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From the Principal

During his short life, Pier Giorgio Frassati's charitable outreach toward others knew no boundaries as he identified with and aided the poor and ill from the time he was a child. His social status granted him greater freedom aiding others with their greatest needs.

Frassati was an avid mountaineer and swimmer. Beatified by Pope John Paul II in May of 1990, Blessed Pier Giorgio garnered the attention of the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School student body when given the opportunity to select three saints as possible patrons of the school. The students believed that Pier Giorgio possessed the attributes that are the pillars of a McGuinness educational experience: living a life dedicated to Christ's teachings and the mission to serve others. With Archbishop Eusebius Beltran's blessing, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was selected as the school's patron saint and the newly constructed chapel was named in his honor. Traveling all the way from Rome, Italy, Pier Giorgio's niece Wanda Gawronska, was in attendance for the dedication and donated several artifacts for the first facility in the United States named in her uncle's honor.



Since opening its doors in 1950, Central Catholic High School, now Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, has strived to model the motto of the school's founder Bishop Eugene McGuinness, "All things to all people." Service to others is a characteristic we hope that every student will adopt. Besides the students who attend Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, the school has been home to countless families who have embraced the mission of the school and demonstrated daily, what it means to be "A Person for Others."

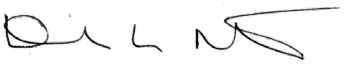
As a Catholic community of faith, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is dedicated to developing the whole person, providing a moral, ethical and Christ centered compass for life. The teachings of the Church permeate the school's spiritual, academic and social life, forming a "Person for Others."

Tom Love, married to BMCHS graduate Judy McCarthy, lived a life in service to God, his faith, family and the community he loved. Tom, like Pier Giorgio, was a people person and loved the outdoors. He possessed a unique ability to remember names and could always relate a story you may have once shared. A daily Mass attendee, Tom's faith guided his life. Truly humble, Tom never met a stranger, and despite all of his success in life, never failed to make you feel valued. Attributing the successes he achieved in life to his wife of 63 years, Tom and Judy have shared their treasures with the community they love. Like Pier Giorgio, they took God's blessings and helped others during their greatest time of need.

Since the first day of school in 1950, the Central Catholic High/ Bishop McGuinness community has demonstrated their love and commitment to our school. Through the years, there have been numerous individuals and families, like Tom and Judy, who have devoted their time, talent and treasure, further promoting our standard of excellence.

Last summer, we lost one of our school's long-time servants. Jamie Meyer was a constant volunteer since the day his only child entered our school in the fall of 1994. Jamie did everything from providing ice for Corporate Challenge teams, volunteering and managing our concession stands, serving on Booster Club as a member and President, being the voice of McGuinness during home football and basketball games, serving food at the Boys and Girls Club for the Annual Senior Service Project and performing every other job when no one was available. Like Tom Love, Jamie Meyer was a true definition of what it means to be "A Person for Others."

Having now witnessed four plus decades of students enter and leave our school, I can say with great conviction McGuinness graduates have used the lessons learned during their time at our school, living their lives with their eyes fully fixed on Christ's Teachings and what it means to be "A Person for Others."



Message from School Advisory Council Chair

Welcome to the Fall edition of Toward the Top magazine. I'm now serving in my fifth year on the School Advisory Council and have come to appreciate the true goodness and hard work of Principal Morton, the faculty, support staff and parents involved in this community. In fact I'm more aware of it now that my kids have graduated. What I thought I recognized at the time is more easily appreciated from an outside perspective. The passion to educate our students, help them grow in their faith and develop good humans is evident at every meeting.

This issue focuses on service. I'm in awe of so many people who are involved in non profit organizations as a career or volunteer capacity, many of whom are graduates of Bishop McGuinness. Jennifer Schmidt Goodrich '85 is one of those individuals featured in this issue. They humble me and give me that occasional wake up call. There is an abundance of need right here in our community to reach out, every day.

It's really easy to be content in our ways. I love being comfortable and need a constant nudge to move outside my zone. I encourage our readers to take to heart the school's motto of being a "Person for Others." As part of our Catholic identity, "students are called to reach out to the poor, vulnerable, suffering and marginalized through sincere acts of charity". This is the foundation in which we celebrate our faith and talents, but also embodies the spirit of unity and service that defines our community.

My husband and I are proud graduates of Bishop McGuinness. The school has given my family a solid foundation from which to build upon. I want the same experience for other families and I encourage your support as we continue to grow our scholarship giving. As a community working together we can make these opportunities a reality for others, and continue the tradition of forming a Person for Others.

The 2023-2024 school year ushers in Ben Williams as School Advisory Chair. Ben joined the board in 2018 and his insight and guidance over the years has been quite valuable to our committee and the school. We are grateful for his service.

Peace and blessings to all,

Lisa Edmonds
For the School Advisory Council Chair

Courtesy Photos





School Advisory Council Chair Lisa Ruffin '82 Edmonds and her husband Bentley '81 are alumni as are their children. The Bentleys are pictured with their daughter-in-law Grace, son Joe '12, daughters Adele '15, Charlotte '17, and Natalie '21, and niece Montserrat Ruffin.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

"I will instruct you and
show you the way you
should go, give you counsel
with my eye upon you."
-Psalms 32:8

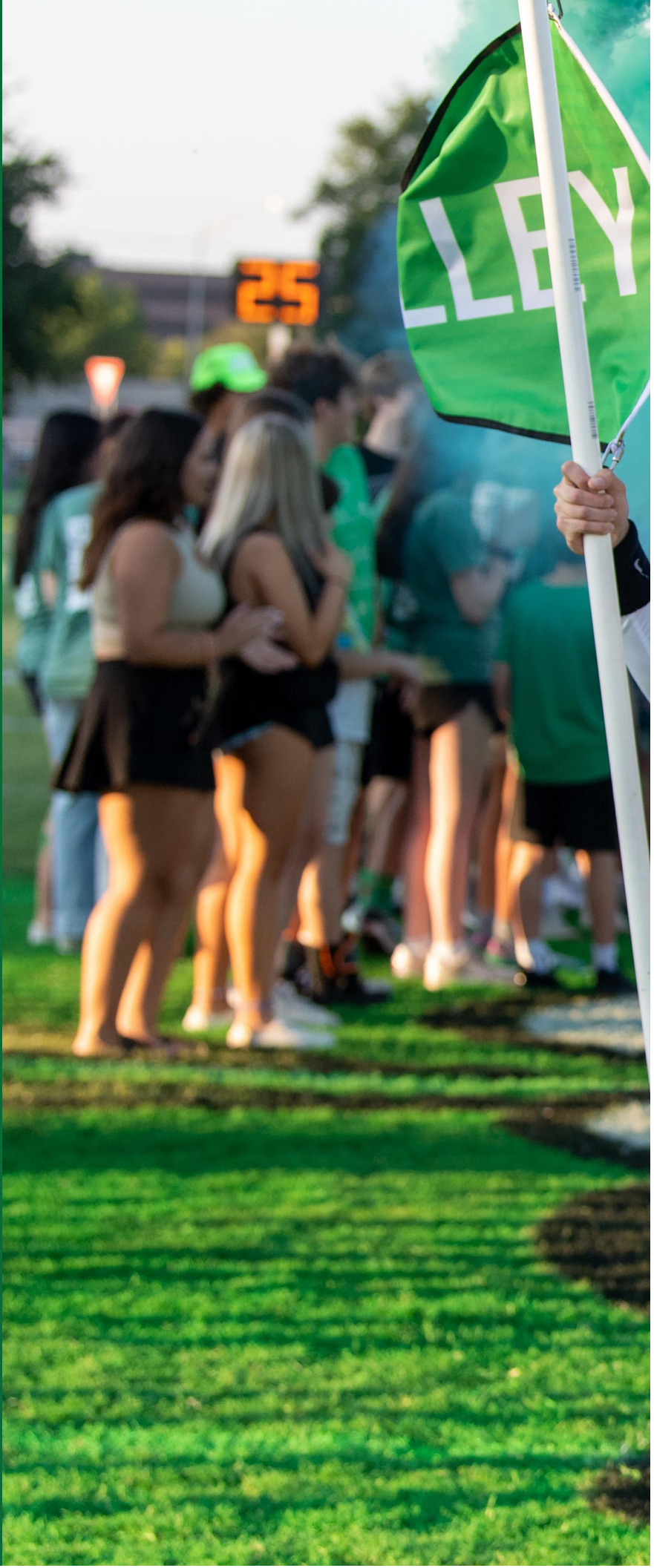


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IRISH

Academic Highlights

41 Students Named Oklahoma Academic Scholars

22 AP Courses Offered

101 Students Awarded Presidential Award for Academic Excellence



7 National Merit Finalists

The most in recent school history, the 2023 National Merit Finalists were Curt Schwager, Henry Ison, Jacob Love, Encho Genchev, Maureen Grimes, Noah Rice and Jack Dolan.



2 National Merit Commended

Blayne Schwarz and Price Collier were named 2023 National Merit Commended Scholars.

74% Recent graduates who took at least one AP exam during their four years

AP SCHOLARS

The College Board released the Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards for the 2022-23 school year. Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School is proud to announce that 113 of its students earned this recognition for their exceptional achievement on the 2022-23 exams. In total, 300 students took 563 exams with an 83% of students earning a score of 3 or higher.

51 AP Scholars

27 AP Scholars with Honors

35 AP Scholars with Distinction

113 Students named AP Scholars

BMCHS earned Gold recognition on the 2023 AP Honor Roll

In 2023, 300 Bishop McGuinness students took 563 exams in 21 subjects with a record 83 percent of students earning a passing score of 3 or higher. Moreover, 113 students were named AP Scholars, the most to ever receive the honor. Sixty-eight of these students were from the class of 2023, making this the most of any graduating class from Bishop McGuinness.

The Advanced Placement program offers college-level courses for students while still in high school. Students can earn college credit for qualifying scores on the end of the year AP exam, which gives students an advantage in college because it opens up time in their college schedules, allowing them the chance to graduate from college earlier and save money on their collegiate education.

> In the class of 2023, 74% of graduates had taken an AP exam while at McGuinness, while the national average is just 35%.

With the AP Scholar Awards, College Board recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement performance on multiple AP Exams. The different award levels are AP Scholar (students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams), AP Scholar with Honor (students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams), and AP Scholar with Distinction (students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams).

AP Scholar (51):
Destiny Adedayo '23, Daniel Bryan '24, Sophia Conduff '23, Owen Cunningham '24, Michael Dolan '24, Benton Eberle '23, Abigail Fankhauser '24, Olivia Fosbenner '23, Kellen Fraile '23, Lilliana Gates '23, Martin Goff '24, Lauren Goodman '23, Emily Healy '23, Alex Ille '24, Laurel Kelley '24, Abigail Kelly '23, Niang Kim '23, Margot Knudtson '24, Isabella Kunnath '24, Colin Le '23, Zella Leffel '24,, Allison Lewis '23, Peyton Matteson '23, Sullivan McCollum '24, Porter Menz '24, Sara Newby '24, Natalie Nguyen '24, Thien-An Nguyen '24, Patrick Offiah '23, Madalyn Parker '23, Avery Payne '23, Abigail Pefferman '23, Tommy Pham '23, Lillie Rainbolt '24, Patrick Reese '24, Conner Resetar '23, Atticus Richard '23, Case Richter '23, Tabytha Roy '24, Nicholas Schoeffler '23, Jake Schwartz '23, Nora Schwartz '23, Vincent Shivers '23, Sydney Starr '24, Samantha Stevenson '24, Amir Sweis '23, Ava Thielke '24, Ella Thomas '24, Natalie Waddell '23, Emma Walker '23, and Victoria Whitbeck '23.

AP Scholar with Honor (27)
Elizabeth Carter '23, Fina Chongwa '24, Julia Coats '23, Andrew Elder '24, Erik Fankhauser '24, Skye Fleet '23, Matthew Fowler '23, Gabriella Gasbarra '23, Christian Green '24, Kathryn Hadrava '23, Reid Henderson '23, Santiago Hernandez '24, Cecilia Ho '24, Magnolia Kirt '24, Clara Koktavy '24, Claire Nguyen '24, Paris Nguyen '24, William Oldfield '24, Andrew Pham '23, Benji Silvernail '24, Madelyn Smith '23, Dean Sylvester '24, Asher Thorson '24, Charlotte Waldo '24, Kendall West '24, Jeffrey Wienecke '24, and Kelly Willis '23.

AP Scholar with Distinction (35)
Braedon Black '23, Gracelyn Blevins '23, Samantha Chappell '24, Ella Christensen '24, Price Collier '23, Lucia Corredor '23, Jack Dolan '23, Encho Genchev '23, Charles Greene '23, Maureen Grimes '23, Kaylin Hart '24, Henry Ison '23, Caroline Kivett '23, Olivia LaForge '23, Walker Lape '24, Caroline Lawton '23, Jacob Love '23, Baylee Melot '23, Tara Nguyen '23, Chisa Nwanebu '24, Isabella Pogue-Cappellaro '24, Maria Raglow '23, Hutton Rhodes '23, Noah Rice '23, Alyssa Schmit '23, Kathleen Schomas '23, Catherine Schultz '23, Curt Schwager '23, Blayne Schwarz '23, Cate Shadid '24, Jinna Smail '23, Daniel Soto '23, Skye Stewart '23, Marc Tawk '23, and Brayden Tran '23.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Photo: Kelly Matteson



CHI RHOAN NEWS STAFF

The Chi Rhoan news staff won the Sweepstakes award for the news magazine in Oklahoma Scholastic Media's 2023 annual critique of Oklahoma school publications. In addition, both the news magazine and the online news site (chirhoan.com) received the Highest Honors and All Oklahoma awards.

Photo: Zara Mataranglo



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

StuCo met its canned food drive goal of 80 percent participation. With a last-minute donation, the council was able to collect over 103,000 pounds of food for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. To reach the goal, StuCo asked students to each collect 60 pounds of canned food between Oct. 31 and Nov. 17.

Photo: Julia Coats '23



CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT

For the annual senior service project, the Class of 2023 organized a Halloween festival for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Oklahoma County.

Courtesy Photo



ACADEMIC TEAM

The Academic Team won the 4A Academic Bowl state championship for the second consecutive year. Pictured are Joseph Coats '25, Kaylin Hart '24, Ben Eberly '23, Jacob Love '23, Captain Curt Schwager '23, Lucia Corredor '23 Chisa Nwanebu '24, Coach Julia Anderson-Holt, and Coach Nicky Goff.



Photos: Peyton Matteson '23

KELLI O'HARA AWARDS

Congratulations to two Bishop McGuinness seniors on their Kelli O'Hara Award recognition. Delaney Anderson '23 was recognized as one of the top 10 actresses in the state for her role as the Witch in the musical "Into the Woods." Hutton Rhodes '23 won a Spotlight Award for his role as the Mysterious Man in "Into the Woods."

Courtesy Photo



OKLAHOMA JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE

Latin students participated in the Oklahoma Junior Classical League (OKJCL) State Convention in April and won first place overall among small schools. Individual award winners included Zella Leffel '24, Chisa Nwanebu '24, Kaylin Hart '24, Huang Rountree '24, Gigi Perdue '26, Emma Bannister '23 and Lauren Goodman '23. Among all juniors, Leffel, Nwanebu and Hart placed first, second, and third in academic testing.

Photo: Chi Rhoan news staff



YEARBOOK AWARDS

The yearbook staff earned an All Oklahoma award and Highest Honors from Oklahoma Scholastic Media for the 2022 Chi Rho yearbook. The book also received a First Class ranking and two marks of distinction from the National Scholastic Press Association.

Photo: Diana Bittle



DANCEVISIONS

The DV team performs in the April 27 spring show. In May, the team competed in the Inferno Dance competition and won awards for: "Seven Nation Army" - Platinum, 1st Overall; "The Lightning Strike" - Platinum, Cutting Edge Choreo Award; Routine on Fire Nomination; "We Don't Eat" - Platinum, 1st overall; Inferno Showcase (extra performance and award); "Shake It Out" - Platinum

THEATRE

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



"INTO THE WOODS"
A cast of 45 students performed in the fall musical, which debuted Nov. 17.

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



"SUITE SURRENDER" The spring play opened Feb. 16.

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



School named one of the top 20 speech schools in the nation

Seven Bishop McGuinness students competed at the 93rd Annual National Speech & Debate Tournament where Bishop McGuinness was honored with the prestigious Speech School of Excellence Award, securing a spot among the top 20 schools in the nation.

Price Collier, a 2023 graduate, was a National Final Round Champion, finishing third overall in humorous interpretation. A three-time national qualifier, this was Collier's first time to advance to the final round of competition. He had to compete and advance through 12 rounds of competition to qualify for the last round of six finalists.

Asher Thorson, a junior at Bishop McGuinness, placed 21st in humorous interpretation. Other competitors included Delaney Anderson, Daniel Soto, Kayleona Hill, Brock Gowens and Fina Chongwa.

The Bishop McGuinness Speech and Debate Team was also the 5A State Champions in 2022 and 2023.

At the National Tournament, students debated tough topics covering trade agreements with Taiwan, civil liberties and environmental issues. Other championship performances ranged from interpretation of literature to public address to events where students have a limited amount of time to prepare a speech on a current event they've been assigned.

This year's tournament was the largest in National Speech & Debate Association history with more than 6,700 students participating. Students competed throughout the year at one of 111 district tournaments to qualify for Nationals. Schools are allowed a certain number of entries to the district tournament. Districts are allocated a number of qualifiers based on the size of the district and their growth.

Photos: Courtesy Brett Young





Team members — Front Row: Fina Chongwa, Kayleona Hill and Delaney Anderson. Back Row: Brock Gowens, Price Collier, Daniel Soto and Asher Thorson

Trophy in hand: Price Collier '23 has his photo taken with Coach Brett Young.

StuCo's CANdyland secures 103,976 pounds for Oklahoma

By Matthew Fowler '23

Outside the school's foyer, students loaded a whopping 103,976 pounds of canned goods into two full semi-trucks to serve the greater community of Oklahoma. The school community was able to achieve more than 80 percent participation between students and faculty.

At the beginning of the semester, StuCo Chair of Fundraising Sabrina Guzman and Co-Chair Jeffrey Wienecke began revamping the school's annual Canned Food Drive.

After exceeding 100,000 pounds with the 2021 Canned Food Drive, Guzman decided to take it one step further.

"The biggest challenge I have witnessed is getting the school to participate as much as we can to make an impact on other people's lives," Guzman said. "After having such a major turnout for the years prior, it was necessary to keep up with the pace and help out as many people as possible."

After successfully carrying out yet another year in terms of pounds collected and school-wide participation, StuCo relished the results.

"I believe this year was an amazing success because we were able to meet our goals," Wienecke said. "We wanted to focus more on the participation aspect of things, and with more participation comes more people realizing their impact on their surroundings."

With this being Wienecke's first year on the fundraising committee, he learned how all the different aspects of fundraising come together. This was all done under the guidance and support of Guzman, who learned how to manage everything her previous year.

"Sabrina has been everybody's rock during these past two years and with organizing these types of events," Wienecke said. "She has been a valuable person, and I appreciate all the knowledge she has passed onto me for the next year and a half to come."

With the passing of the torch from Guzman to Wienecke comes shared ideas on how to expand next year's CFD.

"I plan on continuing everything that Sabrina has manufactured to increase participation," Wienecke said. "I also plan to involve the feeder schools more with the drive and to go further outside the Bishop McGuiness community for donations."

Guzman emphasized that this drive was about the students' impact on the greater community.

"The true meaning of the CFD is to provide for those who experience food insecurity and for the people of McGuinness to experience what it feels like to be a person for others," Guzman said.

Photo: Julia Coats '23



CFD collection day: StuCo president Blayne Schwarz and Chinese Language and Culture teacher Ling Miller cart canned goods to specific collection bins.

Teamwork: JR Fletcher '25 StuCo Sponsor Susan Smith, Emma Bannister '23 and Ashlee Muñoz '23 organize cardboard boxes for recycling.

Photo: Julia Coats '23



Photo: Tony Lopez

Almost 50 years of teaching

Down to a fine art

By Ella Stone '24

After 48 years of teaching, art teacher Steve McConnell retired in May. Principal David Morton described McConnell as a school fixture, an iconic figure who alumni want to see when they come back and visit.

"Underneath that gruff exterior, there's a really gentle person who truly has a lot of passion and compassion," Morton said. "He's inspired a lot of people to want to see the world a little bit differently."

When McConnell started teaching, the art curriculum consisted of Art 1 and Art 2. Today, nine different courses are offered: Principles of Art, Principles of Design, Drawing, Advanced Drawing, Painting, Advanced Painting, Ceramics, Independent Art Studies and Studies in Advanced Art.

"All of the courses that are offered now were patterned off of college courses that I had taken," McConnell said.

For McConnell, his interest in art began at a young age. His father taught him to draw, which inspired him to give his fifth grade class art lessons. While in college at UCO, he branched out, studying and taking painting, jewelry and ceramic classes.

"I started drawing more while taking graphic design classes," McConnell said. "It was something that I was successful at and encouraged by university professors." He received his Masters in Art Education after he started teaching at McGuinness in August 1975.

"I had really not planned on becoming a teacher, but I had a good friend from college teaching here and he had to leave early, so he gave me a call," McConnell said. "I applied and was hired."

McConnell's wife came from a large Catholic family and many of her siblings went to McGuinness.

"Choosing McGuinness to teach at was a family-related decision. My wife Paula wanted her kids to go here, and, as a matter of fact, so did I," McConnell said.

While McConnell has created a lot of artwork over the years, including the large circular painting of Jesus in the school chapel, he feels these pieces are not his main accomplishments.

"I've always considered my accomplishments to be the students I teach," McConnell said. "By hopefully being kind and positive about their art education, they can go on in life to accomplish anything."

Each year, four or five of his students attend college on art scholarships, and many more realize they want to do something in the arts field.

"I tend to think students who enter my art courses are already bending towards the creative area," McConnell said.

Drawing is McConnell's favorite art subject to teach because it's more about understanding how you see things as well as putting marks on your paper. It allows students to appreciate the art created by others.

"One has to think differently using the creative non-logical hemisphere of your brain, and that is hard for many students to comprehend, but once they do, their drawing skills improve dramatically," McConnell said.

According to Morton, McConnell has the longest tenure of anyone to ever teach at BMCHS.

"To my knowledge, no one has ever been in the classroom that has taught here as many years as he has," Morton said.

Growing up, McConnell said he moved around, which made him want to be in a stable spot as he got older.

"The people of God and the independence to develop an art program kept me here," McConnell said. "The creative act of being an artist and a teacher fulfills the need, so not to move on to other places. One can always move through their art."

Many students have made impressions on McConnell, as well as had a major impact on him personally.

"I really sometimes think I have learned more from my students, being a teacher, than any college courses I've ever taken," McConnell said. "The school and the community became my second home and the school has taught me to live up to the expectations of others and to do for others before doing for yourself."

In the studio

Photo: Ella Stone '24





Photo: 1975 Chi Rho yearbook



In his element, art teacher Steve McConnell loads kiln with finished ceramics pieces. **In 1975,** McConnell poses for a photo in his classroom. **Spring 2023,** McConnell instructs his fifth hour art class.

Photo: Luke Newbold '23

FAITH HIGHLIGHTS

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not depend on your own understanding; in all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths."

-Proverbs 3:5-6



Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



Lenten celebration

Archbishop celebrates Mass at the school on Ash Wednesday

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23





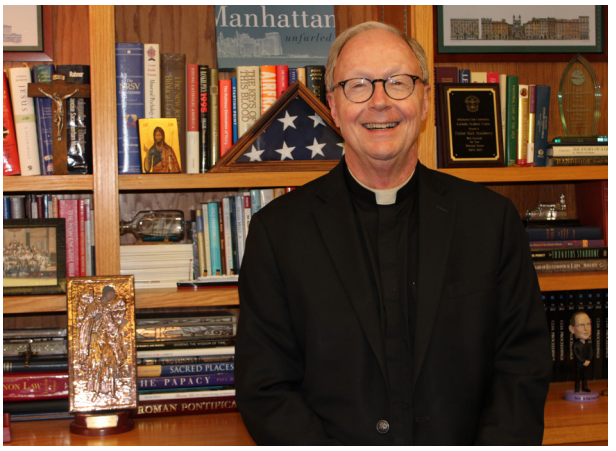
Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



Photo: Madison Walters '23

CONSECUTIVE YEARS Archbishop Paul Coakley celebrates Mass with the school community on Ash Wednesday. The Irish were fortunate to have the Archbishop present for the Lenten Celebration in both 2022 and 2023. COMMUNION Maddie Smith '23 serves communion to a fellow student. Smith was of several students who served as Communion Ministers who each school Mass. SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS Jake Schwartz '23 and Alyssa Schmit '23 of Campus Minister Kelly Allen's Spiritual Leadership class present the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Fr. Stansberry named next BMCHS president



Editor's Note: While Toward the Top magazine celebrates the previous school year, we feel we would be remiss not to share our excitement in Fr. Rick Stansberry being selected as the next school president. Fr. Rick will be the third priest to serve as the leader of our school. Welcome Fr. Rick!

We are pleased to announce Fr. Rick Stansberry has been selected as the next president of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. Stansberry has been Rector of The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Bishop John Carroll Catholic School since 2021, and he will continue his post there while also serving as BMCHS president.

David Morton, who has served as Bishop McGuinness Principal and President for the past 22 years, said the Irish community is fortunate to have Father Stansberry, a long-time community member and a current School Advisory Council member, stepping into this role.

> "Fr. Rick's life journey is a testament to his deep faith, commitment to Catholic education, and tireless service to the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. His leadership and compassionate spirit will continue to inspire all who have the privilege of knowing him."
> -Principal & President David Morton

A valued member of the Oklahoma City community, Stansberry has served on the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Board for 14 years, Mount St. Mary Board for 6 years, Cristo Rey for 5 years, Catholic Charities for 6 years and was the Co-chair of the One Church Many Disciples campaign. In 2010, he was awarded the NCEA Distinguished Pastor Award. His extensive experience, theological expertise, and pastoral care continue to enrich the spiritual lives of those he serves.

A graduate of Casady School, Stansberry became a Catholic at the age of 16 and was a devoted member of Christ the King Catholic Church.

Stansberry's academic pursuits led him to Southern Methodist University, where he graduated in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He furthered his education at Oklahoma City University, earning a master's degree in Accounting in 1984.

For three years, he worked as an accountant before pursuing his calling to the priesthood, enrolling at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. There, he earned a master's degree in Divinity and a master's degree in Religious Studies, graduating with distinction. He was ordained into the priesthood in 1992.

Stansberry's early pastoral work brought him to St. Charles Borromeo in Oklahoma City in 1992, where he served for five years. In 1997, he was asked to further his education at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome, where he pursued a Licentiate of Canon Law, deepening his understanding of Church law and governance.

From 2000 to 2002, Stansberry was pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Kingfisher. In 2002, he became pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Oklahoma City. He served as pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church from 2007 to 2021 while simultaneously serving as Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.

Photo: Lauren Sargent



Colin Le '23, who also received the Verso I' Alto Award, walks up to the front to receive his red cord. With more than 1,000 service hours by graduation, Le had the most service hours in his graduating class.

Stepping up to Serve

Students work to make an impact in the community

By Madison Walters '23 & Kate Menz '26

As a graduation requirement, each student has to have 90 service hours, but that comes with many struggles for those who do not know how to help in their community.

With nearly 1,000 hours served volunteering at church, tutoring and working at Bishop John Carroll school, Colin Le '23 led the student body with the highest number of recorded hours.

> "Through the services I do, I see a lot of happiness through other people, and that's how I experience happiness."
> -Colin Le '23

A common place to volunteer is at church, since volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Thien-An Nguyen '24 helps her community by volunteering in youth groups with her church, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, where she participates in different seasonal events such as preparing for Lunar New Year celebrations. She occasionally volunteers to be an altar server at her church and helps to train new servers.

"We clean, we set up and we serve tables," Nguyen said. "There's a really big celebration, because she's like the Vietnamese Mary."Jackson Merkel '25 also serves at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, which is where he gets the majority of his hours. He mainly serves on Sundays, but also serves whenever the church needs someone.

"I devote a lot of my time to my faith and serve at church on Sundays," Merkel said. "Every time that my Church calls, I always say yes."

Alyssa Schmit '23 and Kathryn Ison '26 both help serve the community through activities at Christ the King. Schmit is an altar server and makes rosaries at Christ the King, and Ison volunteered at a Christ the King art camp over the summer where she helped organize crafts for kids.

"I'm able to help the community by giving back to the church and that helps so many others," Schmit said.

Over the years, students have looked for more creative ways to volunteer, like Rebecca Horn '25 who works at Integris at the information desk and delivers flowers to patients.

"It's a nice feeling to know that you're directly affecting their experience at the hospital, hopefully making it easier or providing directions and reassurance when it's like a really unsure time," Horn said.

Although many look for different ways to serve the community, often the things students can help with are close to them and any help makes an impact.

"You can make a big difference all by yourself," Merkel said.









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RED CORD ASSEMBLY: Principal David Morton hugs Wilson Esme '23 after presenting him a red cord. Esme and fellow classmate Kelly Willis '23 each received the Pier Giorgio Award. Fr. Will Banoski presents a red cord. Maddie Smith '23 is presented a red cord. Lauren Goodman '23 smiles after receiving her red cord.

Volunteering is not all about work. Students say they form bonds with others while serving the community.

"I've been a member of Christ the King church since second grade so I've been able to grow relationships with the staff and office workers," Schmit said.

Studies have shown when people volunteer, they gain a sense of accomplishment and feel valued.

"I like volunteering because you feel good about yourself," Merkel said. "You know that you helped out without taking something in return."

As an incentive to volunteer, seniors who have 300 or more service hours are eligible to receive a red cord to

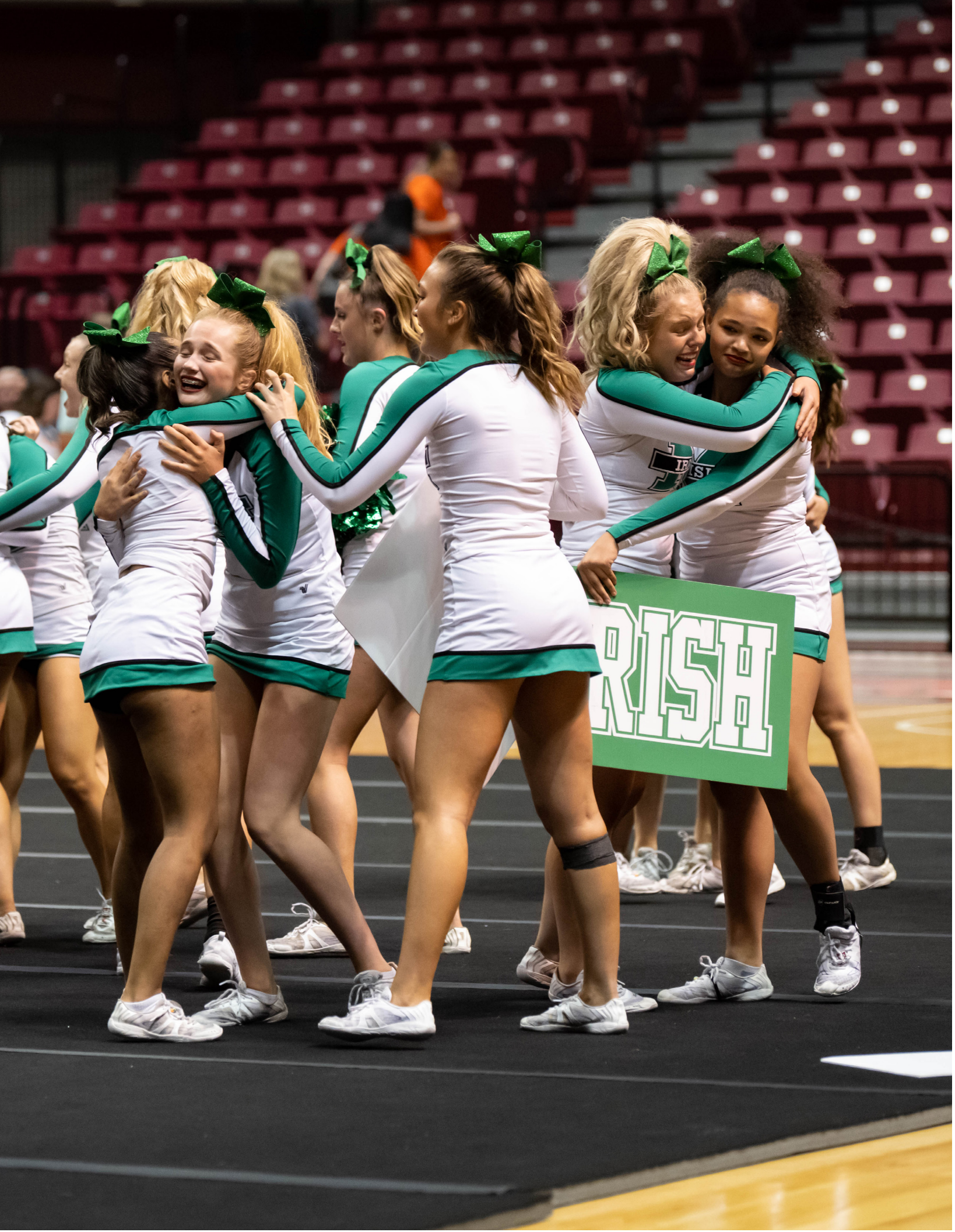
ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

-Isaiah 40:28-31



Photo: Diana Bittle


RISH

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Courtesy Photo



CHEER PERFORMANCE TEAM

The cheer team was the 5A Game Day State Champions and placed 15th at Nationals.

Courtesy Photo



POM TEAM

The team was the 5A Jazz State Champions and the Small Pom Game Day State Champions.

Photo: Lance Payne



FOOTBALL

The team made it to the 5A State Semi-Finals, but fell to McAlester 39-29.

Photo: Abby Edwards '25



VOLLEYBALL

Olivia Metz '25 spikes the ball in the championship game against Mount St. Mary. The team was the State Runner-Up in Class 5A.

Photo: Diana Bittle



WRESTLING

Brock Gowens '24 won a match in the 132-pound weight class at the State competition.

Photo: Lance Payne



GIRLS SOCCER

The team was the 5A State Runner-Up.

Courtesy Photo



GOLF GIRLS

Shown with the award for regionals, the team was also the 5A State Runner-Up.

Courtesy Photo



GOLF BOYS

The team finished in the top 3 in 5A.

2022-23 All Staters



Harrison Wright
Football



Vincent Shivers
Football



Grace Smallwood
Volleyball



Lecy Starr
Cheerleading



Reese Roberts
Soccer



Sabrina Guzman
Soccer



Allie Lewis
Swimming



Kathryn Hadrava
Soccer



Price Bradley
Basketball



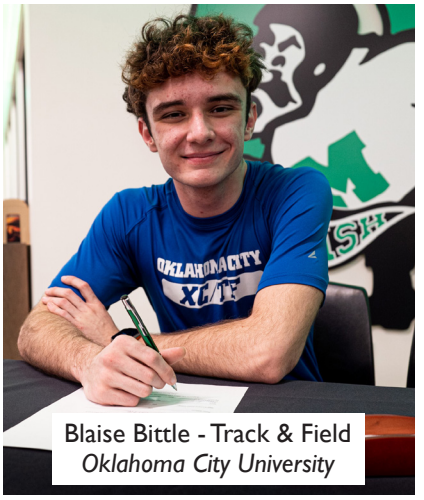
Torie Whitbeck
Swimming

Sports Signings

14 seniors commit to college athletics



Kazeyn Bird - Football
University of Central Oklahoma



Blaise Bittle - Track & Field
Oklahoma City University



Madison Moore - Basketball
Redlands College



Lecy Starr - Cheer
Oklahoma Baptist University



Anthony Clayton - Baseball
Allan Hancock College



Carson Lee - Golf
William Jewell College


Brody Smith - Football
Southwestern College


Aidan Haworth - Baseball
Fort Hays State University

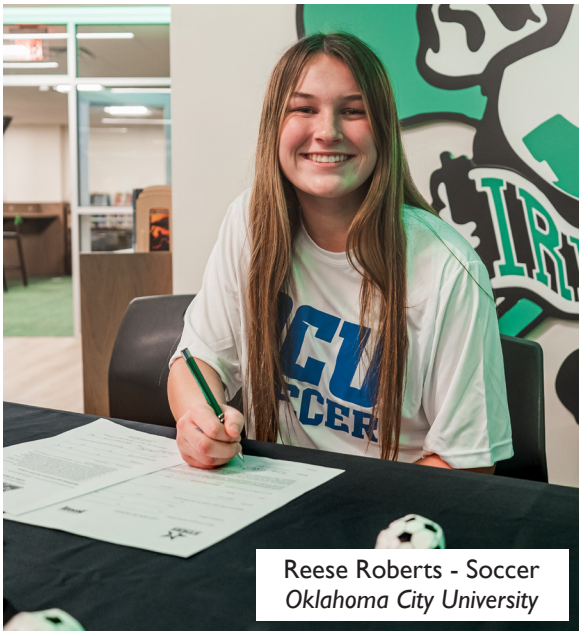

Torie Whitbeck - Swim
Florida Tech University


Brett Jacobs - Baseball
Fort Hays State University


Mary Loftis - Track
Oklahoma Christian University


Kellen Fraile - Football
Washington University


Sabrina Guzman - Soccer
Grand Canyon University


Reese Roberts - Soccer
Oklahoma City University

-Signings as of May 31, 2023.

CLASS OF 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'."
-Jeremiah 29:11



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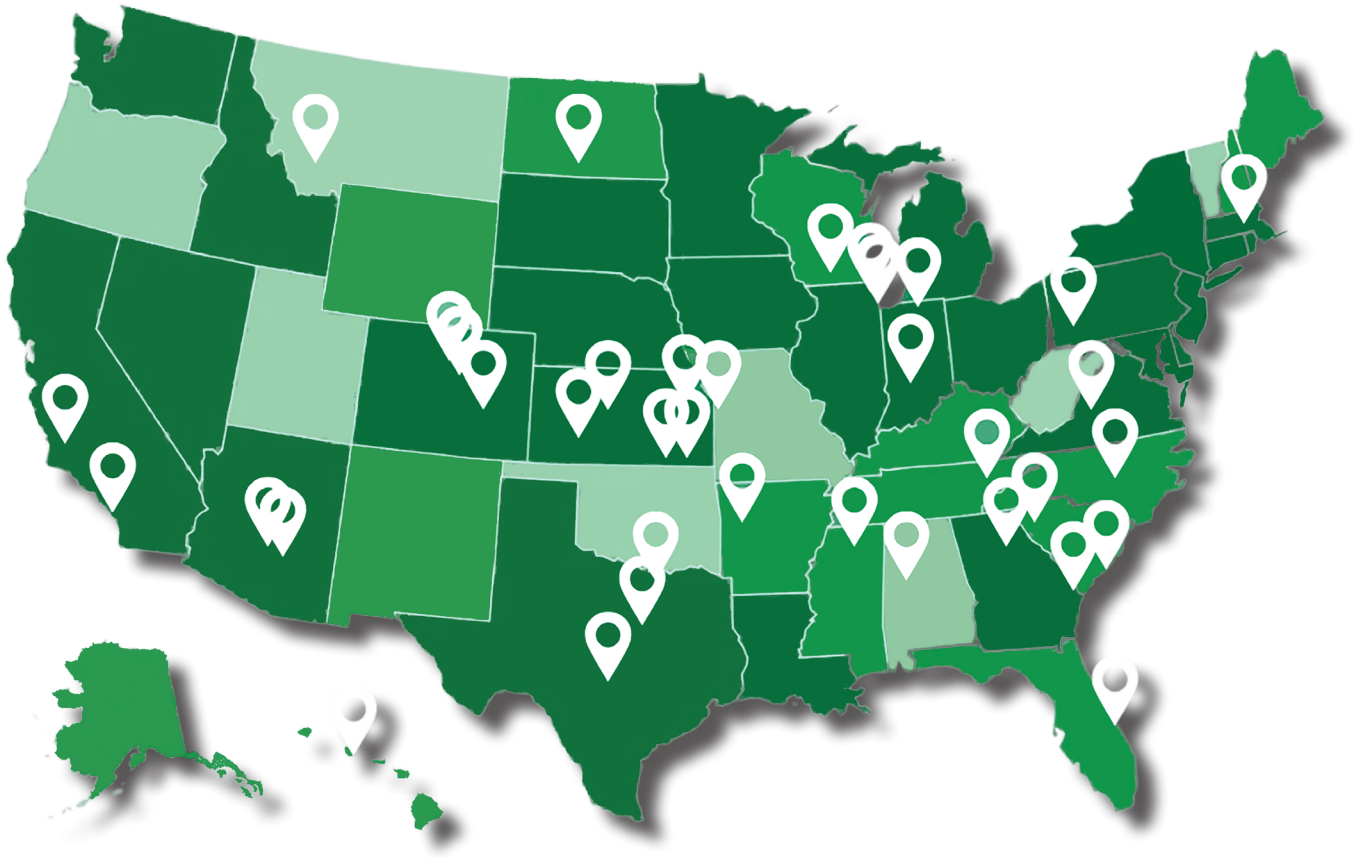


College Decisions 2023

166 GRADS

27 STATES

58 SCHOOLS



OKLAHOMA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma Christian University
Oklahoma City Community College
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma Panhandle State University
Oklahoma State University
Oral Roberts University
Redlands Community College
Rose State College
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma
University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
University of Tulsa

ALABAMA
University of Alabama

ARIZONA
Grand Canyon University
Arizona State University

ARKANSAS
University of Arkansas

CALIFORNIA
Allan Hancock College
Pepperdine University

COLORADO
Colorado School of Mines
University of Colorado Boulder
United States Air Force Academy

FLORIDA
Florida Institute of Technology

GEORGIA
Savannah College of Art and Design
University of Georgia

HAWAII
University of Hawaii at Mãnoa

ILLINOIS
Loyola University Chicago
Northwestern University

INDIANA
DePauw University
University of Notre Dame

KANSAS
University of Kansas
Dodge City Community College
Independence Community College
Fort Hays State University
Southwestern College

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston University
Worcester Academy

MISSISSIPPI
University of Mississippi

MISSOURI
Washington University, St. Louis
Rockhurst University
William Jewell College

MONTANA
Montana Technological University

NEW YORK
Rochester Institute of Technology

NORTH CAROLINA
University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill

NORTH DAKOTA
University of Mary

PENNSYLVANIA
Duquesne University

RHODE ISLAND
Brown University

SOUTH CAROLINA
Clemson University
College of Charleston

TENNESSEE
University of Tennessee

TEXAS
Austin College
Baylor University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University

VIRGINIA
Washington and Lee University

WISCONSIN
University of Wisconsin-Madison

WYOMING
University of Wyoming

INTERNATIONAL
America University of Paris

FACTS AT A GLANCE:

- 166 students graduated
- 68 students planned to attend out-of-state universities
- 91 students planned to attend an Oklahoma college or university
- The Class of 2023 earned $23 million total in scholarships and grants
- 159 Irish alumni planned to attend four-year universities

CLASS OF 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Legacies



SOFIA ALBARRAN-WICK with brother Alec Diego Albarran-Wick '18.



DELANEY ANDERSON with cousins Julie (Watkins) Carter '16 and Peter Watkins '21.



EMMA BANNISTER with brother Luke Bannister '20.



LIZZIE CARTER with brother David Carter '19 and sister Cate Carter '21.



DREW CHANSOLME with father David Chansolme '89, grandmother Rita O'Meara-Mullins '68, sister Natalie Chansolme '18, and brother Luke Chansolme '21.



JULIA COATS with brother Brooks Coats '20 and father Sanford Coats '90.



PRICE COLLIER with brother Ford Collier '20 and mother Susannah Collier '89.



JACK DOLAN with father Brennan Dolan '89.



BENTON EBERLE with father John Eberle '89.



KATE FLETCHER with father Roy Fletcher '91, mother Susanna (Samter) Fletcher '89 and uncle Ken Fletcher '81.



AIDAN FOSTER with brother Andrew Jackson '11.



MATTHEW FOWLER with sisters Katheryn "Blake" Fowler '15 and Jordan Fowler '09.



GABRIELLA GASBARRA with father Louis Gasbarra '96 and uncle Christopher Gasbarra '05.



JACK GREEN with aunt Shana (Lankman) Willis '93, mother Nikki (Lankman) Green '95, and father Jason Green '94.



GIANFRANCO GRELLA with sister Paola Grella '21.



COLE GRUNDY with sister Caitlin Grundy '16, cousin Henry Gauthier '22, and sister Hannah Grundy '20.

Legacies



JACOB AND GAVIN GUNTER with father Randy Gunter '93, aunt Gretchen Gunter '00, aunt Sherry Gunter Sanders '90 and uncle Kevin Gunter '95.



SABRINA GUZMAN with sisters Cenayda Samilton '11 and Samantha Guzman '21.



AIDAN HAWORTH with sister Alex Haworth '20.



BETHANY HOPKINS with brother Mason Hopkins '21 and mother Amy Miller '89.



HENRY ISON with mother Susan McFall Ison '89.



REID HENDERSON with mother Missy Imel Henderson '93 and grandmother Mari Maidt Imel '69.

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BRETT JACOBS with cousins Brandon Jacobs '19 and Jessica Jacobs '17, sisters Katherine Jacobs '19 and Madeleine Jacobs '14, grandmother Alice Lincoln Jacobs '62, grandfather Ronald Jacobs '61, brother Ross Jacobs '13, uncles Matthew Jacobs '98 and Richard Jacobs '85, and father Mark Jacobs '87.



ETHAN JOHNSTON with brother Haden Johnston '21.



DAX JOYCE with father Chad Joyce '89 and sister Lexi Joyce '19.



ABIGAIL KELLY with brother Joe Kelly '21.



CAROLINE KIVETT with aunt Bumper Haddock '96 and mother Brooke Haddock Kivett '91.



CAROLINE LAWTON with father Todd Lawton '89, sister Logan Lawton '14, and brother Jacob Lawton '16.



COLIN LE with sister Paula Le '21.



NATHAN LOPEZ with cousins Sabrina Lopez '19 and Sophia Lopez '22 and brother John Lopez '21.



HATTIE LUKE with father David Luke '94 and mother Becky Kepley Luke '94.



TRINITY MARTIN with father Doug Martin '01, mother Angela Fox Martin '01, grandmother Mary Child Martin '70, and grandfather Thomas Martin '71.

Legacies



AIDAN McNEIL with brother Cade McNeil '21.



ALEXANDER OLDFIELD with father Ryan Oldfield '93.



ALEX PARENT with aunt Emily Biscone Hubbard '94.



ANDREW PHAM with brother Alex Pham '17.



CECILIA PHAM with cousin Andy Nguyen '16.



MAGAN PHAM with sister Michelle Pham '17.



MARIA RAGLOW with brother Thomas Raglow '21.



ATTICUS RICHARD with sister Julia Richard '21 and mother Jenny Richard '93.



ALYSSA SCHMIT with brother Zachary Schmit '20.



KATE SCHOMAS with brother Drew Schomas '21.



CATHERINE SCHULTZ with brother Joseph Schultz '21.



CURT SCHWAGER with brother Scott Schwager '18.



NORA SCHWARTZ with brother Timothy Schwartz '21 and uncle Ted McLaughlin '68.



VINCENT SHIVERS with cousin Zac Rhone '21 and brother Nick Shivers '19.



HOGAN SLAVONIC with father Blake Slavonic '00, aunt Maggie Slavonic '96, grandmother Molly Slavonic '68 and grandfather Greg Slavonic '67.



BRODY SMITH with aunt Valerie R. Smith '95, grandfather William K. Smith '68, uncle Micheal D. Smith '02, father William K. Smith '89, grandmother Susan A. Smith '69 and brother William K. Smith '22.

Legacies



RACHEL TATE with uncle Sonny Wilkinson '04, uncle Cavett Lee '94, cousin Hannah Lee '21, cousin Killian Lee '19, mother Jill Wilkinson Tate '98, aunt Ashley Wilkinson Lee '95, grandmother Judith Wilkinson '66, and grandfather John Wilkinson '65.



MARC TAWK with brother Mitchell Tawk '20.



BRAYDEN TRAN with mother Tnuc Hoang Tran '87.



PEYTON HARRIS AND THOMAS TREPAGNIER with Harold Trepagnier '69 (uncle/great uncle), Hunter Folmer '04 (cousin/step-father), Korrine Folmar '08 (cousin/aunt), Lanell Trepagnier '76 (aunt/great aunt) and Tom Trepagnier '79 (father/great uncle).



KAYDEN TROUT with father Keiffer (Keith) Trout '89.



MADISON WALTERS with sisters Melissa Walters '18 and Reagan Walters '10.



BANTON WARD with uncle Robbie Haggard '00, mother Blythe Haggard Ward '98 and father Brian Ward '98.



TORIE WHITBECK with sisters Katie Whitbeck Reams '08 and Lizzie Whitbeck Moyer '10 and brother Doug Whitbeck '06.



JOSEPH WHITE with uncle Jeremy White '93, sister Emiley White '20, and cousin Isabelle White '22.



HARRISON WRIGHT with mother Amy Lewis Wright '92.



1989 GRADUATES and their 2023 GRADUATES



ROBING ASSEMBLY Joseph White '23 and his cousin Isabelle '22 stop to have their photo taken after the robing.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

-Joshua 1:9



Photo: John Edwards '96


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Trek Toward the Top

Edwards describes his journey to Everest Base Camp



By John Edwards '96

"You have to go. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity." This was my wife Sarah's response when I first mentioned the invitation from my friend. She was right, and in April 2023, I embarked on the trek to Everest Base Camp located at 17,598 feet (5,364 meters) in the Himalayan mountains.

Day 1 – Kathmandu, Nepal (4,344 ft / 1,324 m) to Lukla (9,380 ft / 2,860 m) – Start of Trek: We woke early in Kathmandu, Nepal. A helicopter flight from Tribhuvan International Airport was in order. Our initial destination was Lukla, the starting off point for most treks to the foot of Mt. Everest. Our group of nine trekkers arrived in two helicopters. We crossed through the Pasang Lhamu Gate, and our trek began in earnest.

We encountered the first of several suspension bridges, unique mountainous scenes, pack animals – donkeys and yaks, colorful prayer flags, religious stone carvings, paintings, and drawings.

Day 2 – Monjo (9,301 ft / 2,835 m) to Namche Bazaar (11,286 ft / 3,440 m): Woke up early and had a nice breakfast. During the course of the entire trek, at breakfast and at dinner we took pulse oximeter readings in order to measure our acclimatization progress. More trekking in what seemed an endless vertical climb. Farther along the path, we were treated to our first view of Mt. Everest from afar.

Day 3 – Acclimatization in Namche – Trek to Everest View Hotel (12,730 ft / 3,880m): The weather ranged from 16 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit in Namche. Starting to get







Taking Bishop McGuinness to the top, John Edwards '96 stands atop the Everest Base Camp.

cold, but not brutally so. Today was an acclimatization day, where we ascended to the Hotel Everest View and went through Khumjung and back down to Namche. On the path up to the Hotel Everest View, you encounter truly spectacular views of several mountains. Of course, Everest is the initial draw, but seeing Lhotse, Lhotse Shar, and Ama Dablam, I actually found a new favorite – Ama Dablam with its unique shape and character.

The Hotel Everest View is the highest situated hotel in the world. You can have a nice cup of tea and rest on the deck after hiking up, taking in the breathtaking view. For those who don't want all the hiking, helicopters regularly bring in visitors from below.

Day 4 – Namche Bazaar to Deboche (12,532 ft / 3,820 m: Today was filled with climbing higher, more helicopters in the valley, yaks overtaking the trail, more suspension bridges, and changing weather. Helicopter activity in the valley was much more prevalent now and would be standard throughout the rest of the trek. As we neared Tengboche Monastary (built in the 17th century), snow flurries started to fall and the weather turned colder. After a short stay in Tengboche, we headed to our lodging for the night in Deboche – Rivendell Lodge.

Here the snow really began falling. Our group (which included two doctors) was able to assist a fellow trekker who had fallen ill and needed





to be helicoptered back down to Kathmandu. The potential for altitude sickness was starkly on display.

Day 5 – Deboche – Pangboche (12,894 ft / 3,930 m) – Dingboche (14,469 ft / 4,410 m): We left Rivendell and walked into the snow-covered forest. Views of Ama Dablam guided our path. Ever higher we continued with stunning scenery on all sides. Leaving behind the green forests in exchange for snow covered rocks. Temples dotted the landscape. Here, the temperatures dropped precipitously.

Day 6 – Acclimatization in Dingboche – Climb up Nang Kartshang (16,645ft / 5,073 m): This morning we headed out to climb Nang Kartshang (aka Nangkar Tshang). Thinking the journey had been vertical before, we encountered a new definition. The path up this mountain seemed almost straight-up. Extremely tough, but quite rewarding. We could see our path for tomorrow. As we descended, the clouds came in and we felt lucky to have made the climb in clear weather.

Day 7 – Dingboche to Lobuche (16,109 ft / 4,910 m): Today, our path was snowy, slippery, and narrow. We eventually arrived at the Everest Memorial, Chukpi Lhara. Here, there are numerous monuments to those who have died on Everest. Somber, peaceful, and thought-provoking. Lobuche was a waypoint we were happy to move on from.

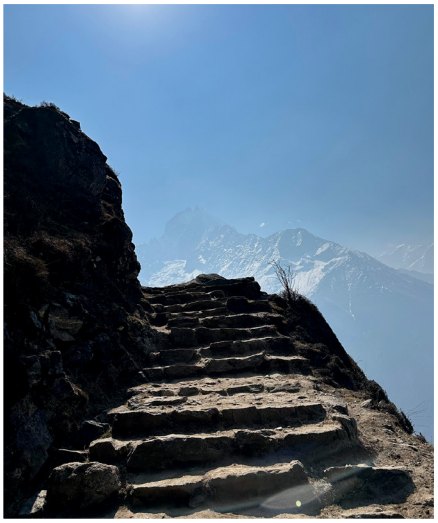
Day 8 – Lobuche to Gorak Shep (16,942 ft / 5,164 m): Another gray and cloudy sky marked our departure. Icicles lined the buildings and my water bottle had frozen on the windowsill. Going up had become easier and there was a rhythm to our ascent. There was quite a bit of traffic - trekkers, sherpas, and yaks filled the narrow paths. Reaching Gorak Shep was a relief.

Day 9 – Gorak Shep to Everest Base Camp (17,598 ft / 5,364 m): Our journey from Gorak Shep was hailed with clear skies and crisp air. The walk to EBC from Gorak Shep is actually relatively flat and doesn't take as long as one might think. With anticipation and excitement, we walked along the rocky path. Mountain peaks surrounded us on all sides. Soon enough, we came upon our ultimate destination — Everest Base Camp. We had made it!

It met all my expectations. Nestled in the mountains, yellow tents and colorful flags stretched before us on the rock and ice. The Khumbu Icefall, the gatekeeper to the path up Everest, was extraordinary up close. Upon reaching the outskirts of EBC, we still had to make our way to our camp. This took more exertion than I had anticipated.

For lodging, we stayed in North Face dome tents. With the sun overhead, they held heat extraordinarily well. So much so, that I opted to open the flaps to let some cool air in while the sun was high in the sky. Once the sun crossed over the valley however, temperatures dropped precipitously. The nights in EBC and Gorak Shep







were below 0 degrees, and it was a bit painful to leave the warmth of your sleeping bag.

During the night, the sound of distant avalanches could be heard at times from my tent. The night is also when those climbing higher leave EBC and traverse the Khumbu Icefall. You can see their headlamps ascending the icy face with the only other lights being the stars in the clear sky. An extraordinary night at the foot of Mt. Everest.

Day 10 – Everest Base Camp to Kathmandu: In the morning, we packed up our gear and had one last meal in the Himalayas. Helicopters had been arranged to take us back to Kathmandu. We hiked the kilometer to the rock helipad on EBC and waited for our transport. The wait was longer than anticipated, as the helicopters had to be diverted to help with an emergency situation elsewhere in the region. No problem at all for us to spend just a little bit longer in this unique and wondrous place. We took in the magnificent views and atmosphere. As we flew out of base camp, we had one last spectacular overview of EBC. Our once-in-a lifetime journey came to an end, with many memories and moments to be treasured forever.

Goodrich puts faith into action as Pivot CEO





Jennifer Schmidt Goodrich, a 1985 graduate, has devoted her career to being a person for others. Recently, named one of Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs and CFOs for 2023 by The Journal Record, Goodrich serves as president and CEO of Pivot, a not for profit agency that helps youth from 12-24 years of age with housing, addiction, medical services, social skills and whatever else they might need. The goal is to empower these youth and help them to become useful members of the community.

We recently spoke with Goodrich about her work and how her experience at McGuinness helped shape her into the person she is today.

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

A: I grew up in a family with six children (I come in at No. 3). We moved to OKC from Topeka during my high school years. Four of us graduated from McG. Growing up we might not have had everything we wanted, but we definitely had all the things we needed, and my parents sacrificed to send us all through Catholic Schools. Our faith is at the heart of who we are as a family. Not just in name, but in action. I learned early on that service to others was a responsibility we have to others. Not just some people, but all people deserve dignity, care and help if they need it. This translates into who I am and what I do today. Jeff and I married in 1999, and we have two daughters, Grace (McG class of 2019) and Amelia (McG class of 2022). I love spending time with my family and friends,

reading, running, and working. (I'm a bit of a workaholic in other's eyes, but it doesn't feel like that to me. It feels like serving my purpose).

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

A: Clancy Club, Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society Olympics, faith activities, gosh it's been so long I don't even remember.

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

A: I started out wanting to be a teacher, but thought this was a better suited path. I received a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Central State University. I didn't realize until my last semester of my undergraduate degree that if I wanted to become a full-fledged counselor, I would need a master's degree. I am sure they told us early on, but I must not have paid attention. So, I immediately enrolled and started that journey. In 1993, I received a Master of Education in Community Counseling from the University of Central Oklahoma. This set me up to become a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. An approved supervisor for both licensures, I have served as the President and CEO of Pivot, A Turning Point for Youth since May of 2019. I've only been the CEO for four years, but have been part of Pivot since 1999 addressing the needs of youth who experience layers of trauma, involvement in child welfare and juvenile justice, and youth experiencing homelessness.

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

A: I started out as a home-based therapist at Community Counseling Center. It was undoubtedly the most impactful employment experience I had and at the ripe age of 26. I was providing therapeutic services in the homes of clients and their families. I learned so much and was exposed to levels of trauma, poverty, struggle, and barriers I had never imagined. It was eye opening, humbling, and an honor to be able to impact other's lives in such an untraditional way. I became a home-based supervisor within about two years of working there and then was placed over
school-based services.

In 1999, I had the opportunity to move to Youth Services for Oklahoma County, now known as Pivot. I started as the Clinical Director. It was a change! I was used to working with young children ages 4-10 and moved to working with teenagers. It was an adjustment but quickly loved the new age group. I also moved from working with youth primarily in DHS custody to those involved in Juvenile Justice. I fell in love with this work. In 2006, when my children were very young, I stepped back from administration to go back to direct services. One, because I waited a long time to be a mom, and I wanted to be there for my children. Second, I missed the direct contact with youth and families. In 2016, I had the opportunity to return as Clinical Director. In 2018, I became Vice President of Programs. In December of 2018, I became Interim CEO, and I was named permanent CEO in May of 2019.

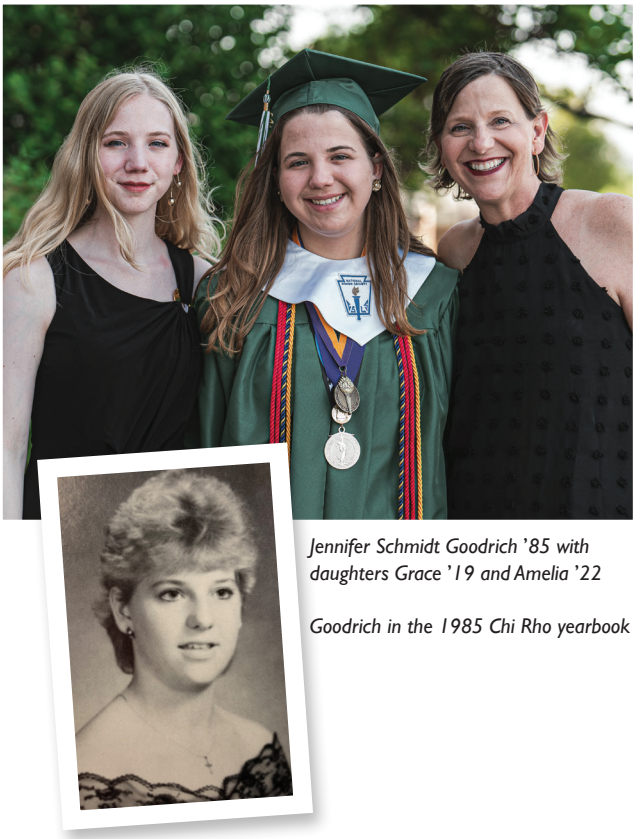
I feel so blessed to have this role at a place where I've worked nearly 24 years. In my time as CEO, I have had the opportunity to lead the most incredible staff and Pivot in an incredible direction. We've increased our ability to serve youth experiencing homelessness by opening an additional drop-in center and shelter, grew our tiny home community from six homes to 26, with 15 more on the way, AND having those highlighted on the Kelly Clarkson Show.

Starting our social enterprise/trauma informed job training program of Pivot Preserves, it is my goal to be the best advocate and voice for the youth in our community, a key collaborative with other nonprofits, to ensure every employee understands they are valued and are a key to our success. My professional values are humility, integrity, and transparency. I am honored by the recognition, but I don't see them as my own accomplishments but recognition I AM fulfilling my purpose.

Q: What challenges and successes have you experienced along the way?

A: To me challenges are really just opportunities. My faith tells me there is value in suffering or difficulties. I see it as such. Personally, one challenge was fighting cancer, not once but twice. Once in 2008 and then again in 2021. I was blessed to be surrounded by incredible support and prayer from my family, friends, and EVERYONE at Pivot. I didn't miss a beat at the office. It doesn't make me a hero, it makes me lucky and is a testament to the belief and support I have.

I have had the privilege of being honored over the last year as a Journal Record Most Admired CEO and 405 Businesses' inaugural Metro's Most Influential leader. True honors, I don't take them lightly, I'm deeply honored but most of all hope people see that it represents the work we do to meet the youth in our community. At the end of the day, I am led by my faith and desire to be of service to others. For me leadership is not a job title, it is an action and example. You don't achieve it. You live it.



Jennifer Schmidt Goodrich '85 with daughters Grace '19 and Amelia '22

Goodrich in the 1985 Chi Rho yearbook

Q: How did your time at McGuinness help shape you into the person you are today?

A: I don't think, or at least at the time, I don't remember that they called what was done developing students as a person for others as they do today, but that is exactly what they were doing. I learned about community, how to deal with challenges, understanding how blessed I am, and, in the same way I learned from my parents the responsibility to serve others, I learned it there, too. I remember the kindness of many, the excellent education, and I've loved to see it continue to grow. Not only sending my own children there, but watching class after class come through Pivot to tour, volunteer, and support. It makes the green part of my heart happy.

Q: What advice would you give current students who are just beginning their journey?

A: Don't let someone else decide who you are. Just because someone says it doesn't make it true. This too shall pass. Love for something is a great start but most things also take hard work, and don't be afraid of that. Be a contributor, not an achiever. It is okay to be proud of what you do and worked hard for but how does it make others, our community, our world better. Relationships are more important than being right. I have lots of advice (LOL), but I'll stop there!

Message from Alumni Excutive Committee President



As the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Alumni Association President, I would like to congratulate and officially welcome the Class of 2023 as Alumni of Bishop McGuinness.

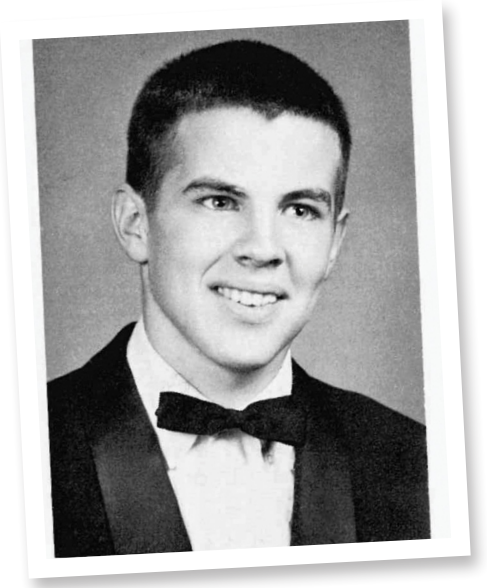
Some of you may be excited to walk out those doors and never look back – and maybe a small percentage of you may be like I was and think, I am excited for what is ahead but leaving these halls will be a little sad. The future may be unknown, but I can assure you that the next few years you will grow and experience so much of what this world has to offer. And whatever may come your way, you are more than prepared. McGuinness is a forever home that has provided you with a strong foundation of faith, education and who you are as a person. This foundation will allow you to face life with all the confidence and kindness that you need to be successful in whatever way success may look like to you! And no matter where your path may take you – the Bishop McGuinness family will be cheering you on along the way!

Alexa Lienhard, Class of 2011
Alumni Executive Committee President
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John Bane awarded 2023 Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Established 23 years ago, the Distinguished Alumni of the Year award recognizes outstanding alumni and their commitment to the goals and objectives of BMCHS. It highlights what it means to be a person for others through their actions in the Irish community and beyond.



"The lessons I learned in this building have propelled me into a very successful career, and a very happy life."

-John Bane,
Distinguished Alumni 2023

Below is Bane's acceptance speech:

I have won a few awards in my time, but I'm going to take this one to bed with me tonight and probably be buried with it. I graduated in 1962 from this phenomenal institution, and it has been the cornerstone of my life. So many good things happened because of the teachers we had here at McGuinness. I wasn't in the top 50 percent of my class. But it was people like me that allowed the top 50% to get some recognition.

The lessons I learned in this building have propelled me into a very successful career, and a very happy life. I am and you will be forever grateful for your time spent at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. I want to take a second to relay how very fortunate you are to have attended this school and thanks to the parents who sacrificed so much so you could attend this wonderful school. The faculty and staff at this institution are so very special. The minimum they spend in college is four years, but most of them spend six years and some even more to prepare themselves for the art of communicating their knowledge to you and prepare you for the next step in your life.

I am going to take a second to tell you why McGuinness was and is the best. The Class of 1962, our salutatorian, not the top guy, went to Notre Dame University. After three and a half years his counselor told him, "You are going to be the valedictorian of this place, why don't you take off your last semester before you go to medical school?" And he didn't! He took the full course load. He graduated Magna Cum

Laude from Notre Dame University. We are all very proud of Ken Khoury. He went on to Yale Medical School, and he practices now in California, Psychiatry and Counseling. And I told him the other day "That's a good place for Psychiatry and Counseling." (chuckles)

One other thing: an acquaintance of mine is the president of the largest co-ed catholic institution in the state of Texas around 1200 students, and one night at a clergy appreciation dinner a few weeks ago, he asked me where I went to school. I told him Bishop McGuinness, and he sat back in his chair. And the president of that school said, "I have followed Bishop MCGuinness religiously every week! I am amazed at the amount of scholarships they award." He was very aware of the fine arts program, and he was aware of your athletic prowess. That says a lot. I put him in touch with Mr. Morton, and I hope to see a football game versus the two schools very soon.

I want to tell the graduating students how very proud we are of you! I want you to follow your dreams, and I know you have heard that but I mean it. Do something you love to do. If in college in two or three years from now you find out you don't want to be a psychiatrist and you want to be a painter, be the best painter. Be the best you can be! That is what you are here on earth for is to use your talents to be the best you can be.

My final and most important message for you is keep God in your daily life. He is there for you. When you ask for his help, he will always be there, and he will always answer you. It may not be the time or the place or exactly what you want, but the answer you get will be the best for you. Don't just ask God for things you need right then, "Lord help me graduate on time, or help me do this or that." No. Keep him in your daily prayer life. Don't be like the man that was late for a meeting that was very important and pulled into the parking lot and couldn't find a parking place. He drove up and down two or three rows, and was begging, "I need a parking place!



I have to be in that meeting! God please, if you get me a spot I will go to church twice on Sunday, I will quit cussing, I will quit drinking, I will spend more time with my children, just find me a parking spot!" About that time a parking place opened up, he pulled in, rolled down the window, looked up and said "Don't worry God, I found one on my own!" Don't be that man, keep God in your life.

Young ladies and gentlemen of this class, we are astoundingly proud of you. For the longest time, everyone knew the Class of 1962 was the best class to every walk out of this place. But, tonight I pass that torch on to you Class of 2023. When you get your diploma, I want you to walk out here and go change the world. You can do it. You are prepared. God bless you and thank you for your time.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

Updates

1955



Judy Love was voted second in the 10th annual Most Powerful Women in OKC for 2022. She has been in the top five for the past 10 years.

1962

John Bane received the Bishop McGuinness Alumni of the Year Award for 2023. See Page 52 for more details.

1976



Photo: WBJ

Teresa Boyer Carter, the Wichita Medical Research & Education Foundation CFO/ Controller, was selected as a Wichita Business Journal 2023 CFO honoree.

1982



Laura Shaw Terlip made the Oklahoma City Real Producers' list of top 500 Real Estate Agents in OKC list. Terlip had over $28 million dollars in sales for 2022.

1985

Jennifer Schmidt Goodrich of Pivot was honored as a Journal Record Most Admired CEO for Oklahoma. Please see Page 48 for more details.

1992

Molly Ross Fuhrman, LPC, Executive Director for INTEGRIS James L. Hall, Jr. Center for Mind, Body and Spirit was named to the Calm Waters Board of Directors.

2002

Adam Rainbolt, Senior VP, BancFirst Insurance, was ranked No. 4 on the OKC FRIDAY'S annual ranking of OKC's Most Powerful Young Professionals.

2003



Kalin Morrow was awarded the Arts Luminary Award at the 2023 Arts! Arts! Arts! Gala for the Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts at the University of Oklahoma. A 2007 graduate of OU, Kalin is a dancer, teacher and performer based in the Netherlands. She teaches for companies across Europe and the United States and is guest faculty at the Amsterdam School for the Arts.

Joshua Stratton graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. in Telecommunications. He is currently serving as National Director of Communications for the Mule Deer Foundation.

2004

Elizabeth Gray (Walters), Executive Director, OKC Broadway, was ranked 14th on the OKC FRIDAY'S annual ranking of OKC's Most Powerful Young Professionals.

Sonny Wilkinson, Senior Director of Development, OMRF, was ranked 21st on the OKC FRIDAY'S annual ranking of OKC's Most Powerful Young Professionals.

2005

Henry Hoch recently became a partner at a CPA firm in Oklahoma City (Wright, McAfee, Hoch & Co. CPAs). He currently resides in Oklahoma City.

Clay Taylor, Lobbyist, The Taylor Group, was ranked No. 2 on the OKC FRIDAY'S annual ranking of OKC's Most Powerful Young Professionals.

2009



Tate Triska and wife Hayden welcomed baby boy Cary.

2011



Katie Massad Fast and husband, Blake, welcomed their first child, a boy, Hayes Fast, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2022.

MaryEllen Lacher Willit and husband, Matthew, welcomed a new baby, Noah Drew Willit Feb. 24, 2023

Caroline Cameron Ikard, AVP, Operations Tech. at American Fidelity, was ranked 13th on the OKC FRIDAY'S annual ranking of OKC's Most Powerful Young Professionals.

2013



Luis Lopez married Oliva Edwards Aug. 6, 2022. Luis is currently Major Gifts Officer and Assistant Athletic Director for External Engagement at Oklahoma Christian University.

2022



Lilianna Gavula received the University College PACE Award, which recognizes the top 1% of the freshman class at the University of Oklahoma for participation in campus clubs and activities, academic achievement, community service, and leadership. She also received the Dennis McLaughlin award, which honors top PACE award recipients. Lilianna is pursuing a degree in Math and is the daughter of Deborah ('83) and Pat Gavula.

Please Grant Eternal Rest to:

Alumni

NAME	CLASS	D.O.D.
Law, Bryan Edward	1992	07/05/22
Gordy, Katie	1966	07/14/22
Cortright, Elizabeth A.	1994	07/18/2022
Bachle, John Perry	1961	07/24/22
Hendrix, Mary Helen	1967	08/02/2022
Link, Thomas "Joe"	1966	09/07/22
Ward, Laura (Summers)	1966	09/11/2022
Abowitz, Katherine G.	1991	09/15/2022
Laughlin, Pam (Steffen)	1971	09/16/22
McCall, Winifred (McCaffrey)	1952	09/19/2022
Staples, Allen	1978	10/05/22
Grace, Kevin	2005	11/01/2022
Riley, Janeway (McCann)	1954	12/15/22
Seymour, Terrance	2010	01/05/23
Maidt, Jacob	2006	01/18/23
Boismier, Jerry	1958	02/08/2023
Sears, Bertram Edward	1982	03/18/23
Wolf, Gai (Wilson)	1962	3/19/23
Jay, Alice Elizabeth (Baylor)	1956	March 2023
Maney III, James W.	1962	04/07/23
Lollman, Joe	1962	04/09/23
Brown, Roger	1962	05/02/2023
Wienecke, Luke	2021	05/12/2023
Farrell, James (Jim)	1980	05/17/2023
Stubblefield, Tracy	1989	05/20/2023
Kranz Jr., Harold	1962	05/23/2023
McGuire, Patricia Ray	1966	05/30/23
Dalrymple, Moya (Wallace)	1999	06/03/23
Neylon, Steve	1962	06/21/23
Mullen, Jason	2017	06/23/23

Friends of McGuinness

NAME	D.O.D.
Johnson, Mike (former OK State Senator)	07/30/2022
Harris, Phil	08/31/2022
Cameron, Jo Carol	09/01/2022
Lukeman, Jodie	10/02/2022
Ross, William (Bill)	11/17/2022
Frederickson, Gray	11/20/2022
Eischen, Anita	12/02/2022
Berney, William M. (Mike)	12/17/2022
Cooper, Nancy	12/24/2022
Martin, Kathleen Lucille	01/13/2023
Horn, Patricia Ann	01/14/2023
Gray, Charles A.	02/18/2023
Minton, Angela Lynne (Kizer)	03/02/2023
Love, Tom	03/07/2023
Brown, Dolores Aldera	03/11/2023
Wall, June Carol (Wask)	03/12/2023
Berringer, Peggy	04/03/2023
Fitzgerald, Betty	04/26/2023
Krahl, Kathryn	04/29/2023
Wetwiska, Mary	05/05/2023
Casso, Marilyn	05/22/2023
Head, Jeffrey	05/22/2023
Tubb Jr. , Luther Jerome "Jerry"	05/22/2023
Meyer, Jamie	06/12/2023



IRISH BLESSING

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

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

Remembering community leader and longtime BMCHS supporter Tom Love



Thomas Eugene Love, 85, passed away March 7, 2023, in Oklahoma City. He founded a family-owned and-operated network of more than 600 Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores alongside his devoted wife and business partner, Judy.

Born Oct. 10, 1937 in Oklahoma City, Tom Love attended St. Gregory's Preparatory School in Shawnee and St. John's University in Minnesota, before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1954. Following his military service, Tom and Judy Love married in 1960. After attending the University of Oklahoma and University of Central Oklahoma, he used $5,000 to lease an abandoned service station in Watonga in 1964. From a modest beginning, the then-named Musket Corporation opened 40 stores in eight years in western Oklahoma. His keen and discerning sense for business and vision to grow the company resulted in Love's establishing a new concept – the country store – that combined existing business models for grocery and convenience stores with a self-service gas station. In 1972, the country store in Guymon became the first store in the nation to combine self-service gasoline and grocery items.

Throughout the decades of Tom Love's leadership, Love's company expanded its services and national footprint. The company that began as a small service station in Watonga now has over 600 locations in 42 states and employs over 39,000 team members. It remains family owned and operated. Beloved by his employees, Tom Love cared deeply for them, often asking about their families. His presence at a store would fill it with energy and excitement. He was a true visionary who kept everyone grounded and inspired everyone to do better every day. One of his mottos repeated frequently by Love's leaders is "yesterday's trophies don't win tomorrow's games."

Tom Love was always looking forward, thinking constantly about new possibilities and opportunities. A well-respected business leader, he was admired for his thoughtfulness, genuine humility, generosity and kindness toward others. In both his professional and personal life, Tom Love always focused on serving others. This was reflected in Love's commitment to its customers, employees, and communities where the company operated.

Over the years, Tom Love and the Love's business received many honors, including Corporation of the Year in 1991 and the 1996 President's Award for Service to God and Country. He was chosen as Oklahoma's Most Admired CEO in 2010 and Trust Guardian Transportation Award in 2014. A Chickasaw citizen, he was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2019 and the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2000.

Strongly committed to his family and faith, he was preceded in death by his mother and father, Margaret and F.C. Love. He is survived by his wife Judith McCarthy Love, along with their four children, Gregory Love, Laura Love, Jenny Love Meyer and Frank Love, and their respective spouses. He's also survived by his nine grandchildren, Frances Koop, Thomas Love, David Love, Caroline Ikard, Liza Reilly, Claire Cameron, Emma Love, Julia Love, and Alyson Meyer, along with great grandchildren Cameron James Ikard and Sterling Thomas Reilly. He was the brother of six siblings, William Love, Sally Gardiner, Kathy Ramseur, Charles Love, Margaret Goodman and Jack Love.

Tom Love's legacy will live on in the values he instilled in his family and company by the way in which he lived his remarkable life and inspired all who had the privilege of knowing him.

FINANCIALS

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Try me in this," says the Lord of Host, "shall I not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing upon you without measure."

-Malachi 3:10

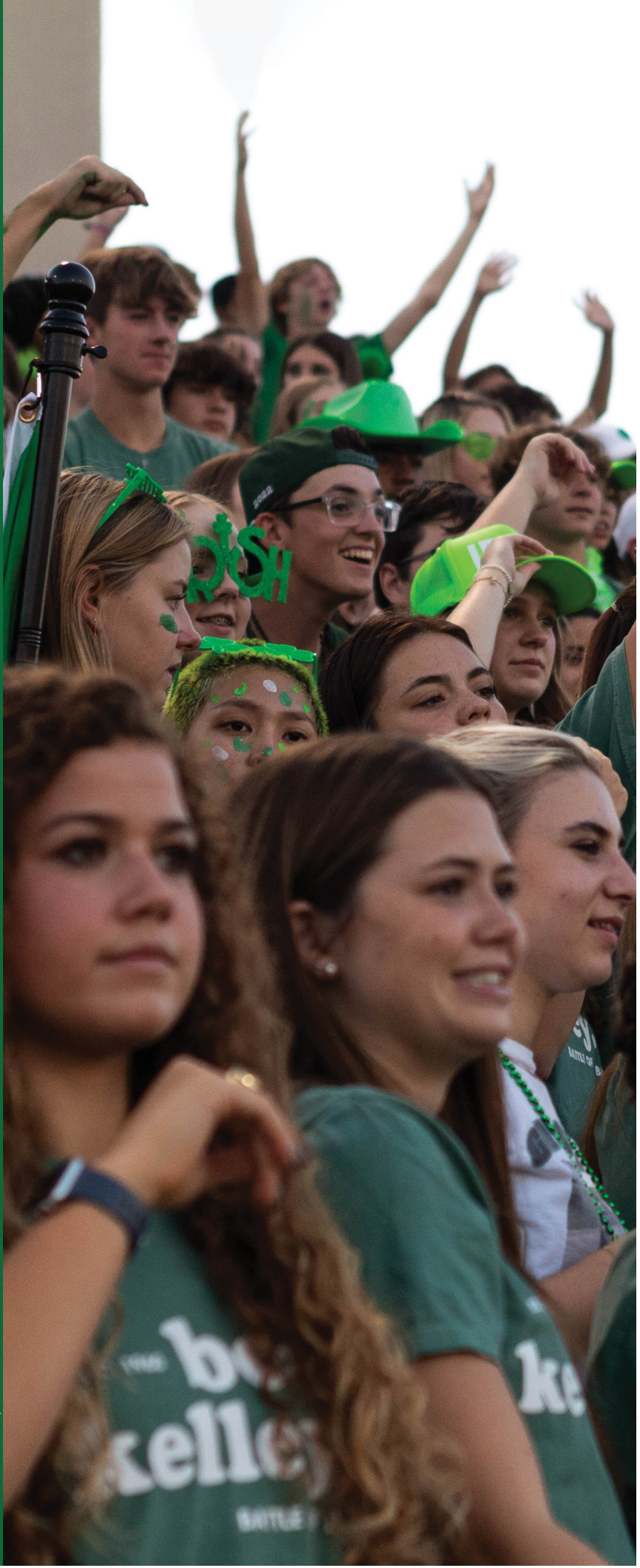


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Luck of the Irish

36th annual auction raises $256,000

The Irish community gathered at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum April 28 for the 36th Annual Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Auction. We were so excited to honor Special Guests: Cindy '73 and Rick '72 Jones. Rick and Cindy are proud parents of three Bishop McGuinness Graduates, and their first grandchild now walks the halls as a McGuinness student.

As in years past, the proceeds from the event helped the school's scholarship program. It was a great night of fun with an auction, sweet shoppe, raffle items, games and dancing. It was a great night of community.

Save the date for our annual Spring fundraising event! We will be pulling out all the stops and celebrating with a black tie optional "75th Anniversary Celebration Gala." The gala will be Friday, April 26, 2024 at the Oklahoma City Omni Hotel. To kick off the 75th Anniversary Celebration, we will honor Judy McCarthy Love ('55) and the three generations of the Love family for all their years of service and dedication to our mission. Mark your calendars now!







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Joe Allen	1966
Terence Brennan	1966
Greg Istre	1966
Paul Podolec	1966
Judy Murray Wilkinson	1966
Ann Leopard Allen	1967
Susan Ulmer Brewer	1967
James Calvi	1967
Gayla Machell	1967
Mary Ruzicka Swink	1967
Reverend Stephen Bird	1968
Kevin Cox	1968
Betty Semtner Edwards	1968
Patricia Laurence Podolec	1968
Bob Potter	1968
Joan Teague Bickes	1969
Mari Maidt Imel	1969
Barbara Wisniewski McEndree	1969
Barney Semtner	1969
Sharon McGrath Sutton	1969
Leslie Wylie	1969

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Michael Burke	1970
David Giasson	1970
David Jewell	1970
Jerry Kelley	1970
Anne Kierl Murphy	1970
Patrick Nolen	1970
Frances Smith Savely	1970
Gayle Lucas Semtner	1970
Mary Sine	1970
Elaine Bird Stebler	1970
Randy Fudge	1971
Yvonne Green	1971
Maureen Brennan Westphal	1971
James Humphrey	1972
Rick Jones	1972
Andrew Dodge	1973
David Heard	1973
Cindy Radke Jones	1973
Lon Kile	1973
Mike Milligan	1973
Tish Kierl Milligan	1973
Dale Montgomery	1973
Robert Richey	1973
Angela Doyle Treinen	1973
Chele Nashert Gatewood	1974
Katherine Vater Johnson	1974
Jennifer Barry Knudsen	1974
Carol Scanlon Lester	1974
Nancy Carpenter	1975
David Wiist	1975
Tim Maguire	1976
Teresa Boyer Carter	1976
Melanie Milam Roth	1976
Nannette Bloch Hight	1977
Sean Kelley	1977
Philip Maguire	1977
Mark Mitchener	1977
John Oglesby	1977
Joseph D. Ward	1977
Marianne Barnett Adkins	1978
Susan Hoch Vega	1978
Kurt Rupert	1978
Albert Bisson	1979
Fran Vela McDermott	1979
Mark O'Brien	1979

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Michele Goldsworthy Aguilera	1980
Mary Hoch Cassidy	1980
Kevin McCarthy	1980
Rick Naifeh	1980
Susie Bolka Rischard	1980
Dan Andrews	1981
Janet Hoch Ciupak	1981
Bentley Edmonds	1981
Jennifer Torbett Mosle	1981
Barbara Kierl Wheeler	1981
Lisa Ruffin Edmonds	1982
John Franks	1982
Tim McGrath	1982
Chris Busby	1983
Jeanne Cotter	1983

David Fent	1983
Deborah Strickland Gavula	1983
Matthew Newhouse	1983
Michael Porcelli	1983
Kim-Kay Miller Randt	1983
John Thistleton	1983
Mark Wilmes	1983
Stacy Nelson Ferraro	1985
Kristy Hobbs Morton	1985
Joseph Morrissey	1986
Liz Rheinberger Ogle	1986
Joseph Stuever	1986
Mont Sweeney	1986
Leon Joyce	1987
Andrew Schmidt	1987
Laura Galt Snavely	1987
Brigett Todd Foster	1988
Zenobia Hubbard-Brown	1988
Scott James	1988
David Chansolme	1989
Orena Grim Franks	1989
Matthew Grim	1989
Aimee Watson Hanneman	1989
Susan McFall Ison	1989
Eric Nelson	1989

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Jay Clark	1990
Ryan Leonard	1990
Leslie Rundell Nelson	1990
Kathleen Martin Phillips	1990
Richard Godfrey	1991
Brooke Haddock Kivett	1991
Abby Bova	1992
Dan Buckelew	1992
Hai Bui	1992
Brad Davey	1992
Page Lindsey Hauser	1992
Jason Homsey	1992
Ben Twombly	1992
David Law	1993
Jennifer Airington Richard	1993
Patrick Hosty	1995
Jeffrey Cotner	1996
John Edwards	1996
Jason Naylor	1996
Amanda Tolentino Tonkin	1997
Jay Luetkemeyer	1999
Lee Heitert Luetkemeyer	1999
Sean Ralston	1999

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DiAnne Davis	2000
Maggie Kelley Post	2000
Aaron Wilson	2000
Christopher Grover	2001
James Chastain	2002
Lauren Henry Chastain	2002
Blair Kelley Abrahamson	2003
Matthew Cagigal	2003
Julie Ruffin DeWalt	2003
Amy Kelley Wilkins	2003
Henry Bloch	2005
Kevin Edwards	2005
Christina Forest Henson	2005
Charles Woner	2005
Morgan Connelly	2006
Andrew Shaffer	2007
Susan Murray Smith	2007
William Ruffin	2008

2010s

Matt Ritz	2011
Joseph Kinsinger	2016
Jarett Lewis	2017

2020s

Eliza Garrett	2025

Bishop McGuinness 75

In June, we were very excited to announce that a donor presented us with a challenge pledge of $500,000! If we receive $500,000 in additional pledges and gifts, the donor will match these donations dollar for dollar! Help us reach this goal! We have passed $300,000. Scan the QR code to join the climb and help us meet the $500,000 challenge!

Bishop McGuinness 75

Join the climb!

Campaign strives to secure excellence for future generations

In the spring of 2022, we launched a capital campaign to allow us to accommodate our growing student body. As the school approaches its 75th Anniversary, classroom space, once again, has become a critical need. As the population of our city and Catholic community have grown, so has the enrollment of the school. A record number of 753 students were welcomed to our campus this fall. This campaign will allow us to build five classrooms, a lecture hall, restroom facilities and additional office space. It will also make our campus even more secure as we eliminate a temporary classroom building that was provided in 2021 to provide classroom space for our growing numbers.

As we look to the next 75 years, our school must continue to evolve with the times. Projects to meet the needs of the students and their teachers are inevitable and will not be possible without the support of the Archdiocese and our Catholic community. We are beyond grateful for those who have already contributed to this campaign making our expansion a reality. Thank you for sharing your financial blessings! This campaign is a $6,000,000 campaign. We are making great strides in reaching our goal. We have been given a wonderful opportunity for a $500,000 match. Every dollar we raise between now and the end of the year will be matched! If you would like to know more about the 75th anniversary campaign or would like to help us reach this $500,000 match challenge, you can scan the QR code or donate online at www.bmchs.org/75th-anniversary.

Please reach out to us at advancement@bmchs.org if you have any questions or would like more information on how to donate and support us as we continue heading Toward the Top!



Ellen Porter Kelley Memorial Scholarship

By Sally Linhart



Radiant, joyful and exuberant with a servant's heart, Ellen Porter Kelley made an impact on everyone who knew her. The 1970 graduate of Bishop McGuinness was deeply cherished by her husband, children, students and friends.

Ellen's devotion to the Catholic faith and the community it comprises continues to serve as a shining example of God's love. The Ellen Porter Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by her family in 2023, is a fitting tribute to the woman who was always looking to help others.

Although Ellen passed away in 2020, as a result of early onset Alzheimer's disease, her laughter still resonates in the hearts of her husband and children. "The first thing I think of is her smile and her laugh," said her daughter Meredith Kelley Lesher.

After attending 8th grade at Christ the King, Ellen attended Bishop McGuinness where, during her freshman year, she went on a date to the state fair with classmate Jerry Kelley. For reasons unknown, they didn't go out again until their senior year - then never left each other's side. Ellen and Jerry attended The University of Oklahoma together, and committed their lives to each other in 1974.

Throughout their 45 year marriage, Ellen truly embraced her vocation as a wife and mother. She fully devoted herself to five children; daughters, Meredith Kelley Lesher, Erin Kelley Yancy, Maggie Kelley Post, Blair Kelley Abrahamson and son Brian Kelley.

"She loved children, loved being a mother, she was so patient," said Meredith. "I can't even remember a time when she yelled at us!" Daughter Erin echoed her sister's sentiments. "She was pretty incredible, just a great mom," she said. In the midst of raising five young children, Ellen returned to school at UCO, taking classes at night. She received her Masters degree in reading without missing a beat at home.

Both daughters recall Ellen being full of joy and warmth, a woman who embraced her Catholic faith both culturally and spiritually. Ellen was known for being an active and devoted member of Christ the King parish. All five of her children attended school at Christ the King — where she also taught kindergarten for 13 years. "Since we were small kids she was very involved in the church and dedicated to the schools," Meredith said.

Ellen and Jerry both truly valued a Catholic education — and the sense of community it created for their family. "There was no Catholic school in Edmond at the time, so mom and dad drove us to Christ the King every day for about a decade," recalled Meredith.

Just as Ellen did, all five of her children attended Bishop McGuinness. Meredith explained that their family has always been deeply connected to their school community. "Mom had some very dear friends from her time at Bishop McGuinness." When Meredith saw the opportunity to fund a memorial scholarship in honor of her mother "it made total sense." Sister Erin called it a "more than perfect" way to pay homage to Ellen's legacy.



Ellen and son Brian



Ellen with BMCHS classmates Malinda Sears Malloy and Carol Venard Thompson;



Ellen and husband Jerry Kelley

Erin and Meredith explained that the scholarship fund serves partly as a tribute to their father Jerry, for selflessly devoting his life to their mother's care throughout her illness. His love and commitment served as a beautiful testimony to their devout faith. Among the countless things he and Ellen had in common were their strong ties to the Bishop McGuinness community. Jerry grew up playing baseball with David Morton, who coached four of the Kelley children while at McGuinness.

Jerry's words mirrored those of his daughters, when asked about Ellen's dedication to her faith and the Catholic community. A product of Catholic schools, Ellen was adamant about sending their children to a parochial grade school. "Catholic education really made an impression upon her and she realized that the quality of education was better," Jerry said. For that reason, he wholeheartedly agreed that establishing the memorial scholarship fund was the perfect way to honor her.

"She'd be overjoyed to know that somebody is doing something in her name that will help somebody else. Cards, flowers and kind words are nice, but this is something concrete that I think she would really appreciate," Jerry explained. "Helping people after her death is really a continuation of her life."

Scholarship & Endowments

All Class Alumnus Scholarship

The Oded Amitz-Iev Scholarship

Archbishop Scholarship Fund

The Alesia Boyer Memorial Scholarship

The Brand Scholarship Endowment

Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Joe Cook Memorial Scholarship

The Cooper Family Scholarship

The Vincent Cotter Scholarship

Dr. Corinne Dinges Memorial Scholarship

The Carl Ganter Memorial Scholarship

General Scholarship Fund

The Clyde Grover Memorial Scholarship Fund

The David Harlow Rice Scholarship

The Todd Harter Memorial Scholarship

The Al and Helen Hoch Family Scholarship

The Reginald and Lillian Hudson Memorial Scholarship

The Lon Kile Family Scholarship

Onzie L. Level, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Tony Maguire Scholarship

The Ed McCarthy Memorial Scholarship

The Judy McCarthy Love Scholarship

The Judy McCarthy Love and Tom Love Scholarship

The Jack A. Mideke Scholarship

The Nancy Morton Memorial Scholarship

The Newcomb Family Scholarship

The Grace and Bill O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

The Gary Pellegrini Scholarship

The Judith Pulley Memorial Scholarship

The Chris Paul Rushcha Memorial Scholarship

School Advisory Council Fund

The Smiley Family Scholarship

The Lorne Thomas Memorial Scholarship

The Julie Welch Memorial Scholarship



A Big Impact

Class of 1973 creates $500,000 scholarship; issues challenge to other classes

"Can't is a word that is foe to ambition."

This simple sentence, taken from an Edgar Guest poem, appears on Page 6 of the 1973 Bishop McGuinness Chi Rho yearbook. That year, the Irish football team ended its season sixth in the state. The girls basketball team ended the season 22 - 0. The Faculty Fossils defeated the Senior Superstars. The photos and captions in that yearbook tell the tales of 127 graduating seniors — but the best story out of the class of 1973 would come 50 years later.

Two years ago, while reading a Toward the Top magazine, a class of '73 alum was inspired by the stories behind the scholarship funds that provide so many students with the opportunity to attend Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School. This alumn made a phone call to advancement director Mary Joyce to ask a quick question: "How much does it take to start a scholarship fund, and how does it work?" That question led to a 30-minute phone call about the future of Bishop McGuinness, the needs of the students, and how God was working in the lives of the Irish community.

That anonymous alum, who had not even stepped foot inside the school since graduation day in 1973, started out making the decision to not only invest in the school with a named scholarship but committed to a $125,000 donation establishing The Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship Fund.

This donation marked the first named scholarship fund created exclusively by a single graduating class, but the Class of '73 wasn't done. With a major class reunion approaching, another anonymous alum came up with an idea to further bolster the scholarship fund: raise $50,000 by the 50th reunion in September 2023. This alum called Joyce with his idea and offered a $25,000 match to his classmates to raise the $50,000 by the 50th reunion.

Still eager to be the best there ever was, the Class of '73 stepped up in a big way. Not only did the classmates reach the $25,000 match challenge, they blew past it with a total of $81,000 raised! These donations made by 1973 graduates have pushed the scholarship fund over $200,000. When the class gathered in September for their 50th class reunion, God continued to touch their hearts. After the reunion, more donations came from the classmates to bring The Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship Fund to $500,000! This made the named scholarship the largest scholarship at Bishop McGuinness.

The Class of '73 had the shared goal of leaving a legacy that has the potential to change lives and support a new generation of Irish students. Those fresh-faced, ambitious kids — now in their late 60s — have informally thrown down the proverbial gauntlet to other graduating classes. And they can't wait to find out which Irish class will be valiant enough to take it up.

Leave Your Legacy.

The Blessed Pier Giorgio Legacy Society

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

Interested in making a gift?

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

What types of planned gifts can you give?

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

Will Bequests

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

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