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-We are proud to highlight photos taken and articles written by our students. The cover photo, taken by Aimee Martinez '26, features Walker Lape '24 as he receives the valedictorian medal from Principal David Morton. Lape was one of four valedictorians; the others were Kaylin Hart, Leonard "Chisa" Nwanebu and Cate Shadid. Ella Christensen was the class salutatorian.

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INTRODUCTION

From the President



While in some regards I am new to Bishop McGuinness, I am certainly not new to the wonderful reputation the school has in the Oklahoma City community and beyond. I have served on the Board for 16 years and have been a priest of the Archdiocese for 33 years, so I am well of aware of not only the fine academics and extracurricular activities that we offer but also of the strong community that the school enjoys among its alumni. Over the years, I have witnessed how the community comes together in times of tragedy and in times of celebration.

I have served in four feeder schools for McGuinness: St. Charles, Rosary, Christ the King and, now, Bishop John Carroll. I can safely say that in each of these schools and the parishes most all of the leaders and volunteers of the school and the parish are graduates of McGuinness or other Catholic schools. I have always been impressed at the number of service hours that our students have, and it truly shows as we see in our Mission statement, to be a Person for others, looking beyond ourselves to help make the world a better place, which is of course the mission of Christ.

This school year is our 75th Anniversary. We had a fantastic Gala Celebration and kick off where we raised an amazing amount to help fund scholarships, one of which is named after our beloved Emeritus Principal David Morton. We also celebrated and thanked the Love family for all that they have done over the years to further the mission of McGuinness. It took, however, many people to put that event together and raise the funds for scholarships. The state legislature also passed the historic Tax Credit program, which will hopefully make McGuinness more affordable for our families, especially those with several children.

Change is never easy, and this year has brought much change to the way that McGuinness will be led going forward. Like so many other private and Catholic schools, it was decided several years ago that when David retired the position of president / principal would be divided into two separate roles as it had grown too big for one person. For more than two decades, David heroically did both, but the time came for a change. We remain in debt to him for all that he has done to put McGuinness on the solid footing that we are on today.

When the job for president became open, we began a national search and had several good candidates, but they were all from out of town and had no connection to the Oklahoma City community. When someone on the committee suggested that I apply, I did not think that the Archbishop would allow that since we are so short of priests. However, he did allow it, and I am very excited to be here. I am also very glad that the committee chose Dr. Andrew Worthington to serve as the new principal. Andrew has worked at McGuinness for 20 years, serving as an assistant principal for the last __. I have known Andrew for many years from serving on the board, and most recently as his pastor at Our Lady's Cathedral where his children attended Bishop John Carroll school. He is an extremely dedicated and esteemed educator, and we are very lucky to have him. I look forward to working with him and learning from him.

As we look towards the next 75 years, we have much to be thankful for, but we cannot just rest on our past successes. The world and most especially education is changing seemingly by the minute, and those changes present both challenges and opportunities ahead. We continue our mission to provide a quality college prep program rooted in academics and in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic faith. Our school's patron, Blessed Pier Georgio Frassati, who will be Canonized by Pope Francis next summer, loved to hike the Dolomites in Northern Italy. Having hiked those as well, I can certainly see where he got his motto, *Towards the Top*. That beautiful range of mountains is the closest thing I can imagine seeing this side of heaven. May he and most especially Our Lord continue to guide our school as we continue the climb "Toward the Top." May God bless you all.

Fr Rick Stanley

Message from School Advisory Council Chair



Dear Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Community,
As the School Advisory Council Chair for the 2024-2025 school year, it is my distinct honor and privilege to welcome you to this year's edition of "Toward the Top." This annual publication serves as a testament to the dedication, achievements, and spirit of our beloved school community. Each year it is humbling to me to read and see how the incredible community we are all so very proud of makes its mark on those around us through acts of service and the collective achievements we manifest together.

This year's edition holds special significance as we celebrate and bid farewell to a remarkable leader, David Morton. David's long tenure on our faculty and leadership as well as his many years serving as president and principal have left an indelible mark on Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, as well as all of us who have been part of the community during his tenure. His unwavering commitment to our school's mission, his leadership, and his passion for education have been a guiding light for us all. As he retires, we extend our deepest gratitude for his many years of service and the profound impact he has had on countless students, faculty, and the broader community.

As we honor David's legacy, we also look forward to an exciting new chapter under the leadership of Father Richard (Rick) Stansberry as our new president and Dr. Andrew Worthington as our new principal. The introduction of this split leadership model promises to bring fresh perspectives and renewed vigor to our institution. Father Rick's spiritual guidance, combined with Dr. Worthington's educational expertise, will undoubtedly propel our school toward continued excellence. Each of them brings tremendous talents as individuals and a long history with the Bishop McGuinness community in addition to new perspectives and aspirations to each of their roles.

We are confident that under this new leadership, Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School will continue to thrive, nurturing the minds and spirits of our students and preparing them for a future of success and service. I am personally very auspicious about many ways the school leadership is continuing to improve how we care for the well-being, education, and faith journeys of our students. The transition marks not just an end, but a renewed beginning filled with promise and potential.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our school. Together, we will continue to uphold the values and traditions that make Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School a beacon of faith, learning, and community.

With heartfelt gratitude and excitement for the future,

Ben Williams
School Advisory Council Chair
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School
2024-2025 School Year

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



Photo: Aimee Martinez '26



Academic Highlights

39 Students Named Oklahoma Academic Scholars

24 AP Courses Offered

58 Students Awarded Presidential Award for Academic Excellence

77% Recent graduates who took at least one AP exam during their four years

> "The number of Bishop McGuinness students with passing scores on Advanced Placement exams has grown 34 percent since 2020. So while the number of students and exams in total are increasing, so is the pass rate which is quite remarkable."
>
> -Advanced Placement Teacher Jennifer Collins

Photo: Lauren Sargent



3 National Merit Finalists

The 2024 National Merit Finalists are Walker Lape, Dean Sylvester and Chisa Nwanebu.

AP SCHOLARS

The College Board released the Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards for the 2023-24 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 2023-24 exams. In total, 324 students took 651 exams with an 87% of students earning a score of 3 or higher.

50 AP Scholars

31 AP Scholars with Honors

47 AP Scholars with Distinction

2024 brings record number of AP Scholars

School sees increases in AP courses offered, number of students testing, and pass rate

The results of the spring Advanced Placement exams are in, and McGuinness continues to excel with a 128 students named AP Scholars, the largest number of McGuinness students to ever receive the honor. This is up 4% from 2023. In May, 324 BMCHS students took 650 exams in 24 subjects with a record 87% of students earning a passing score of 3 or higher.

In the class of 2024, 75% of BMCHS graduates took an Advanced Placement exam, while the national average was just 35 percent. In addition, 62% of those graduates scored a 3 or higher on at least 1 AP Exam, almost three times the national average (21.7%) and over six times the state average (9.7%). So while the number of students and exams in total are increasing, so is the pass rate. Also, BMCHS has also expanded the number of AP courses offered to 24 last year, offering Precalculus and Spanish Literature for the first time.

The AP program offers college-level courses for students while still in high school. Beyond providing students the academic rigor and experience of a college-level class, these courses also offer the opportunity for students to earn college credit for qualifying scores on the end of the year AP exam. Taking AP exams gives students an advantage in college by allowing them to earn credit while in high school. This opens up time in their college schedules, so that they have the opportunity to graduate early and save money on their collegiate education.

With the AP Scholar Awards, College Board's Advanced Placement Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. The different award levels are:

- AP Scholar — Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.
- AP Scholar with Honor — Granted to 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.
- AP Scholar with Distinction — Granted to 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.

The students recognized with awards are:

AP Scholar (49) — Michael Al-Botros '25, Carl Amaya '26, Blair Billen-Mills '25, Nate Cauthen '24, Edward "Zane" Challis '25, Taylor Chance '25, Ian Chavez '25, Avary Cronic '25, Taylor Davidson '25, Michael Dolan '25, Hannah Earley '25, Abigail Edwards '25, Erin Elpedes '25, Jack Foster '24, Harrison Fried '25, Annabelle Harden '25, Zara Harroz '25, Cecilia Ho '24, Rebecca Horn '25, Hailey Johnson '24, Sterling Kovash '25, Margaret Krodel '25, Isabella Kunnath '24, Julia McCasland '25, Bridgette McCollum '25, Christopher McCoy '25, Porter Menz '24, Olivia Metz '25, Peri Mossman '25, Catherine Nguyen '25, Claire Nguyen '24, Thien-An Nguyen '24, Tiffany Nguyen '25, Sophie Pierce '25, Alexandra Regier '24, Evan Reyes-Gilliland '24, Joseph Rogers '25, Huang Rountree '24, Tabytha Roy '24, Johnathan Santos '24, Max Schomas '25, Cori Seymour '25, Sydney Starr '24, Lucas Stone '25, Ava Thielke '24, Ellie Torres '25, Taylor Vann '24, Beatrice Vogler '24, and Laura White '25.

AP Scholar with Honor (31) — Zitali Armenta '24, Harper Blevins '25, Vanessa Bui '25, Jackson Chase '25, Matthew DellOsso '25, William Gauthier '25, Christian Green '24, Ava Haag '25, Ian Harris '24, Kylee Hart '25, Aidan Healy '25, Santiago Hernandez '24, Burke Johnson '25, Laurel Kelley '24, Magnolia Kirt '24, Macy Lewis '24, Charles Lorenz '25, Michaela Love '25, Trent Morris '25, Reagan Morrow '25, Ruben Munoz '25, Sara Newby '24, Christian Nguyen '25, Olivia Pefferman '25, Lillie Rainbolt '24, Patrick Reese '24, Lena Shadid '25, Ella Thomas '24, Jackie Thomas '25, Kendall West '24, and Gregory White '24.

AP Scholar with Distinction (47) — Danny Bryan '24, Samantha Chappell '24, Andre Chirinos '25, Fina Chongwa '24, Ella Christiansen '24, Joseph Coats '25, Coffey Collier '25, Owen Cunningham '24, John de Keratry '25, Joseph Dickerson '25, Ashlyn Dolan '25, Andrew Elder '24, Claire Ellis '25, Abigail Fankhauser '24, Erik Fankhauser '24, Martin Goff '24, Brock Gowens '24, Oliver Gumerson '25, Blake Harrington '25, Kaylin Hart '24, Margaret Knudtson '24, Clara Koktavy '24, Walker Lape '24, Amy Le '25, Zella Leffel '24, Ryan McClanahan '25, McKenzie Morgan '24, Paris Nguyen '24, Leonard "Chisa" Nwanebu '24, William Oldfield '24, Isabella Pogue-Cappellaro '24, Lauren Potter '25, Kyla Reid '25, Pyeatt Rivera '25, Andrew Schein '25, Cate Shadid '24, Benji Silvernail '24, Samantha Stevenson '24, Quenby Swanson '25, Dean Sylvester '24, Asher Thorson '24, Leo Ton '25, Charlotte Waldo '24, Sava Wedman '24, Jeffrey Wienecke '24, Ben Willis '25, and Mark Willis '25.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Photo: Lauren Sargeant



WELCOME FRESHMEN

Jackson Blackburn '27 was one of 214 freshmen welcomed by the Class of 2024 on the first day of school, Aug. 11.

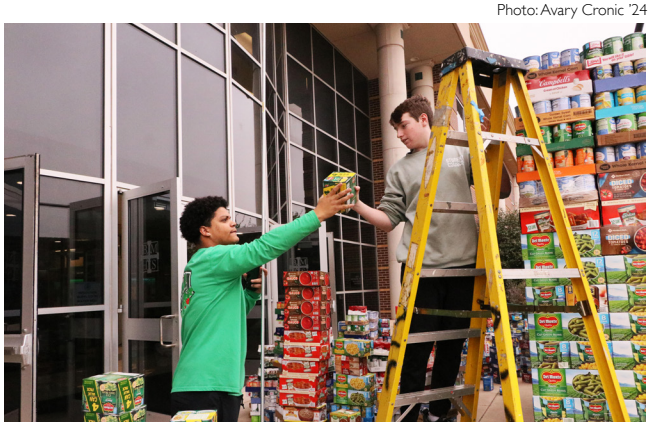
Photo: Aimee Martinez



SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT

As part of the senior service project, Juan Rivera '24 and Allie Scholze '24 set up a cornhole station for the Halloween carnival at The Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County. Organized by StuCo members and class sponsors Kelly Allen and Christine Pankratz, the carnival attracted around 800 people. Each senior spent two hours operating the carnival or helping in advance of the event.

Photo: Avary Cronic '24



CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Together, Javier DiFrancesco '24 and Jacob White '27 build the 2023 Canned Food Drive sculpture. Led by StuCo senior co-chair Jeffrey Wienecke '24 and junior co-chairs Peri Mossman '25 and Michael Al-Botros '25, the Irish collected 100,281 pounds of canned food for the school's 36th annual canned food drive. This is roughly around 9,001 meals for anyone in Oklahoma with food insecurity.

Photo: Lauren Sargent



YEARBOOK AWARDS

The Chi Rho yearbook staff won the sweepstakes award for the 2023 yearbook, recognizing it as the top yearbook in the state for Division II. Staff members received nine individual first place awards for their work on the book, and teacher Kelly Matteson was presented the Liz Burdette Yearbook Adviser of the Year Award. The awards were presented at Oklahoma Scholastic Media's Fall Media Day.

Courtesy Photo



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NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE

Congratulations the Speech & Debate students who competed at Nationals in June. Kayleona Hill '24 placed 13th in the nation out of 275 contestants in Dramatic Interpretation. Eve Moen '26 and Asher Thorson '24 were in the top 25 in DUO Acting. Lauren Kusel '24 advanced to the top 60 in Humorous Interpretation. Other students that qualified to represent Oklahoma at Nationals were: Brock Gowens '24 in Humorous Interp, Taylor Davidson '25 in Dramatic Interp, Sullivan McCollum '24 in United States Extemporaneous Speaking, Fina Chongwa '24 in Lincoln Douglas Debate and Ashley Watts '26 in Prose/Storytelling. At the end of the week, our school was awarded a Speech School of Honor. Head coach Brett Young received an award as a 4 Diamond Coach — an honor that only 12 coaches received this year. (Young was named the state Speech and Debate Coach of the Year award in November.)

Photo: Kelly Matteson



NEWSPAPER AWARDS

The 2023-24 Chi Rhoan news staff won the sweepstakes award, recognizing the news magazine as the top student print news publication in the state among small and mid-sized schools. The print publication and the online news site each won Highest Honors and All Oklahoma awards. The awards were presented April 16 at the Oklahoma Scholastic Media day.

Photo: Molly Taylor



DANCEVISIONS

Led by co-captains Lily Le '24 and Maddie Sanders '24, the dance company performs in the April 25 spring show.

Photo: Mary Joyce



EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Math Teacher Nicky Goff was a finalist for the Archdiocese Educator of the Year award. Goff was recognized at the 2024 Saints & Scholars Dinner for Catholic Education, a celebration by the Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma. During the event, David Morton was also honored for his 50 years as a Catholic school teacher, coach and administrator.

Photo: Lauren Sargeant



COACHING AWARD

Cheer Coach Mandy Gerszewski earned the title of Oklahoma Cheer Coach of the Year.

Student moves to United States to attend Catholic school

By Emily Sommer '25

Kim Nguyen '25 traveled over the summer from Vietnam to attend school in Oklahoma. She had always been interested in attending a Catholic high school in America, so when the opportunity arose, she took it.

"I transferred because studying in another country is a good educational opportunity, and I get to make new friends," Nguyen said.

Like many students, Nguyen fell in love with the school and its various academic outlets.

"I like it because of the tour of the school," Nguyen said. "I got to see the school programs that I was interested in. I also met the principal, and he was nice and kind. I like how everyone is happy and comfortable in this environment, and I like the Principles of Engineering class because I like the 3D printer and coding."

Nguyen participated in many extracurricular activities outside of the classroom, including playing piano and drawing, but she was passionate about singing. She wanted to get more involved in the school.

"I love singing for Jesus," Nguyen said. "I believe that is my place."



Kim Nguyen

Fall Musical: 'Grease'

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



"GREASE" The school musical debuted Nov. 9. The T-Birds danced on top of a real car that brought on stage every night.

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



Spring Play: 'Clue'

Photo: Aimee Martinez '26



Photo: Aimee Martinez '26



"CLUE" The Stage Crew class built the set for the spring play, which featured two stories, two revolves, five doors and a small crawl space that acted as a secret passageway.

Oldfield shares Eagle Scout journey



By Aimee Martinez '26

From Webelo to Tenderfoot, William Oldfield '24 made a major commitment when he signed up for Boy Scouts in the fifth grade. In order to gain the rank of Eagle Scout, Oldfield had to plan and execute a service project.

"It was a large time commitment," Oldfield said. "On top of my other activities, I had to really learn how to manage my time efficiently."

Oldfield's Eagle Scout service project was to build shelves for the women's sanctuary in Norman, which needed more storage for donated items to be stored. With help from his dad, mom and good friends, Oldfield managed to complete his project.

"So first we had to make blueprints and plans," Oldfield said.

"Then we had to go measure on-site, measure off-site, and then we had to obviously fundraise for the materials."

It was a long process, which, included measuring, cutting and assembling wood into shelves. They were put together before being transported to the sanctuary, where they were finally installed.

The purpose of an Eagle Scout project is for the scouts to demonstrate all the skills they have developed while in the program. These include self-motivation. While Oldfield's dad and grandfather were both scouts, neither of them received the rank of Eagle Scout. Oldfield and his family were determined for him to earn the title.

"They both quit right before achieving being an Eagle Scout, so I'm a first generation Eagle Scout," Oldfield said. "But, it was expected of me."

Ten members of Class of 2024 earn rank of Eagle Scout



Photo courtesy: Matt Jackson

Ten members of Boy Scout Troop 120 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and were honored during a June 16 Court of Honor ceremony at Christ the King Catholic Church. Front Row: William Oldfield, Michael Dolan, Andrew de Keratry, Seth Broussard, Graham Nichols. Back Row: Liam Mullins, Austin Shumsky, Andrew Elder, Collin Lipps, Tucker Tebow.



Photo: Aimee Martinez '26

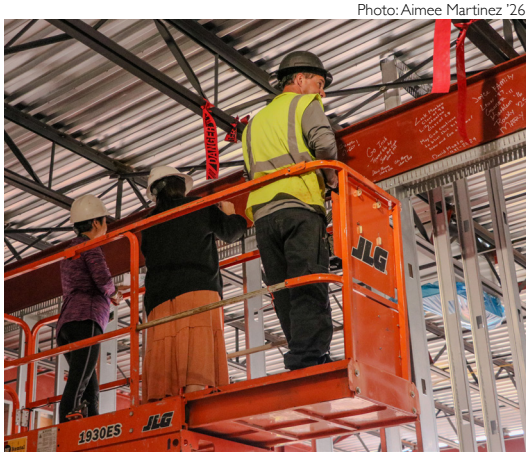
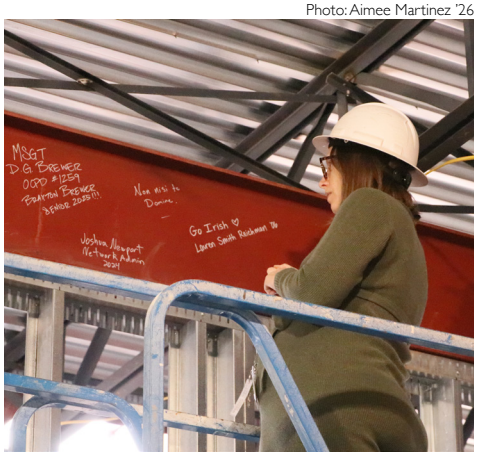


Photo: Aimee Martinez '26



NEW WING A drone photo shows the expansion of the expansion. Faculty and staff sign beams to mark the milestone in school history. Left: STEM / computer teacher Lauren Smith Reichman '06 signs her name on a beam in the new building. Below: Sarai Cerano '08 smiles after signing her name and writing "Go Irish! Onward!💚" Reichman and Cerano were students during Phase I of the Building Faith Campaign.

Photo: Mary Joyce



History in the making

To better serve the increasing number of students enrolling each year, construction crews poured the foundation for a new addition to the school building in January.

Funded by a Capital Campaign to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the school, the new wing provides five classrooms, another lecture hall, restrooms and then all of our advancement offices.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



"My goal was to find tint and tone using colored pencils. When given my candies, I didn't know how to place them for a viewer to see many different colors and textures."
Arden Schoenberger '27



"I kinda just looked something up and copied it. We had to do half black and white and half color. I wanted to do something with nature, because nature is really colorful, but it can also be really dark."
-Jesalyne Mckinish '26



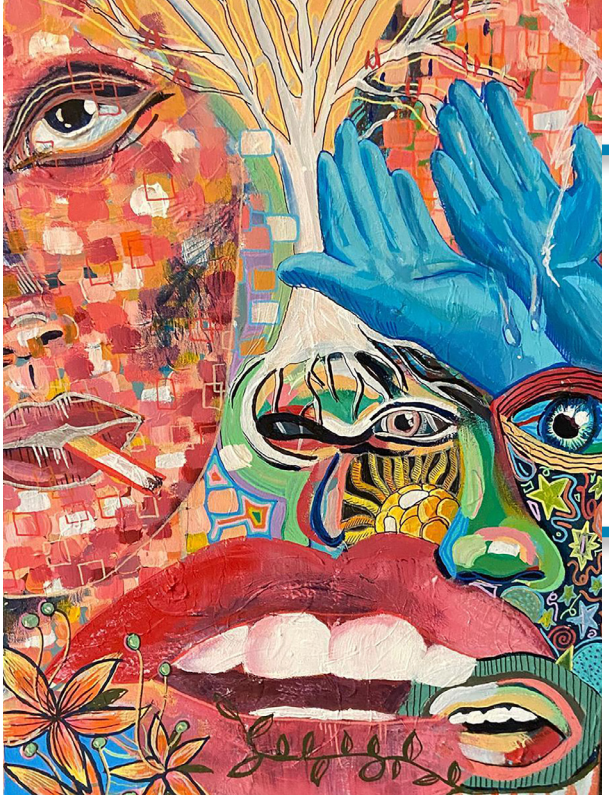
"So our assignment was to create an album cover, and so I tried to capture this video of the song. Kind of like a picture."
Violet Austerman '25



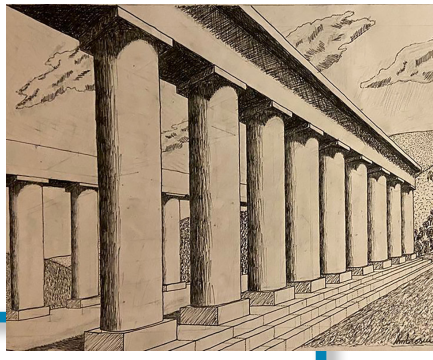
"My vision was I wanted to make something for October, so I wanted it to be something spooky and that would look cute as well."
Magaly Martinez '26

"I wanted to demonstrate my techniques in shading, contrast and creating a balance in white and black to make certain shapes stand out. The prompt was to have a bold centerpiece, which I made a marble to use a certain style."
-Angela Williams '26





"We had to pick a period of art, and I did an abstract expressionism. I had this whole design plan for it on a scratch paper. I just started drawing shapes, and then some shapes kind of looked like things."
-Clara Peyton '24



"That's actually a photo that I took in Sicily. They're all of the temple, one of the best preserved Greek temples still existing."
-Ambrosius Wedman '26

Drawn to art

By Zella Leffel '24

When art teacher Steve McConnell retired, he left big shoes to fill. Art teacher Monica Orr joined the faculty in fall '24 to begin a legacy of her own.

"I've pretty much stuck to the same curriculum for this year to just feel it out and see what it's about," Orr said. "Hopefully I'll make some changes in the future like adding in some more three dimensional sculpture work besides just ceramics."

Orr has experience with both two dimensional and three dimensional art, so she appreciates that each art class has a little bit of everything. She began her degree in 3D work, but moved to Oklahoma City to finish college at the University of Central Oklahoma where she went into 2D work.

"Stone sculpture and painting is where my passion is, but the human form is what I'm really interested in, so my art reflects the human form," Orr said.

A teacher's room often reflects their class and personality. Before he retired, Steve McConnell's classroom was full of old artwork, a large collection of art magazines, and often an elaborate display for students to practice drawing in the principles of art class.

Orr cleaned out the classroom before she began teaching to start with a blank slate.

"There's some artwork we came across that went all the way back into the 1980s," Orr said. "It was really interesting to see the year after year, especially of portrait work where you could see what the kids were wearing in the 80s and then what they're wearing now. It was kind of neat to have that time capsule to go through."

Orr taught art to first through eighth grade students for 10 years, and then taught art at Westminster Middle School for six years.

"My purpose is to really just allow kids to have the opportunity to learn about art and fall in love with it," Orr said. "Then maybe they'll have some experience with it later, and hopefully they'll take a class in college or maybe later in life they'll pick up painting or drawing.

"I'm really just allowing kids to have the space to be creative, to have self-expression to learn about the world and things around them, to be able to express themselves through painting or drawing or sculpting."



"My purpose is to really just allow kids to have the opportunity to learn about art and fall in love with it."
-Mrs. Monica Orr

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: Lauren Sargent


Avery McIn
Gigi Perdu
Addie Pitman
Kyla Reid
Grace Grimes
Avry Howard
Lily Lashley



Meaningful Mission

Armstrong describes her first mission trip during faith testiment

My name is Dalayja Armstrong, I had the amazing opportunity to go on the Peru mission trip this past summer with 21 other McGuinness students and adult chaperones. For me, Peru was nothing short of special. I'm not gonna lie, at first I was a little scared because I had never been on an airplane nor have I ever gone out of the country.

> "If I could explain Peru in one word, I would explain it as 'rewarding'."
> -Dalayja Armstrong '26

From taking care of babies at the orphanage on the first day to playing soccer with men in the rehabilitation center, everyone was so full of joy, and although we weren't used to their culture, they still accepted us like family. There was never a time during the trip where I did not see God and his wonderful works. We were only there for 10 days. As soon as we landed, we were greeted with a party. It consisted of dancing and singing. Even though most of us didn't understand or speak Spanish, they made us feel so welcome and they were playing music that we were familiar with. One of the Songs we danced to was the "Macarena."

When we were in Peru, we built two houses and delivered over 100 packages of food in remote villages (with things like rice, lentils, and canned milk.) We played with babies and helped the mothers clean their homes in the villages, mostly picking up trash and sweeping. Most of the homes had dirt floors and bamboo roofs. We visited the girls home and played volleyball with them and they taught us dances from their culture. We also visited the rehabilitation center for alcohol and drug abuse, put on a VBS in a village, helped out in local schools teaching English, distributed donated clothes in villages, went to the market to purchase food for the girls' orphanage, and one group even got to herd goats and sheep!

The villagers were so grateful that we were there and [for] the things we were doing to help them, and [they] expressed it to us every day. We divided up in groups to accomplish the most we could. It didn't seem like we were working. We were blessing them with our kindness and eagerness to help them, and we were blessed by them as well.

If you ever have the opportunity to participate and be one of the students that goes on the Bishop McGuinness Peru mission trip, I strongly suggest you go. I cannot put into words how













touched you will be, or how proud you will be that you were part of the group that helped so many men, women, and children.

To be completely honest with you, they did more for me than I could ever do for them. They really showed me that I don't need anything in life but Jesus. For example, we went to daily mass each day, and it was full of people. Any time I go to daily mass at my church there's not very many people, but in Peru there are so many people singing and worshiping our Lord. And it really made me think if I put God in the center of everything instead of worrying about all the extras, I would have a kind of happiness that is unexplainable. The memories I have from this trip will be with me forever, and I hope to go back someday.

I want to leave with this, the next time you are in the Starbucks drive through, or eating out with your family, or going to the movies with friends, remember that there are people in the world that would dream of having the opportunity to even have the things that we get on a daily basis and take for granted. I have learned to take a moment to realize everything that God has given, and don't always think about the things I don't have. I encourage you to spend a little more time with your family and show them how grateful you are that you have the privilege to get to live in the world that you do.

Stansberry set to guide Irish into next chapter

By Sally Linhart Stark

Fr. Rick Stansberry sat in discernment among his peers, wondering who in the community embodied the Irish culture enough to carry it forward. As a 14-year member of the School Advisory Council, he joined the search committee to help search for a new school president following the announcement of David Morton's retirement.



Fr. Rick Stansberry celebrates mass with the BMCHS community on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 15. Photo aby Aimee Martinez

While reflecting on Morton's decades of service to Bishop McGuinness, it was clear that being deeply embedded in the community was an essential requirement in a candidate. The right person must be a true champion of Catholic education, someone who deeply values their community and has a strong bond with the people in it.

It was no secret that anyone who stepped into Morton's shoes would have to be pretty impressive. A few candidates were interviewed; however, none were the right fit. As Stansberry considered the effort it was going to take to find this holy grail, the other members of the search committee had another candidate in mind. "So we're sitting in this meeting, and someone goes 'hey you should apply'," recalled Stansberry. In response, he declared "the bishop would never go for that!"

But, the bishop did indeed go for that because Stansberry has everything the role requires, especially the deep ties to the community that are the crux of Irish culture. Having spent a significant amount of time serving many of the parish schools that feed into Bishop McGuinness, he was a clear contender for a role that has such unique requirements. "I never would have dreamed this would happen," Stansberry remarked.

Since his ordination, his parish assignments have included Rosary, St. Francis, Christ the King, St. Charles and now as rector at the Cathedral — each one unwittingly preparing the path for him to lead the Irish community. The connections he has made with the students and families he has served throughout his priesthood are just as admirable as his resume.

While it was obvious to everyone that Stansberry was the perfect person to fill the role of president, following in Morton's footsteps wouldn't be easy for anyone, Stansberry explained. "It's always easier to follow after a dud than it is to follow after a rock star!"

Stansberry, who describes himself as a very shy person, seems to radiate confidence and joy in all he does. Most people would never guess that he's terrified of public speaking … and like most of us, turns straight to prayer to ease his fears. "Before I speak in public or say mass I always start with a prayer," he revealed. Stansberry will continue to serve as rector of the cathedral, because he's "always had two or more jobs as a priest."

Stansberry, who possesses a strong business acumen, will focus on community relations and fundraising for the school. Until his appointment at Bishop McGuinness, he was the Judicial Vicar for the Metropolitan Archdiocesan Tribunal, where he served for 25 years. He also spent six years on the board of trustees at Mount St. Mary, and served on the inaugural board of directors at Cristo Rey. There's not much Stansberry hasn't done or accomplished, but he's eager and enthusiastic to step into his greatest role yet — perpetuating the Irish culture.

School community participates in Lenten activities



Photo: Lauren Sargent



Photo: Lauren Sargent



Photo: Molly Taylor '26

ASH WEDNESDAY On Feb. 14, Archbishop Paul Coakley celebrates Mass with the Irish. For the past few years, Coakley been on campus for Ash Wednesday Mass. RECEIVING ASHES Anatomy and Physiology teacher Trevor Swink bows his head to receive ashes. SHADOW STATIONS Students in Campus Minister Kelly Allen's Spiritual Leadership class presented a shadow Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Eucharistic Miracles

School hosts traveling exhibit

By Kate Menz '26

An exhibit of the Eucharistic miracles compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis was displayed in the Frassati Chapel Jan. 29-Feb. 2. Acutis was an Italian teenager who died in 2005 after creating a website documenting Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

"What's unique about him is he is a 21st century saint, and so he understands the world that we live in more so than those saints from the 19th, 18th, 17th centuries, but also he's a teenager," Father Will Banowsky said. "He knew how to use the internet."

The exhibit consisted of a collection of pamphlets explaining some of the a miracles Acutis documented.

"All this comes from a website that he built," Banowsky said. "He knew enough about HTML and website internet infrastructure in the early 2000s to put together this website and put it on the web."

Campus Minister Kelly Allen explained that Acutis was a modern day saint not much older than high school students today.

"As just a middle school, early high school kid, he started making a website about Eucharistic miracles because he was like, 'I think these are cool; everyone should know about them,' so he started making this website about them," Allen said.

Acutis lived a normal life up until the age of 15 when he was diagnosed with an untreatable leukemia. He died at 15 years old Oct. 12, 2006.

"He was just the kid at school who everyone thought was a nice kid," Allen said. "You know, he was a real caring kid, very sweet and stuff like that."

Photos: Kate Menz '26







BLESSING THE BLOOD
Students learn about Blessed Carlo Acutis at a traveling display at the school. The exhibit was on display Jan. 29-Feb. 2. Photos by Kate Menz

Now, Acutis is called "blessed" after being beatified in 2020.

"He's on his way to almost full sainthood, and he is the patron saint of the internet now," Allen said.

Banowsky explained that Acutis was a good example of a normal teenager who showed that people today can achieve holiness.

"He shows you can play video games and be a blessed of the church," Banowsky said. "You can build a website and be a blessed of the church. You can use technology in a positive and enlightening and enriching and educational way and be a blessed of the church."

New principal reflects on Irish culture

By Sally Linhart Stark

Photo: Peyton Matteson '23



The leadership at Bishop McGuinness sets the standard for Irish culture, but Andrew Worthington exudes it. Although 2024 has marked significant change for the school, he is more than ready to uphold and perpetuate its mission for the next generation of students. Having served the school in many capacities throughout his 20-year tenure, Worthington is steeped in the values that have made the school so exemplary.

His previous roles as teacher, coach, student council sponsor, department chair, curriculum director, admissions director and assistant principal have given him a unique — and comprehensive — understanding of what will carry Bishop McGuinness into the future.

Worthington humbly asserted that his role in shaping the future of the school wouldn't be possible without the decades of service by David Morton who preceded this appointment. "The existing structures will provide us with the framework to be successful," he said. "Education is built around trust, relationships, care and love, and I feel an immense sense of responsibility to live up to the expectations of the students, faculty and alumni of the school."

Whether teaching in the classroom or serving in administration, Worthington has always viewed the learning process from a broader perspective. A true advocate for every student, he described the importance of implementing academic programs that "influence a whole, Catholic education and give every student a chance to succeed and improve regardless of where they are." Worthington acknowledges that not all students have similar backgrounds, nor do they share the same goals. "There is no one single academic path that will be successful for every student," Worthington said. "But we will find appropriate academic paths for them to be successful!"

Worthington, who said he came to BMCHS to teach, often misses the student interaction aspect of being a teacher. "There's nothing like teaching in the classroom," he said. Fortunately, he will continue to help out with the cross country and track teams, and looks forward to teaching a freshman history class every other day. Moreover, there won't be a lack of opportunity to be involved in student life and athletics; Worthington and his wife Jennifer, who teaches at Bishop McGuinness, have four children — three of whom are students at the school.



Photo: BMCHS archives

Dr. Andrew Worthington teaching AP World History in 2012.

When asked how the school and its culture has helped shape Worthington as an educator, he recited a litany of names who have offered support and guidance along his journey. "This place has been so formative in what I've done, and it's so important to me," Worthington shared. The opportunity to play a part in the formation of the lives of young adults is also something he values deeply. "All students must be treated with respect, regardless of academics, demographics or background," he said. "They're all created in the image of God!"

For a person who has run back-to-back marathons in South Africa, one would assume that Worthington has a lofty bucket list of goals; however, his aspirations are simple. "Experience things with my wife and children, learn from the experiences we have every day and live my life grateful to the Lord for what I've been given," Worthington said.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

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



Photo/Tony Lopez '18


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Sports Signings

11 seniors commit to college athletics



Peter Bilicki - Baseball
Fort Hays State University



Taylor Hammons - Soccer
Keystone College



Jesse Hauser - Soccer
St. Leo University



Mikey Iglinski - Baseball
Coffeyville Community College



Allie Justiz - Golf
Texas State University



Allie Lewis - Swim
Texas A&M University



Tabby Roy signed to run Track and Victoria Ososanya signed to play Basketball at Oklahoma City University.



Jalen Stuart - Football
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College



Taylor Vann - Volleyball
St. Xavier University



Garrett Williams - Track
Abeliene Christian University

2023-24 All-State Athletes



Fina Chongwa
Speech & Debate



Jack Foster
Soccer



Brock Gowens
Speech & Debate



Kayleona Hill
Speech & Debate



Mikey Iglinski
Baseball



Allie Justiz
Golf



Clare Kierl
Volleyball



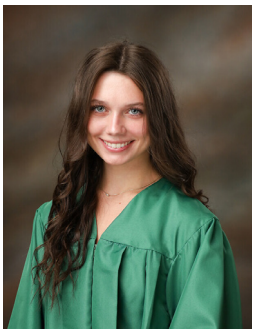
Will Kilgallon
Soccer



Zach Lambertz
Choir



Eve Moen, sophomore
Speech & Debate



Sara Newby
Pom



Chisa Nwanebu
Academic Bowl



Ava Thielke
Soccer



Taylor Vann
Volleyball



Beatrice Vogler
Soccer



Adelyn Wood
Soccer

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Courtesy Photo



Photo: Lance Payne



VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS

Teammates celebrate after the Oct. 9 Regionals meet. The team went on to win the 2023 state title, volleyball's second state title in school history. Coach Kelli Roy Miller '05 and Assistant Coach Megan Dennehy Janda '05 were part of the 2004 team that captured the school's first volleyball state title.

Photo: Diana Bittle



CHEER STATE

Celebrating, Lily Cunningham '25, Rylan Turner '25 and Grace McDaniel '26 hug at the end of their routine at the Sept. 23 cheer state. "We were all so excited to finally show everyone that we are capable of being in a new division," Turner said.

Photo: Diana Bittle



POM STATE

Pom competed in Game Day State against 15 other teams Nov. 10 at Moore High School. The girls proceeded into finals competing against six teams. The team won the title of state runner-up.

Courtesy Photo



GOLF STATE

The girls golf team won the 5A State Golf Title. Coach Mark Veneklasen and the team pose with the state championship trophy.

Golf coach gets new lease on life

By Sally Linhart Stark



Courtesy Photo

THE LOPORTO FAMILY: Neile, Maggie, Hank, Matt and Claire

Two years ago, Matt LoPorto laid in the parking lot of his business—in a pool of his own blood—after being shot in the face. In what he called "the worst 45 seconds of my life," he thought of his wife Neile and his children Maggie, Claire and Hank. Then, he told himself he had to fight like hell. "I was not going to let the severity of that situation get hold of me," LoPorto said.

LoPorto, who owns The Well of OKC, followed a man who had stolen from his store outside into the parking lot to confront him. The man pulled out a 9mm, and from six inches away, shot him in the right side of his face. That day in May 2022, LoPorto was terrified that he would never see his wife and children again. A little over two years later, he and Neile celebrated their 20-year wedding anniversary.

> "I strongly believe there's a purpose and a reason that God chose for me to be here. It's a very powerful emotion for me, and it's hard to put into words."
> -Golf Coach Matt LoPorto

It doesn't take long for LoPorto's tenacity and drive to reveal itself. "When I knew I was going to live, I needed to understand why," LoPorto explained. "There is a reason why I lived, a reason why I am still here." Despite that epiphany, the trauma resulting from the shooting has altered his life dramatically. In addition to PTSD, LoPorto has struggled with nerve damage as well as issues with his hearing and vision. Although he said he can't pinpoint yet exactly why his life was spared, or what his purpose is as a result, he will not allow the actions of one bad person to derail him. With that choice has come "a very big sense of gratitude, wanting to give back some way somehow," LoPorto stated. It was then that he made the decision to become more open to the opportunities that life presented to him. "And thats how I became a golf coach at Bishop McGuinness!"

LoPorto and his family moved to Oklahoma in 2017. Having received a Catholic education himself, he knew that When Athletic Director John Hamilton called LoPorto some time after the shooting and asked him to coach golf, his first thought was "I love golf, I play a lot of golf, but I own liquor stores," LoPorto laughed. "What am I gonna teach these kids?" As it turns out, he's a perfect fit for the Irish family.

The unparalleled culture at Bishop McGuinness has been carefully cultivated. It is the product of decades of steadfast commitment on the part of leadership to provide students with a whole education—spirit, mind and body. Knowing that each member of the staff plays such a formative role in that mission means they must be carefully vetted. The success of Bishop McGuinness is due largely in part to the people who surround the students on a daily basis, and LoPorto is no exception. Having a renewed sense of gratitude for every day he gets to spend with his wife and children has made him quicker to change his attitude when something doesn't go right.

LoPorto hopes that his experience might serve as an example to students on facing adversity in life. "You have to stay grounded, bring yourself back and move on," he said. Although this is only his second year coaching golf at McGuinness, his character has proven his mettle. "Maybe this is the reason I'm still around, to be able to work with these kids," LoPorto mused. "If I can help in any way—then maybe that's the reason I'm still here."

CLASS OF 2024 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



Photo: Lauren Sargent

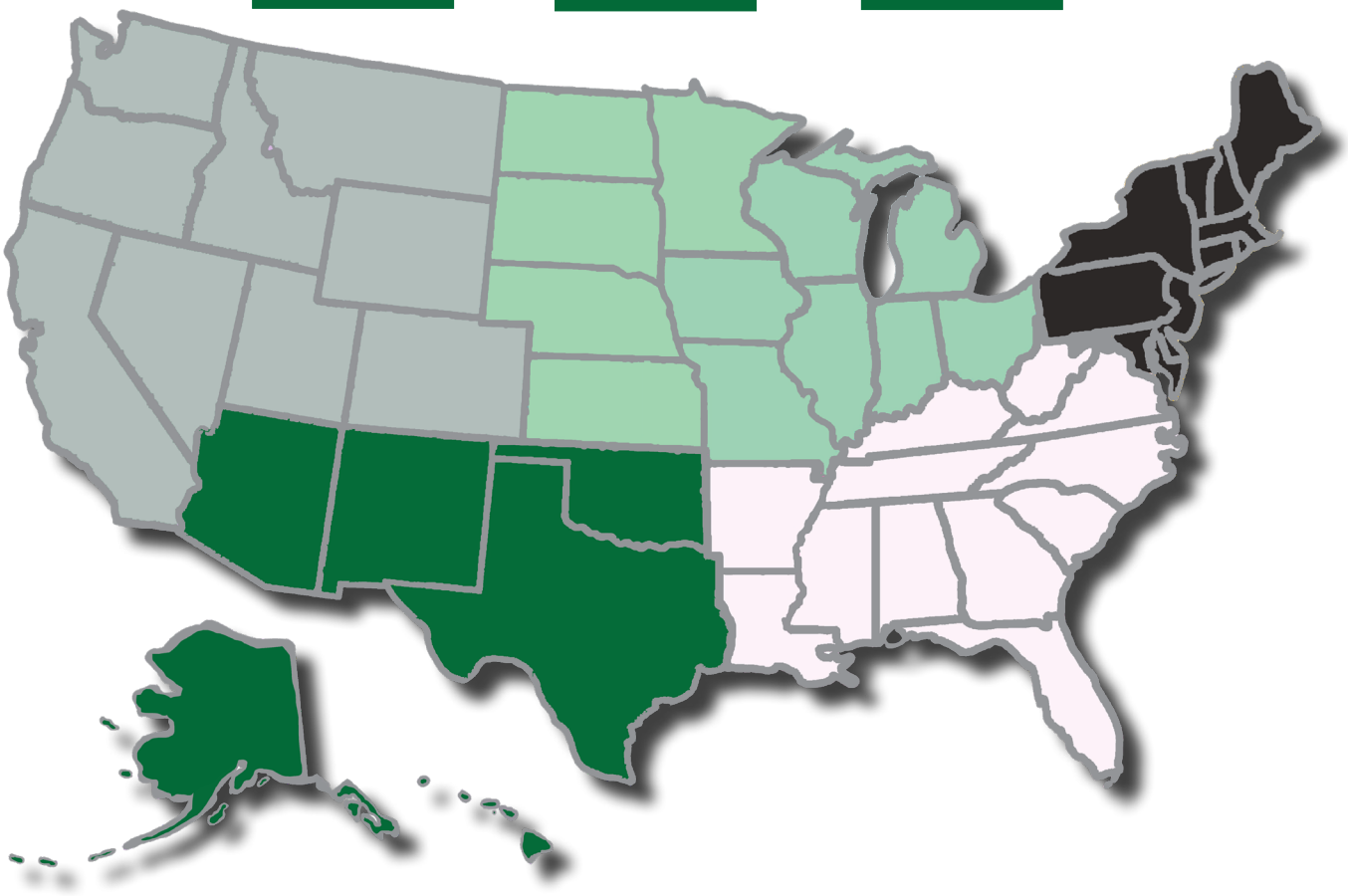

NATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY

College Decisions 2024

154 GRADS

16 STATES

48 SCHOOLS



OKLAHOMA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Langston University
Northern Oklahoma A&M
Northern Oklahama College, Stillwater
Oklahoma City Community College
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City
Rose State College
Tulsa Welding School
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma

WESTERN
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of Colorado, Boulder
Willamette University

MIDWESTERN
Coffeyville Community College
DePaul University
Fort Hays State University
Kansas State University
Loyola University, Chicago
Saint Xavier University
University of Kansas
University of Missouri
University of Notre Dame
Westminister College

SOUTHWESTERN
Abilene Christian University
Baylor University
Rose State College
Langston University
Northern Oklahoma A&M
Northern Oklahama College, Stillwater
Oklahoma City Community College
Oklahoma City University
Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City
Southern Methodist Univesity
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Trinity University
Tulane University
Tulsa Welding School
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma
University of Texas
University of Texas, Arlington
University of Texas, Austin

SOUTHEASTERN
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Hendrix College
Saint Leo University
University of Arkansas

NORTHEASTERN
George Washington University, Washington, DC
Howard University, Washington, DC
Keystone College
Parsons School of Design
Pennsylvania State University
Yale University

OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES
Temple University, Japan
University of St. Andrew, Scotland

FACTS AT A GLANCE:

- **68 Gold Cord recipients** with a 3.7 weighted GPA or higher and at least a 22 on the ACT or a 110 on the SAT
- **68 students received the President's Award for Excellence** for having an unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher
- **38 students were Oklahoma Academic Scholars** with an unweighted GPA of at least 2.7 or higher and a score of at least 27 on the ACT or 1220 on the SAT
- Over four years of high school, the Class of 2024 had a combined total of **more than 70,000 Christian Service Hours**

CLASS OF 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Legacies



PACEY BLACKWOOD with Charlie Blackwood '78.



SYDNEY BOHANON with Beth Calvey Bohanon '89 and Cathy Calvey Chandler '88.



KATHRYN MARIE BOWMAN with John Rieger '80, Madelyn Bowman '22, Amy Davis (Singleton) '94, and Sean Rieger '19.



ROMAN CHAMBERS with brothers Reece Chambers '22 and Rendon Chambers '19.



MADELYN CORY with Joe Cory '62, Sandy Cory '62, John Cory '98 and Heather Cory '98.



MICHAEL DOLAN with brother Blake Dolan '20, father Brian Dolan '86, mother Sheryl (Neyer) Dolan '83 and brother Timothy Dolan '22. Not pictured: brothers Patrick Dolan '14 and Shane Dolan '18, aunts Cynthia (Neyer) Hickman '67, Debbie (Neyer) Espinosa '73 and Colleen (Dolan) Evans '82, uncles Sean Dolan '83 and Brennan Dolan '89, and cousins Krista (Dunlap/Neyer) Johnson '89 and Jack Dolan '23.



ANDREW ELDER with his mother Ashley Waul Elder '93, brother Jacob Elder '21 and father Blair Elder '93.



CHLOE GATES with sister Lilliana Gates '23.



EDEN GILBERT with brother Eli Gilbert '19.



TUCKER GODFREY with William Godfrey '18, Molly Godfrey '21 and Bill Godfrey '95.



BROCK GOWENS with aunt Rebecca (BECKY) Brion Thompson '94.



CHRISTIAN GREEN with brother Jack Green '23, mother Nikki Laakman Green '95, father Jason Green '94 and aunt Shana Laakman Willis '93.



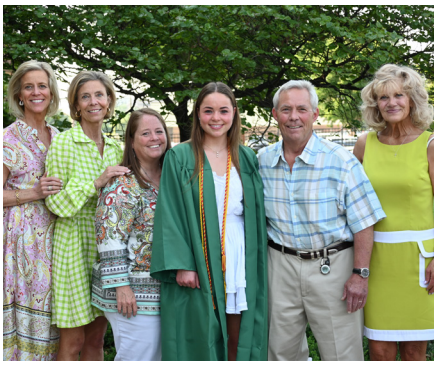
JESSE HAUSER with mother Page Hauser '92 and Ricky Hauser '22.



HAYDEN HOMSEY with father Jason Homsey '92.



ALEX ILLE with Meredith Ille '82, Evan Ille '20, Izzy Ille '22 and Frank Ille '87.



LAUREL KELLEY with Jeanne Kelley McMurrain '84, Kathy Kelley Bower '79, Kristy Koppel Copeland '89, Susie Kelley Miles '75, and Sean Kelley '77.



CLARE KIERL with father Michael Kierl '78 sister Maureen Kierl '22, and brothers Patraic Kierl '21 and Peter Kierl '19.

Legacies



CLARA KOTAVY with uncle Chris Putnam '85, mother Amanda Putnam '88, and aunt Lucy Putnam '83.



CARSON KNIGHT with Libby Knight '17 and Brandon Knight '19.



MARGOT KNUDTSON with Claire Knudtson '20.



GRACE MCDOUGALL with sisters Emily McDougall '21 and Megan McDougall '19.



THIEN-AN NGUYEN with sister Xuân-Nhi Nguyen '19.



CECILIA NGUYEN with Christopher Nguyen '15, Marie Nguyen '12, Catherine Nguyen '17, Frank Nguyen '11.



GRAHAM NICHOLS with his father Kevin M. Nichols '84 and brother Kip C, Nichols '21.



WILLIAM OLDFIELD with Ryan Oldfield '93 and Alexander Oldfield '23.



PRESLEY PAYNE with sister Avery Payne '23.



CLARA PEYTON with her mother Brooke T. Peyton '92, father M. Lane Peyton '92 and Carter F. Peyton '22.



SUTTON PIERCE with Carter Pierce '20. Not Pictured: Garrett Pierce '15



LILLIE RAINBOLT with Monica Esparza Myers '78.



ALEX REGIER with Henry Regier '22.



HUANG ROUNTREE with Elise Rountree '21.



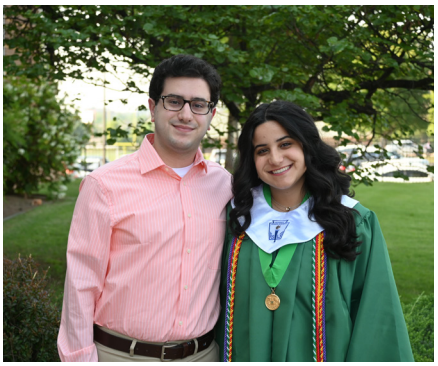
TABYTHA ROY with Edward Roy '91, Stephanie Roy Ledet '11, Christy Roy Bassett '87 and Timothy J. Roy '94.



MADELYN SANDERS with Jacob Gunter '23, Kevin Gunter '95, Gretchen Gunter '00, Sherry Sanders '90, Randy Gunter '93, and Gavin Gunter '23.



GRANT SCHMIDT with his father Greg Schmidt '95.



CATE SHADID with brother Samuel Shadid '22.

Legacies



MANUELA SHIRLEY with brother Daniel Shirley '18.



BENJI SILVERNAIL with Erik Gumerson '93, mother Brigitte Silvernail '96, brother Ethan Silvernail '20, father Chris Silvernail '94, and Micah Stirling '92.



SYDNEY STARR with David Gilliland '85, Ginny Starr-Evans '92 and Grace Starr '20.



SAM STEVENSON with mother Corey Stevenson '91.



JALEN STUART with mother LaRonda Meadows Stuart '90.



ELIZABETH SWEIS with cousin Amir Sweis '23.



AVA THIELKE with sisters Grace Thielke '21 and Mia Thielke '19, mother Jennifer Brou Thielke '89, Dana Brou Hill '85, and Sharon Brou Tonseth '81.



ELLA THOMAS with sister Olivia Thomas '20.



TAYLOR VANN with Phil Kierl, Jr. '65 and step-mom Barbara Kierl-Vann '01.



BEATRICE VOGLER with sisters Savannah Vogler '17 and Vivienne Vogler '19.



CHARLOTTE WALDO with parents Jack Waldo '96 and Allison Skoch Waldo '96.



KENDALL WEST with her sister Brooke West '20.



GREGORY WHITE with Emiley White '20, Joey White '23, Isabelle White '22, and father Jeremy White '93.



GARRETT WILLIAMS with Rachel Williams '12 and Anna Williams '13.



EMMA WILSON with mother Brooke Dieckmann Wilson '93.



ADDY WOOD with Susan McReynolds '66.

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



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43 years: David Morton leaves lasting legacy







Editor's Note: Each year we spotlight a distinguished alumni, and though David Morton is not Bishop McGuinness graduate, we felt it appropriate to honor him as an expression of our gratitude for his many years of service, the great impact he has made, and all he has done to shape this community.

By Sally Linhart Stark

Forty-three first days of school.

For more than four decades—and in several capacities—David Morton greeted Bishop McGuinness students on the first day of school and bid them farewell on the last day of school. What happened in between describes the essence of his legacy.

A "Person for Others"

The definition of the word legacy—something received from a predecessor—feels wholly inadequate to describe the extent of Morton's impact. On paper, his official title was President and Principal. For thousands of Irish students, families and staff, it was less formal: coach, mentor, counselor, supporter and most importantly, friend.

Morton's arrival at Bishop McGuinness in 1981 marked the beginning of an epoch. Although he started racking up the state championship titles in cross-country and track and field shortly after joining the Irish family, he was equally and passionately invested in every student.

Under Morton's coaching, Bishop McGuinness athletes won 30 state team championships and more than 50 individual state championships. "More important than the championships, I am most proud of the adults these athletes have become," Morton boasted.

Morton, born in New Orleans in 1952, moved to Oklahoma in 1960 but considers himself "a true Okie." His extensive ties to the community have been a significant factor in the school's growth. "Much has happened over the past 43 years," he said. Morton oversaw 12 building projects and six capital campaigns, including the 75th Anniversary campaign. As a result, Bishop McGuinness has cultivated a strong financial

foundation, allowing Irish students even further opportunity to flourish academically and socially.
Irish alum United States District Judge Bernard Jones reflected on Morton's expansive contributions to the school. "Whether in terms of elevating the academic programs, securing historic capital projects, or presiding over the growth and diversification of the student body, Mr. Morton leaves an indelible mark," said Jones.

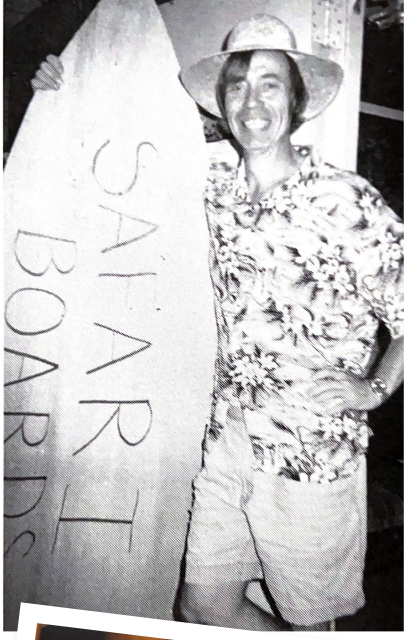
Morton, ever the champion of his colleagues, touted the steadfast commitment of the teachers and staff that has led to a 100% college readiness rate. "We have developed incredibly successful academic, fine arts, athletic and leadership programs," said Morton. "I have been lucky to inherit and hire some incredibly talented teachers!" Always quick to offer praise on their behalf, Morton reflected on the number of former Irish students that have entered college as second semester freshmen or even sophomores, thanks to those teachers.

"I am most proud of the culture that exists at McGuinness"
Morton stated that the average tenure for teachers at Bishop McGuinness is 15 years, something he humbly attributed to "the culture that exists in the school."

As someone who has exemplified the "Oklahoma Standard" since before the term was coined, Morton is seemingly unaware of his role in cultivating that prestigious Irish culture. He stated simply, "I believed that it was most important to make every student feel valued and cared for while helping each grow in their faith life."

A true servant, Morton was the warm smile greeting students outside the building and a high-five in the hallway. He was the wisdom passed along to colleagues and students. He exuded joy in every role he filled and his unadulterated faith brought a palpable feeling of confidence to the building. "I can't recall a single positive memory at Bishop McGuinness that didn't involve David Morton," Jones explained. "He was my guidance counselor and champion, who — from student orientation to graduation — supported, encouraged, and challenged me to always give and to be my very best."

When asked what he would say to a parent considering Bishop McGuinness for their child, Morton answered without hesitation. "Come get a sense of what the school is









about. It's more than a school, this is a family." He frequently mentioned the lifelong connections former Irish students have nurtured with their classmates—and the school itself—calling them "truly remarkable." Morton holds close to his heart the belief that God has a plan for every person; his role was "to put each on a path for discovering that plan."

"You don't just replace David Morton"

The retirement of President and Principal David Morton has evoked an array of emotions for the students, parents and colleagues whose lives were impacted by his presence. As we all reflect on his lengthy and storied tenure, the consensus is, unsurprisingly, that Morton's influence at Bishop McGuinness is unparalleled. While the end of every school year is bittersweet; this one marked the end of an era that can only be described as exceptionally remarkable. "To describe David Morton's impact on Bishop McGuinness as anything other than profound would be a tremendous understatement," Jones stated.

As for Morton, post-retirement life remains an open book. "This is the first time I've ever retired," he laughed. For now, he will do some construction consulting, maybe travel a little and hang out with his buddies from high school. While he emphatically asserted his belief that Fr. Stansberry and Dr. Worthington "will lead the school to ever greater heights."

Although the roles Morton left are filled, his presence will never truly be replaced; Morton embodied the Irish culture. "It takes two people to take David's place," said Fr. Stansberry. While reflecting on the extraordinary standard Morton has set for the school over the last four decades, he echoed the sentiments of the entire Irish family: "You don't just replace David Morton. He's irreplaceable."

"What McGuinness has become and what it will be in the future is a reflection of Mr. Morton's visionary leadership," Jones declared. "And while the manifestations of his leadership are many, what I most appreciate is how he inspired our school community to believe that nothing is impossible and that our best days lie ahead when we work together as an Irish family."

In honor of the decades of service and leadership to the Bishop McGuinness family, the David Morton Scholarship has been established, ensuring that even in his absence, he will remain a "Person for Others."

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Message from Alumni Executive Committee President



As the President of the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Alumni Association, I am thrilled to congratulate and officially welcome the class of 2024 into our alumni community.

I cannot begin to express how profoundly the Bishop McGuinness community has impacted my life as an alumnae, a parent, and an individual. For many, high school is something you leave behind upon graduation, a foundation for your next life chapter. However, for me, this community has been a constant source of celebration, comfort, mourning, mentorship, and support for my family and me. It has provided the same strong foundation for my daughters, Elyse Cronic, class of '21, and Avary Cronic, class of '25. I eagerly anticipate my youngest daughter, Brynn, joining this legacy as part of the class of '29.

This community's commitment to academic and spiritual excellence extends well beyond graduation. It has equipped you with the tools needed for a successful and faithful life, no matter which path you choose. The Bishop McGuinness family will always be here, cheering you on. These walls and these people will forever be home. We look forward to witnessing your bright futures and celebrating your successes. Go Irish!

Danielle Naifeh Cronic, class of 1995
Alumni Executive Committee President
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**Anyone interested in joining the board or learning more about the alumni committee, please contact alumni@bmchs.org.*

Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Tish Milligan '73 honored posthumously

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.



Below of the speech from the Milligan family

Good evening,

We are honored to accept the 2024 Bishop McGuinness Distinguished Alumni Award on behalf of our mother, Tish, who passed away on April 30th after a short battle with cancer.

Tish (Kierl) Milligan graduated from Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School in 1973. She was the fifth of 10 children to graduate from Bishop McGuinness. While at McGuinness, she was active in many clubs and sports, but particularly excelled at basketball and was inducted into the McGuinness Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005. While going to school here she met and married her high school sweetheart, Mike Milligan (also class of '73), and they were blessed with five children, all of whom also graduated from McGuinness. She made lasting friendships with many people in her class. The class of '73 celebrated their 50th high school reunion last September, for which our mom took great pride and pleasure in planning and decorating with some of her best friends.

Over the past 50 years, our mom was a fixture at McGuinness sporting events, fundraisers, plays, team dinners and many other festivities - she loved this community and what McGuinness represents. Bishop McGuinness students have had many great athletic and academic achievements, but it is the legacy of faith and service to others that connects the seniors graduating tonight to the first graduating class in 1951. That legacy of faith and service resonated with our mom. Raised in a Catholic household with nine siblings, her parents taught her at an early age that faith should be the focal point of her life. McGuinness reinforced and fostered Tish's Catholic faith, allowing her to grow in service and charity to others. Faith and service were two pillars that would guide our mother for the rest of her life, connecting her to so many people and impacting their lives in a positive way. You should never underestimate the impact you can have on others simply by being kind or volunteering to help. Our mom's daily question to us and then to her grandchildren always was "what was something kind you did for someone else today?"

For you Seniors graduating tonight, you have worked hard to get to this point. But Tish would challenge you - this is not the end of your journey, but rather the beginning. McGuinness has given you the tools you need to be successful in whatever next steps God has in store for your lives. But this school has also given you something even more important – faith in a loving God that desires to have a relationship with you and a desire for you to serve others. Some of you may be called to be doctors, lawyers, accountants or architects. Others may be called to the religious life while others will be called to married life. Whatever your future holds, remember you can always lean on your faith and impact the world you live in by being kind and serving others. Volunteer, give of your time, work in the concession stand, coach a youth sport's team, help with a fundraiser – get involved! The world needs your energy and positivity, it needs your problem-solving abilities, it needs your kindness and generosity. On behalf of our mother, congratulations, and good luck to all of the graduates this evening. Thank you.

Updates

1955



Harold Joseph (Joe) McMann worked at Johnson Space Center for 35 years as engineer, manager and test subject, and he co-authored U.S. Spacesuits. Joe is currently a consultant to the NASA Engineering and Safety Center concerning the International Space Station Spacesuit system, and for the developing lunar surface advanced spacesuit system. He is also active in Handyman Assistance Network for the Disabled and Elderly and St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

1959

Karen Harkey Lockwood writes "Wow! I am in my 80s and busy as I ever was." She recently moved and hopes to continue traveling. She works part time in nursing still and loves it. "It's so good to keep up with the latest in medicine, and I love my patients," she said. "Life is so good. I hope we have many more years as there is still so much to do!!!"

1961

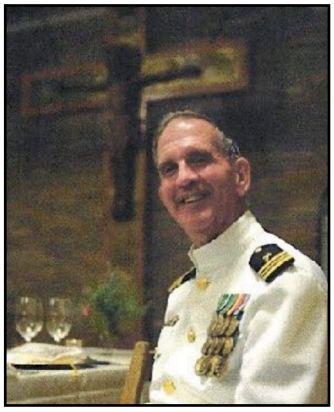
Anita Albright Leathers and her husband Jim Leathers have been married for 58 years. They became great-grandparents in February 2024.

Michael McCreight is a retired veterinarian who now lives on an acrerage in Seminole county. He and his wife Judy celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in June.

1965

Artist **Greg Burns** will be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame on Nov. 14.

1967



After serving as a parish priest in Oklahoma for 13 years, **Rev. Philip B. Creider** was given permission to join the Navy - Marine Corps Chaplain Corps. He served for 20 years in this country and abroad, on bases and on ships, in peace and on the battlefields with Marines during war. He writes, "Now, with permission, I live out in the country on 40 acres as a solitary, contemplative, prayerful hermit-like kind of guy."

1967



Steve Kennedy and his wife and are enjoying retirement, she from a career in medical physics and he from chemical engineering. His wife travels the world with other serious birders and also enjoys working with polymer clay and metal to create jewelry and other objects. Steve enjoys creating short 3D computer animations and taking continuing education courses.

1968

Karen McCredie Oaks and her husband Bill and celebrated 52 years of marriage this summer. She enjoys ballroom dancing, going to the Healthy Living Center and playing tennis at The Greens. Their children and their families live in OKC where all four of their grandsons are enrolled in Catholic schools. One grandson will attend BMCHS this fall.

1970



Victoria "Vicki" Nashert Mavros is retired and enjoying it.

David Douglass is retired and living in Las Vagas.

1978

Barry Fagin is a Professor of Computer and Cyber Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy where he has taught for the past 30 years. He writes that he has had "some small successes as a researcher and scientist," including being named a Colorado Professor of the Year. He enjoys serving as a keyboardist for the Colorado Springs Jazz Big Band, and fondly recalls his days as the piano player for the MHS Jazz Ensemble.

1982

Lou Berney will be in Oklahoma City in September for the release of his new novel, *Dark Ride*. He will be at Full Circle Books at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, and at 6 p.m., Sept. 21 at Best of Books, Edmond. Berney is the author of four other novels, including *November Road* and *The Long and Faraway Gone*. Between the two of them, the books have won the Edgar, Hammett, Anthony, Barry, Macavity, Steel Dagger, ALA, and Oklahoma Book awards.

1983



After 35 years as an educator, 23 of those in a Catholic high school, **Tim Sprehe** retired June 14. He plans to travel with his wife Tara, volunteer to care for dogs at the Oregon Humane Society, and continue to help others learn to read and write.

1985



Rose Marie (Fanson) Marinace just completed 30 years of teaching. She has spent the last three years at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH, teaching graphic design, web design, and digital photography. In the summer, she teaches video production. She and her husband, Paul, have been married for 29 years. They have two children: Sophia, an environmental consultant, and Max, who has a commercial pilot license and is working to complete the requirements to be hired by an airline.

1987

Frank Ille is in his 30th year with Love's Travel Stops where he currently serves as Director of RV Development. His son Evan '20 just graduated from OU and plans to attend medical school. His daughter Izzy '22 is entering her junior year at the University of Georgia, and his daughter Alex '24 will be entering her freshman year at Cal-Berkeley.

Alumni Spotlight: Gary Metivier '83

Gary Metivier describes himself as a "shy and reserved young man" while at McGuinness, but today he owns production companies producing films, book and inspirational stories on YouTube and podcast platforms. He attributes his long career as a storyteller to a Christian service project and drama teacher Cecilia Minden who he said provided the sparks to change a life.



"You see, I was part of a program where we were matched with a 'buddy' at a nursing home," Metivier wrote. "We would visit people that had little to no family or friends. We spent an hour a week just talking. Well, one time a local news channel showed up to do a profile story. I watched that story on TV and was amazed at the power of story."

Metivier said viewers who saw the segment were inspired to want to help, and seeing those results led him to pursue a career as a storyteller.

"So, the quiet boy went out for theater and was fortunate to get parts in all the plays that year and a drama scholarship to college," Metivier wrote. "That started my journey of getting past my shyness to tell stories that touch lives."

For nearly 30 years, Metivier worked as a television news anchor/reporter before getting involved with films, documentaries and other projects that he said better aligned with his morals and ethics.

"I learned from my days at BMHS how to interview everyone from presidents (invited for an exclusive at the White House with President Obama) to those struggling to meet daily needs and everything in between," Metivier wrote.

Metivier has earned top honors in the industry including 12 regional Emmy nominations (including three Emmy wins), three Edward R. Murrow honors, dozens of AP awards and the induction into the Emmy Silver Circle.

"Because of my experiences in high school, I will always have the confidence and the drive to follow my dreams to use my voice to inspire others," he wrote. "God gave me the talent, but it was my teachers who supported a shy young man struggling to find that voice."

1988

Tom Brennan was named an EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® US National Award winner. Brennan, an engineer, is CEO and CTO of Sol-Ark, a Texas-based smart energy company that was established to provide families and businesses with the security of reliable solar power.



Monique Miles Bruner was recently named Vice President, Campus Resource Center at Rose State College.

Blaine Carr is a psychologist in private practice in Austin, Texas. I completed my PhD in Psychology in 2001. I have now been married for 30 years. We have a daughter who just graduated from high school. She will be attending the Honors College at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas in the fall. My hobbies are movies, reading, bicycling, hiking and spending time with family and friends.

1989



Dale Thelen and his wife have been married for 7 years. They have two boys: Jack (6) and David (4). He has worked as an engineer at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska for 21 years.

1993

John Porter, M.D. works as an anesthesiologist for U.S. Anesthesia Partners at Houston Methodist Hospital.

1996



Mary (Marshall) Jones got remarried 2020 "a lovely Zoom wedding." She writes that they each have a daughter and also got grand old dog, Clover, and two cats, Rose and Olive.

1999



Rob Allen spent 10 years in the U.S. Army, where he was awarded the Bronze Star & Purple Heart Medals, and achieved the rank of Captain. He then went to OCU Law School and became a litigation attorney. Allen is Founder & CEO of Sage Sotheby's International Realty. He was appointed by Gov. Kevin Stitt to the Oklahoma Veterans Commission where he serves as Chairman, overseeing the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Rob and his wife Jennifer are parishioners at Christ the King Catholic Church. They have four children: Luke '21, Robby '27, Will '28 and Audrey, who is a third grader at Christ the King.

2002



Emily Breunig got engaged to **Henry Hoch '05** in February 2024. They will be getting married in December 2024 at Our Lady's Cathedral of Perpetual Help. Emily is in Pharmaceutical Sales, and Henry is a partner at a CPA Firm. They reside in OKC with their son Wells.

2005

Christa May recently began working for the New York City Public Design Commission in the Mayor's Office of Eric Adams. PDC is the urban design and public art branch that ensures civic structures and public spaces are innovative, equitable and sustainable in the city of New York. This transition is after May worked for years at the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum and on the founding team of the Nascent Smithsonian American Women's History Museum.

2008



Kristina King lives in Olympia, WA where she works for the Washington House of Representatives as a fiscal analyst for the House Finance Committee. She enjoys life in Washington with her partner, Jared, and their three cats. They often hike, kayak, and camp, and they love exploring all the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

2003



Maureen LeBlanc is the head softball coach at Bishop McGuinness.

2008



Sarai Cerano joined the BMCHS staff in 2022? as a counselor. She is currently the Junior Counselor, Director of Health and Wellness, Clancy Club Sponsor, and Assistant Girls Soccer Coach.

2010

Michael Sweeney and his wife, Mackenzie, have three children (Nora, Luke & Levi). Michael works for Mercy as a Data Engineer and Mackenzie works for the Perinatal Center as a Sonographer.

2011



Katie Brown wed Tony Filipov on June 15 in Boulder, Colo. Katie and Tony live in Denver where Katie works as a lawyer with Davis Graham.



Pictured are cousins Amelia "Millie" Ann Murray and Helen Mae Smith. Millie, born Sept. 19, 2023, is the daughter of **David Murray '11** and wife Maddie. Helen is the daughter **Susan Murray Smith '07** and husband Taylor. Helen was born June 24, 2024.



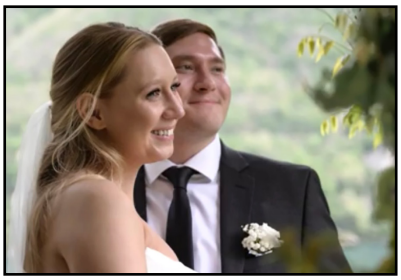
Adam Fitzgerald married Paige Terry on Sept. 16, 2023 in San Antonio. They met while both were at Oklahoma State University. They live in Dallas.

2014



Anna Angel (Levine) and husband Spencer welcomed a baby boy, Graham, in February.

2015



Nathan Blagg married Sydnee Duncan in Lake Como, Italy on April 21.

Adele Edmonds Crandall graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana in 2019 where she studied nursing and ran cross country. Last September, she married **Hayden Crandall '15**. Adele has spent the last five years as a Registered Nurse. She remains active on her college alumni board and the Bishop McGuinness Alumni Board, and she is an active member of Our Lady's Cathedral.

2016



Kathleen (Joyce) Edelen and husband Colton Edelen welcomed a Michael James on Dec. 1, 2023.

Please Grant Eternal Rest to:

Alumni

NAME	CLASS	D.O.D.
Roewe, David Andrew	1976	08/07/2023
Maguire M.D, Philip J.	1951	08/19/2023
Johnson, Linda (LeTourneau)	1973	08/20/2023
Cronin, Bill	1952	08/23/2023
Herrington, James Joseph	1959	10/10/2023
Pearson, Mary C	1960	10/11/2023
McCall, Robert	1952	02/26/2024
Hawkins, Mary	1983	04/19/2024
Milligan, Patricia (Kierl)	1972	04/30/2024
Machell, Jim	1970	05/01/2024
Hobb, John Allen	1951	05/21/2024

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Fent, Jerry	08/14/2023
Hobbs, Jacqueline	08/31/2023
Rheinberger, Henry (Hank)	09/19/2023
Strunk, Gordon	10/27/2023
Reeser, Pete	11/18/2023
Logiodice, Marie	01/15/2024
Bane, Deborah	02/08/2024
Cummings, Cathy	02/11/2024
Engel, Sandra Lee	02/24/2024
Brownell, Jim	03/05/2024
Duginski, Peter	03/24/2024
Garrett, Don	03/30/2024
Shivers, Rodney	06/01/2024

In Loving Memory: Zach Tawwater '25



Editor's Note: As of the writing of this magazine, Zachary Alexander Tawwater, class of 2005, passed away after a tragic accident at Grand Lake.

Zach Tawwater passed away July 5. Zach was the son of Caroline Drummond and Darren Tawwater '90. Please keep the Tawwater family, the students, faculty and staff of Bishop McGuinness in your prayers.

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.

FINANCIAL 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



75th Anniversary Gala breaks attendance, fundraising records









More than 900 alumni and friends gathered at the Omni Hotel April 26 to kick off the year-long celebration of the school's 75th anniversary and to honor the Love family for their dedication to the school.

That evening, friends also donated more than $200,000 for the David L. Morton Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was established in honor of Morton who will retire as school president and principal after 48 years in Catholic education.

Organized by Gala Co-Chairs Jenny Chansolme and Carrie Leonard, the event broke all fundraising and attendance records of previous school galas.

"These amazing ladies put their heart and soul into this," Morton said. "I knew from the very beginning that the evening was going to be a success. They were going to make sure it was the biggest event that McGuinness has ever had."

The event drew alumni from every decade and from all regions of the country.

"What really warmed my heart was when they started talking about diversity, which has always been the cornerstone of McGuinness," Morton said. "We've always had a diverse student population, so it doesn't matter which part of town you are from, what grade school you went to, or what socio-economic class you're from, eventually through four years of high school the class just becomes one. It was fun to walk around and see a table of '82 graduates or a table of '86 graduates who were just reconnecting, sharing stories and memories. It was a very special evening."

This evening would not have been possible without the help of many hard-working volunteers. Thank you for generously giving your time to support Bishop McGuinness.

Honorary Chairs: Three Generations of The Love Family
Co-Chairs: Jenny Chansolme & Carrie Leonard
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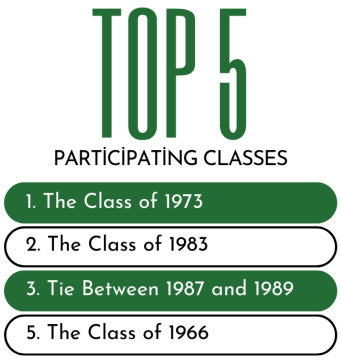
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Kim-Kay Miller Randt	1983
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Kristine Hobbs Morton	1985
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