



CLASS OF 2022

# THROUGH THESE DOORS

FATHER RYAN HIGH SCHOOL





**“Not all of us can do great things.  
But we can do small things  
with great love.”**

**– St. Teresa of Calcutta | Patron Saint of Oak House**

## To the Class of 2022:

It is our great pleasure *to welcome you to one of the most expansive and esteemed alumni networks in the state of Tennessee!* Your hard work, perseverance, and determination have left an indelible mark on this school and on our community as well.

The Class of 2022, with more than 200 graduates, comes to Father Ryan from 38 ZIP codes. This year, they led efforts to raise more than \$175,000 for the American Cancer Society at Relay for Life and collected nearly 22,000 cans of food for local charities. Over the last four years, your class has accomplished remarkable things, including 10,076 service hours helping our community, all during some of the most unexpected years in our country’s history. You all found a way to succeed, for yourselves and the community.

Through your steadfast dedication to each other and your faith in God, you of the Class of 2022 have established yourselves as servant leaders in all walks of life. We are proud to share the title of “Father Ryan Alumni” with you.

Our charge to you is simple:

*“Create the change you would like to see in the world.”*

As a class, you consistently banded together to change lives across our city for the better. Each of you has seen the power that we can have *together*. Of all the lessons you’ve learned at Father Ryan, this may be the most important one. We hope you take it with you, wherever you’re going. Because wherever you’re going, you are not alone. Look back on these last four years with fondness, and remember that you not only have developed relationships that will last a lifetime, but have made a positive impact on our community, our city, and our state.

In the coming years, as you spread out across the nation and grow as citizens and servant leaders for Christ, remember the collective good that we can do for the world around us. Help those who need help. Treat one another with respect, dignity, and love. Remain steadfast in your faith. *This is what it means to be Father Ryan alumni.*

The Class of 2022 has left its mark on Father Ryan forever, and from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for being such tremendous ambassadors of the Father Ryan spirit, now and in the future.

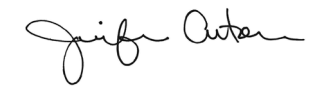
*Go, Irish!*



Jim McIntyre  
President



Paul Davis '81  
Principal



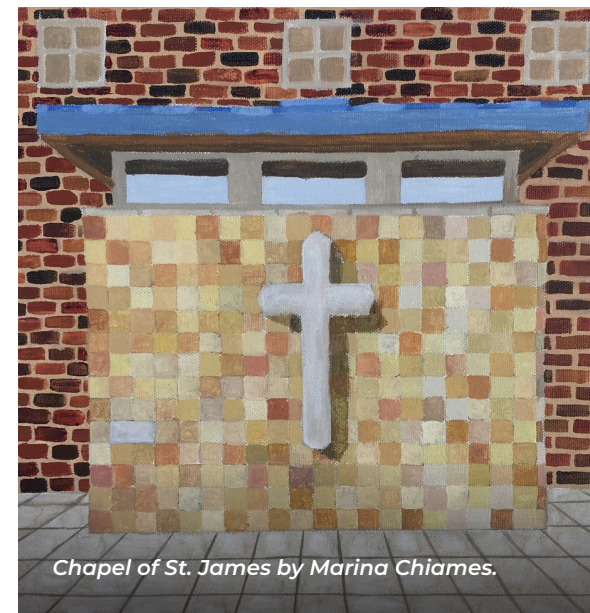
Jennifer Anton  
Academic Dean







All-school Mass celebrated by Bishop J. Mark Spalding.



Chapel of St. James by Marina Chiames.

“A tradition of faith means that if you are a part of the faith you are a part of **a loving and friendly tradition** where you will always feel at home. It has impacted me in the best way allowing me to get to know new people and **be as open as I can to the community.**”

Cinjen Cadena, Emerald House

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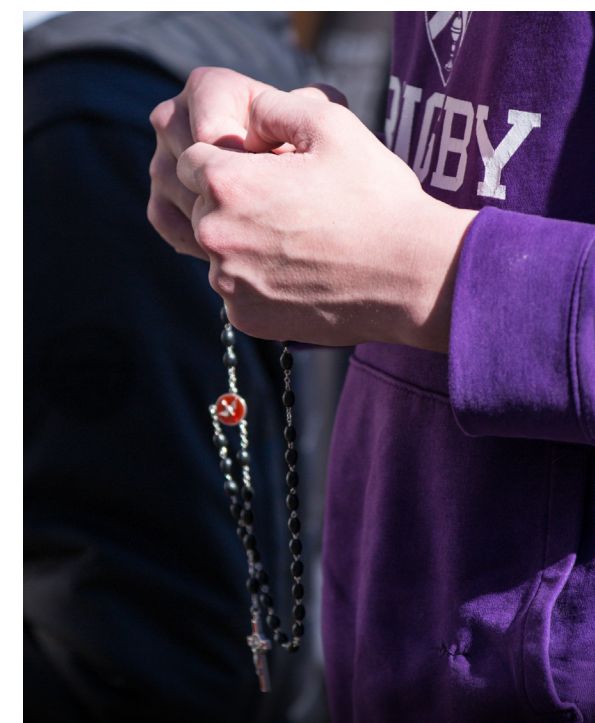
# Faith

Faith informs everything that we do. It is our goal that our students deepen their faith and come to understand how it can impact every aspect of their lives. We challenge students to grow spiritually, academically, and personally while providing a solid, continuous foundation

in the Catholic tradition. The Father Ryan family continues to grow as an inclusive and uplifting community where all are welcome. By allowing students to encounter Christ in myriad ways, students embody our mission as a school to be an experience of the living Gospel in our world.



Gloria Carter and MaryElizabeth Cain light the Advent wreath.





**Josh Bornot**

**Emerald House | Retreat Leader**

Through my teachers, Campus Ministry, and the Administration, I have been exposed to and been provided the resources to many service opportunities that have been critical in broadening my faith life. Being able to make connections with other people who are involved in the Father Ryan community has assured me of the faith aspect that has been instilled in me as a student.



**Marie Forbes**

**Emerald House Student Engagement Coordinator | Student Ministry Team**

The Theology classes at Father Ryan have empowered me in my faith and educated me on how to keep it alive in the world. This school has given me opportunities to dig deeper and explore my faith through service programs, prayer services, and retreats. Father Ryan has connected me with a community of believers and presented me with beautiful examples of the living faith; these people inspire me to live with the joy of Christ.



**MaryElizabeth Cain**

**Emerald House | St. Vincent de Paul Service Society**

Father Ryan helped me learn more about my faith by challenging me in and out of the classroom to be a living example of the Gospel. The open-ended challenges from teachers have encouraged me to discover what putting my faith life into action can look like. Teachers have continually emboldened me to find ways to explore my faith through opportunities like Student Ministry Team and even making, leading, and co-directing SEARCH retreat through the diocese.



**Alex Jaeger**

**Oak House | Music Ministry**

My four years at Father Ryan have been an extension of the faith community that began in my home. I have been able to make my faith a personal priority at Father Ryan during a time when it is hard to maintain it among all the other demands on my time and attention. I have found support for my faith in an even bigger faith family through Theology class discussions, leading class retreats, and an introduction to SEARCH.

**Tyler Fernandez**

**Immaculata House Chaplain | Altar Server**

Being the Chaplain of Immaculata House has helped deepen my faith. In this role, I was able to deliver the morning prayer to students, faculty, and staff. It was a great opportunity to thank God for placing me at Father Ryan rain or shine. I am proud and honored to have been the Chaplain of this house because it allowed me to rely on God every single day.



**Colin Knapp**

**Norwood House Chaplain | Mission Trips**

Father Ryan has influenced my faith in numerous ways through the faith-based activities offered. The mission trips I went on such as Alternative Spring Break, the introduction to SEARCH from members of the Father Ryan community, and the role as Norwood's House Chaplain have enriched my relationship with God. These opportunities led me to meet other people invested in their faith which helped me deepen my love for the Lord.







“Father Ryan’s tradition of knowledge has helped me **grow intellectually** and find my place among my much older colleagues. My ability to grow as a person through **knowledge** has helped shape my **worldview.**”

*Jeffrey Middleton, Trinity House*



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# Knowledge

Every day at Father Ryan, our students are challenged to live up to the highest standards of academic excellence and are served on all levels to help them reach their full potential. Our students are taught to be inquisitive, creative, and collaborative as they solve complex issues.

By inspiring our students to engage in a variety of challenging courses, Father Ryan graduates are ready to take the next step as well-informed global citizens. Rooted in a Catholic worldview, our graduates develop keen intellects that will help them as they pursue their future goals.



“A Story Already Written,”  
Graphite by Matthew Derrick.







### Jackson Weil

Norwood House | National Merit Finalist  
Undecided

Many metrics can measure the quality of a high school career. One of my favorites is this question: How many classes are there that I wish I had room in my schedule to take? For me, the answer is at least six. Each class I took my senior year was purposeful, whether an elective such as Military Literature or an AP like Calculus BC. I would like to say discipline helped me through the tougher classes, but that would be inaccurate. I focused on all of my classes this year not because I am disciplined but because the content excites me. My best advice to students is to search through subjects, sports, and hobbies until you find the ones that replace discipline with passion.



### Katie Mullins

Immaculata House  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

My experience academically at Father Ryan has been challenging but very rewarding. My academic schedule has been tough, but it has pushed me to succeed and recognize that I can do difficult things. I have received several scholarships for college that are largely based on my academic accomplishments, and without the help of my teachers and mentors at Father Ryan I would never have been able to do so well academically. My senior year specifically has taught me that my worth is not defined by my grades and that, while academics are important, it's crucial to balance academic time with social time to make memories with classmates.



### Amanda Ohmer

Norwood House  
Iowa State University

I took two AP classes this year: AP Calculus AB and AP Physics 1. These have been some of the hardest classes I have had at Father Ryan because they have a college regimen. They have made me learn better time management skills to keep up with the work from these classes and my other courses. Along with these two APs, I have also taken the new STEAM course. This course has shown me what college will be like and has let me explore interests that I could not previously.



### Sydney Long

Oak House  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Father Ryan is a loving community that has helped me grow as an individual. My academics have challenged me to maintain a high degree of motivation, as I took advanced classes. Father Ryan has improved not only my ability to learn, but also my ability to balance my time. Throughout my senior year, I have learned that, with the right amount of encouragement, trust, and love, I can achieve my goals.



### Steven Vanden Noven

Trinity House | National Merit Scholar and National African American and Hispanic Scholar  
Undecided

Although I took numerous high honors and AP classes during my years at Father Ryan, I would say that I was never challenged most by my coursework and workload but by the efforts of my teachers and peers to always help me achieve not just my own self-imposed goals but greater and more ambitious ones. Father Ryan has a culture of success, and it has always challenged me to be the best person I can be.

## Knowledge by the Numbers

# 270

AP Courses Taken

# 43%

Seniors Who Took One  
or More AP Courses





**Gloria Carter**  
Norwood House | *GraceWorks*

Father Ryan helped me to realize the importance of serving others in my community through an emphasis on loving and caring for others. I have truly understood the message of “You will be known. You will be loved.” At organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank and Graceworks, I am able to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of feeding the hungry and reciprocate the love I have felt at Father Ryan to the community.

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# Service

In Romans 10:15, it states, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring [the] good news!” At Father Ryan, we develop and form our young men and women into heralds of the good news. One of the most distinctive and influential ways to connect with God is to serve others. It is in this way that our young men and women become

gifts to the world because they are focused on others. As our graduates venture into new places, by developing a heart for service they will be more fully in communion with God, the needs of others, and the call to uplift and support those in our community who need it most.



**Alex Otto**  
Trinity House | *Eagle Scout*

I have been volunteering every summer with the Ladies of Charity since 7th grade, helping them raise money for their welfare office. Father Ryan has helped me understand their mission more by participating in the service hour requirements for each grade. Father Ryan has also helped me explore other service opportunities like the Soup Kitchen and Habitat for Humanity which were fantastic community service projects that I have enjoyed very much.



**Abby Jaskoski**  
Norwood House | Relay for Life Committee

Father Ryan’s implementation of service into our education has formed some of my fondest memories and instilled in me a natural yearning to help others. Service opened my eyes to the impact that a helping hand, dollar raised, or conversation can have on another person. Through service opportunities like Relay for Life and Alternative Spring Break, I learned that simple gestures of love can have incredible impacts on the lives of others.



“**Father Ryan’s tradition of service** has shaped me by helping me to branch out and work with people I would never have talked to. It has been an **amazing experience** to work at non-profits like 4:13 Strong and Salvation Army, and I will continue to do it throughout my life.”

*Lauren Halsell-Duncan,*  
*Norwood House*

**Service by  
the Numbers**

Year in and year out, the Father Ryan student body remains committed to serving those in need in their community.

**\$175,233**  
Raised for Relay for Life

**21,928**

Cans Collected for the  
Canned Food Drive

**10,076**  
Service Hours

**Maddie McDaniel**  
Trinity House  
Mary Catherine Strobel Volunteer Award Finalist

Father Ryan has inspired my spiritual growth through their service-learning curriculum. I have loved working with One Generation Away, a mobile food pantry, and Troop 6000, a Girl Scout Troop for girls suffering from homelessness. Father Ryan has also given me the opportunity to spread awareness of my organizations to the Greater Nashville area through the Mary Catherine Strobel Awards. I have learned the power and gift of helping others by just being present and how much simple things influence someone’s day.







**“Pride and School Spirit is what Father Ryan is made of. From the roaring student section on Friday nights, the rumbling of the bleachers during basketball season, packing the hill for baseball games, a large showing for the musicals and band, **that’s what makes Father Ryan so special ...**”**

*Cole Becker, Elliston House*



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# Pride

Our students walk into the world anchored in our traditions of Faith, Knowledge, and Service confident in knowing they are part of a community, nearly a century old, founded in the tradition of excellence in Catholic education. Our mission is to be the experience of the living Gospel while challenging

students to reach their spiritual, academic, and personal potential, and through this mission, we form lasting bonds with generations of grads. Their alma mater will be ever present in their lives as a touchstone of their own identity and their call to live up to our high ideals and excellence.



*Senior crowns on the first day of school.*





**Jaxon Anton**  
Norwood House | *Student-Athlete*

**A**s a student-athlete here at Father Ryan, I have grown, not only on the field, but also as a person. I have had the opportunity to play football for Coach Rector and baseball for Coach Mascari, and in my time playing for them, I have learned many valuable lessons and character traits such as courage, perseverance, and pride. During practices and games, I have been faced with great challenges and learned to overcome them through teamwork. Being on a sports team at Father Ryan means so much more than playing games. Each and every coach cares about the classroom as well. I have been able to learn the necessary skills from football and baseball and apply them to my academic life. I am truly proud to wear the crest on my jersey, and I am thankful for all that athletics at Father Ryan has done for me.



**Mallie Higgins**  
Elliston House | *Marching Band*

**I** have been a part of the Father Ryan Marching Band all four years, and it was the best decision I've ever made. The band has given me a strong community of people, the opportunity to be a leader, and endless memories I will never forget. Although we did not get to travel as normal last year, we were back competing nationally this year. I loved the thrill I got marching in the Wright State University Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio, at the end of each winter season. After performing, we watched numerous other bands from around the world perform their own unique shows. Also, through band competitions, I got to travel with my fellow band members, allowing me to get closer to them. The Father Ryan Band has given me numerous opportunities and positive memories that I will always be thankful for. The band has made my high school experience truly memorable.

**Sophie Goetz**  
Elliston House Captain, Irish Council | *Yearbook*

**A**t Father Ryan, there is a place for everyone to succeed. For me, I was able to participate in the tennis and bowling teams, Relay for Life Committee, Peer Mentor, a member of the Gadfly, yearbook, National Honor Society, and La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica. The House System has provided me with some wonderful opportunities as well. This year, I was the captain of Elliston House and a member of Irish Council. I have been able to develop leadership skills and strengthen my communication skills, which will help me in my future and as I transition into adulthood. I have been so lucky to have amazing teachers who believed in me and pushed me to become the best version of myself. The House System has been a great experience because I was able to meet many new people and find new ways to get involved.



*Father Ryan Marching Band performs at Preview Day.*







Captain Emma Kirchhoff.



"A Midsummer Night's Dream."



**Ben Marchetti**  
Norwood House | Student-Athlete

Athletics have been a major part of my experience at Father Ryan. Over the last four years, football and wrestling have taught me how to be both a better student and a better man. Coaches have been a big help in keeping track of my grades and behavior, along with the grades and behavior of my fellow teammates. They have motivated me both on and off the field and pushed me to be the best version of myself. I will always remember the lessons they have taught me, and I believe that the lessons I have learned will stick with me for the rest of my life.

**James Reed III**  
Immaculata House | Student-Athlete

My experience at Father Ryan has been amazing, and there were many factors that contributed to my development both academically and personally. First and foremost, being a student-athlete has been a longstanding part of my identity that has shaped my life from an early age. I was fortunate to become a member of the Father Ryan football and track teams, which helped me to improve my communication, time management skills, and develop friendships that go beyond sports. It has always been a priority for me to perform well on the field and in the classroom.

I am a member of the Immaculata House and serve as a Peer Mentor. The House System created a space for collaboration between my peers and spiritual development. Serving as a Peer Mentor was a rewarding experience because it allowed me the opportunity to meet incoming students and act as a resource for them.





STUDENT

# Spotlights

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DISTINCTION



**Emma Den Haring**

**Emerald House | Undecided**

**T**hroughout high school, I have thrived because of Father Ryan's relentless effort to know and love me. While my education has been enhanced by inspiring teachers, stimulating academics, and spiritual opportunities, the most influential aspect of Father Ryan is the relationships I have built. I have been gifted some of the most sincere and compassionate friends who have challenged me to be the kindest version of myself. My teachers and mentors have bestowed invaluable wisdom upon me and helped me discover my greatest gifts. I hope to take the kindness and knowledge that I have acquired and inspire greatness within others.



**Luca Daniels**

**Norwood House | Undecided**

**C**oming from a public school education, I was pleased to discover the commitment and leadership exemplified by my teachers and peers in this new setting. I was welcomed by many new faces, and I nestled into my own "group." Still, I quickly and easily bonded with previously unfamiliar and incoming students. Even as a freshman, I was adequately challenged academically, spiritually, and religiously. I am infinitely grateful for the opportunities and obstacles I experienced at Father Ryan. My experiences have formed me into a more dedicated and mature young adult, and I am excited to apply these values to my future.



**Clara Johnson**

**Oak House | Undecided**

**F**ather Ryan has been the backdrop of development for many accomplished and passionate people, and I am delighted to say it is the backdrop for mine. The opportunities provided have cemented my character, preparing me for the future. My time in theatre and speech and debate has given me confidence, while an emphasis on service and especially my work on the Relay for Life Committee have fueled my passion for leadership and service. Chiefly, it is the community, my friends, teachers, and mentors that have molded my character, emboldening me, inspiring me, challenging me, and, above all, loving me.





### Christine Quitalg

Trinity House Captain | *Purdue University*

In my time at Father Ryan, I have challenged myself and pushed my boundaries in both academics and athletics with rigorous courses, leadership positions, and two varsity sports. With the support of the Father Ryan community, I have learned numerous lessons through these challenges. I learned that we are more capable than we believe we are, especially with a positive attitude. I also learned the importance of giving relentless effort and striving for progress rather than perfection. I hope to utilize the leadership skills I have gained to help others reach their potential and advocate for positive change in society.



### Catherine Scott

Trinity House | *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*  
*Morehead-Cain Scholar*

My best experiences at Father Ryan have been experiences of compassion and empathy in genuine human encounters. On the cross country team, in the theatre, through Relay for Life, and in my Theology III class, I have had profound interactions of love. Examples of inclusion, equity, and activism at Father Ryan empowered me to do my best to respond with justice, compassion, and mercy. I will take everything that I learned about myself, God, and love with me as I continue to advocate for inclusion, equity, and justice.

## Academic Achievements

# 5,959

Credits Earned

# 100%

College Acceptances

# \$23M<sup>+</sup>

in Scholarships Offered  
(as of April 14, 2022)



# Beyond

THESE DOORS

Scan the QR code below to learn more  
about the Class of 2022:

**COLLEGE PLANS**  
**TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**  
**AND SO MUCH MORE**



We are so proud of all of you.

Welcome to the Father Ryan Alumni Association!



For our 97-year history, Father Ryan has held three traditions in the highest regard: Faith, Knowledge, and Service. The exemplary students profiled in this book personify what it means to be a Father Ryan student, and excel in the classroom, in their faith, and in the community.





Tradition Never Graduates.