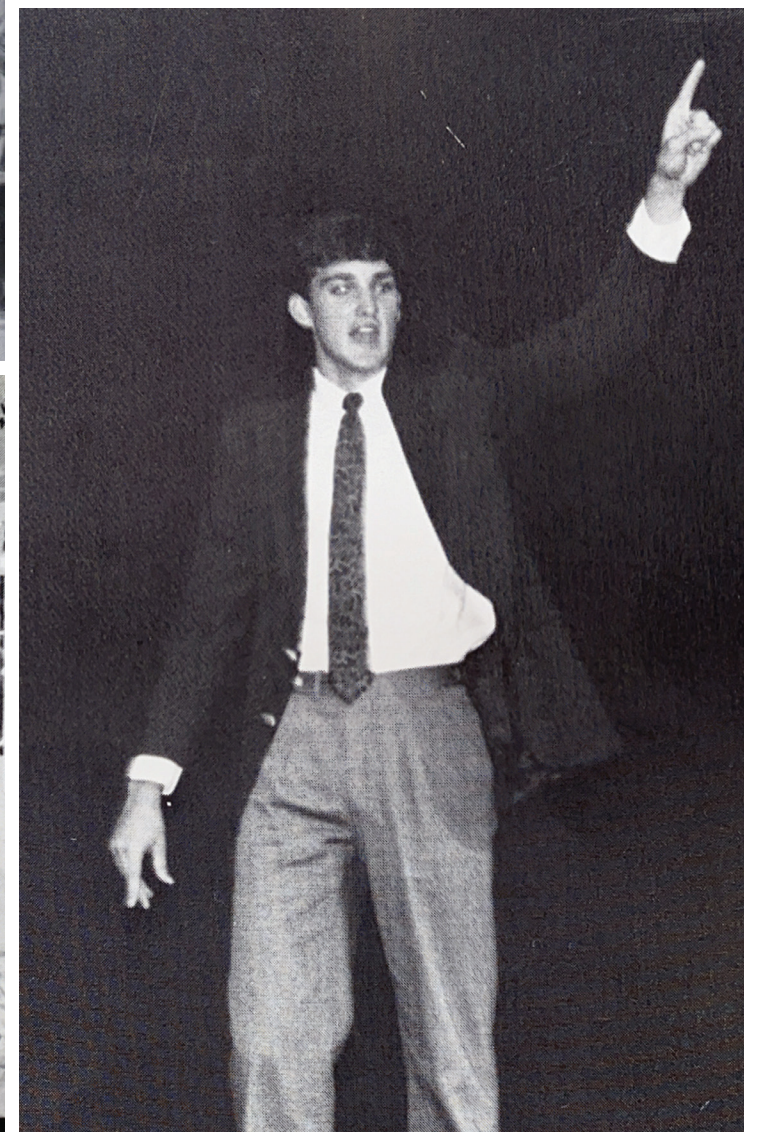
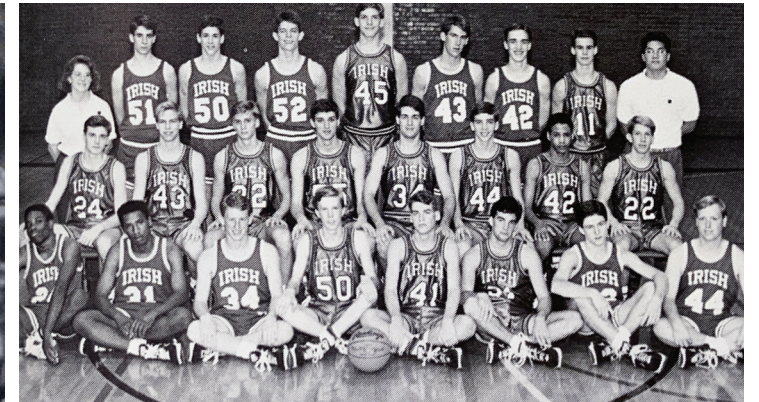
# HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SPARKS LIFELONG PASSION

DAVID CHANSOLME WAS A JUNIOR  
IN MR. HOWE'S ANATOMY CLASS  
WHEN HE DECIDED HE WANTED TO  
BECOME A PHYSICIAN.

TODAY, THE 1989 GRADUATE IS ON  
THE FRONT LINES BATTLING COVID-19  
AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF INFECTION  
PREVENTION AT INTEGRIS HEALTH.

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He recently sat for an interview to reflect on his time at Bishop McGuinness and its impact on him, to describe his educational and career path, and to offer advice to current students.





△ Drew '23, Elizabeth, Jenny, David '89, Natalie '18, Luke '21

**Q:** Tell us a little bit about yourself—your life, hobbies, family.

**A:** I was born in France and moved to Oklahoma in 1975. I was raised in St. Francis of Assisi Parish and attended Rosary before coming to McGuinness and graduating in 1989. I married a wonderful woman from Deer Creek, Jenny, and we have four beautiful children. We attend Christ the King and have sent all four of our children through CK—one McGuinness grad, two currently there, and one Class of 2026 or something like that. Two active boys and two active girls. Our lives revolve around their activities, and I have been lucky enough to coach all of them in basketball and some other activities about which I know nothing. We like to ski and have a place in Crested Butte. My sons and I all play guitar and like to use that as an outlet for stress, creativity, etc. I collect old Jeep CJs, which are currently in various states of disrepair in my garage. At least one of them is running, I am sure. My favorite hobby is to watch my kids play sports, dance, act, and participate in their other various activities. Quarantine has been kind to my cooking skills but not so kind to my waistline. Jenny and I love to create stuff in our kitchen, although we usually just create messes and most everything comes out “blackened.” I have a woefully neglected horse, and we enjoy spending time on the Chansolme Family Ranch in the Arbuckles, fishing, hunting, and setting things on fire.

**Q:** What activities did you participate in at Bishop McGuinness?

**A:** I was a member of National Honor Society, French Club, MESS (McGuinness Engineering and Science Society), and some other academic organizations. I played basketball all four years and was on the track team my junior and senior years.

**Q:** Following high school, where did you attend college? What was your college journey and postgraduate journey?

**A:** I went to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, with another '89 grad, Andy Gormley (also a McGuinness parent), and played basketball (albeit poorly) while I was there. After four years at Emory, I came home to Oklahoma City and attended the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, graduating in 1997. Then, I moved to New Orleans, where I completed a residency in internal medicine before moving to Birmingham, Alabama, for a post-residency fellowship in the subspecialty of infectious diseases. Two of our kids were born in New Orleans and one in Birmingham. Our fourth was born here in OKC. We moved home to OKC in 2004, and I established a solo private practice on the campus of Integris Southwest Medical Center in south OKC.

**Q:** Tell us a little about your career path that has led you to your current position.

**A:** I started out as an internal medicine intern because I knew a residency in internal medicine was right for me, but I also knew I wanted to subspecialize. At the beginning of medical school, I was certain I wanted to be a surgeon. However, ten minutes into my first witnessed surgery, I passed out. Thus, an internist was born. New Orleans in the '90s was experiencing a very large problem with HIV and AIDS. Those first few years were spent taking care of the sickest patients I have ever seen, and I loved every minute of it. I tried hard to focus on pulmonology, cardiology, and gastroenterology, but I kept gravitating back to infectious diseases. By my third year of residency, I was certain I was going to be an ID doctor. I still love what I do every day, and I am happy to be able to practice in a specialty I love.

**Q:** What challenges and successes have you experienced in your career path?

**A:** I think it goes without saying that COVID-19 has been the biggest challenge of my career. It has changed the way we approach so much in medicine, society, politics, school...everything. And I found myself unwittingly in the middle of it. I hope one day I will be able to call it my biggest success too. We learn so much every day, and, with such a fast-moving epidemic, the differences we have made are so much more noticeable. I have enjoyed working in advocacy for HIV issues in our community and being a voice for some of the more disenfranchised among our citizens.

**Q:** How did your time at Bishop McGuinness help guide you to such an important and successful career?

**A:** I decided I wanted to be a physician when I was 16 years old. I was taking anatomy with Mr. Howe junior year, and I loved it. The material resonated with me, and I just kind of thought that is what I would end up doing. And I did. In my graduating class, there are at least 10 physicians, if not more. Several are outstanding physicians here in OKC—many with children at McGuinness. Andy and I went to high school, college, and medical school together. One of my other best friends from McGuinness, Nick Conger, is also an infectious diseases physician on the Gulf Coast. He and I still communicate almost every day. Bishop McGuinness is truly a college-preparatory school. Although I chose a challenging profession, I know the work I put in from 1985-89 prepared me to take on those challenges, and the coursework was not dissimilar to the things I did at a top-25 university. Be it Mr. Howe's

anatomy class, Ms. Hathcoat's economics class—the hardest class I took at McGuinness—or late nights in the physics lab with Mr. Bode before the local science fairs, learning was challenging and fun. Coach Pigg pushed me harder than anyone I have ever known, and although I didn't appreciate it then, it made me a better person and made me push myself harder too. I appreciate all of the lessons my teachers and coaches taught me at McGuinness, and I appreciate the influence they had on my development. We do a terrible job as students saying thank you to our teachers. The impact they have is so profound and so underappreciated. They are truly doing the most important work in the world. Having these experiences in a Catholic environment only connected me to my faith that much more, and that is probably the greatest treasure McGuinness gives its students. Although students may not realize it now, that foundation will pay dividends later in life.

**Q:** What advice would you give a current student just beginning their professional journey?

**A:** It sounds so cliché, but do what you love. I had no idea I would be an infectious diseases specialist/epidemiologist when I was 16. I knew I would be a doctor. Then I let the education pull me in the direction intended for me. I am very happy I did not major in hard science in college—I majored in anthropology, more of a mix between social science and biological science—and the classes I enjoyed the most were not what I had to take. I took a class in medical anthropology on a whim, and it changed my life forever, because that is when I fell in love with infectious diseases. We studied Kuru, a form of mad cow disease. My favorite class in college was my art history class—I still have the textbook—and I took three classes in African-American literature. I also had a minor in religion. None of the classes were in Catholicism, but it opened the world up to me and made me appreciate more than one worldview. A liberal arts degree does more for a person than one can possibly fathom. It teaches critical thought, reasoning, and appreciation for so many different facets of society. Take a random class every now and again while maintaining a course for what you think you might want to do. Don't be surprised if you find something else you love even more along the way. Most importantly, don't ever be afraid to fail. It is only through trying new things that we learn. If one fears failure greatly, then one will never try and, thus, never succeed. There is no such thing as luck, only that time when preparation meets opportunity. Challenge yourself, and luck will find you.

## PASTORING DURING A PANDEMIC

BY REV. STEPHEN V. HAMILTON '91

*Fr. Hamilton would like to thank his Rosary and Bishop McGuinness classmate Chris Braun '91 for the composition of this piece.*

**ON MARCH 17, IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC, ARCHBISHOP COAKLEY SUSPENDED THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS. THOUGH I FULLY EXPECTED THE CLOSURE, ONCE THE DECISION WAS OFFICIAL, IT STILL FELT LIKE A BLOW. IT WAS DISORIENTING TO REALIZE WE COULD NOT PHYSICALLY GATHER IN CHURCH EACH WEEK.**

I heard from parishioners who were distraught, upset, and angry. I wondered how I could bring Holy Mass closer to my people. The idea of celebrating outdoors immediately came to mind. Asking people to remain in their cars would accommodate health precautions, and the experience would at least be preferable to no Mass at all. Perhaps the idea came to me naturally because of my days in Rome, when the pope would celebrate major Masses in St. Peter's Square.

One obstacle to address was how people would hear the Mass. I thought of Christmas displays in which the lights are synchronized to music played through a car radio. It just so happens that I have a parishioner who puts up such a display each year! He connected his FM transmitter to the parish sound system and, being the skilled craftsman he is, constructed the outdoor altar. All this came together in just a few days, and consequently, on the first Sunday of closure, March 22, we were ready to go. I had simply provided the idea. It was the knowledge, expertise, and generosity of parishioners that brought it together so wonderfully.

That first weekend there was a palpably rich and grateful "feel" in the air, and I had a sense of accomplishment. Hours after the Masses concluded, however, I started feeling flush and warm. I momentarily panicked, thinking perhaps I had been too risky and contracted COVID-19. After a few moments of thinking more rationally, I realized that having been outside all morning and into the afternoon had sunburned my fair Irish skin. Thus, from that week onward, applying sunscreen became part of my vesting procedure!

Each weekend without fail, a car horn would honk at some seemingly random point of the Mass. I was unsure whether this was a way to say "Amen" or maybe an expression of agreement (or displeasure) with

a homily statement! A parishioner suggested the interruption likely resulted from a child crawling into the driver's lap and inadvertently hitting the horn, which made sense and turned my mild annoyance into amusement.

Even though I was unable to interact directly with parishioners, the full parking lot spoke volumes about their appreciation. Certainly, things were far from ideal. Sitting in a car, especially for large families with small children, is not exactly the most prayerful atmosphere. That said, attendees were able to follow a fairly normal Sunday routine. They got up, prepared for church, and were truly present for Mass. It felt more communal than watching a livestream.



Reopening has been challenging. It has been wonderful to be back inside the church, but hymns are still gone and music is minimal. We don't congregate after Mass for valuable fellowship. I would

say the most challenging aspect of being a pastor during the pandemic has been mental exhaustion. Making plans for events is certainly more complicated now because a litany of questions arise about required precautions.

I am happy to report there have been silver linings. Especially in March and April, when many day-to-day parish tasks were put on hold, my daily life could focus more squarely on the sacred, on living and preaching the Gospel. I was rewarded and fulfilled by learning new ways to evangelize (e.g., with a YouTube channel), offering the sacraments in the most normal fashion possible, and assuring people of Christ's presence in the midst of uncertainty.

The pandemic experience has brought the existential questions of life to the fore. With so many weeks of the dispensation from one's Mass obligation, I have been mulling over how we, pastors and faithful alike, reevangelize the lukewarm and reach those who do not know the Church. How do we adjust to this new reality while still proclaiming to all corners the Lord Jesus and his Gospel? I pray for God's protection and guidance for all of us.

**SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE HAD AN AWAKENING OF SORTS. SEVERAL HAVE RETURNED TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH, AND SOME NON-CATHOLICS ARE SHOWING UP AT CHURCH, SEEKING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

## DREAM ON HOLD FOR 2015 GRADUATE

**JOE CORBETT DREAMED AND WORKED HARD FOR JUNE 4, 2019—THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT.** At the time, he was a senior at West Texas A&M University in Amarillo, Texas. Joe and his teammates were together for a watch party when he got "the call." His dream came true, as he was selected by the Texas Rangers in the 10th round—a moment that would change his life.

In the 2019 season, Joe played for the Rangers Minor League Organization. He ended the season pitching in 24.1 innings with a 1.48 ERA, three wins, zero losses, four saves, and 30 strikeouts. Joe worked out all off-season and was excited to report to Spring Training 2020 for the Texas Rangers at the start of February.

Joe spent the next five weeks training as the starting pitcher for whichever team he was assigned. But everything changed on March 12, when COVID-19 interrupted the season. Initially, the team owners said the season would be delayed a few weeks and to go home and be ready for a call to come back. But that call never came for the Minor League players.

Back in Oklahoma City, Joe continues to work on his dream. "My time at Bishop McGuinness was an important time in my life and baseball journey," he said. "Being around positive and knowledgeable people helped me find my direction and encouraged me to chase it. It also showed me how important faith is in life. A relationship with God is everything and can bring unlimited peace and happiness. The year 2020 has been a year of uncertainty and patience for all of us, but having God by your side through it all makes it not so bad!"

His goal is to get one step closer to the "big leagues" during the 2021 season, and to do that he has a workout, diet, and throwing program he follows every day to stay healthy. So if you drive past the Joe Cook Baseball Field, keep an eye out for the big 6'5" pitcher as he works Toward the Top.



## SENIOR SEASONS CUT SHORT

BY LUKE WIENECKE '21

**PITCHER AND FIRST BASEMAN WILL HOCH '20 LEARNED ABOUT OSSAA'S DECISION TO CANCEL SPRING SPORTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** He was crushed but, in the grand scheme of things, knows it was the right thing to do, even though the baseball team had high hopes for the season.

"We were looking pretty good, and I knew we had the talent to make a deep run," Hoch said. "We were starting to click early in the year, and I think this was going to be our best team out of my four years here by far."

At the collegiate level, recruiting programs were scrambling for junior looks in the spring. The lack of an opportunity to showcase to schools has left a confusing void in offers.

"We had a few guys that were looking for offers and looks," Hoch said. "It really takes tons of chances away, not only because they didn't get to play and, therefore, not get seen, but since the NCAA granted all spring

athletes another year of eligibility, it makes things really crowded at those schools and more difficult for kids to get a spot anywhere on the map."

Tennis, golf, track, and soccer also saw their seasons get taken away. Ryan Schwartz '21 plays No. 1 doubles with Tristen Nguyen; both hoped to place at state. However, tennis is far from the only sport that had its shot at a title dashed; girls soccer was also poised for a state run.

"Everyone said it was going to be us and Bishop Kelley in the state championship, so that would have been super fun," goalie Madeline Neff '21 said.

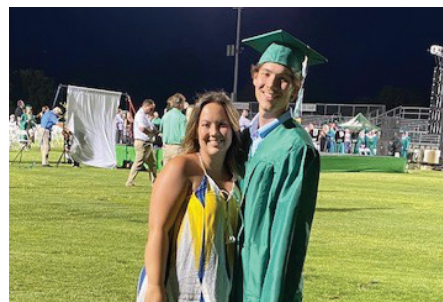
While this global health crisis takes precedence over sports, the cancellations, postponements, and suspensions in the sports world will no doubt have their fair share of consequences for all involved.



**CLASS OF 2020 LEGACIES**



**BAILY ABRAMS '20** with grandfather Richard Tuohy '69 and mother Ashly Tuohy Abrams '96



**HUNTER BYRUM '20** with sister Allie Byrum '13



**BROOKS COATS '20** with father Sanford Coats '90



**CHARLES NOVAK '20** with sister Bridget Novak '13, brother Henry Novak '15, and sister Frances Novak '17



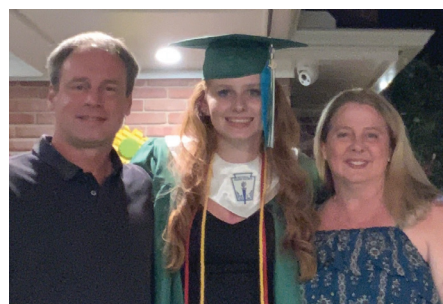
**JAKE O'DONNELL '20** with brother Nick O'Donnell '18 and mother Beth McFall O'Donnell '81



**LILY-QUYNH PHAM '20** with brother Eric Pham '17



**ELLA CONDON '20** with brother Owen Condon '18



**LIBBY JANTZEN '20** with stepfather Trey Donnelly '87 and mother Margaret Holden Donnelly '87



**BLAKE DOLAN '20** with Sheryl Neyer Dolan '83, Brian Dolan '86, Shane Dolan '18, and Patrick Dolan '14



**CONNOR QUIGLEY '20** with brother Bryan Quigley '18



**GEORGANNA REED '20** with cousin Lexi Joyce '19 and sister Gabi Reed '18



**WILLIAM HENRY ROOKS '20** with mother Lisa Corsoro Rooks '89



**SUNNI FOSTER '20** with mother Brigett Todd Foster '88



**ELLIE FRANKS '20** with John Franks '82, Mike Grim '82, Matt Grim '89, and Orena Grim Franks '89



**CALE HARTMAN '20** with father Guy Hartman '84



**STERLING SENNER '20** with mother Deborah McAuliffe Senner '78 and brother Brevin Senner '16



**ETHAN SILVERNAIL '20** with father Christopher Silvernail '94 and mother Brigitte Gumerson Silvernail '96



**CAYLA THOMPSON '20** with Christy Thompson '99



**EVAN ILLE '20** with father Frank Ille '87



**ABIGAIL MILES '20** with sister Megan Miles Gorham '07



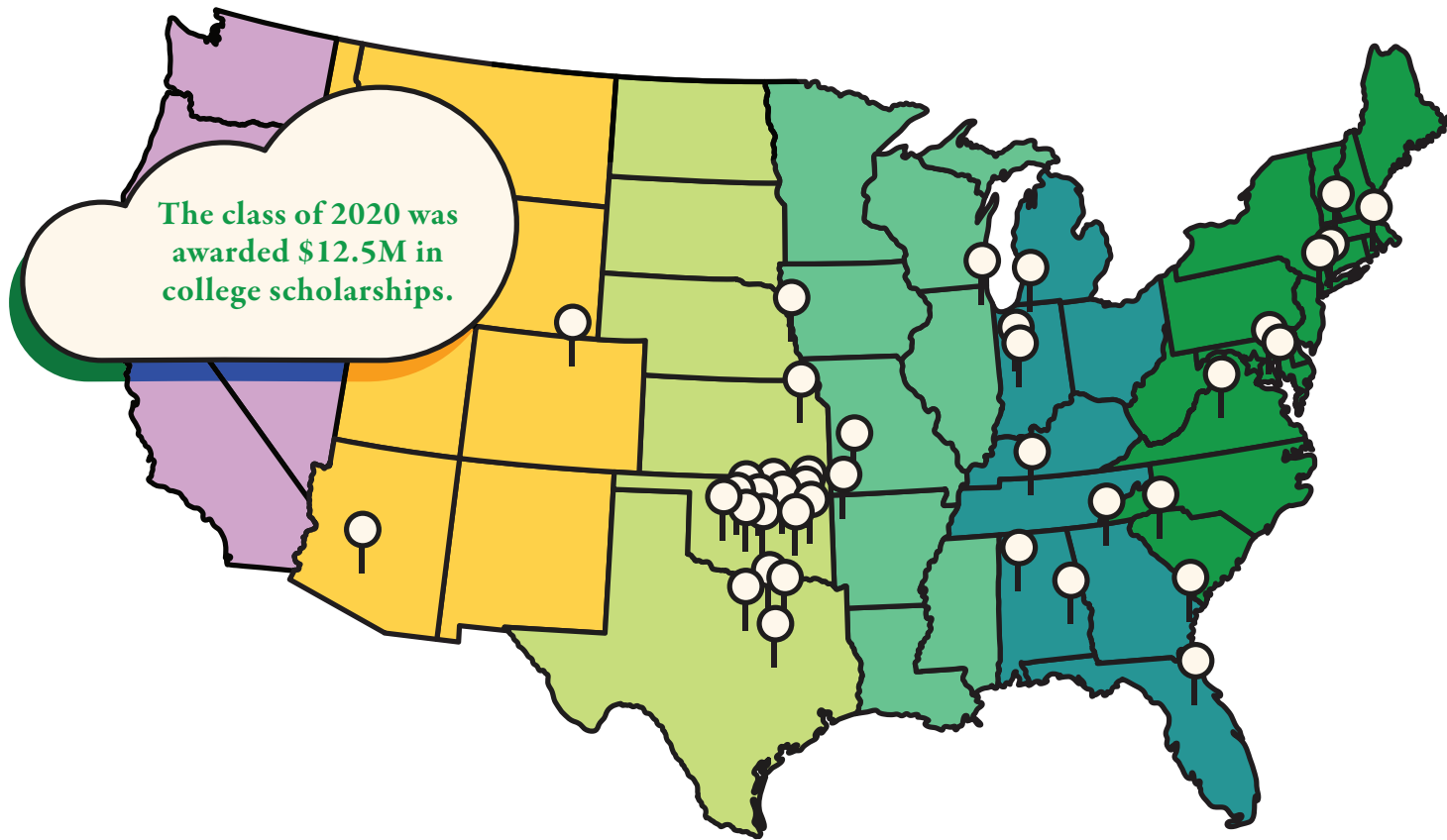
**SOPHI LOESSBERG '20** with mother Cheylin Loessberg '88



**SLATER AND LOUIS WARD '20** with aunt Susie Dennis '68, cousin Angelina Stancampiano '10, cousin Anthony Stancampiano '11, cousin Jennifer Stancampiano '12, cousin Emily McConnell '98, cousin Peter McConnell '94, mother Maribeth Ward '73, sister Marianna AlSugair '07, and father Joe Ward '77



**EMMA WARDEN '20** with father Sam Warden '88



**MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT**

To Bishop McGuinness Family and Friends:

**IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE NEWEST GRADUATES OF BISHOP MCGUINNESS, THE CLASS OF 2020.**

WOW, what a year 2020 has turned out to be—nothing that we expected or anticipated. Shout out to all Alumni Executive Committee members, Bishop McGuinness staff, and students for going with the flow and accomplishing distance learning. The class of 2020 had to develop patience, fortitude, and flexibility way beyond their years. I have no doubt that these assets will serve them for the rest of their lives. In some ways, they are better prepared for the future than others who have graduated before them—including me.

The Bishop McGuinness Alumni Executive Committee keeps alumni connected to their alma mater; it strengthens the bonds among alumni and their families; it helps all members thrive in their faith, through fellowship and service on behalf of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School and the wider community, and it promotes each member's growth in becoming a Christ-centered Person for Others.

I have worked on the Alumni Executive Committee with some amazing alumni over the last 12 years! I would like to thank Chris Borders '82 (10 years), Chris Neumann '96 (9 years), Chris Engle '78 (3 years), John Edwards '96 (9 years), Gena Wright '98 (4 years), and Darren Derryberry '84 (4 years) for your years of service and dedication to the AEC. It has been my pleasure working with each of you. These six amazing alumni will take a step down in May 2021. If you see them around, they deserve a huge thank you for serving the Alumni Executive Committee and Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School.

We hold fundraising events throughout the school year to provide financial aid for those who qualify through need. The Alumni Executive Committee proudly awarded 12 scholarships this past school year.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 YEAR INCLUDE:**

- March 6, 2021: Trivia Night
- June 5, 2021: SINGO – a new twist to Bingo

If you would like to participate in any of our events, please follow us on social media or visit the Bishop McGuinness website.

Go Irish!



Carly J. Wegener Wilson '98  
Alumni Executive Committee President

**GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2020 ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THIS FALL:**

- |                                |                                    |   |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Arizona State University       | Oklahoma State University          | The New School                          |
| Auburn University              | Oklahoma Wesleyan University       | Texas Christian University              |
| Baylor University              | Providence College                 | Tulsa University                        |
| College of the Ozarks          | Purdue University                  | United States Naval Academy             |
| Colorado State University      | Savannah College of Art and Design | University of Alabama                   |
| Creighton University           | Seminole State College             | University of Arkansas                  |
| DePauw University              | Smith College                      | University of Central Oklahoma          |
| Eastern Oklahoma State College | Southern Nazarene University       | University of Kansas                    |
| Furman University              | St. John's University              | University of North Texas               |
| Lake Forest College            | St. Mary's College                 | University of Notre Dame                |
| Langston University            | Stetson University                 | University of Oklahoma                  |
| Liberty University             | Tarleton State University          | University of Science and Arts Oklahoma |
| Oklahoma Baptist University    |                                    | Vanderbilt University                   |
| Oklahoma City University       |                                    |   |

## MEET OUR NEW ALUMNI COORDINATOR

This summer, Bishop McGuinness welcomed Stephanie Roy Ledet '11 as the alumni coordinator. Stephanie has been a great addition to the advancement department already, and we are looking forward to the things she will accomplish with the Alumni Association. For more information on how to get involved with the Alumni Association, email [alumni@bmchs.org](mailto:alumni@bmchs.org).



## ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

BISHOP MCGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AWARDED BENTLEY EDMONDS '81 AND LISA RUFFIN EDMONDS '82 WITH ITS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD DURING THE 2020 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON JUNE 16, 2020.



The award was established 21 years ago to recognize outstanding alumni and their commitment to the goals and objectives of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. It highlights the importance of what it means to be a "Person for Others" through their actions not only in the Irish community, but also in their community and church.

"Lisa and Bentley Edmonds are excellent examples of combined dedication to Catholic education, community, and faith," said Carly Wegener Wilson, AEC president. "Together, they most certainly exemplify the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School mission statement: to be a 'Person for Others.'"

Lisa and Bentley are products of Catholic education at all levels. They both graduated from Bishop John Carroll School and Bishop McGuinness, as well as Catholic colleges. They remain connected to their alma maters and enduring friendships. This tradition has continued

with their four children. Their youngest will graduate from Bishop McGuinness next year.

Those experiences have grounded them in the Catholic faith and supported their involvement in the Catholic community. They are visible at Bishop McGuinness athletic and fine arts events, even those that don't involve their children. As second-generation parishioners at Our Lady's Cathedral, Lisa and Bentley welcome friends and strangers into their circle. They frequently open their home for student and parent gatherings, as well as newcomers serving in Oklahoma City through ministries like the Alliance for Catholic Education Teachers and the National Evangelization Team.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA AND BENTLEY EDMONDS ON BEING NAMED THE 2020 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF THE YEAR.**

## ALUMNI REUNIONS



△ THE CLASS OF 1959 HELD THEIR 60-YEAR REUNION IN SEPTEMBER 2019!



WE KICKED HOMECOMING NIGHT—OCTOBER 17, 2019—OFF WITH THE ALUMNI TAILGATE! IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT TIME GETTING TO CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND THEN HEAD OVER TO THE STADIUM TO CHEER "GO, IRISH!"

IN MARCH 2020, JUST BEFORE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HIT, CLARK HICKEY '87 HOSTED A GROUP OF ALUMNI IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA AT THE BARONA RESORT AND CASINO IN SAN DIEGO.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1968 TOOK A TRIP TO HEAVENLY SKI RESORT IN LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA, IN JANUARY 2020.



△ IN FEBRUARY 2020, A GROUP OF ALUMNI FROM 1975-1985 GATHERED FOR A REUNION IN THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA TO CELEBRATE ONE ANOTHER AND SPARK SOME IRISH CHEER. THE REUNION WAS HOSTED BY LISA RUFFIN EDMONDS '82, BENTLEY EDMONDS '81, TONY PAGE '81, MARY ZSCHIECHE HOCH '81, TIM HOCH '81, AND JENNIFER TORBETT MOSLE '81.

# SIX ALUMNI INDUCTED TO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

BY OWEN CANFIELD

ON A FESTIVE NIGHT IN JANUARY, BISHOP MCGUINNESS INDUCTED ITS NEWEST CLASS OF HONOREES INTO THE SCHOOL'S ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME.

Six former Irish greats were introduced to the large crowd between basketball games against Bishop Kelley. Each honoree received a plaque from Principal David Morton and Frank Ille, then were treated to snacks and beverages in the McCarthy Gymnasium Hall of Fame room, where the walls now include permanent plaques detailing their accomplishments.

**Inducted on January 17 were Michele Hain Pappas '77, J. Robert Merritt '01, Lauren Connelly Creevey '02, Steven Perry '07, Morgan Roy '09, and Ryan Randolph '09.**

The idea to establish an Athletics Hall of Fame came from the late Joe Cook, the school's longtime baseball coach and director of athletics. For many years, the induction ceremony was a stand-alone event. The decision by the Hall Committee to change that this year proved highly successful. As David Morton said that night, "Moving the ceremony to be during the Battle of the Bishops game allowed for more of the Irish community to join in the celebration of our newest Athletics Hall of Fame inductees."

The first Athletics Hall of Fame class was inducted in 2003. The Hall now includes 49 individual honorees; the 2011 induction included special recognition for the 1989 boys state championship basketball team.



## HERE ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2020 INDUCTEES:



### LAUREN CONNELLY CREVEY

Lauren Connelly Creevey was 76-0 during her tennis career. She won the No. 2 singles state championship as a freshman, sophomore, and junior, then won the No. 1 singles championship her senior year. Lauren was All-City Player of the Year three straight years and went on to play at Notre Dame.



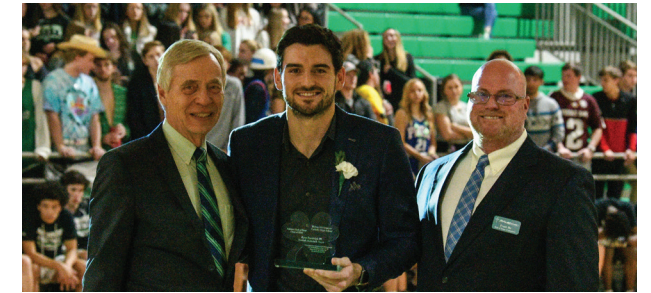
### MORGAN ROY

Morgan Roy earned 17 varsity letters in soccer, track, volleyball, basketball, and cross country. She played on the 2006 state championship volleyball and track teams. Morgan played volleyball at the University of Central Oklahoma.



### J. ROBERT MERRITT

J. Robert Merritt played on four state championship basketball teams that had a combined record of 103-14. During his senior year, Merritt averaged 22 points per game and was MVP of the state tournament. He played collegiately at Samford University.



### RYAN RANDOLPH

Ryan Randolph was quarterback on teams that went 25-3 and won state championships in 2006 and 2007. Ryan was a member of three basketball state championship teams. In 2009, he was state runner-up in tennis doubles. He played basketball at the University of Oklahoma.



### STEVEN PERRY

Steven Perry helped win the 2007 soccer state championship, scoring a state-record 40 goals. In track, Steven helped Bishop McGuinness win team championships in 2006 and 2007. He played soccer at the University of Notre Dame and went on to play professionally for the OKC Energy.



### MICHELE HAIN PAPPAS

Michele Hain Pappas was a three-time state diving champion. In 1974, she was voted Oklahoma's Amateur Athlete of the Year. Michele went on to become a member of the U.S. Diving National Team from 1978-82 and was the 1988 World Master Champion on the 1-meter and 3-meter springboards.

1967

**THE HONORABLE GREGORY J. SLAVONIC** was selected as the acting Under Secretary of the Navy on June 22, 2020. He previously served as the 18th Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs since June 2018.

1968

The Secretary of the Navy selected **MOLLY E. SHEA SLAVONIC** as the sponsor for the next Virginia-class Nuclear Fast Attack Submarine USS Oklahoma (SSN 802) on June 16, 2020.

1989

**DALE THELEN** and wife, Jill, welcomed their second son, David Carl, on March 26, 2020. He is happy, healthy, and has lots of blond hair.

1995

**DOMINIC LOGIODICE** and wife, Kathryn, welcomed twins, Nellie and Nico, on January 14, 2020.

1997

**JESSICA BORTOLINI-MOUBRAY** and husband, Wayne, welcomed a son, Luca, on September 28, 2019, in Virginia.

**THE HONORABLE JUDGE BERNARD JONES** was sworn into the US District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in February 2020.



1998

**MAJOR ANTHONY MOSES** and wife, Allyson, welcomed their third child, Jett Anthony, on July 7, 2020. They have recently moved back to Oklahoma after Major Moses served three tours with the United States Air Force in Afghanistan, Korea, and Europe. He is currently on reserve at Tinker Air Force base and is a pilot for JetBlue Airways.

1999

**MARY RUTH KLABZUBA** married Ray Dickerson on November 15, 2019, in Edmond.

2000

**SHELLY FEHRENBACH FRITCH** and her husband welcomed their fourth child—and first little girl—to their family.

2001



**CHELSEE TRUESDELL PEASE** and husband, Tim, welcomed a daughter, Reagan Pollard, on August 22, 2019.

2002

**BRITTANY RIESENBERG GRAVES** and husband, Mark, welcomed their third child, Mary Ellen, on November 11, 2019.

**GEORGE HOCH** and wife, Sally, welcomed a daughter, Katherine Adeline, on December 9, 2019.

**ADAM RAINBOLT** was named 11th in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.



2003

**TAYLOR FUDGE** was named 15th in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.



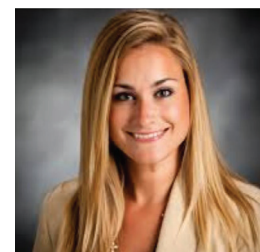
2004

**TONY BORELLI** and wife, Joanna, welcomed their third daughter, Amzie, on November 11, 2019. Tony also began working at Express Employment Professionals in October 2019.

**SONNY WILKINSON** was named 20th in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.



**ELIZABETH WALTERS GRAY** was named 26th in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.



2005

**RICHARD TAYLOR SPURR** married Patricia on July 21, 2019.

**EMILIE BLANCHARD WEDMAN** and husband, Matthew, welcomed their second child, Anna Cecilia, on August 12, 2019.

**KRIS BLOCH** and wife, Jennifer, welcomed a daughter, Ruby Marie, on August 23, 2019.

**MEGAN RYAN PALMISANO** and husband, Brian, welcomed their first child, June Elise, on January 4, 2020.

**CLAY TAYLOR** was named fourth in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.



**TYLER CUNNINGHAM** married Kristen McCoy on July 11, 2020, at Rosemary Ridge in Stillwater.

2006

**ENGLISH FOSTER RUNYAN** and husband, Scott, welcomed their second child, Azelea Kate, on July 15, 2019.

**MORGAN CONNELLY** and wife, Hannah, welcomed their third child, Ally Victoria, on April 28, 2020.

2007

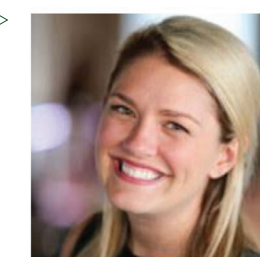
**ALLISON DEATON COSGROVE** and husband, Davis, welcomed two little girls just 10.5 months apart—Eleanor, born on June 18, 2019, and Drew, born on May 12, 2020. They are both graduates of the NICU and are doing amazingly well.

**JASON HOGSETT** and **LAURA FOWLER HOGSETT** welcomed their second baby, Carson Joseph, on May 20, 2020.



2008

**BLAIR CHANEY SIMS** was named 33rd in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.



## 2009

**JOHN HEINEN** and **EMMA TRIMBLE HEINEN** welcomed their first child, Peter Joseph, on March 23, 2020.

## 2010

**ALEX HILTON** and wife, Narmin, welcomed their first child, Catherine Grace, on August 9, 2019—the feast of St. Benedicta of the Cross.

**DIETRICH SCHNORRENBERG** and wife, Casey, welcomed their daughter, Zocy Elizabeth, on August 18, 2019.

**KATHERINE NEUBERGER** married Justin Sicker on November 16, 2019, at Christ the King Catholic Church and resides in Dallas, Texas.



**JOSHUA COOK** and **SHANNON SMITH COOK** welcomed their first child, Alexander Patrick, on June 30, 2020.



**MICHAEL O'HARE** was added to the Sam Houston State women's soccer team as a new coach in the summer of 2020. He will be overseeing goalkeeper training and opponent scouting.



**ANDREA GARCIA MORGAN** and husband, Aaron, welcomed their first child, Lincoln Porter, on July 5, 2020.

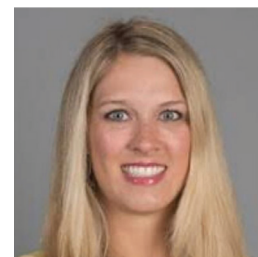
**RYAN BASS** and Keeley Morgan are engaged to be married. Ryan popped the question in July on a trip to Florida. The two plan to marry in December 2021.

## 2011

**MARYELLEN LACHER** married Matthew Willit on September 21, 2019, in a small ceremony in her late father's backyard in Norman, before celebrating with friends and family at Twisted Spike.

**MEGAN MOORE FERNANDEZ** and husband welcomed Timothy David Fernandez III (Tripp) on December 24, 2019.

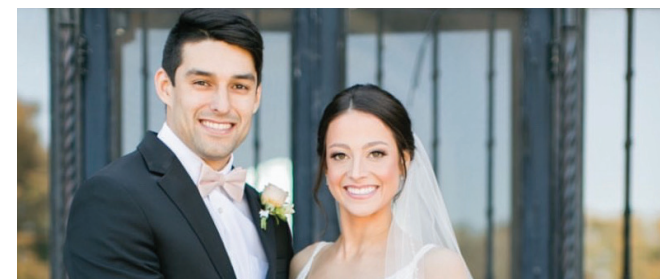
**TRINIAN LARK O'NEIL** married Carson Mitchell on February 23, 2020.



◀ **CAROLINE CAMERON IKARD** was named 21st in the Top 50 Most Powerful Young Professionals by the OKC Friday.

**COLLEEN SMITH** married Tanner Trammell on July 25, 2020, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

## 2012



**TYLER KONARIK** married Kaitlyn Miller on November 2, 2019, in Ponca City.

**NATHANIEL YOKELL** graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine on May 23, 2020. He will do his residency at Great Plains Family Medicine in Oklahoma City.

## 2013



**VIVIAN VILLAR JONES** and husband, Daxon, welcomed a baby girl, Mia Elizabeth, on September 9, 2019.

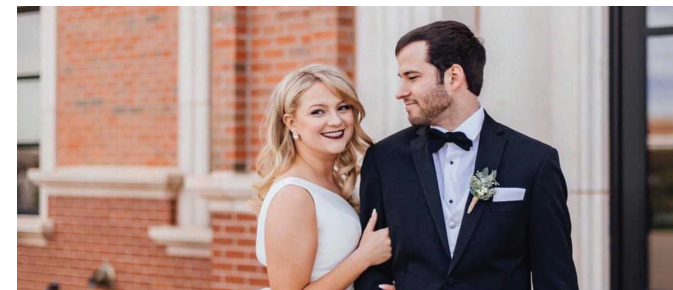


**WESLEY GAROUTTE** and wife, Madi, welcomed their third child, Odin, on October 14, 2019.



**MICHELLE DE DIOS** married Joe Lynch on December 14, 2019, at St. Monica Catholic Church.

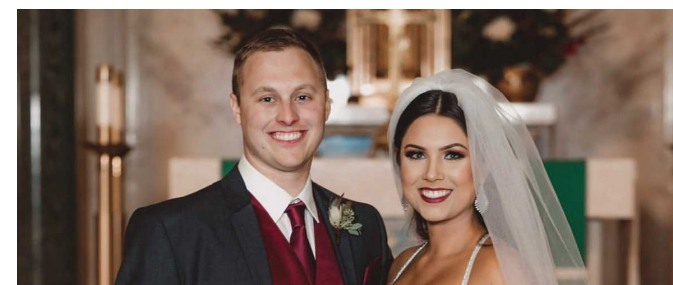
**MARY ELIZABETH MAWDSLEY** married Jon Scruggs on February 7, 2020, at St. Eugene Catholic Church. In December 2019, Mary Elizabeth received her master's in Human Development and Family Science with a specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is currently an LMFT-Candidate working toward her license.



**ASHLEY BILLUPS** married David Crall on July 31, 2019, in a private ceremony. They will be celebrating with friends and family in 2021.

## 2014

**KENDALL JOHNSON** married Hunter Gomez on October 18, 2019, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.



**TIMOTHY ROY** married Rachael Townsend on January 25, 2020, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Dallas, TX.

**CAROLINE O'HARE** graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy in May 2020. She matched with her dream program at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago.

## 2015

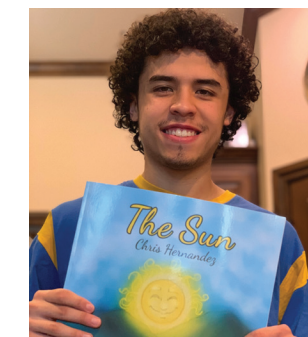
**LARA KEDDISSI** married Alex Eddy on March 20, 2020, at St. Thomas Moore in Norman. Both currently attend medical school at Oklahoma State University.

## 2016

**CHIKA NWANEBU** was crowned the 2019 Homecoming Queen at the University of Oklahoma.



## 2019



**CHRIS HERNANDEZ** published "The Sun," a children's book he wrote as an assignment in Mrs. Kelli Williams' creative writing class.



## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR MEMBERS OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.

### ALUMNI

NAME	CLASS	D.O.D.
Sandy Arledge	1965	11/10/2019
Michael Edward Box	1965	5/7/2019
Ronald Buckelew	1958	10/8/2019
Theresa Clarkson	1967	8/19/2019
James Clement	2001	10/10/2019
Thomas Dill	1993	2/11/2019
David Duffner	1970	2/14/2020
Linda Glover	1960	2/29/2020
Thomas Gordon	1959	1/19/2020
Leitner Greiner	1957	8/4/2019
Robert Harrington	1963	5/4/2020
Don Johnson	1959	4/29/2020
Carolyn Rea Kahmann	1971	6/7/2019
Ellen Kelley	1970	5/19/2020
Ken Kenworthy	1952	12/5/2019
Mary McFadden Kunc	1982	12/22/2019
Patty McDonald	1959	6/30/2020
Michael Norwood	1974	3/6/2020
Mary Collins O'Hern	1967	12/31/2019
Nancy Paredes	1976	7/8/2019
Robert 'Bob' Peregrin	1975	1/10/2020
Sandra Price	1961	12/5/2019
Trevor Ralston	2005	2/6/2019
Gloria Robinson	1969	10/29/2019
Brian Rupe	1982	12/13/2019
Maureen Sansing	1965	3/19/2019
Kathleen Shanahan	1986	1/19/2019
Larry Shaw	1955	7/23/2019
Spencer Simms	1989	8/21/2019
Daniel Theisen	1979	11/15/2019
David Thompson	1979	1/19/2020
Timothy Walker	1963	1/29/2020
Arthur Walker	1959	5/5/2020

### FRIENDS

NAME	D.O.D.	CONNECTION
David Barry, Jr.	10/15/2019	Alumni Grandparent
Jerry Cline	12/8/2019	Father of Kathryn '20
Joseph Determan	8/18/2019	Husband and Father of Alumni
Jane Frame	5/29/2019	Mother-in-law of Amy Frame
Michael Gaddis	8/12/2019	Father of Lunden
Carol Heitz	4/10/2019	Former teacher
Patrick Hill	8/30/2019	Attended but not graduated
Frank Hughes	11/21/2019	Former Teacher, Coach, and Athletic Director
Samuel Kearny, Sr.	4/8/2020	Parent and Grandparent of Alumni
Dennis Kizer	11/6/2019	Brother of Alumni
Terrance McDermott	6/21/2019	Father of Alumni
Margaret Meeks	1/2/2019	Mother of David Cronin '65
Candance Muzny	2/17/2020	Attended but not graduated
Nancy Olney	12/3/2019	Mother of Matthew and Mark Olney
Elvis Snodgrass	12/19/2019	Father of Priscilla Chastain Steve
James Soulsby	3/22/2020	Teacher
Mildred Tuohy	11/26/2019	Cafeteria Worker and Wife of Richard Tuohy
Jo Ellen Voss	6/9/2020	Volunteer and Grandparent

### IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; and rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

## STEVE PARSONS

MAY GOD BLESS THE SOUL AND FAMILY OF FORMER PRINCIPAL STEVEN PARSONS, WHO DIED SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020.

Steve was passionate about Catholic education and instrumental in modernizing Bishop McGuinness from 1980 to 1998. While here, he established the Work Grant Program, created the first endowed funds, and left a lasting impact on many in the Irish community.



## DEACON GROVER

As the final touches were being made on this magazine, Bishop McGuinness received the news that our beloved teacher, friend, and deacon, Clyde Grover, had passed away.

Deacon Grover's impact on our community over the past 23 years will forever be part of the rich fabric of our school.

Deacon Grover lived by his faith, and he would not want us to mourn his death but rather celebrate the life he was granted and use his passing as a means to draw each of us closer to Jesus and his teachings.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2020 Clancy's All Sports Golf Classic was another hole in one! Golfers gathered to celebrate the continued spirit of the Irish community. Just over \$20,000 was raised to support Bishop McGuinness Athletics.

SAVE THE DATE!  
THE 2021 CLANCY'S  
CLASSIC WILL TEE OFF  
OVER FALL BREAK IN  
OCTOBER.

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

### MEN'S A FLIGHT:

Daniel C. Stith, Daniel Stith Jr, Joe  
Valhberg, Mike Chancellor

### MEN'S B FLIGHT:

Gary Savely, Dan Points, Susie Ellegard,  
Julie Savely

### WOMEN'S FLIGHT:

Karen Nester, Di Taylor, Lori Garrison,  
Dana Loffer

### LONGEST DRIVE - MEN #5:

Jacob Stone

### LONGEST DRIVE - WOMEN #8:

Sarah Storm

### CLOSEST TO THE PIN #2:

Travis Black

### CLOSEST TO THE PIN #9:

Bryan Holliday

### CLOSEST TO THE PIN #10:

Mike Golshani

### CLOSEST TO THE PIN #12:

Paul Lienhard

### CLOSEST TO THE PIN #15:

Josh Evans

### 50/50 PUTT:

Julie Savely



MEN'S A FLIGHT



MEN'S B FLIGHT



WOMEN'S FLIGHT



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The Forever McGuinness Annual Fund is our yearly fundraising initiative to support the school and its current needs. Your support enables us to provide assistance, expanded learning and growth opportunities for our students.

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Pat Stuever Graff	1972
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Kelly Brown Basey	1983
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Jorge Quintana	1983
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James A. Vigil	1985
Joseph P. Morrissey	1986
Joseph H. Stuever	1986

Maria Thompson Abbott	1987
Carter Johnston	1987
Victor L. Joyce	1987
Andrew Schmidt	1987
Nadine Thiebaut	1987
Wesley Williams	1987

Kathryn DeWitt Darden	1988
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Amanda Tolentino Tonkin	1997
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**DUE TO ONGOING CONCERNS REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO CANCEL THE 2020 ANNUAL AUCTION THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF APRIL.**

**WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO OUR MANY PARENT VOLUNTEERS, ESPECIALLY THE AUCTION CO-CHAIRS, DEBBIE MARGO AND BRITTANY CHUMO. THEY AND OTHERS SPENT MANY MONTHS PLANNING THE BOHEMIAN BASH.**

**WE ALSO EXTEND OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS. WITHOUT THEIR GENEROSITY, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HELP OUR FAMILIES IN NEED.**



## SAVE THE DATE

April 30, 2021

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# THE AL AND HELEN HOCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHT

THEY MET AT A ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE AT THE YWCA. BEFORE THEIR FIRST DATE, AL TOLD HELEN HE HAD TO MAKE A QUICK STOP.



For Al and Helen, church was the center of their lives. Originally from Campti, Louisiana, Helen attended Sacred Heart Catholic School from elementary through high school. As a young adult, she moved to Oklahoma City to live near family. Al, who grew up in Oklahoma City, was part of a large Catholic family and one of nine children. Many of the couple's lifelong friends were Christ the King parishioners, and they encouraged their children to be involved in the parish and school life too.

"Catholic school was just part of our life," said their youngest daughter, Jan. "We participated in everything: sports, scouts, etc. They were people who did things for others and, without fail, always prayed for others."

Helen, who worked for many years in the store manager's office at Sears, and Al, an assistant district attorney, instilled strong values in their children. "They instilled in us a commitment to faith, to your community," their daughter said.

**"They definitely instilled a work ethic in us. You work until you get the job done. You never say, 'That isn't my job.'"**

Al's dream was to see all six of his children graduate from Bishop McGuinness before he died. He died in 1981, shortly after their youngest graduated. Helen carried on her passion and support for Catholic education until she passed away in 2017. Eleven of the couple's grandchildren graduated from Bishop McGuinness, and several who live out of state graduated from Catholic schools there.



AL '75, GEORGE '76, DEBBIE '77, SUSAN '78, MARY '80, AND JAN '81

He stopped at the church to go to confession before they went to dinner and a movie.

That evening marked the beginning of their love story. Al Hoch and Helen Meziere married June 12, 1955, and went on to have six children. As founding members of Christ the King Catholic Church, they made a commitment to put all six children through Catholic schools.

Inspired by their parents' devotion to Catholic education, the Hoch children, along with many other friends and family, contributed funds to honor the couple by establishing the Al and Helen Hoch Memorial Scholarship, in the hope that it will help other families achieve their commitment to Catholic education.

The Hochs believed it was fundamentally important for their children to form a foundation in morals, character, and faith that would carry them throughout their lives.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENTS

In the 2019-20 school year, more than 27% of Bishop McGuinness students received need-based tuition assistance. Families must qualify through an application process.

As a Catholic community of faith, we are called to care for students and families in need. The creation of a named-scholarship fund or donation toward an established fund directly supports tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities.

## THESE DONATIONS PROVIDED OVER \$825,000 TOWARD TUITION ASSISTANCE.

If you would like to contribute to any of the existing scholarship funds, please contact the advancement department at 405-858-4720. New named-scholarship funds can also be established in honor or memory of a loved one with a minimum gift of \$25,000.

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# LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

## THE BLESSED PIER GIORGIO LEGACY SOCIETY

Our school patron Blessed Pier Giorgio's legacy inspires all who enter our doors to reach "Toward the Top." By leaving a planned gift to the school endowment fund or creating a named-scholarship fund, you and your family can ensure that Catholic education will continue for many years to come at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School.

## INTERESTED IN MAKING A GIFT?

We can help you find the perfect opportunity to make a planned gift based on your interests and preferences. Donated funds are critical to the school's success each and every year to provide for various projects not covered by our tuition-driven operating budget. Donations can be allocated for projects such as Work Grant scholarships, capital renovations, and academic program expenses. We would be honored to work with you to discover the perfect avenue for your donation.

## WHAT TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS CAN YOU GIVE?

We accept most present and deferred planned gifts, including will bequests, beneficiary of trusts, beneficiary of retirement accounts, and charitable remainder trusts. You may also make an immediate donation by cash, check, or stock transfers.

## WILL BEQUESTS

A bequest is a simple, convenient way to plan a gift to Bishop McGuinness. A bequest can be made for a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. Careful financial planning can be beneficial to you and allow you to leave an everlasting legacy to support Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School for future generations.



## PIER GIORGIO

**IN DECEMBER 1995, 25 YEARS AGO, BISHOP MCGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SELECTED BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI AS ITS PATRON SAINT.**

To quote a student, he was chosen because "he would understand us." Pier Giorgio is a guide and intercessor before God for the Bishop McGuinness community.

The most important part of Pier Giorgio's life was his love and faithfulness to God, and he tried to share these gifts with others. Through his example, he called others to share in his work with the poor—work that few knew about until after he died—truly being "A Person for Others." He lived a life full of the joy of his faith, the companionship of his friends, and the humility of service. Because Pier Giorgio counted on Christ, he was able to lead others to God, serve the poor, and make God the center of everything.

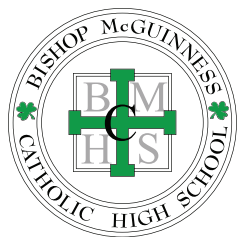
**On the back of a photo from Pier Giorgio's last climb, he wrote the words "Verso l'alto," which translates to "Toward the Top."**

This phrase became a representation of his earthly life, a constant reminder to strive to reach the summit of eternal life. His example and his prayers became part of many people's lives—including Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School each day.

## MISSION

AS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH, BISHOP MCGUINNESS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO EDUCATING AND DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON, PROVIDING A MORAL, ETHICAL AND CHRIST-CENTERED COMPASS FOR LIFE. THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH PERMEATE THE SCHOOL'S SPIRITUAL, ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE, FORMING A PERSON FOR OTHERS.





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