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TOTINO-GRACE HIGH SCHOOL



50 Years of Champions

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Totino-Grace
High School

MISSION STATEMENT

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

FRONT COVER PHOTO

The Totino-Grace Eagles claim the 2016 6A State Football Tournament Championship title. *Image provided by Jesse Johnson '08.*

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Search Totino-Grace High School or **#TGEagles** on social media to connect with our official school social media pages.

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From the **President's Desk**

From our inception 50 years ago, Totino-Grace High School has embraced the model of Christ, our Church, and our founders' charisms by purposefully creating a welcoming environment rooted in respect and love. Totino-Grace is more than just an academically rigorous Catholic high school. As the following pages will attest, our co-curricular activities have also played a critical part in developing students into young people of faith, integrity, hope, courage, and determination.

Over the past twenty years alone, Eagle athletic teams have won 120 conference championships, 59 section championships and 26 state championships. Our theater productions have been recognized annually by the Hennepin Theater Trust. And while our show choir program has been regionally and nationally known, this past April, the Company of Singers earned international recognition with a first place finish at the Canadian National Show Choir Competition that took place in Toronto, Canada, becoming the first team from the United States to do so. Clearly, Totino-Grace has enjoyed much success.

With a focus on our mission, we define success by the content of our students' character and their dedication to the betterment of themselves, their teams, and their school—not by our records, rivalries or championship titles. Success means that students enjoy a positive experience along with positive results. A championship at the expense of developing a sense of teamwork and a good ride for all participants is a hollow accomplishment. At Totino-Grace, we want both.

Our coaches, advisors, and directors talk a lot about culture, particularly their love for students and the joy that comes from being dedicated to improvement. Our students learn how to compete and persevere, how to be a good teammate, how to enjoy a sense of belonging, how to win and yes, how to lose with dignity. We don't just coach football, dance team, show choir, or speech; we use these activities as vehicles to help students become fine young men and women of distinction.

We understand that activities beyond the classroom are catalysts for personal growth and transformation. They challenge us to better understand the purpose God has for each of us. It is this emphasis that makes me so proud to be a part of this beautiful Catholic school community.

The best teams feel like families and the best coaches motivate their students to believe that they are capable of closing the gap between life as it is and life as they want it to be. That's a Catholic school. That's Totino-Grace. Here's to another 50 great years of success!

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!

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

Dr. Craig W. Junker
President

School News

TG Boarding Residence Opens

The Totino-Grace on-campus boarding residence opened in the fall of 2016 for international and domestic students. The residence is the first Catholic dorm in the Twin Cities.



Boarding Residence

Memorable Performances

SHOW CHOIR CLAIMS INTERNATIONAL TITLE

The Totino-Grace Company of Singers participated in the 2017 Show Choir Canada Championships on April 7 and 8 in Toronto. The group made history with the first win by a US group. Company received the Grand Champion title as well as awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Combo. FOX9 News was on campus to cover their big win upon their return to Minnesota.



Company of Singers



E'gals

E'GALS PERFORM IN THE OUTBACK BOWL

The Totino-Grace E'gals, along with hundreds of other dancers, performed in the pregame and halftime shows at the Outback Bowl on January 2.



Guys and Dolls Cast

FALL MUSICAL RECEIVES SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

The Totino-Grace production of *Guys and Dolls* included 21 musical numbers, distinct characters, and multiple setting and scene changes. The show was very well received by audiences and earned a number of Hennepin Theatre Trust SpotLight Musical Theatre Program Awards.

Totino-Grace Students Participate in State Competitions

FOOTBALL

The 2016 Eagles concluded an outstanding season in the final game of the Class 6A State Football Tournament on November 25 at U.S. Bank Stadium. Totino-Grace went head-to-head with the Eden Prairie Eagles and were victorious with a 28-20 win.

BOWLING

The Totino-Grace varsity bowling team won the section championship for the second year in a row and competed in the 24 team Minnesota State High School Bowling Tournament on December 3 at Memory Lanes in Minneapolis.

DECA

On January 29 and 30, 21 Totino-Grace DECA students competed in the District 4 Competition. They participated in a range of career and business related events against 13 other schools in the area with over 650 total student participants. Nine TG students qualified for the state competition.

SCIENCE CLUB

Totino-Grace science club members competed and placed in the Regional Science Olympiad on February 4. Totino-Grace students participated in the following events: Dynamic Planet, Tower Building, Optics, and Robotic Arm.

DANCE TEAM

The E'gals dance team took home second place titles in both jazz and kick competitions at the 2017 State Dance Team Tournament on February 17 and 18 at the Target Center.



Football



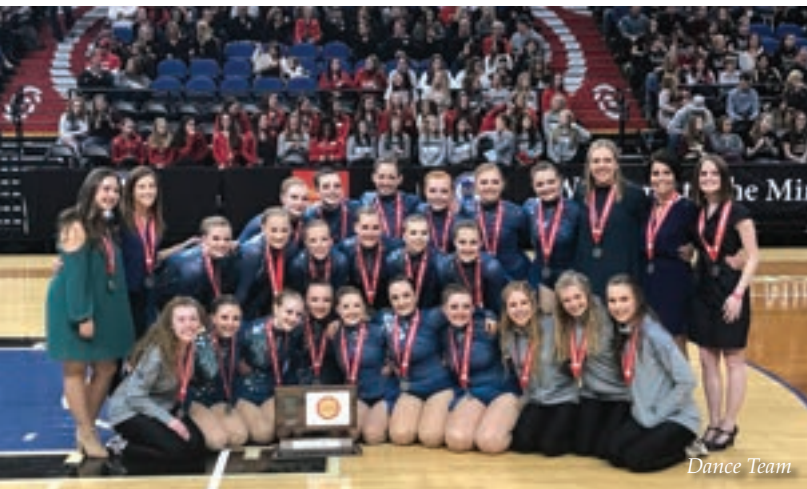
Science Club



Bowling



DECA



Dance Team



Track and Field



Wrestling



Drumline

WRESTLING

Following conference and section wins, the Eagle wrestling team competed in the 2017 State Wrestling Team Tournament on March 2 at the Xcel Energy Center. Six Totino-Grace wrestlers qualified to compete in the Individual State Wrestling Tournament with Jared Florell '17 placing first at 182 pounds and Jake Svihel '19 placing second at 113 pounds.

DRUMLINE

The Totino-Grace drumline placed second at the Minnesota State Percussion Championship on April 8 at the Mayo Civic Center. They were behind the first place winners by less than one point!

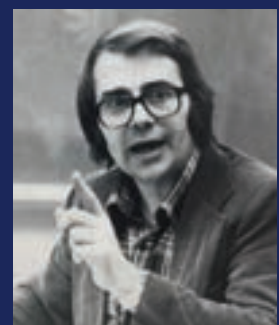
BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

On May 10, the TG boys track and field team qualified for the True Team State Meet by winning the 4AA Section Meet. They competed in the True Team State Championship Meet on May 20 with an eighth place finish.

Best Wishes to Our Retirees



Mark Loahr – 38 Years



Mike Shimek – 46 Years



Susan Lomanno – 35 Years



Ned Thompson – 50 Years

Mission, Faith, and Service

STUDENT GROUPS DRIVE SUPPORT

Totino-Grace student groups and teams coordinated a number of support initiatives this year. From Tackle Cancer fundraisers to food drives, the annual Dodge for a Difference event to school supply collections, our students joined together to promote the needs in our local and global community and provide opportunities for students and staff to learn about various non-profit organizations and the people they serve.

MISSION TRIPS

Totino-Grace High School's mission trip program encompasses the core values of the Lasallian mission while providing students with unique opportunities to learn about different cultures and poverty issues locally and internationally. In the 2016-2017 school year, Campus Ministry coordinated 14 mission trips locally and across the country with 150 Totino-Grace student participants.

LASALLIAN YOUTH SERVICE

Lasallian Youth service opportunities are offered after school daily and provide meaningful opportunities for students to live out their faith through service. One of our service sites is Sharing and Caring Hands. More than 160 of our current students (25% of the student body) have served over 800 non-required service hours at the site this year alone! Mr. Mike Shimek, religion teacher, has been taking students there every Tuesday for nearly 25 years!



El Paso Mission Trip



Boys Hockey Toys for Tots Fundraiser



Lasallian Youth at Sharing and Caring Hands

Educational Enrichment Opportunities

Totino-Grace students participated in unique opportunities to enhance their classroom learning. Engineering Institute students had a learning and exploration day at Medtronic Operational Headquarters. The TG marketing class met with their mentors at General Mills. Journalism students attended a program at the State Capitol. SOURCE students attended the Missing Voices Conference at St. Mary's University. These examples are just a few of the outstanding experiences Totino-Grace offers students to expand on classroom learning through educational enrichment.



Check out the TG News Blog

Visit the News Blog at totinograce.org/news and follow our official school social media pages for more exciting school news from Totino-Grace High School.



Totino-Grace High School Celebrates 50 Years

First Days: 50 years Later

Former Faculty and Staff



Members of the class of 1970 and past faculty and staff members were back on campus to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a Mass to commemorate the opening of Archbishop Grace High School 50 years ago. It was a great way to kick off our golden anniversary!



Sr. Mary Tachney



Br. Pat Conway

Sister Mary Tachney and Brother Pat Conway spoke to faculty and staff at back to school inservices to share their stories of the early days of the school. We have come a long way over the past 50 years but are proud to honor and uphold the inspirational legacies of the school's founding orders (Christian Brothers and School Sisters of Notre Dame) and the passion and innovation of the educators and school leaders who paved the way.

Members of the Class of 1970



A fresh look for Totino-Grace's front entry and commons welcomed students, staff, and guests as they attended back to school events this fall.



Homecoming Week



Totino-Grace was thrilled to host Archbishop Hebda during our 50th Anniversary Homecoming Week. He celebrated Mass and spent time visiting our classrooms and seeing our students in action.



The Fall Open House welcomed hundreds of guests for an exciting event for Future Eagles and family members to learn more about our inspiring community.



The Homecoming Football Game began with a tailgate party for all of our guests and a special performance by the fall dance team and junior E'gals. State Championship teams from the past 50 years were recognized during halftime.



Oktoberfest



Suzanne Yerg and Liz Bennek, past parents



Andrew Blake '99

Left to right:
Jenna Herzog Coauette '02
Jordan Herzog '97
Chris Schmidt
Kirsten Ratfield Herzog '97
Molly Wilson Schmidt '96
Justin Herzog '95
Melissa Wilson Herzog '94





Michelle Doyle Helling '96 and Alicia Aducci-Hassan '96



The first annual Totino-Grace Oktoberfest was a great success! Our event began with Mass followed by a festive evening with live music, great food, and beverages. Graduates from all decades, current and past parents, faculty and staff members, and community friends joined in on the fun.



1973 graduates Dean Elwell and Pam Becchetti Engbloom



50 Years of Champions

Our 50th Anniversary celebration included special recognition of our state championship athletic teams from the last 50 years. At halftime of the 2016 Homecoming football game on October 7, alumni athletes gathered on the field as programs and individuals were named.



Alumni from state championship teams gathered on the field for recognition at halftime of the Homecoming football game.

GIRLS ATHLETICS

Basketball	2008
Cross Country	1970, 1971
Dance Team - High Kick	1982, 1988, 1991, 1993 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000 2014, 2016
Dance Team - Jazz	1995, 1998, 1999, 2000 2001, 2002, 2003, 2016
Lacrosse	2002, 2003
Soccer	2001, 2002, 2007
Track and Field True Team	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011



BOYS ATHLETICS

Basketball	1972
Football	1977, 1978, 2003, 2004 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010 2012, 2016
Hockey	2002
Soccer	2002, 2004
Track and Field True Team	2006, 2009, 2011, 2013 2014
Wrestling	1972 and individual title holders



2016 Football Championship Painting

Congratulations to the Totino-Grace Eagle football team on earning our school's historic 50th state athletic title in our 50th Anniversary year. Mr. Steve Berger, TG art teacher, created a special commemorative piece to recognize the historical win.



Recognizing College Athletes ATHLETIC SIGNING

Totino-Grace is proud to recognize alumni who have competed at the Division I, II, and III collegiate level. The class of 2017 alone includes 22 seniors who made commitments to play for their college teams.

Visit our athletic team pages at totinograce.org to view the complete list of college athletes from each program. If you are a graduate who played college athletics, share the details at totinograce.org/contact-news-update-form





Jeff Ferguson '74

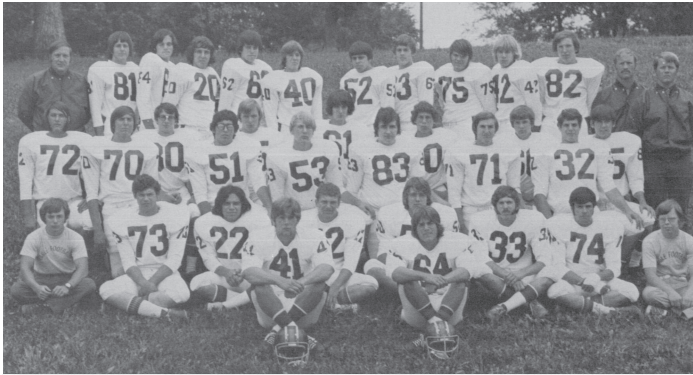
A Legacy of Success

Totino-Grace athletic programs have enjoyed a high level of athletic success spanning multiple decades. From top individual awards and hall of fame honors to conference and section titles to state appearances and championships, Eagles have enjoyed exciting results from hard work and dedication to personal and team achievement. Featured in this issue of the Continuum are reflections from current head coaches of our winningest teams from each season. Each of these coaches competed for the programs they now lead and it's clear that their success is measured by more than wins.

JEFF FERGUSON '74, FOOTBALL

Hall of Fame coaches Dave Nigon and Paul Gasner are my mentors and the architects of this program. Since 2002 I have worked with an incredible staff to put our stamp on it. I love teaching and building relationships and football is a vehicle to have a really positive impact on young people. The benefits of being on a team are great: have dreams and passion, set goals and commit to them, learn to be unselfish and a good teammate, be a mentor and accept mentoring. In a culture that screams *What's in it for me? What can I get out of it?* our first and loudest message is *It's not about you...are you in?* We have awesome parents who buy into this message and surround our program with positive support.

The success of the football program, and really all TG co-curricular programs, is culture. We strive to create programs here that students – and parents, alumni, and fans – want to be a part of. I have so much respect for the coaches and moderators at our school who give so much and are so committed. We have an opportunity here to provide balance but always with a focus on education. In the classroom and at any of our after school activities, students are learning life lessons, people skills, the value of hard work and competition, and how to handle stress and adversity. We are blessed to have the freedom and flexibility to offer so many opportunities for growth in a supportive and faith-filled environment.



1974 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—FRONT: CapL. M. Ramlet, Capt. L. Grasso. ROW 1: Mgr. M. McGinnity, M. Neidenfuer, J. Hernandez, D. Smude, C. Kasick, L. Inderlee, M. Bridgeman, Mgr. K. Jensen. ROW 2: M. Ahman, T. Matlon, W. McDonald, J. Ferguson, P. Gerber, M. Larson, M. Mezzenga, B. Sporney, K. Bennek, D. Borys, P. Murkowski, J. Ludwig, M. Lohr. ROW 3: Coach P. Gasner, G. Kowal, J. Palkert, T. Scheider, P. Crowe, R. Guzik, M. Cassidy, S. Plaisance, W. Mathias, B. McFee, T. Gates, Coach T. Emond, Head Coach D. Nigon.

1974 Eagle Football Team

KRISTEN MALIK GAGNON '93, DANCE TEAM

My years as an E'gal were some of the most cherished memories I have of high school. Margaret Richter Schauer '82 was my coach and mentor and it meant so much to me to be asked to join her staff upon graduating. I had the utmost respect for her and learned the importance of providing a structured yet loving culture for all members of the team. I am very proud of the fact that every coach at every level of this program is an E'gal alumna whose experience impacted them in such a way that they want to give back. It is a blessing to share a passion and vision for the program with these talented women.

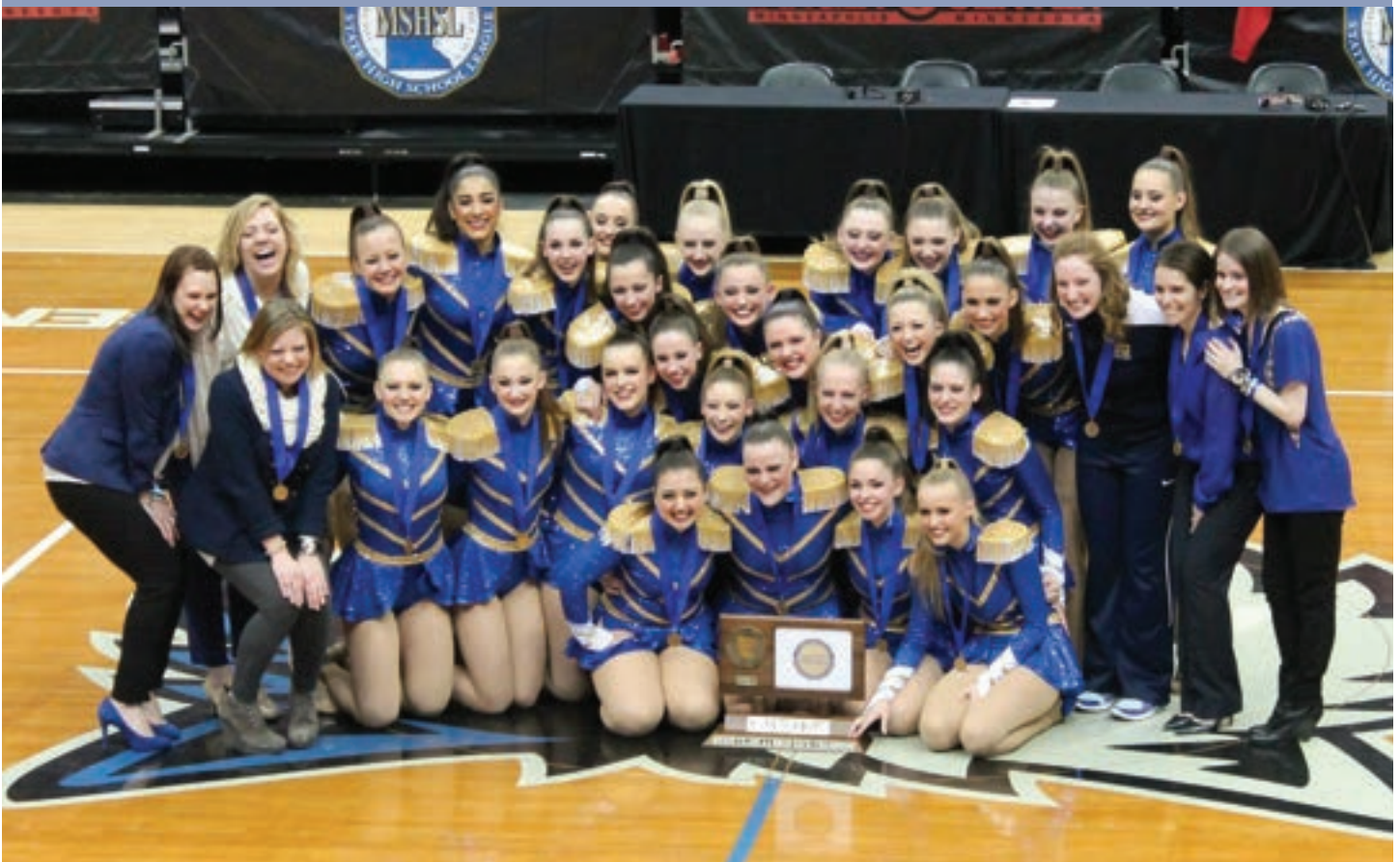
We live by and work to mirror the mission of the school by focusing on the four pillars of learning, faith, community, and service, applying them in our daily practice and competitions throughout the season. The girls in our program learn the importance of "we" not "me," developing strong friendships while learning to work and respect many different personalities. Our focus is to develop leaders by celebrating each team members' strengths.

The entire TG community of teachers, administrators, coaches, moderators, and faculty have a vested interest in each student's success by creating an inclusive learning and playing environment. We work to push our kids out of their comfort zone, which is where true

potential is discovered. We are all Lasallian educators and you can see that modeled in every classroom, playing field, court, competition or performance. I love Totino-Grace High School... it made me into the coach, wife, mother, and career woman that I am today.



1993 E'gal captains: *Kristen Malik Gagnon, Heidi Zeto Oswald, and Sophia Nawrocki Horvath.*



2014 State Champions

TRACI PASTOORS BENNINGTON '08 TRACK & FIELD

Totino-Grace track and field has a long tradition of great coaches who have paved the way for me to maintain a successful program. Not only did these coaches provide great training theory, but instilled in me and my teammates a sense of passion and commitment. I remember being a sophomore and one day simply saying, "I love track," and truly meaning it. This was a turning point for me as an athlete and drove me to pursue the sport in college and now as a coach.

Our program is committed to developing students beyond their time on the field. We focus on faith, academic achievement, leadership, perseverance, and dedication, with the goal of helping participants discover their passions and become successful young adults. I have seen our track athletes push themselves to accomplish things they didn't think possible. They learn what it means to be a great teammate, help others to achieve their goals, and be mentors and role models for their peers.

Co-curricular programs like track and field benefit our students by providing a space and place to play, socialize, build passion, and experience success in a team atmosphere. The success they achieve is far beyond a record or a win, and the skills they develop as members of the team will provide benefits they can apply to other areas in their life, in high school and beyond.



Traci Pastoors '08 and Gabby McDonald '20



2008 Track and Field Team

The Lasallian Coach

The Totino-Grace athletic program, inspired by St. John Baptist de La Salle, patron saint of teachers, touches the heart of each player, inspiring them to surpass their own expectations and challenging them to fully realize their God-given ability and potential.

Eagle coaches balance passion for excellence with compassion for players—caring for the person, not just the athlete. They serve as role models for their players, demonstrating the virtues of commitment, excellence, and humility. While holding high expectations and standards for themselves, Eagle coaches inspire players to achieve academic success, develop their leadership abilities, be of service to others, and develop life-long relationships.

The aim of our programs is to foster a true sense of community characterized by camaraderie, collaboration, and respect. We emphasize positive relationships among players and between players and coaches.

Grounded in Christian values and our Lasallian tradition, Eagle Athletics is a tradition of excellence serving a wide range of student interests with a particular focus on academic success, leadership development, and service. The athletic program at Totino-Grace is student-centered and an integral part of the student's total educational experience.

The Totino-Grace experience, inspired by the charisms of St. John Baptist de La Salle and Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, touches the heart of each student, encouraging them to surpass their own expectations, achieve academic success, and experience personal and spiritual fulfillment within a safe, nurturing community. Totino-Grace students benefit from the witness of caring and dedicated faculty, staff, and coaches in the classroom and on the field, court, and stage.



*Saint John Baptist de La Salle
Teaching Minds and Touching Hearts*



*Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger
Transforming the World through Education*

Visit www.totinograce.org to learn more about our mission, ministry, and Catholic Lasallian education.



Totino-Grace High School Institutes Athletic Hall of Fame

Totino-Grace High School's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony took place on October 2, 2016. Established to recognize the excellence in our sports programs over the past 50 years, the Hall of Fame includes teams, coaches, and alumni athletes who have excelled in their respective sports or coaching/support roles, and who helped to bring distinction and excellence to Totino-Grace both on and off the field or floor. This recognition allows our community to honor the great athletic traditions of our school and foster school spirit.

We have grown from a small school with few boys sports and even fewer sports for girls to become a recognized leader across the metro and state for our competitive athletic teams. There are many people in our past to thank and recognize for building the programs that we now enjoy. This foundational event was the beginning of our formal recognition of significant contributors to our school's history of athletic excellence.



1970 cross country teammates Jodene Williams Kircher '72 and Gina Pearo Marushin '74



Coach Louie Mitteco and members of the 1972 basketball team

HONOREES

TEAMS

1970
Women's Cross Country Team

1972
Men's Basketball Team

1972
Men's Wrestling Team

ATHLETES



Tony McDonald '79



Venisa Dinius '83

COACHES



Dave Nigon



Louie Mitteco



Tom Emond



Coach Tom Emond and Jon Ridge '72

2017 Totino-Grace Athletic Hall of Fame

Join us as we honor alumni and coaching staff at our second annual Athletic Hall of Fame on **Sunday, October 1, 2017**. This event is designed to honor the outstanding athletic accomplishments or contributions to the athletic history and traditions of Archbishop Grace High School and Totino-Grace High School. We will be recognizing and inducting nominees who have made exemplary contributions to the success, administration, and/or traditions of the school's athletic programs.

TEAMS

1977 Football Team
1982 Dance Team

COACHES

Ned Thompson
Greg Balego

ATHLETES

Ted Strugar '78
Rob Bohlinger '93
Jill McDonell Ondrey '95
Julie Eibensteiner '97

EXCEPTIONAL EAGLE ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTOR

Dave Anderson



Learn more about past and future inductees at:
totinograce.org/athletic-hall-of-fame



Foundation Builder

Bob Betzold - Class of 1973

As a high school athlete, Bob had a knack for running. He was a four-year member of the track team and ran on the cross country team during his junior and senior years. In addition, he played intramural touch football and basketball. After high school, Bob started playing soccer. At the time, it was a relatively new sport in the U.S. He comments, "The exercise was similar to long-distance running, but it was more fun."

Bob enjoyed being taught by legendary teachers Mr. Frank Preese,

Mr. Dave Nigon, Mr. Bud Paape and Mr. Ned Thompson. He shares, "Ned Thompson would not teach us calculus. He wanted us to master all of the basics, leading up to calculus; to be able to look at an equation and visualize what it looked like graphically. He was right. In college, there were kids who bragged about already having calculus in high school. I did better than they did. Thank you, Ned! He also taught my son, David, who graduated in 2005. That was special for both of us to have the same high school math teacher."



If you have attended an athletic event in the past five decades, you were likely to see Bob in the stands. He explains, "Back in the 70s, we were a basketball school and I went to all the home games. After I graduated,



1973 Grace Cross Country Team

FRONT ROW: C. Paidosh, M. Lyden. SECOND ROW: E. Rasmussen, D. Rodgers with Kat Kat. TOP ROW: D. Mikolai, B. Betzold, C. Kramer, Coach Br. George, M. Willmus.

You can learn about giving at
totinograce.org/Advancement





1973 Grace Track and Field Team

TOP ROW: T. Graham, K. Leonard, K. Louiselle, MGR. J. Anderson, M. Mezzenga, D. Rodgers, C. Kramer, E. Rasmussen, C. Paidosh, B. Betzold, MGR. C. Turner, J. Stevens. MIDDLE ROW: R. VanBeusekom, T. O'Mally, A. Svobodony, M. Ramlet, HEAD COACH M. Mader. BOTTOM ROW: J. Muller, M. Lyden, D. Mikolai, C. Andrvchowitz.

I continued attending games. It gave me a break from college homework, and was something I preferred doing rather than going to parties or bars. I thought that someday I'd outgrow it. Instead, I turned into a high school sports junkie with TG being my number one team. When my wife, Peg, and I were looking for a house in the mid-80s, we found the perfect one which had a back yard that abuts the old dust bowl -- TG's current practice fields. I could just walk over to home games. Later, my support expanded to girls basketball and volleyball. Now TG is well-known for football, so I'm obviously a fan of that amazing program."

Bob's dedication is not limited to sports at Totino-Grace. "My son got into show choir which I enjoy even more than high school sports. Now I'm a high school show choir junkie. I go to most of the competitions, many of which are in other states, and try to see as many performances as possible.

I volunteer every year at Spectacular. It's my favorite volunteer activity of the year."

"There have been so many exciting TG football games, too many to list here, but it's the show choir success that has made a name for TG across the country. Still, all of these successes mean nothing compared to what goes on in the classroom -- the discipline and moral standards that are taught." Bob adds, "I'm so fortunate that my parents sent me and my siblings to Catholic schools. I was not a top student by any means, but Grace gave me the tools to succeed in college, get a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota, and to have my dream career as an engineer (spending eight years at Honeywell and more than 32 years at Medtronic). It also gave me a moral compass and strengthened my Catholic faith, which has guided me along the way. Without a doubt, I would not be where I am today if it were not for my four

years at Grace. I'm also grateful for the education my son, David, got at TG. He followed my career path, but was a much better student than I was, earning an undergraduate degree from Marquette and a masters degree from Northwestern, both in electrical engineering.

While the cost of tuition can be a barrier for some families, Bob's dedication to the school, and empathy for those who need financial aid, drive his financial support. "When I was young, I tinkered with electronics and knew that I wanted to be an electrical engineer. Back in the day, there was no open enrollment for public schools. I lived in North Minneapolis and would have gone to Patrick Henry. Had I gone there, I never would have acquired my engineering degree. I have empathy for the kids who cannot attend because of the cost. That's why I'm committed to donating annually to the Lasallian Mentor Scholarship Fund, supporting the financial aid program at TG."

Support TG

Last fall, to commemorate our 50th Anniversary, members of our community were issued a challenge to join together to fund the tuition of 50 students – a total of \$750,000. We are proud to report we have achieved this goal with the outstanding support of our community throughout the year and this spring with our annual online TG Giving Day! We hope you will consider a contribution to our stretch goal of \$900,000 to fund additional financial aid support for 10 more Totino-Grace students.

A special feature of this year's TG Fund appeal, and in the spirit of competition, we created the Alumni Class Giving Challenge to encourage

members of each graduating class to go head to head to outpace their peers in giving participation. The class from each decade that comes out on top at the end of our fiscal year will receive a complimentary admission package to the 2017 Totino-Grace Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7, 2017! Alumni giving has noticeably increased due to this year's exciting challenge. View your class's giving participation levels at:

totinograce.org/alumni-class-challenge

Your support of Totino-Grace today will ensure that our students will be prepared to lead productive and successful futures tomorrow. Your commitment, along with the

investment s of your fellow TG community members, will provide transformative experiences for the Eagles of today and tomorrow.

Our fiscal year ends on Friday, June 30. Please consider supporting our students and honoring our 50th Anniversary through a gift to the TG Fund. Make your donation today at: totinograce.org/giving.



Angela Rodgers Hickman '06
Annual Fund Officer

CURRENT TOP ALUMNI GIVING CLASSES

AS OF MAY 2017

The class from your decade that comes out on top will receive a complimentary admission package to the 2017 Totino-Grace Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7. Visit totinograce.org/alumni-class-challenge for a current summary of class giving participation.



Ways to GIVE



Online at totinograce.org/giving

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



Transfer of stock, bequests, and other planned gifts.

Employer matching gifts are a great way to stretch your generosity even further.



Advancement Updates



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE TG CUP!

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017
COLUMBIA GOLF CLUB
11:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START,
4:00 P.M. SOCIAL, 5:00 P.M. DINNER

It's all about our students! Save the date for our fifth annual TG Cup on **Monday, August 14, 2017**. Join fellow graduates and friends for golfing and fun. Proceeds benefit the Totino-Grace Lasallian Scholarship Fund, our financial aid program. This is a scramble tournament with a social hour followed by dinner. Learn more at: totinograce.org/TGCup



JOIN US UNDER THE TENT AT OKTOBERFEST!

Save the date for our second annual Oktoberfest this fall on **Saturday, October 7, 2017!** Come help us cap off Homecoming Week as we celebrate with food, beverages, and live music. Additional details will be available on the school website. *This is a 21+ event.* Learn more at: totinograce.org/Oktoberfest



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WINTER PLACE GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017
TOTINO-GRACE HIGH SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 P.M.

The Winter Place Gala is Totino-Grace's largest community fundraising event. Each year, alumni, past and current parents, faculty, staff, and friends gather to kick off the holiday season in style. Proceeds from the gala fund vital Totino-Grace programs, technology needs, and financial aid for students. Learn more about attending, volunteering, and donating at: totinograce.org/Winter_Place_Gala



2017 CLASS REUNIONS

In 2017, all classes ending in 7 or 2 are due for a reunion. New this year, we welcome all alumni and their guest(s) to attend an all-school reunion at Totino-Grace High School. Celebrate Totino-Grace's 2017 Homecoming with your classmates and the TG community on **Friday, October 6**, at the Homecoming football game, and on **Saturday, October 7**, at Oktoberfest. More details can be found at:

totinograce.org/Alumni/Reunions

If you are interested in coordinating your class reunion, or have any questions, please contact Jon Delwiche, Alumni Relations Officer, at 763-586-6326 or jon.delwiche@totinograce.org.



KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

Keep current on the latest school and alumni news. Submit contact information changes at totinograce.org/alumni or contact the Alumni Relations Office at 763-586-6326 or tgalumni@totinograce.org.

Class Notes

1970



Congratulations to **Mark Loahr** on a successful teaching and coaching career at Totino-Grace High School. Mark was in the

first graduating class of Archbishop Grace High School and returned as a teacher in 1978. He was a member of the social studies department through the 2015-2016 school year and led the bowling and boys hockey teams through their 2016-2017 seasons.

1974

Jeff Ferguson was honored with the 6A Coach of the Year and MN Coach of the Year awards at the 2017 Minnesota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Banquet on April 1.



Jeff Ferguson '74



Jenna Herzog Coauette's son '02

1976

Gordon DeMaris has two children who got married in 2016. His son, Peter, was married in April and his daughter, Anna, married in June.

2002

Jenna Herzog Coauette and her husband, Ben, welcomed the birth of their second son, Cameron, on November 9, 2016.

2003

Ben Cattoor and his company, Foodsby, were featured in the Star Tribune in March of 2017 for raising \$6 million for its suburban restaurant delivery service.

2004

Meghan Quinn married Adam Knoke on November 19, 2016, at the Lowertown Event Center in St. Paul. Graduates in the wedding party included: **Erin Quinn '11, Amanda Kubik '04, Katie Schultz Partridge '04, Matt Diehl '04,** and **Danielle Di Fabio Sol '04.**

2005

On October 11, 2016, **Lindsay Hahn Tomsche** and her husband, Michael, welcomed the birth of their son Vincent Martin.



Meghan Quinn Knoke '04



Tomsche family '05



Nicole Mertz '05

2005 Nicole Mertz won the 2015 Elite Women's Minnesota State Cyclocross Championship and the 2016 Women's Singlespeed Cyclocross National Championship in Asheville, North Carolina. Nicole is a graduate of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

2006 Angela Rodgers Hickman and her husband, Cole, are excited to announce the birth of their son, Garrison Anthony, born on December 8, 2016.

2006 Katie Sjoberg Zierden and her husband, Jon Zierden welcomed the birth of Kallie Jean Zierden on February 18, 2017.

Jessica Pearce and **Weston Poucher** were married on December 3, 2016. **Jake Pearce '01, Jenn Pearce '04, Kate Poucher Johnson '09, Charlie Nesser '06, Adam Quade '06, and Ryan Gleason '06** were in the wedding party.

2007 Abbie Dunham married Alex Patiño at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis on August 6, 2016. Graduates in the wedding party included **Maame-Yaa Aforo '07, Lauren Erickson '07, Chelsea Langfus '07, Tina Houglum '07, Brittney McCready '07, and Chris Dunham '10.**

Joanna Pearl was born to **Patrick and Abigail Gullickson Ludwig** on October 21, 2016. She is granddaughter to 1981 graduates **Troy and Neva Anderson Gullickson** and 1974 graduates **John and Rose Fischbach Ludwig.**



Patrick and Abigail Gullickson Ludwig's daughter '07



Hickman family '06



Zierden family '06



Jessica Pearce and Weston Poucher '06



2007 Erica Connolly and **Patrick Murlowski** were married on February 18, 2017, with roughly 45 Grace and Totino-Grace graduates in attendance, representing multiple decades.

2008 Gillian Schack married Joshua Kubitschek on October 7, 2016, at the McNamara Alumni Center at the U of M. The wedding party included: **Katie Perovich '08, Stephanie Gooley '08, Alex Tousley Schack '05, Bethany Huhta '08, Brian Schack '05, and Michael Schack '03.** Gillian is the daughter of alumna **Celeste Schmelzer Schack '71.**

In March of 2017, **Emily Engbloom Spillman** was featured on KSTP-TV in a story about her work as a nurse at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and her involvement in the 2017 Goldy's Run.

2009 Allie McDonald Gervais and her mother, Pam, launched their health and wellness business *Dishing With My Daughter* in early 2017. You can learn more and sign up for their site at dishingwithmydaughter.com.

2013 Allie Koes holds the title of Miss Chain of Lakes 2017 and is in the running for Miss Minnesota 2018. She will compete in the pageant on January 6, 2018. This spring, Allie was on campus to speak to students about her platform, A Chain Reaction of Kindness, during our Monday convocation.

2014 Alumna Laura Eischens, a junior at the University of St. Thomas, qualified to compete in the 2017 NCAA DIII Indoor Track and Field Championships. She competed in the women's pentathlon.

On December 21, **Matt Olson** returned to Totino-Grace to attend the annual Advent Mass. Matt spoke at the end of the celebration and thanked the TG community for the months of support since his accident in February of 2016.



2015 **Luke Russell**, who attends Butler University, and **Amy Gasperlin**, who attends Marquette University, competed in Staten Island, New York, at the Big East Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship in February, 2017. Amy's team went on to win the championship title.

Hope Schiller and the Concordia University Golden Bears took the Division II National Volleyball Championship title in December of 2016.

2016 Alumna **Amelia Vosen** and the Gustavus Adolphus College women's hockey team advanced to the 2017 DIII NCAA Final Four, taking third place in the competition.

Kyle Petersen, pictured with Dean of Students and Director of Campus Ministry, **Andrew Blake '99**, recently began a two year deployment to Bahrain with the U.S. Navy. Kyle stopped by TG in November of 2016, for a visit and to serve with our students at Sharing and Caring Hands.



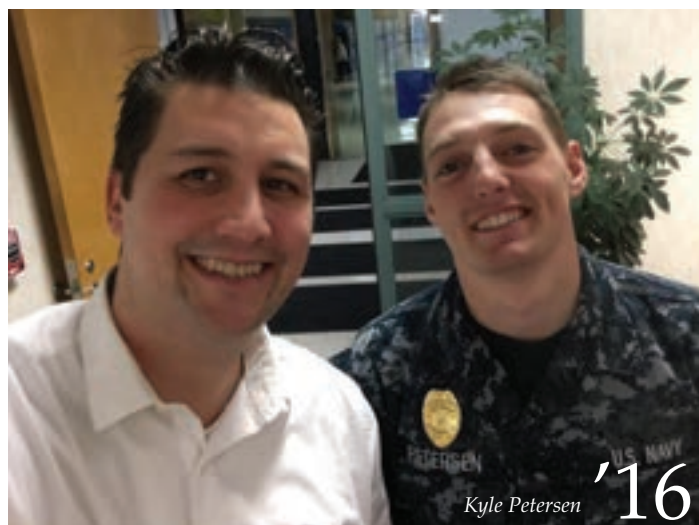
Allie Koes '13



Allie McDonald Gervais '08



Matt Olson '14



Kyle Petersen '16



Career Day



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ALUMNI COMMUNITY EVENTS

GRADUATES PARTICIPATE IN CAREER EXPLORATION DAY

Totino-Grace held a Career Exploration Day for sophomores in March, 2017. Current parents, alumni, and friends of TG came to speak about their chosen careers. It was a great event for our students to learn about the presenters' education and professional experiences. A total of eight alumni speakers included: **Angela Mannella Hoffman '94**, **Jeremy Carroll '96**, **Julie Eibensteiner '97**, **Ross Anderson '99**, **Emily Engbloom Spillman '08**, **Molly McCue Kain '08**, and **Vania Romay Deeney '08**.

TG BASEBALL PLAYERS SEE EAGLE ALUMNI PLAY D1

TG baseball players and coaches headed to Siebert Field on April 4, 2017, to watch the NDSU Bison take on the University of Minnesota. The Eagles rooted for our three baseball alumni who played: **Reggie Meyer '14** and **Ben Mezzenga '15** for the U of M, and **Ben Petersen '13** for NDSU.

BOYS HOCKEY ALUMNI GATHERING

Boys hockey alumni gathered once again at the annual alumni game on April 1, 2017. Many attended a post-game social gathering at Moe's in Mounds View. Donations were collected to support **Matt Olson '14**.



2016 Alumni Holiday Happy Hour

ALUMNI HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Many alumni gathered for the second annual Alumni Holiday Happy Hour at Moe's in Mounds View on December 27. This event has become a great hit! Mark Thursday, December 28, on your calendar for the 2017 Totino-Grace Alumni Holiday Happy Hour.

CENTRE STAGE ALUMNAE PERFORMERS

On March 9, alumnae **Regina Peluso '98**, **Katie Gearty '97**, **Katie Schultz Partridge '04**, and **Ashley Kidd Tatge '10** performed at Centre Stage, our 50th Anniversary performing arts showcase. The show included a collection of performances from current students and graduates including song, drama, comedy, and dance.



2017 TG Alumni Hockey Game

2017-2018 Future Eagle Events

SUMMER CAMPS

Totino-Grace High School offers a wide variety of academic, performing arts and athletic summer camp experiences for students in elementary, middle, and high school. Visit totinograce.org/summercamps for complete details and a convenient, online registration form.

EXPERIENCE TG: BE AN EAGLE FOR A DAY

Opportunities Beginning September 5, 2017
Prospective 7th and 8th grade students are invited and strongly encouraged to spend a day with a current TG Eagle to experience what a typical day is like at Totino-Grace. Our guests will attend classes, meet teachers and students, and get a sense of the special community spirit at Totino-Grace. Visit totinograce.org/Experience_TG to learn more and register.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29, 2017

The annual Totino-Grace Trunk or Treat event provides a fun and safe trick or treat option for children. This enjoyable family event will take place in the school parking lot on Sunday, October 29.

DISCOVER TG: OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

**Monday, October 2, 2017 &
Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

Totino-Grace open house events provide a unique opportunity to meet TG faculty and staff, explore our academic programs, interact with current students, parents, and TG coaches, and learn about our co-curricular programs. Learn more and register your student at totinograce.org/Discover_TG.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 2, 2017

The Totino-Grace community welcomes our littlest future Eagles to attend Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 2. Our young guests can take a photo with Santa and enjoy breakfast with the whole family.



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2017 WINTER PLACE GALA

Saturday, November 18 | Totino-Grace High School

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

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