

CRUSADER CONNECTION



BISHOP HEELAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Built on Faith,
Growing in
Excellence

A look back at a year marked by mission,
momentum, and meaningful change.



Message from our President

Bishop Heelan Family,

Please enjoy another great addition of the Crusader Connection! As you will see when these pages unfold for you, we continue to provide a vibrant Catholic education in Siouxland for nearly 1,700 students and this year is off to a fantastic start. We remain dedicated to providing an education rooted in faith, family, knowledge and service. For 77 years, families have entrusted us with the formation of their children, confident in the strong moral and intellectual foundation they receive at Bishop Heelan. Our mission continues to focus on nurturing the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—so that each student is prepared to meet life's challenges with integrity and faith.

We are deeply proud of our alumni, who carry forward the values instilled at Bishop Heelan into their communities, professions, and families. Their accomplishments are a living testimony to the enduring impact of a Bishop Heelan education, and they inspire future generations of students to strive for excellence while remaining true to the Catholic faith.

Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader!

God bless you,

John Flanery
President,
Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools



Step into the Mission

Financial gifts play a vital role in advancing the mission of Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools. Your support helps us provide faith-filled education, strengthen our academic programs, and ensure future generations of Crusaders have the resources they need to grow in mind, body, and spirit. Every contribution—whether annual support, a major gift, or a planned legacy—makes a lasting impact.

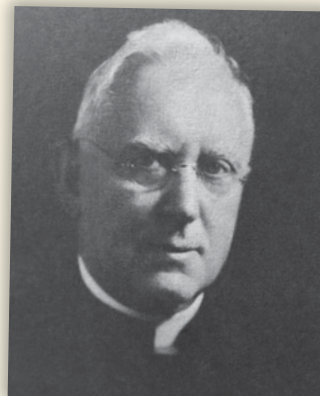
Ready to step into the betterment of Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools?

Reach out to Tom Betz, Vice President of Advancement today at tom.betz@bishopheelan.org.

Considering the Heritage Society?

What is the Heritage Society?

The Bishop Heelan Heritage Society is a special group of individuals and families who have made a commitment to the future of our schools by including Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools in their estate plans. This lasting act of generosity ensures that the mission of Catholic education in our community continues for years to come.



Bishop Edmond Heelan

How do I get involved?

Becoming a member of the Heritage Society is simple:

- Let us know! Email Tom Betz at tom.betz@bishopheelan.org to let him know of your intentions.
- Include Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools in your will or living trust.
- Name the school as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance policy.
- Explore other planned giving options that align with your financial goals.
- Once you've made a planned gift commitment, you can notify the Bishop Heelan Development Office so we may welcome you into the Heritage Society.

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Our Mission

The Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools relate the total student to God through an excellent education leading toward a lifetime of service.

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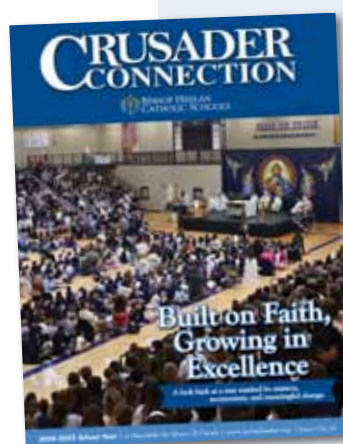
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On the Cover

Our last All-School Mass with Bishop Emeritus R. Walker Nickless during the 2025 Catholic Schools week.

Want to enjoy our *Heelan Highline* Enewsletter with short news highlights each month?

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Catholic Faith at the He♥rt of Bishop Heelan

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, BHCS lived out its mission of forming disciples and nurturing hearts rooted in Christ. Across all campuses, the Catholic identity of our schools was not just taught, it was experienced. From quiet moments of prayer to public acts of faith, this year reminded us that God is at work in every hallway, classroom, and heart.



The Prayer Wall That Still Speaks

At Bishop Heelan High School, a wall covered in sticky notes became sacred ground. For over a decade, students have written anonymous prayers on this wall; cries for help, hopes for healing, whispers of gratitude. Theology teacher Mrs. Kirkpatrick nurtured this quiet ministry, creating a space where students found refuge, connection, and courage to bring their hearts to God. As she prepared to retire, students were fighting to keep the wall alive. Proof of its profound impact on their faith.



Welcoming a New Bishop, Honoring the Past

The Diocese of Sioux City experienced a historic moment with the retirement of Bishop R. Walker Nickless after 19 years of discipleship. A dedicated supporter of Catholic education, Bishop Nickless was honored with a new Legacy Case named after him at Bishop Heelan High School. As we welcomed Bishop-elect John Keehner, appointed by Pope Francis in February 2025, our community joined in prayer and celebration for the future of the Church.

A Son of Heelan Becomes a Shepherd

This spring, alumnus **Lee Noel '10** was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Cheyenne. His journey from Heelan athletics, to Creighton science labs, to seminary life, was marked by joy and deep surrender to God's call. Fr. Lee credits his Catholic education and coaches for shaping him not only as a leader, but as a man of faith. His ordination reminds us that the seeds planted at Heelan continue to bear fruit far beyond our walls.



Mourning with the Universal Church

Our community joined the global Church in mourning the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. United in prayer, we honored his life of service and the gift of his spiritual leadership with classroom discussions, Mass intentions, and moments of reflection across all grade levels.



Middle School Kindness, Christ at the Center

At Holy Cross School, one student's handwritten affirmations in a classmate's planner became a quiet act of Christlike love. These messages filled with reminders of worth, identity, and purpose left a deep impression on the student and her family. In the often-challenging middle school years, this moment reflected how our students live out the Gospel in unseen, powerful ways.



This year was filled with reminders that Catholic identity is not just what we believe, it's how we live. Whether through prayer, leadership, service, or small acts of kindness, the students and staff of Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools continue to walk boldly in faith, rooted in Christ and united in mission.



Once A Crusader, Always A Crusader

The Bishop Heelan family has shown what it truly means to be a Crusader for life, rallying around senior Ronnie Vedin during his most difficult year. After losing his dad, Ronald "Dino" Vedin, to ALS complications in March 2024 and his mom, Amy, suddenly last February, Ronnie found himself navigating unimaginable heartbreak while finishing high school. Through it all, he was never alone. Teachers, classmates, and staff stood by his side, offering comfort, support, and a place to call home.

Principal Chris Bork and his family welcomed Ronnie into their home to ensure he could complete his senior year surrounded by love and stability. His classmates crowned him prom king, giving him a standing ovation – a moment Ronnie describes as the "cherry on top" of all the kindness and support he's received from the Bishop Heelan community.

Ronnie graduated and went on to Augustana University in Sioux Falls. He carries with him the strength of a family that extends far beyond his own. "I couldn't thank them enough," he shared. "They've been there for me through it all." Because at Bishop Heelan, 'Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader' isn't just a motto...it is who we are.



King Ronnie Vedin '25 and Queen Anaiah Croft.



2025 Bishop Heelan High School Graduates

Kimberly Acosta
Grace Aesoph
Jose Alvarado-Ramierz
Burton Anderson
Lucinda Anderson
James Arlt
Nicolas Arteaga
Camila Azpeitia
Kaylee Baker
Allison Barber
Colton Barker
Carter Beck
Caleb Beckius
Shaila Beige
David Bentson
Emma Bertrand
Landon Block
Jasmyn Booker
Jack Bousquet
Hannah Boyle
Bridget Breyfogle
Zachary Bride
Angel Campos-Zermeno
Kaden Carda
Harry Castellanos-Gaitan
Ana Chancey
Mackenzie Clifford
Jayden Collins
Pierce Conley

Carson Craig
Anaiah Croft
Julia Davis
Benjamin Deck Jr.
Cesar De Leon
Jadyn DeLeon-League
Winston Delfs
Maya Delgadillo
Abigail Demers
Seth Determan
Daniel Dong
James Donovan
Brenna Emerson
Ethan Erickson
Daytona Fetterman
Luke Fischer
Karson Fitch
Pedro Luquez
Christian Fravel
Kambrie Fulton
Steven Garcia
Kylie Gengler
Andres Gonzalez
Valeria Gonzalez
Ava Graham
Logan Gray
Alexa Guerrero
Jayvan Guevara
Maliyah Hacker

Caleb Hawkins
Seungmin Jeong
Jack Joly
William Joly
Dylan Karnes
Naomi Kieffer
Nicholas Kime
Conan Kirkpatrick
Addison Kleis
Collin Koob
Madelyn LaFleur
Austin Larsen
Claudia Lavariega
Abby Lee
Austin Lee
Eric Lewis
Matthew Lin
Jayden Livingston
Teresa Maly
Angel Martinez-Rodriguez
Brigid McGowan
Carson McInerney
David Mendoza-Limon
Sergio Mijangos
Madison Mullins
Olivia Munchrath
Natalie Nelson
Gabriel Newberg
Andy Nguyen

Duong Nguyen
Minh Nguyen
Eddy Noutepe
Brandon Nunez-Diaz
Dominick Nuno
Seoyoung Oh
Avery Oligmueller
Henry Osborn
Anna Otten
Hayden Overgaard
Brayden Ownby
Britton Patee
William Pattee
James Pederson
Mary Pepin
Damian Perez
Kathy Perez-Gomez
Christopher Peters
Alexa Prieto-Velasco
Lawrence Primeaux
Alize Rau
Charlie Rayford
Carson Rees
Teagan Reiners
Cherish Reynolds
Blake Riker
Bryan Rios
Hazel Ritchie
Carson Rose

Samuel Rush
Daniel Salcido
Hector Salcido-Olmedo
Delaney Saulsbury
Jack Schramm
Isaac Scott
Faith Sokolowski
Peyton Stahle
Joseph Stanek
Beth Thompson
Luis Torres
Mackenzie Tott
Fisher Uhl
Charlie Vaandrager
Samuel Van Holland
Emily Vargas-Mendez
Ronald Vedin
Elyse Vega
Danya Velazquez
Layla Warren
Hunter Wauhob
Jacob Welch
Jack White
Trelyn White
Garrett Wiebelhaus
Scott Williams
Felicity Young

Class of 2025

These pages are dedicated to our graduates with parents, grandparents and great grandparents who are alumni of Heelan, Trinity and Cathedral High Schools. We pray for their success and God's blessings in the years ahead.

Highlights of 2025 Graduating Class

- 143 graduates in Class of 2025
- Valedictorian Abby Demers and Salutatorian Mackenzie Tott
- 92% are attending college; 73% in four-year institutions
- Graduates were offered \$15.4 million in academic scholarships
- 54 students graduated at 3.75 GPA or above and were enrolled in an honors course

- 55 have parents, grandparents, and/or great-grandparents that graduated from Heelan
- The Top 5% in their senior class were (in alphabetical order): Jack Bousquet, Abby Demers, Daniel Dong, Kylie Gengler, Abby Lee, Teresa Maly, and Mackenzie Tott



**Burton
Anderson '25**



Annalissa (Klein)
Anderson '94



**Lucinda
Anderson '25**



Annalissa (Klein)
Anderson '94



Dianne (Yates)
Miller '67



James Arlt '25



Raymond
Bennett '64



Marilyn (Eufers)
McCarthy '53



Jill McCarthy '76



Jennifer (Jochum)
Barber '98



**Allison
Barber '25**



Rex (Shawn)
Barber '97



Douglas
Evans '72



Pamela (Franco)
Evans '72



Stacia (Evans)
Delfs '00



**Colton
Barker '25**



Jacob Delfs '01



Bruce Engle '51



Mary Eleanor
(Otis) Engle '51



Daniel
LaFleur '71



Deborah (Engle)
LaFleur '72



Jacque (LaFleur)
Beck '98



**Carter
Beck '25**



Michael
Wilmes '60

Louise (Hogh)
Wilmes '60

Laurie Wilmes
Bentson '92

**David
Bentson '25**



**Emma
Bertrand '25**

Russell
Bertrand '91

Luann (Uhl)
Bertrand '64



Dennis
Bousquet '65

Joseph
Bousquet '96

**Jack
Bousquet '25**

April (Bitters)
Bousquet '96

Margaret (Udell)
Bitters '75

**Bridget
Breyfogle '25**

Nortia (Wiltgen)
Breyfogle '89



Anne (Schaffhausen)
Bride '84

**Zachary
Bride '25**

Marilyn (Swanson)
Bride '56

William
Bride '51



**Kaden
Carda '25**

Kimberly (Bunkers)
Carda '94

Marcia (Ross)
Bunkers '69



**Jayden
Collins '25**

Amanda (Hawkinson)
Collins '98

Christine (Hansen)
Hawkinson '77

Barbara (Wilhelm)
Hawkinson '55



**Pierce
Conley '25**

Jeffery
Conley '93

Steve
Conley '67



**Carson
Craig '25**

Marcia
Becker '63

Robert
Crayne '63



**Jayden DeLeon-
League '25**

Noel
DeLeon '91



Winston Delfs '25

Chris Delfs '99

Teresa (Everist)
Delfs '80



**Abigail
Demers '25**

Kathleen (McElroy)
Demers '88

Mary Helen
(Swanson)
McElroy '47



Kenneth
Keane '39
Trinity

Dorothy Jean
(Meyer) Keane '40
Cathedral

Robert
Keane '64

Elizabeth (Keane)
Determan '90

**Seth
Determan '25**

Jon
Determan '90



Joseph
Frisbie '63

Peggy (Stuart)
Frisbie '69

Katrina (Frisbie)
Donovan '98

**James
Donovan '25**

Joseph
Donovan '95

Michael
Donovan '70

Charles
Donovan '24



**Ethan
Erickson '25**

Nicole (Lloyd)
Erickson '94



**Daytona
Fetterman '25**

Kristina (Flynn)
Fetterman '00



Luke Fischer '25

Greg Fischer '86

Betty (Harrison)
Fischer '65

Greg Fischer '64



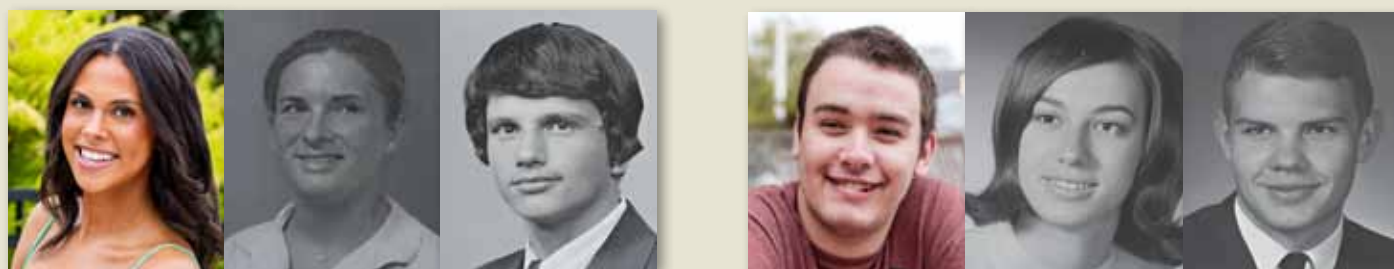
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Christian Fravel '25 Tony Fravel '01 Jo Ellen (Williams) Fravel '76 Lucille (Hass) Williams '42 **Kylie Gengler '25** Reginald McCloud '69



Keri (Newman) Graham '93 **Ava Graham '25** Joellen (Pechacek) Graham '60 **Logan Gray '25** Ryan Gray '94 Robin (Calhoun) Gray '89



Maliyah Hacker '25 Lindsay Hacker '01 Charlie Hacker '74 **Jack Joly '25** Barbara (Dagle) VaKulsas '67 Thomas VaKulsas '66



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Bruce Engle '51

Mary (Otis)
Engle '51



Carol (Johnson)
Beacom '56

Gerald Beacom '56



Daniel
LaFleur '71

Deborah (Engle)
LaFleur '72

Jon LaFleur '93

**Madelyn
LaFleur '25**

Katie (Beacom)
LaFleur '93

Austin Larsen '25

Della (Dillinger)
Larsen '89



Mary (Sudtelgte)
Lee '68

Austin Lee '25

Sara (Wigton)
Lee '92

Kaye (Ross)
Wigton '66

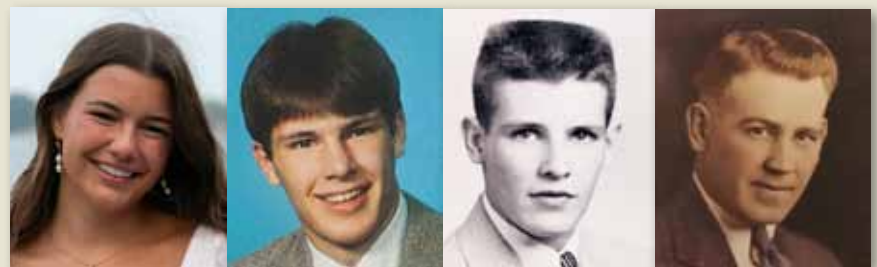
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Richard Wigton '42



**Jayden
Livingston '25**

Justin
Livingston '92



**Brigid
McGowan '25**

Chris
McGowan '85

Gerald
McGowan '55

Alexander
McGowan '20
Trinity



**Carson
McInerney '25**

Nick
McInerney '98

Judith (McGinnis)
McInerney '66

Thomas
McInerney '65



**Madison
Mullins '25**

Janice Hubert '80



Robert
Nelson '70

Patricia (Redmond)
Nelson '70

Zachary
Nelson '93

**Natalie
Nelson '25**

Lisa (Bockholt)
Nelson '89

Patricia (Foix)
Bockholt '66

Michael
Bockholt '66



**Avery
Oligmueller '25**

Randall
Oligmueller '83

Rita
Albenesius '58



**William
Pattee '25**

Jennifer (Hartnett)
Pattee '85

Jacqueline (Cahill)
Hartnett '50



**Charlie
Rayford '25**

Kristin (Weiner)
Jones '91

Kathleen (Bourassa)
Weiner '65



**Cherish
Reynolds '25**

Emily Ogle '04

Jill West '74



Blake Riker '25

Jessica (Seiler)
Mach '04

Cathy (Tracy)
Seiler '80



Sameul Rush '25

Ann Hughes '91



**Faith
Sokolowski '25**

Aaron
Sokolowski '95

Joni (Shay)
Sokolowski '71

Michael
Sokolowski '71

Ted
Sokolowski '41



Joseph Stanek '25 Nicole (Wiltgen) Stanek '96 Joseph Stanek '91



Roger Thompson '57 Thomas Thompson '88 **Beth Thompson '25** Lisa (Davis) Thompson '83 Rita Rosemary (Breidenbach) Davis '40 Thomas Davis '38



Mackenzie Tott '25 Patrick Tott '85



Fisher Uhl '25 Maurice Uhl '69



Samuel Van Holland '25 Charles Noltze '68



Layla Warren '25 Hope Jacobsma '97 Diana Walding '66



JJ White '97 **Jack White '25** Kerri (Vaughan) White '96 Thomas Vaughan '69



Felicity Young '25 Darby Young '90 Julia (Garrigan) Young '69 Richard Young '69

Heelan Student **PRIDE** in



During the All School Mass for Catholic Schools Week, a student was eager to step forward and answer Bishop Emeritus R. Walker Nickless' question.



At our second blood drive of the year, many students generously rolled up their sleeves to donate blood and give the gift of life.



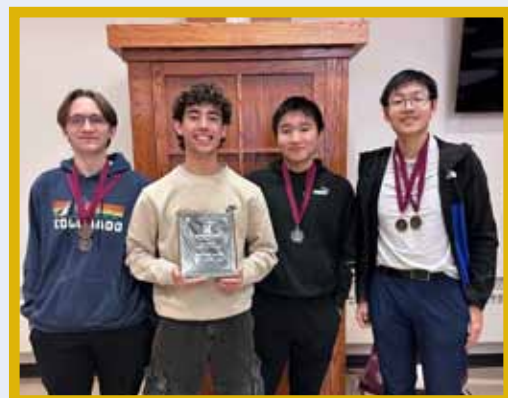
Students successfully collected 115 teddy bears to contribute to the annual Ruehle Teddy Bear Toss.



High school students played a big role in welcoming the newest Crusaders at Discover Heelan Night.



Students gathered diapers and wipes for donation to Mary's Choice, helping families in the Siouxland community who depend on these resources for raising their children.



The Quiz Bowl team joined other schools in the SMART Competition at Morningside University.



Several Heelan students participated in the National History Day competition held in Orange City. The freshman team placed 2nd in their category with a project on The Missouri Plan of 1940: A Non-Partisan Plan for Judicial Selection, earning a trip to the State competition.



Our Crusader community came together for the annual Then Just Feed One event, packing meals that will make a real difference for those in need in Honduras.



This Bishop Heelan Catholic High School sophomore is chasing his dream of becoming a pilot with faith, focus, and fearless determination. From solo flights to emergency landings, the story of Aaron Lihs is one of grit, grace, and trust in God's plan.

Action



Here we go again... Bishop Heelan presented *Mamma Mia* for the Spring Musical. Left to right: Mary Pepin, Olivia Robertson, and Tess Maly.



Students in Foods I expressed their gratitude to the Bargain Center for generously donating supplies to their classroom.



A group of choir students performed the National Anthem during the send-off ceremony honoring 84 soldiers from the Iowa National Guard's 113th Cavalry Regiment.



Heelan Fine Arts



Bishop Heelan Gold and Blues Jazz Band earned Division I Superior rating at the IHSMA State Jazz Festival! This makes 6 Division I ratings in a row for Heelan band groups!



Ellaine Dong, Matthew Lin, Timothy Schmedinghoff, and McKenzie Tott participated in the NW Iowa Honors Orchestra!



Our Heelan Jazz Band performed three pieces at the Morningside Jazz Festival. They also had the privilege to be in a critique session with Dave Stamps (Director of Jazz Studies at Gustavus Adolphus College), gaining insights on how to refine their sound, achieve better cohesion, and recognize their outstanding strengths!



Five Bishop Heelan students were selected for the 11-12 SATB Honor Choir at the National ACDA Convention in Dallas-chosen from over 5,000 auditions nationwide. They spent four days rehearsing with world-class conductors, performing in Meyerson Symphony Hall, and building friendships with fellow musicians. Congratulations to **Kaden Carda '25**, **Abby Demers '25**, **Isaac Elbert '26**, **Teresa Maly '25**, and **Mary Pepin '25**!

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2025



NOMINATE A
Crusader



Al Jones was a four-sport standout at Bishop Heelan in the mid-70s and was one of the great teammates to ever wear the Old Gold and Blue. Affectionately known as "Big Al", for both his size and big personality, he was a 1st team All-State Defensive Lineman for the 1975 State Champion football team and would play in the 1976 Shrine Bowl. On the basketball court Al was a two-time All-State selection, team captain, and led the Crusaders to a 3rd place finish at the 1976 state tournament where he was named to the All-Tournament Team. In the spring Al threw the shot and discus, and in the summer he made his presence felt on the pitching mound by going 10-1 and was named All City and All NW Iowa. Al would go on to play both football and basketball in college with stops at USD, Wayne State, and Briar Cliff.



Dan LaFleur arrived at Heelan for his junior year of high school and immediately made an impact on Crusader athletics. Dan would earn 7 varsity letters in his two years at Heelan as well as being selected to the National Honor Society. On the gridiron Dan was a team captain on the 1970 team that went 8-1, and he was voted the team's Hard Hitter Award winner. He was selected as a 3rd team All-Stater, was 1st Team All-NW Iowa, and was selected to the KTIV All-Siouxland Team. During the winter Dan was an honorable mention All-State selection in basketball, 1st team All-City, and the team's Hustle Award winner. Dan would finish 3rd in the shot put at the 1971 state track and field meet and was a 2-time time letterwinner on the baseball diamond. Dan would go on to play football at the University of Iowa where he was a team captain and was honorable mention All-Big Ten in 1974 while leading the Hawkeyes in tackles. Dan joins his son Jon (93) as the first father-son duo to be enshrined in the Hall of PRIDE.



Bobby Soule was perhaps the greatest distance runner in the history of Crusader athletics. Between cross country and track and field; Bobby was a 4-time state champion, winning the cross country title in 1982, and track and field titles in the 1600 in both 1982 and 1983 while also adding the 800 title in 1983. He anchored a runner up 4x800 Drake Relays team in 1983, was a 5-time SIC champion, and 2-time track MVP as well as the 1983 team captain. The 1983 Sioux City Journal Male Athlete of the Year, Bobby would go on to run cross country and track at Iowa State. While running for the Cyclones, Bobby would claim the 1988 Big 8 Title in the 1500 and the 1988 Big 8 indoor title in the 1000. He was a part of 5 Big 8 Conference championship teams for the Cyclones between the indoor and outdoor seasons and was a member of a Drake Relays Champion 4x1600 meter relay team. More than just a great athlete, Bobby was Vice President of the Student Council while at Heelan. In 2003 he was inducted into the Sioux City Relays Hall of Fame.



The former Jamie Dardis is one of the true legends of Heelan softball. Playing for her father, Jamie put up numbers that still rank her as one of the best to ever take the diamond in Sioux City. The rare 5 time All-State selection, Jamie was on the Elite All-State squad 3 times as she finished her career with a school record 253 hits and a .409 career batting average. Jamie would hit at a .421 clip as a sophomore, .467 as a junior, and .421 again as a senior. Jamie was selected 1st team All-Sioux Delta Conference 4 times and was 1st team All-NW Iowa 4 times. She would lead the Crusaders to their first ever state tournament berth in 1996 and would lead them back to Ft. Dodge again in 1998. Jamie would go on to play softball at the University of Kentucky, where she is 4th all-time in career fielding percentage and 4th all time in career putouts. When her career ended, she was the all-time leader in fielding percentage at Kentucky at a clip of .985. In 2008 Jamie was inducted into the IGHSAU Softball Hall of Fame.



Brandon Wegher was one of the best running backs in Iowa history who would finish his career with 114 TDs and 6,823 yards, which is both a school record and a Class 3A state record. Brandon would lead the Crusaders back to the Dome in 2007 where they finished as state runners up, and in 2008 as a team captain Brandon would lead the Crusaders to an undefeated state title by rushing for a school record 3,238 yards and 54 touchdowns. In the title game Brandon would score a state championship record 5 TD's, including a 100-yard interception return for a score. Brandon was selected as the captain of the 2008 Class 3A All-State team, was named the Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year, and was an EA Sports 2nd Team All-American. Brandon would go on to play at the



University of Iowa where he set a record for most TDs by a freshman and rushed for 113 yards and the game clinching score in the Hawkeyes Orange Bowl win over Georgia Tech. Brandon would later transfer to Morningside where he set numerous records for the Mustangs and was an NAIA All-American. Brandon would earn a roster spot with the 2015 Carolina Panthers, a team that would play in Super Bowl 50. Brandon was also a 3-time medal winner at the State Track Meet while at Heelan and finished as the runner up in the 100 at the Drake Relays in 2008. Brandon was inducted into the IHSAA Football Hall of Fame in 2024.

Zach McCabe is one of the all-time best 2-sport athletes to come through Bishop Heelan. Zach was a 4-year letter winner in basketball and a 3-time All-State selection, who led the Crusaders to the state tournament all 4 years. The Crusaders would be state champions in both his junior and senior seasons in 2009 and 2010, and he was an All-Tournament selection both years. In 2010 Zach would be named the Class 3A Player of the Year while finishing his career with 1,317 points, 641 rebounds, and 345 assists. Zach still holds the school record for assists in a season with 144 in 2009. The ability to pass was also evident by his exploits on the football field. The first 3-year starter at quarterback in school history, Zach would finish his career with 5,266 yards passing, an impressive 35-4 record as a starter and would help lead the Crusaders to a runner up finish in 2007, and a state title in 2008. Zach was a 2-time All-State selection in football and still holds the school record for completions (29) and passing yards (465) in a single game. Zach would go on to play basketball at the University of Iowa, leading the Hawkeyes back to the NCAA tournament in 2014. Zach was named to the 2013 Battle 4 Atlantis All-Tournament Team and would finish with over 850 points and 500 rebounds as a Hawkeye.



The 1975 Crusader football team is one of the best to ever don the Old Gold and Blue. With new head coach Dave Triplett at the helm, the Crusaders came into the season with high expectations and big goals. After falling short in the opener to Dowling 22-15, the Crusaders would respond by dropping rival East 10-0 in week 2 which began a 10-game winning streak that would result in the school's third state title. The Crusaders would claim the Sioux Interstate Conference title before defeating East once again in the first round of the playoffs. The state semi-final game matched the Crusaders up once again with Dowling, and in one of the great games to ever be played at Memorial Field the Crusaders avenged their only loss with a 16-6 win over the Maroons. The state title game (the first ever for Heelan as the playoffs began in 1972) was played at historic Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. The Crusaders would take down Waterloo West that day by a score of 16-6 and bring the title back home to Sioux City. Eight Crusaders from the '75 team were named to the All-SIC squad, six were recognized with some type of All-State recognition, and Coach Triplett was named the Siouxland Coach of the Year.



2024-25 CRUSADER

Boys Soccer

Our boys soccer team showed tremendous heart as they battled to defend their state title from 2024. They finished the 2025 season as State Runners Up with an impressive record of 18-3. This year's journey to Des Moines marked the third consecutive appearance at the state tournament, a testament to their talent and determination.



Football

The 2024 Heelan Crusader football team closed their season with a second straight playoff appearance and a final record of 6-4. We are especially grateful for the seniors who played an important role in the program's positive turnaround and the state championship game appearance in 2023.

Boys Golf

The 2024 season marked the final year for 4 seniors who helped lead the team to the state meet in 2022 and finished at the top of the conference in 2 of those 4 seasons. The 2024 campaign concluded with Jack White representing the Crusaders at the state meet.



Girls Golf

This year was one of growth and rebuilding for the Girls Golf program. With no seniors on the roster, several underclassmen rose to the challenge and made significant strides throughout the season. It was a year marked by development, success, and fun.



Boys Tennis

The Bishop Heelan boys tennis finished 13-3 and claimed 2nd place in the MRAC. A major highlight of the year was the team's regional substate runner up finish. Sophomore Easton Lubarski captured the District One singles championship, and helped secure a 7th place finish at the Iowa boys tennis tournament. Junior John Paul Judice placed 3rd in district singles and served as a State alternate.



XC Boys

The 2024 Heelan boys cross country team capped off one of the most successful seasons. Led by senior Andres Gonzalez and sophomore Alex Amaro, the team placed 4th at the conference meet and 6th at the State qualifying meet.



XC Girls

The XC girls secured their 10th straight MRAC team title and celebrated back to back individual conference championships, with junior Addison Bertrand winning this year's race. Led by Addison's 3rd place finish, the team placed 5th at the State qualifying meet. Addison capped off her impressive season with a 7th place finish at State.

Girls Tennis

After a slow start, the team finished the year competing at their very best. The Crusaders finished a close 2nd at the conference tournament, highlighted by Maria Ernesti and Kate Kelly winning the doubles championship for the 2nd year in a row. The girls secured a spot in the substate finals for the 3rd straight season but fell to one of the top programs in the state.



Wrestling

The Bishop Heelan wrestling team closed a strong season with 3 State qualifiers. The team earned a 4th place finish at the Conference tournament and placed 5th at Districts, reflecting steady growth and a rising level of competitiveness.



Girls Basketball

The girls basketball program delivered an outstanding season in 2024-25. The Crusaders entered the year as the preseason number 1 team in Class 4A and secured the number 1 seed in the State Tournament. The girls fell to the number 8 seed, who went on to win the State Championship. The Crusaders closed the year with an impressive record of 21-3.

Sports Update



Volleyball

What a remarkable year it was for the Crusaders. They opened the season ranked number 2, held that position from start to finish, and ultimately claimed the State Championship title. Together they reached the top of the mountain while also earning numerous individual honors, giving the Bishop Heelan community plenty to celebrate throughout 2024.

The team closed the season with an outstanding record of 44 wins and 3 losses. All 3 losses came during Saturday tournaments against highly ranked opponents. Throughout the entire regular season, the Crusaders never played a 4th set. In 5 set matches, they did not drop a single set, finishing with a perfect 12 wins and 0 losses and a set record of 36 wins and 0 losses. They carried that dominance into the postseason, ending district and State tournament play with a flawless match record of 5 wins and 0 losses and a set record of 15 wins and 0 losses.

It was a season defined by excellence, resilience, and complete team unity, and it will be remembered as one of the greatest in program history.

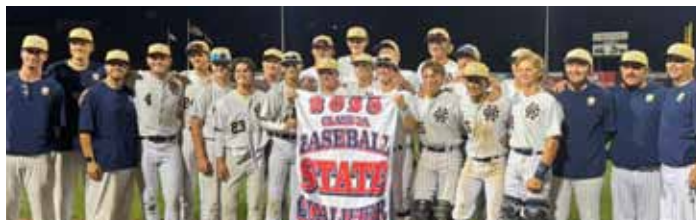
Girls Track

The girls track program had an outstanding season as the team focused on growth, unity, and a positive competitive atmosphere. The Crusaders captured the MRAC Conference Championship and set a new record for the most team points ever scored at the Conference meet. They also broke 2 school records in the 4X100 and 4X200 relays, surpassing the 4X200 record they had set just 1 year ago.



Boys Track

The team earned 1st place finishes at the Crusader Relays, the SBL Meet, the Ace Nelson Relays, and the MRAC Conference Championship meet and 11 events qualified for the state track meet. Hunter Wauhob became a Howard Wood Relays champion, running a meet & school record in the 110 hurdles. At the district meet, Carson McInerney recorded a discus throw of 175.9 inches, placing him 2nd in school history. The shuttle hurdle relay team of Hunter Wauhob, James Arlt, Cole Frese, and Fisher Uhl set a new school record at the district meet with a time of 59.87.



Baseball

The Crusaders finished the season with a 30-11 record. The team claimed its 2nd straight MRAC Conference Championship with a conference record of 23-5 and returned to the State Tournament for the 21st time. Kaleb LaFavor was named MRAC Player of the Year and First Team All State along with Ethan Erickson. Nathan Gaswint tied a school mark with 88 strikeouts and earned Second Team All State recognition alongside Hunter Wauhob, who set a new single season stolen base record with 43 steals. This was the final season for head coach Andy Osborne. He collected 480 wins, earned 5 MRAC Coach of the Year awards, and 8 State Tournament appearances.

Girls Softball

The Heelan softball team was led by their lone senior, Kylie Gengler, along with a strong group of juniors. The Crusaders finished with a 20-18 record and placed 4th in the conference. Izzy Laffin earned Second Team All Conference honors, and Eliana Ross, Erin Fitzpatrick, and Brooke Raymer received Honorable Mention All Conference.



Girls Soccer

In their 22nd trip to the State Tournament, the Crusaders advanced to the state semifinals, where they faced eventual State Champion Davenport Assumption and fell in a close 1-0. The team finished the season with an impressive record of 18-3. They claimed the conference championship for the 3rd consecutive year by outscoring opponents 47 to 0.



Boys Basketball

The boys basketball team closed the season with a record of 11-13. They finished 4th in the MRAC by securing several key wins late in the season. While the Crusaders fell in the substate final, the progress made and the lessons learned throughout the year will carry into the next season.



Dance

The dance team earned 4th place in the Division X pom category at the State competition, marking their 1st State placement since 2013. They also competed and placed at both competitions they attended, bringing home not only trophies but meaningful memories.



Thank you to our Heelan Scholarship Donors!

Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools extends our deepest gratitude to the generous donors who make Catholic education possible through their scholarship support. Your contributions open doors for students to learn, grow, and live out their faith in a Christ-centered environment.

Because of your kindness, more young Crusaders are able to experience the academic excellence, spiritual formation, and lifelong friendships that define a Heelan education. Thank you for investing in their future, and in the mission of Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.

2024-2025 Merit Based Scholarships

Clement E and LuVerne Duffy Scholarship
Sisters of Charity Award
Kay Bennett Irish Heritage Scholarship
Jack and Margaret Gill Scholarship
Henry and Linda Metz Single Parent Scholarship
Brian Goetz Memorial Scholarship
Amy Graves Mace Service Scholarship
Edward and Rose O'Kane Scholarship
Ed and Margaret Lamkin Memorial Scholarship
Father Alfred McCoy Memorial Scholarship
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Mary Lou (Thomazin) O'Gorman Scholarship
Jon Olson Business Scholarship
Barb Peterson Life Skills Memorial Scholarship
Wendy Verschoor Sanderson Memorial Scholarship
Mary Helen & Terrance McElroy Memorial Music Scholarship
Isaac Roerig Memorial Scholarship
Col. V Thomas Considine Memorial Scholarship
Norma Jeane McGowan Scholarship
Jeff Poss Memorial Scholarship
Maurie Noonan Tomke Scholarship
Michael Kuehl Memorial Scholarship
Mary Callais Longstreth Scholarship
Austin Blakey Memorial Scholarship
Fred Lennon Scholarship
Brian Goetz Holy Cross (Grades 1-8) Scholarship
Lexie LaMere Memorial Scholarship



Nan Kiel,
23 years of service to
Bishop Heelan Catholic
High School



Jeanette Casper,
30 years of service to
Holy Cross School



Kathy Kuehl
39 years of service to
Sacred Heart School

Thank you for your commitment!

This spring, Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools celebrated three remarkable educators whose impact spans generations of Crusaders: Nan Kiel, Jeanette Casper, and Kathy Kuehl.

Together, these dedicated teachers have poured countless hours into shaping minds, nurturing faith, and building the strong academic and spiritual foundation that defines a Heelan education. From leading classrooms with compassion to mentoring students through life's lessons, their legacies of love and learning will continue to ripple through our schools for years to come.

As they step into retirement, we offer our deepest gratitude for their years of service, unwavering faith, and devotion to the mission of Catholic education. Their influence will forever remain part of the Bishop Heelan story.



*Pictured In, row one: Abigail Demers, Kylie Gengler, Teresa Maly and MacKenzie Tott.
Back row: Bob Michaelson, Abby Lee, Jack Bousquet, Chris Bork, and Daniel Dong.*

Honoring Academic Excellence: Top 5% of the Class of 2025

Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools proudly recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of the top 5% of the Class of 2025. These students have demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence throughout their high school careers.

Congratulations to Jack Bousquet, Abigail Demers, Daniel Dong, Kylie Gengler, Abby Lee, Teresa Maly, and MacKenzie Tott for earning this distinguished honor. Their hard work and pursuit of knowledge reflect the heart of a Heelan education, developing faith-filled leaders who strive for excellence in all they do.

We celebrate their accomplishments and look forward to seeing how they continue to make a difference in the world beyond Bishop Heelan!



The 2025 Heelan Auction

A Record-Breaking Night at the 2025 Heelan Auction Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools truly cowboyed up on April 10, 2025, for an unforgettable evening of generosity, laughter, and community spirit at the annual Heelan Auction. The themed event, "Cowboy Up, Crusaders!", brought together alumni, parents, staff, and friends of Heelan for a night that celebrated faith, family, and the future of Catholic education.

Held at the O'Gorman Fieldhouse, the room sparkled with western charm, from denim and boots to festive décor that captured the rugged fun of the Wild West. Guests enjoyed an evening filled with live and silent auctions, delicious food, great company, and an inspiring reminder of what it means to be part of the Crusader family.

This year's auction made history, raising a record-setting total in support of Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools. The incredible generosity of sponsors, donors, and attendees directly impacts every student, teacher, and classroom across the Heelan system, from faith formation opportunities to academic innovation and extracurricular programs that help students thrive.

The energy in the room was contagious as bidding paddles went up and hearts opened wide. Supporters gave not only with their wallets but with their faith in the mission of Catholic education, a mission that continues to form future leaders grounded in Christ's love.



Front row L to R, Jessica and John Van Holland, Deb Harpenau, Patty McClintock, Lisa and Doug Nelson. Back row Susan and Todd Roerig, Tom Betz, Jennifer and Craig Letch, Leah and Cole Knapp.

From the moment guests walked through the doors, it was clear this event was more than a fundraiser, it was a family reunion. Alumni reconnected, teachers were celebrated, and new friendships were formed over shared laughter and purpose. The "Cowboy Up" theme perfectly captured the heart of Heelan's mission: to step up, stand strong, and support one another in every season.

As the curtain closed on a record-breaking night, excitement was already building for next year. The next Heelan Auction will take place on April 10, 2026, promising another incredible evening of fellowship, fun, and faith-filled generosity.

To everyone who donated, attended, volunteered, or cheered from afar; thank you for helping make this year's auction the most successful in Heelan history. Together, we're building a stronger future for our Crusaders.



Newly added parking lot that increases student parking & helps eliminate parking along 13th Street.



Proposed future site for the Walk of Faith.

Fund-A-Cause: Walk of Faith Update

Each year, one of the most moving moments of the Heelan Auction is the Fund-a-Cause, a time when guests unite not to bid on an item, but to invest in a vision that will impact generations to come. This year's Fund-a-Cause, The Walk of Faith Project, sparked extraordinary generosity as supporters raised their paddles to help bring a lasting symbol of faith to Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.

Thanks to the overwhelming response, Phase One of the Walk of Faith is officially complete, and the remaining two phases are one step closer

to becoming reality. This meaningful project will serve as both a spiritual and physical pathway, uniting generations of Crusaders as they walk together in faith, hope, and love through a dedicated path connecting the high school to Grandview Boulevard.

As Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools continues to grow, the Walk of Faith will stand as a timeless reminder of who we are and Whose we are: a community built on faith, strengthened by unity, and inspired by purpose.

In Memory

1950s

Daniel Joseph Smith '50, Fremont, NE, November 23, 2023
Donald F. Goeden '52, Sioux City, IA, September 14, 2024
Helen Shiuvaun (O'Brien) Nasypany '53, Wichita Falls, TX, November 2, 2023
Frederick J. Welch '55, Mt Vernon, WA, January 4, 2025
Carol A. (Johnson) Beacom '56, Sioux City, IA – Treasure Island, FL, December 14, 2024
Carolyn (Geidl) Rasmussen '57, Village of Loch Lloyd, MO, February 15, 2024
Richard G Rossmar '57, Mesa, AZ, December 17, 2024
Shaun Larkin O'Meara '57, Hudson, WI, January 15, 2025
Edward J Birmingham '57, Omaha, NE, March 13, 2025
George M. Heenan '57, Bloomington, MN, February 20, 2025
Richard Rossmar '57, Gilbert, AZ, December 17, 2024
Robert "Bob" Lee '57, Dakota City, NE, June 19, 2025
Rosemary Frances O'Kane '58, Sioux City, Iowa, March 17, 2025
Howard G. Gerlach '58, Greenville, NC, April 14, 2025
Robert E Mycka Sr. '59, Las Vegas, NV, June 19, 2024
Lucille (Blum) Heenan '59, Bloomington, MN, March 20, 2025

1960s

James A Cody '60, Yankton, SD, March 20, 2024
Jerry R. Smith, DDS '60, Bennington, NE, December 7, 2024
Roberta (Stone) Rozell '60, Sioux City, IA, December 22, 2024
Bette Lou (Benson-Olson) Harris '61, Hot Springs, Ark., April 13, 2025
Michael D. (Doug) White '61, Broomfield, CO, October 25, 2024
Michael Higgins '62, Norco, CA, September 18, 2023
Carol Schatz '62, Sergeant Bluff, IA, January 3, 2025
Barbara (Wermes) Shell '63, Omaha, NE, March 19, 2024
Richard "Dick" A. Conley '65, Sioux City, IA, May 10, 2025
Michael L. Schuetz '65, Kansas City, MO, Jan. 25, 2025
Clarence G. Holcomb Class of '66, Sergeant Bluff, IA, Feb. 7, 2025
Dennis L. Johnson '66, Nashville, TN, February 1, 2025
Kathleen "Kathy" (Beacom) Dirksen '66, Danbury, IA, Feb. 13, 2025
Danielle M. James '66, St. Paul, MN, January 16, 2025
Clarence Holcomb '66, Sioux City, IA, February 7, 2025
Suzanne Marie (Adamski) Wermes '66, Sioux City, IA, June 29, 2025
Cheryl (Cherie) Ann (Delaney) Sohm '67, Le Mars, IA, December 23, 2024
Clifford Fejfar '67, Lakewood, CO, December 27, 2024
Geneveive "Genny" Kurtz '67, Sioux City, IA, March 15, 2025
Mary Catherine (Cathie) Goertz Carlson '67, Sioux Falls, SD, May 21, 2025
Anthony Joseph (Joe) Salviola '67, McCook Lake, SD, May 29, 2025
Richard "Rick" A. Motz '68, Sioux City, IA, Feb. 28, 2025
Mary Ann (Fox) Andersen '69, Sioux City, IA, January 16, 2025
Sean M. McCoy '69, April 13, 2025

1970s

Patricia "Patty" Ann Redmond '70, Sioux City, IA, April 9, 2025
Tom Temple '71, Lakeland Florida, 2025
Theresa Marlaine (O'Leary) Hill '72, Sioux Falls, SD, February 13, 2025
James M. (Jim) Galvin '73, Tucson, AZ, June 8, 2024
Mark A. Osborn '73, Rogers, AR, June 6, 2025
Marlene (Sudbeck) Bauer '74, Apache Junction, AZ, October 2, 2024

Gregory A. Madsen '74, Tucson, AZ, June 8, 2024
Matthew J. Kinney '79, San Angelo, TX, December 21, 2024
Dale T. Bosse '77, Westfield, IA, September 1, 2024
Todd Feltz '77, Omaha, NE, March 7, 2025

1980s

Robert E. Mycka Jr. '82, Dakota Dunes, SD, May 17, 2024

2010s

Aubree Leann Kueny '19, Rochester, MN, March 14, 2025

Family Members

Mary A. Goebel, wife of James '54, mother of Lisa (Goebel) Peters '83 James Goebel, Jr. '85 Julie (Goebel) Cooper '87 Michelle (Goebel) Markham '89, grandmother of Quincy Markham '16, Libby Markham '18, Sioux City, IA, December 29, 2024

Helen Hunsaker, mother of Theresa (Hunsaker) Thompson '69 Jean (Hunsaker) Logan '77, Richard Hunsaker '84, Sioux City, IA, January 6, 2025

Phyllis Rashid, mother of James Rashid '75 Michael Rashid '77, Elizabeth (Rashid) Niggeling '81, Le Mars, IA, January 2, 2025

Cheryl (Cherie) Ann (Delaney) Sohm '67, sister of Kathleen M. (Delaney) Tobias '66, December 23, 2024

Todd Feltz '77, husband of Amy (Delaney) Feltz '78, brother of Lisa Sefcik '72, Cherie Short '74, Dan Feltz '82, and Steve Feltz '83, Omaha, NE, March 7, 2025

Richard "Rick" A. Motz '68, husband of Mary (Van Buren) Motz '69, father of Craig Motz '94, Kristy (Motz) Carstensen '95, Jeff Motz '00, brother of Robert Motz '69, Dennis Motz '74, William Motz '75, Sioux City, IA, February 28, 2025

Aubree Leann Kueny '19, daughter of Ron and Jennie Kueny, sister of Jolee Kueny '14, niece of Tony Wingert '87, Amy (Wingert) Seuntjens '89, Rochester, MN, March 14, 2025

Rosemary Frances O'Kane '58, sister of Carolyn (O'Kane) Sands '56, Sioux City, Iowa, March 17, 2025

George M. Heenan '57, brother of Vanita Blum Raymond '55, Keith Blum '57, Marcella Blum '63, Bloomington, MN, February 20, 2025

Gregory A. Madsen '74, brother of James A Madsen Class '58, Mary Jean Madsen † '65, Sioux City, IA, November 5th, 2024

James M. (Jim) Galvin '73, brother of Tim Galvin '75, Pat Galvin '76, Mary (Shield) Galvin '77, Katie Galvin '80, Jeanne Galvin '85, Karen Galvin '86, Tucson, AZ, June 8, 2024

Matthew J. Kinney '79, husband of LeAnn (Miller) Kinney '76, San Angelo, TX, December 21, 2024

Richard "Dick" A. Conley '65, father of Michelle Conley '95, Brian Conley '78 Corey Conley, brother of Steven Conley '67, Robert Conley '69, Pamela Conley '71, Timothy Conley '73, Michael Conley '78, Sioux City, IA, May 10, 2025

Patricia "Patty" Ann Redmond '70, wife of Robert Nelson '70, mother of Jason "Lumpy" Nelson '90, Zachary Nelson '93, Meghan (Nelson) Allen '95, sister of Kathleen Riley '69, Tom Redmond '67, Jim Redmond '65, Susan Craig '69, Mike Redmond † '52, Mary Ann (Redmond) Audino † '55, Maurice Redmond † '59, Richard "Rick" Redmond '74, Sioux City, IA, April 9, 2025

Class Notes

1950s

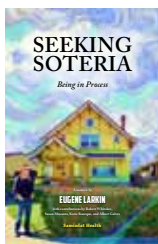
John Dreves '57 wanted to share that he has been married for 37 years; has five adult children; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

1960s



Bob '64 and Doris Gengler of Remsen raised four children: Ken, Jill (Bork), Michele (Schorg), and Keith, who each sent their own kids through the Heelan system from start to finish. Both Jill and Michele are now teachers in the system as well. Pictured are all 10 grandchildren with Ms. Odom who taught all of them in class. Left to right, oldest to youngest: **Brooke Miller (Schorg) '08, Wesley Schorg '11, Jenna Gray (Bork) '14, Paige Schorg '15, Brayden Bork '16, Koby Bork '20, Ellie Kay Gengler '21, Kaleb Gengler '22, Maddie Gengler '23, and Kylie Gengler '25.**

Eugene Larkin's '62 book, *Seeking Soteria; Being in Process*, was published in April, 2025. *Seeking Soteria* is Gene's memoir of his working at Soteria House in San Jose, Ca., from 1971-1974. Soteria was an NIMH research program investigating working with young adults, diagnosed as acutely schizophrenic and in need of hospitalization, in a residential setting, without the use of medications or drugs. Residents of the program were compared to the control group that were hospitalized and medicated. The program and study ran for ten years. Both groups were followed and tested regularly over that period. The residents measured significantly better in virtually all categories tested. They had fewer rehospitalizations, were taking fewer drugs, were more integrated into society and reported themselves happier with their lives than the control group. Today, there are Soteria Houses operating in several states in the U.S., numerous countries in Europe and in Israel. Gene, who continues to live in the Bay Area, is still active in promoting this more humane approach to the treatment of mental illness.



Bob Strawn '61 lives in Manhattan & summers at Lake Irene, MN. Julia & Bob have been married 58 years and have two children, 5 grands, 2 great grands. Bob says, "Heelan set our class on a firm foundation".

John O'Kane '65 has a book forthcoming from Goose River Press, a collection of stories (Jukebox Confessionals), with several Iowa stories and a couple directly related to Heelan. Along with his published book, *The Accidental Jesus*, winning a literary prize and becoming a film.



Fred Karpuk '68 celebrated his 40th year as a Deacon in the Diocese of Sioux City.



Mary Sam Hacker '66 was chosen to be a driver for the visiting Bishops and priests during the ordination ceremony for Bishop Keehner. She enjoyed the 3 days with them and have stayed in-touch!



Carol Brewer '66 says she has been enjoying retirement for 20 years now and has remained in good health and has attended all of their class reunions except for two!



Class of '68 had a luncheon!

Alvern (Scott) Wendel '68 passed away but left a mark on lives by donating tissue to the UNMC H.O.P.E. research-based tissue donation program to help future cancer patients. Scott and his wife also donated 110 acres of Iowa prairie in the Loess Hills, part of the family farm, to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation as a legacy to saving Iowa prairie. The expansive front range near Bronson and Sergeant Bluff is called the Wendel Prairie Preserve.



1970s

Michael Woody '76 shares, "Both my wife and I are officially retired now. She after 25 years at the Des Moines Library and I spent over 40 years in the advertising world, the last 20 running my own agency. We are enjoying the good life at Lake Panorama in Panora, Iowa. We occasionally get visitors like Gene and Mary Florke and Pat and Jan McCann. We have two grown sons. We were also in Okoboji this summer for the Iowa Writers workshop."



Class of 1971

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 55th class reunion will be held on September 18-19th, 2026 in Sioux City, Iowa.

To submit a Class Note, an In Memory name, or change of address please email tammy.eveleth@bishopheelan.org

Class Notes continued.



Class of 1976

SAVE THE DATE!

It is our 50th year class reunion next year. Our dates are September 24th, 25th, 26th of 2026 in Sioux City, Iowa.

1980s

Kevin Keane '81 sproudly shares that he has two grandsons and retired on July 31, 2025.



The class of '85 had their 40th reunion!

1990s



The class of '95 celebrated a class reunion!

2010s

Kyle Walsh '11 and his wife, Dr. Madalyn Walsh, welcomed their second child, James Oliver, on Jan. 8, 2025, joining big sister Evelyn. In addition, Kyle and a fellow resident won the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Resident Showdown world championship, a Jeopardy-like competition, in Los Angeles in January, 2025.



Drew Noel '12 accepted a faculty position at Iowa State University. On September 1st, he became a Clinical Assistant Professor of Veterinary Diagnostic Pathology and Toxicology in the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This is the nation's largest veterinary diagnostic lab and handles over 120,000 cases per year.

Tyler Cropley '14, became the new Assistant State Director of Prep Baseball at the University of Iowa!



Grace Beumler '16 is a Marketing and Communication specialist at St. John's Newman Center on the Campus of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. A recent article in the National Catholic Register featured Grace's photos! Find the article here: <https://www.ncregister.com/features/eucharistic-processions-on-secular-college-campuses>



2020s



Sarah (Beumler) Osborn '20 and **Noah Roerig '19** continue to share their musical talents in their community with the Brookings, SD Municipal Band.



Truman Osborn '20 and **Sarah Beumler '20** were married at Blessed Sacrament Church on July 19, 2025. They were surrounded by a wedding party of nearly ALL Crusaders. Both moms of the bride and groom are teachers in the Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.