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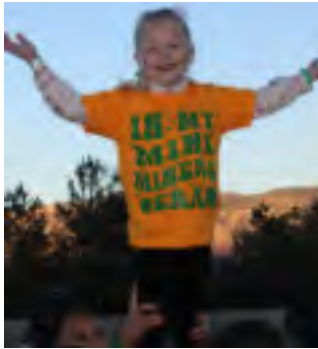
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Dear Bishop Manogue Alumni, Friends, Family, and Supporters,

I never quite know what to expect when I'm welcomed into a new school community—and trust me when I say that I have experienced many new school environments nationwide, but as a Catholic Brother and now the interim supervisor at Bishop Manogue, I have quickly been immersed into the school's culture. To say I'm impressed would be an understatement.

In the short time I've spent with the Bishop Manogue community, I have quickly realized how the phrase "*Homines Sicut Montes*" — *Give us men and women to match our mountains* encapsulates our shared mission to cultivate leaders who not only stand firm in their beliefs but also rise with resilience and grace to meet life's challenges. Living by *Homines Sicut Montes* means nurturing a school community rooted deeply in the teachings of Christ and grounded in tradition, all while reaching toward new heights in knowledge, service, and personal growth. At Bishop Manogue, the staff and faculty seek to create an environment where each student feels encouraged to stand tall, supported by a foundation of faith, and ready to become a force of good in the world.

Allow me to formally introduce myself. I am the newly appointed Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Reno. In addition, my area of supervision at Bishop Manogue includes overseeing the responsibilities of the school president. This dual role is significant for several reasons; one of the most important being that my presence enables the dedicated team at Bishop Manogue to focus on their primary responsibilities, free from additional administrative burdens. I am here to support, to serve, and to help this exceptional community continue its mission.

My journey in Catholic education spans over 30 years, during which I've had the opportunity to serve in a wide variety of roles. From classroom teacher to coach, dean of discipline to vice principal, and even as a school president, I have experienced firsthand the unique challenges and rewards of building strong, faith-filled school communities. Most recently, I served as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, supporting 22 high schools. Prior to that, I was Vice President for Administration at Damien Memorial School in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Vice President at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, New Jersey, where I focused on educational technology.

My academic background has also shaped my ministry. I have earned degrees in Behavioral Science, Religious Studies, Educational Technology, and School Administration and Supervision, culminating in a doctorate in Educational Leadership. Yet, no degree or title can match the lessons learned from the communities I have been privileged to serve—Reno and Bishop Manogue now being one of them.

As I embark on this new chapter in Northern Nevada, I am eager to immerse myself in the unique culture and history of Bishop Manogue. Since its establishment in 1948, this school has stood as a pillar of faith, tradition, and excellence in education within the region. I am committed to upholding that legacy and ensuring that our students continue to thrive in their academic and spiritual journeys.

Together, as a community, we are called to embody the ideals of *Homines Sicut Montes*. This mission challenges each of us—students, parents, educators, and supporters alike—to rise with strength, remain grounded in faith, and reach for ever-greater heights. I look forward to walking alongside you as we continue to shape a brighter, faith-filled future for Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

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Welcome back, Bishop Manogue Alumni and hello friends, family, and supporters,

As we celebrate the enduring spirit of our beloved school, I am reminded of our mission to cultivate individuals who are not only academically proficient but also morally grounded and spiritually enriched. Our theme, "Men and Women to Match Our Mountains," resonates deeply with the values we strive to instill in our students—values that guide them through life's challenges and triumphs.

At the heart of our educational philosophy lies the commitment to fostering Joy, Forgiveness, and Hope. These virtues are not merely concepts; they are essential tools that empower our students to navigate the complexities of the world with grace and resilience.

Joy is the foundation upon which we build our community. It encourages our students to embrace life's experiences with a positive spirit, finding beauty in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments. We teach them that joy is not just a fleeting feeling but a choice that can illuminate even the darkest days.

Forgiveness is another pillar of our teachings. In a world often marked by division and strife, we emphasize the importance of compassion and understanding. By learning to forgive, our students cultivate strong relationships and foster a sense of community that reflects Christ's love. This practice not only liberates them from the burdens of resentment but also empowers them to extend grace to others.

Finally, Hope is the beacon that guides our students as they face life's uncertainties. In our classrooms and through our programs, we encourage them to dream big and pursue their passions, knowing that with faith and perseverance, they can overcome any obstacle. Hope inspires them to be agents of change in their communities, making a positive impact wherever they go.

As we reflect on the impact our school has had on generations of students, let us remember that we are not just shaping individuals but nurturing the leaders of tomorrow—men and women who will rise to meet the mountains before them with courage and integrity.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Together, let us continue to inspire one another to live lives filled with joy, forgiveness, and hope.



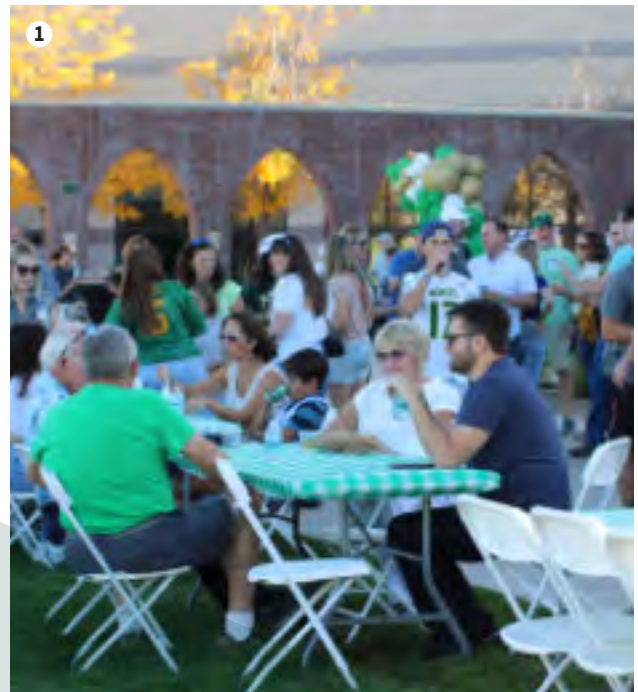
Bri Thoreson, Principal



MINER SCENE

Bishop Manogue is abuzz with activity, thanks to the incredible support from our community partners, alumni, parents, and students. Join us as we take a look back at the vibrant, on-campus social scenes from fall 2024! Stay connected with the latest news and upcoming Bishop Manogue events by following us on social media, @BishopManogue48.

- 1 Friends and Alumni Homecoming Tailgate:** This year's annual Friends and Alumni Homecoming Tailgate on Friday, September 27, brought together over 300 alumni and their families for a lively celebration. Hosted on the front lawn at Bishop Manogue, the event featured a dinner buffet, drinks, music, lawn games, and a lot of reminiscing before the Homecoming football game win over McQueen. The Classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, and 2004 kept the festivities going with special reunion events all weekend.
- 2 Jim Williams Miner Golf Classic:** The Jim Williams Miner Golf Classic at Gray's Crossing Golf Course on October 4 was a huge success! 128 golfers enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day in Truckee, CA with a delicious lunch provided by Full Belly Deli. The event raised more than \$43,000. Student





Class of '84

Class of '04



Class of '71



Class of '74



Class of '94

golfers brought in more than \$4,000 during their Student Drive and the Manogue Minerthon collected \$3,320 for Children's Cancer. It was a fantastic day filled with community spirit and generous support!

- 3 Bishop Manogue Family Night:** It was a brisk October evening for the annual Family Night, but that didn't stop Miner fans and families! It was a fun-filled event bringing together current and prospective families for an action-packed evening. The night, put on by Admissions and Student Leadership, featured games, face painting, and snow cones. One of the evening's highlight was the Miner cheerleaders' halftime performance with more than 60 Mini Miners by their side. It was another home victory against the Reno High Huskies.

- 4 Salute to Veterans:** On Friday night, October 18, nearly 30 local Veterans with ties to Bishop Manogue and Reno High School were honored during the Salute to Veterans at halftime. Student volunteers spent time with the local Veterans, sharing hot chocolate and cookies while enjoying their new-found friendship, stories, and some football. The students wore Salute to Service t-shirts, sponsored by Rob Moore with Country Financial. Despite the chilly weather, the atmosphere was warm with smiles and a patriotic crowd!

- 5 Class Reunions:** A number of class reunions have taken place over the last year! What a sight it is to see all these classmates come together and reminisce about the good ol' Miner days: Class of '71, Class of '74, Class of '84, Class of '94, and Class of '04.

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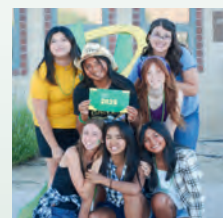
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MINERS ON THE MOVE

Bishop Manogue alumni and partners continue to take on the world with great pride and success! Check out what our Miner alumni are up to, their amazing achievements, and the love that fills their hearts.

The following **Miners on the Move** highlights were submitted in the spring, summer, and fall of 2024.



RYAN DUNLAP '14: After graduating from the University of Nevada with a degree in Accounting in May of 2019, Ryan Dunlap moved to Maine and settled in Portland. He worked in a few of the area's breweries, with the goal of someday opening his own. After a lot of work and patience, in February 2024, Ryan opened Argenta Brewing Company, a brewery and tasting room in

West Bayside, Portland. It is Maine's only "lager beer saloon." Ryan named his brewery after an old silver mining town in Nevada and his dorm, Argenta Hall, at UNR. He was excited to bring a little bit of Nevada to Maine! Follow Ryan and Argenta Brewing Company on Instagram @argentabrewingcompany.



PATTY (DILLION) CAFFERATA '58:

Governor Joe Lombardo appointed Patty the Nevada State Public Defender on March 1, 2024. Patty is honored by the Governor's

confidence in her ability and she is looking forward to serving the state in this position.

HAILEE CICCOTTI '17:

Hailee received her Doctor of Medicine from the UNR School of Medicine in May 2024. Hailee was accepted into the BSMD program as an incoming freshman and completed her undergraduate studies in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology before entering the School of Medicine. Her specialty is Pediatrics with an emphasis on infectious disease. She has been accepted for residency at Seattle Children's Hospital, part of the University of Washington, and began her residency in June.



TREVOR CICCOTTI '19:

Trevor graduated from Houghton University in May 2023 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports, Recreation, and Wellness Management with a minor in Sports Management/Athletic

Administration. He played on the Houghton Baseball team for four years, and in his senior year was named First Team All-Conference as a relief pitcher. Trevor is employed by the Reno Aces as part of their award-winning grounds crew, and is also employed by the Tahoe Mountain Club as an Assistant Golf Professional.



SEAN FESTA '19:

Sean graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Miami School of Architecture, in May 2024. He was offered and accepted a position with Cox, Klierer and Company, P.C. as an Intern Architectural Designer/Technician, in Virginia Beach, VA.

GUS ROSSI JR. '11: Gus finished his Residency and is now a practicing Anesthesiologist in Tucson, AZ.

GIANNA ROSSI '14: Gia is back in Reno after working as a Traveling Nurse in Fort Bragg and San Luis Obispo. She is in Telemetry at Renown.

JOHN BARSANTI '85:

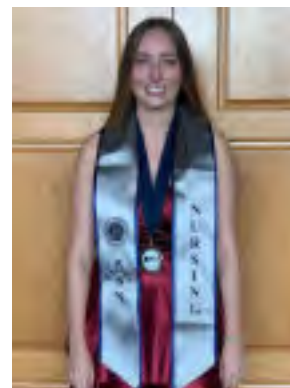
John Barsanti was appointed to Farmers Insurance's President's Council for the 2024/2025 year! President's Council membership is the most elite honor an agent can receive from the Farmers® organization. Only 1% or roughly 100 of the over 12,000 agents annually qualify. Qualification to President's Council is recognition of not only your business' success but so much more. President's Council members are leaders in their communities, mentors to other agents, and exemplary business owners.



MIMI (CANFIELD) O'BRIEN '06: After closing her retail boutique of more than a decade in business. Mimi O'Brien has purchased Reno Yard Greetings — a custom yard sign rental that spreads joy across Reno!

JASMINE HAAS '19:

Jasmine graduated from Bishop Manogue with the class of 2019. She was offered the Presidential Scholarship to attend the University of Nevada and graduated from the UNR Orvis School of Nursing with a BSN in Nursing in December 2022. She has been a nurse at Carson-Tahoe since and is starting her Masters in Nursing with Purdue University in 2024.



FRAN AND MAUREEN (DAVIS) DETAR '80:

Mo retired from twenty-one years of teaching in a homeschool program for 10th and 11th graders. She and her husband are



enjoying gardening, boating, and spending loads of time with the grandkids (twenty-one and counting). Fran is busy in private practice at Hayden Lake Family Physicians. He loves his patients and excels at teaching and precepting up-and-coming Nurse Practitioners.

MINI MINERS

Welcome to the Miner family! These Mini Miners arrived into the world to loving arms between the spring 2023 and summer of 2024.



WALLY SHAWN CHOOCH O'BRIEN: Marie "Mimi" (Canfield) O'Brien '06 and husband Scott O'Brien, along with big brothers, Dane, Reed, and Skip welcomed Wally "Chooch" on August 17, 2023 rounding up their gang of boys.

PORTER JAMES GURNEA:

Kennedy (Zaccheo) Gurnea '14 and her husband Taylor welcomed their first baby on September 6, 2024. Porter James Gurnea weighed in at 7 lbs.



EMMA JEAN MONSEY: Ashley (Pace) Monsey '04 and BMCHS teacher, Will Monsey became the proud parents of their third child, Emma Jean, on April 17, 2023.



MARRIAGES + ENGAGEMENTS



Join us in congratulating our Miner alumni who have found lifelong love and stepped into the next chapter of their lives.

JAKE BAYLISS '13 AND MAGGIE WATSON:

Bishop Manogue graduate, Jake Bayliss, married Maggie Watson on June 17, 2023 in Incline Village. The couple resides in Denver, Colorado with their dog Clyde.



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BASH 2024

2024 Hall of Fame Honorees Recognized at the Annual BASH Fundraiser

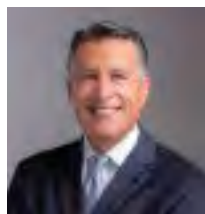
On Friday, August 23, Bishop Manogue Catholic High School proudly celebrated the induction of five remarkable individuals into its Hall of Fame at the 35th Annual BASH (Building A Scholastic Heritage)



John '79 and Yvonne '81 Anxo were honored for their multi-generational commitment to Catholic education, from their time as students to their leadership roles on

multiple school boards and as active parents in the Diocese of Reno. Their unwavering support, including Yvonne's service as interim President of Bishop Manogue, exemplifies faith-based leadership and community service.

Brian Sandoval '81 was recognized for his exemplary public service as Nevada Attorney General, federal judge for the United States District Court



for the District of Nevada, the Silver State's Governor for eight years, and currently the President of the University of Nevada. A student body president and mentor during his time at Bishop Manogue, Sandoval continues to embody the Miner spirit of integrity and leadership, inspiring generations of students to follow his path.



Father Charles "Chuck" Durante '77, a beloved figure known for his authenticity, faith, and advocacy, was celebrated for his lifelong service to Bishop Manogue. From

his early days as a student to his pivotal roles as Chaplain, founder of the Campus

Ministry program, and interim President, Father Chuck has transformed the lives of thousands through his ministry and compassion.

Chris Ault was honored for his legacy as an influential coach whose leadership shaped the foundation of Bishop Manogue's athletic excellence. A two-time state championship coach in 1970 and 1971, Ault's values of hard work, faith, and excellence remain a model for future generations. His family's ongoing involvement in the school continues to enrich the Bishop Manogue community.

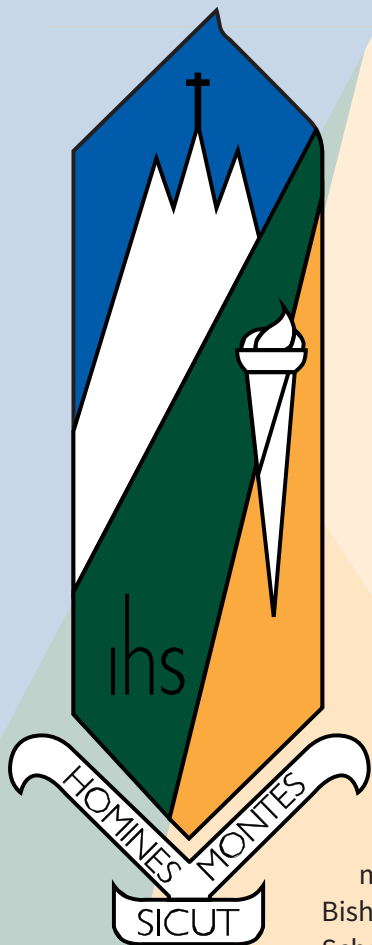


The ceremony celebrated the achievements of these honorees, whose lives and contributions reflect the core values of Bishop Manogue—faith, leadership, knowledge, and compassion.

As the evening continued, more than 600 energetic attendees ramped up in support of Bishop Manogue's future with a silent auction, a lively Fund-a-Need paddle raise, and live auction—featuring 10 unique packages, including two stunning live paintings by entertainer Jessica K. Haas. By the end of the event, more than \$378,000 was raised to support the Tuition Assistance Program.

A BIG thank you to the BASH sponsors, Bishop Manogue Business Partners, attendees, and supporters who truly made BASH 2024 one for the books! Save the date for BASH 2025 - August 23.





Embodying Our Motto: *Homines Sicut Montes*

The Latin phrase, translating to "Give us men and women to match our mountains"—serves as a powerful metaphor for the students of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School and their enduring legacy. Just as the Sierra Nevada moun-

tains stand tall and unyielding, shaped by time and weather yet constant in their presence, so too are the men and women who walk the halls of Bishop Manogue shaped by a tradition of faith, excellence, and resilience.

Founded in 1948, Bishop Manogue has always been more than just a school—it is a community that instills the values of integrity, leadership, and service. The phrase perfectly captures the spirit that has defined generations of Bishop Manogue students. It speaks to the mission of the school: *To empower students through Faith, Knowledge, Leadership, and Compassion to become leaders, critical thinkers, and lifelong learners, inspired by Catholic values, and dedicated to making a positive impact in the world.* These students are called to be more than just learners; they are called to be leaders, grounded in their beliefs and unshakable in their moral compass.

Throughout its history, Bishop Manogue has nurtured students who reflect these mountain-like qualities. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic fields,

or in their service to the community, Bishop Manogue students are taught to stand firm in their values and to push beyond their limits. Just like the mountains that rise above the Northern Nevada landscape, these students embody a resilience that prepares them for any challenge they may face in the future.

The idea of matching the mountains is more than just a lofty ideal. It is rooted in the everyday experiences of Bishop Manogue students. From the rigorous academic programs that challenge their intellects, to the spiritual development that nourishes their souls, and the leadership opportunities that help them grow into strong, capable individuals, Bishop Manogue provides the foundation that allows each student to thrive. The mountains serve as a constant reminder that greatness is not just about strength but about endurance, stability, and a commitment to growth over time.





This mountain metaphor also reflects the legacy that Bishop Manogue carries forward. Generations of alumni have gone on to lead lives of purpose and service, standing as pillars in their communities and professions. Their achievements are not just measured by personal success but by the impact they have on others—an impact that echoes the height and steadfastness of the Sierras themselves.

Bishop Manogue's history is rich with stories of students who rose to meet extraordinary challenges, both in their time at school and beyond. These students have gone on to make a difference in their communities, to serve with compassion, and to lead with integrity. And yet, even as they move into the

world, they remain grounded in the values instilled in them during their time at Bishop Manogue. This is the essence of —the unwavering connection between faith, tradition, and the boundless potential of every student.

As Bishop Manogue continues to shape future generations, the phrase will remain a guiding principle, reminding students of the strength they carry within. They are not just preparing for a future of personal success; they are preparing to be leaders who stand as tall as the mountains that define their home, capable of weathering any storm, and rooted in the faith that has sustained their school for more than 75 years.

In this way, is more than just a motto—it is a promise. A promise that Bishop Manogue will continue to cultivate men and women of strength, character, and compassion. A promise that the legacy of faith and tradition will endure. And a promise that each student who passes through the doors of Bishop Manogue will leave prepared to scale new heights, just like the mountains that stand on the horizon.



2024

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY





On Friday, June 7, graduates, students, families, and community supporters came together to celebrate the Class of 2024 at their graduation ceremony, culminating the 75th anniversary of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School.

The ceremony was a mix of heartfelt speeches, shared memories, and well-deserved recognition for the graduates' hard work and achievements. Salutatorian Sabrina Jones, Valedictorian Allyson Perlich, and student speaker Teson Grant addressed the class of '24, while other standout students were honored and every senior was celebrated for their unique journey and the impact they made on Bishop Manogue.

As caps flew into the air, it marked both the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another. The day was a perfect reminder of the strong bonds and lasting memories these students created during their time at Bishop Manogue. The entire community couldn't be prouder of the Class of 2024 and is excited to see where life takes them next.

The Class of 2024 experienced a 100 percent graduation rate with 87 percent of those students going on to attend a 4-year institution and 9 percent attending 2-year institutions. The average GPA for the graduating class was 3.81 and more than \$13.2 million was offered in scholarships to graduating seniors.





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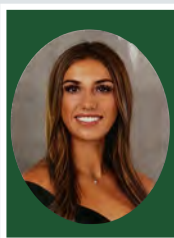
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2024 Tradition Awards Recipients

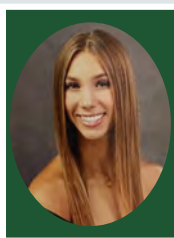
The Tradition Awards are a cherished part of the Bishop Manogue graduation ceremony, bringing together generations of Miner graduates. These special awards honor current graduates whose parents, grandparents, or even great-grandparents are proud alumni of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School, celebrating the lasting legacy of family connections within the Miner community.

At the 2024 Commencement Ceremony, 14 families were recognized for continuing this tradition, highlighting the deep roots and spirit of Bishop Manogue. These families reflect the strength of our community and the values that have been passed down through generations of Miners.

The Aramini Family



Amaya
Aramini '24



Elena
Aramini '22



Christine
Arrascada Aramini '90

The Ballardini Family

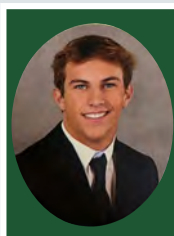


Luca
Ballardini '24

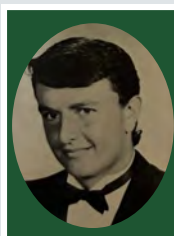


Joann Carmella
Ballardini '58

The Caramella Family



Anthony
Caramella '24



Steve
Caramella '92



Ernie
Caramella '61

The Cutler Family



Hayley
Cutler '24



Fred
Cutler '97

The O'Gara / de Bruin Family



Chase
de Bruin '24



Kylie
de Bruin '21



Brayden
de Bruin '19



Patricia O'Gara
de Bruin '92



Michael
O'Gara '71



Christine Tieber
O'Gara '71

The Desmond Family

Delaney
Desmond '24



Tucker
Desmond '21



John
Desmond '86

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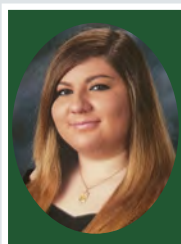
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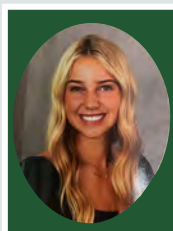
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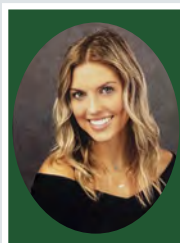
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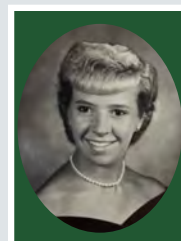
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