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The Magazine for Alumni, Parents, Grandparents and Friends of Archbishop Wood High School



*A Tradition of Excellence
for the Leaders of Tomorrow*

INCLUDING THE 2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS

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Dear Viking Alumni,

On Friday, October 4, 2017 Archbishop Wood welcomed back the Class of 1967 for their 50th Reunion. They hold the distinction of being Wood’s first graduating class. The weekend was filled with laughter and tears as they shared memorable stories about the school and their experiences.

As I watched the Class of 2018 walk into their graduation ceremony this past June, I recognized the “Viking Spirit” that the Class of 1967 helped establish fifty years ago, is still very much alive today.

I hope you take a moment to read the “Points of Pride” for the Class of 2018. These results are due to the hard work and dedication of our staff, faculty, students and their families. It is also a testament to you, our alumni, who afford us the upgrades we need in order to provide the tools to educate, engage and empower our students today and prepare them for tomorrow.

As always, I am most grateful to all of our benefactors for your support through donations and scholarship sponsorships. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the three sons of Mrs. Louise Ciabarra, a long time teacher at Archbishop Wood. The Ciabarra brothers have donated for the construction of our new College & Career Counseling Center. The College & Career Counseling Center will be named to honor their parents Mario & Louise and her 50 years of service to Catholic Education. I ask you to consider a sponsorship such as a science lab. These sponsorships help keep Archbishop Wood High School on the forefront of education as we prepare our students for the future. As our tagline states; **“A Tradition of Excellence for the Leaders of Tomorrow.”**

Thank you for your investment in Archbishop Wood High School and our tradition of excellence. Your generosity directly contributes to the ongoing crusade of protecting and sustaining the future of Catholic Education.

Blessings,
Gary V. Zimmaro
President



Dear Viking Family,

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve Archbishop Wood as the Board chair for the last couple of years. During this time my fellow Board members, in association with Archbishop Wood’s staff and administration, have embarked on a thorough assessment of the school. We interviewed stakeholders to determine

(a) the school’s strengths, (b) the areas in which Wood had opportunities to improve, and (c) how to laser focus Wood’s resources and efforts to provide our students with the best Catholic education in the region at an exceptional price. After hours of spirited discussion and constructive debate, the Board developed and unanimously approved “The Viking Vision.” The Viking Vision is Archbishop Wood’s strategic plan focused on Academic Excellence, Alumni Engagement, Development, Enrollment Expansion, and Facility Upgrades.

In addition to informing you of this “roadmap,” we are excited to celebrate Archbishop Wood’s success stories, thank those of you who have enabled our progress to date, appeal to the Viking Family to help continue the momentum and Wood’s long-standing tradition of excellence.

In closing, the Board has one simple ask of our alumni community. As you read this magazine, reflect on your time at Wood and the friends you’ve made, the teachers/coaches/administrators who helped you on your path, and the values that were instilled in you during your formidable high school years. It is our hope that after you look back, it inspires you to get engaged (if you’re not already) and consider making a gift to your alma mater with the thought that you could create that same opportunity for the current and future students of Archbishop Wood High School.

Thank you for your prayers, your advocacy, and your support!

God bless you,
Joe Barone (‘90)

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2017–2018 Points of Pride

Achieving Excellence 2017–2018

- The Class of 2018 received over \$40.6 million in scholarships and grants
- 5 National Merit Commended Students, and 1 Semi-Finalist
- 12 Neumann Scholars, 26 Maguire Scholars, 13 Connelly Achievement Scholars
- 64 Students achieved three college credits through Dual Enrollment
- Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 sat for 274 Advanced Placement Examinations
- One Member of All-Catholic Chorus, Four Members of All-Catholic Strings, Six Members of All-Catholic Band, and Two Members of All-Catholic Jazz Band
- AWHS Performing Arts Program boasts two full Broadway musicals per year
- 2018 FIRST Mid-Atlantic District Event Winner (Robotics)
- 2018 General Motors Industrial Design Award (Robotics)
- AWHS STEM Program recognized by the worldwide FIRST Robotics organization and awarded "Judge's Award"
- Top Ten Finishers in Shakespeare Competition, Chess, JV Mathletes, Speech and Debate
- Inaugural Season of Quiz Bowl .500 finish
- 80 students participated in overnight service trips
- First edition of Wood's Literary Magazine, INK
- Union League Good Citizenship Award Winner
- Intelligencer and Diocesan Art Contest Award Winners
- Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania Founders Awards
- Over \$50,000 raised in charitable donations in 2018

Philadelphia Catholic Championships

- Girls Tennis – singles
- Football-5A
- Wrestling
- Girls Swimming

District XII Championships

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Volleyball
- Football
- Wrestling
- Girls Swimming
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Lacrosse

PIAA State Finalist

- Girls Basketball

PIAA State Championship

- Football

Individual Honors

- 106 All Catholic Athletes
- 5 All State Athletes
- 8 Academic All American

Q & A with Mary Harkins

Principal of Archbishop Wood High School

Tell us about one of your favorite highlights from the 2017-2018 school year?

In April, the school community gathered for our first Academic Pep Rally. Archbishop Wood has had numerous sports and activities, pep rallies and parades but never for the reason for school...academics!

Wood had many reasons to hold an Academic Pep Rally including 110 students inducted into the National Honor Society, 6 students from the Class of 2019 recognized as National Merit Scholars and an overall increase in students' SAT scores.

Chick-fil-A sponsored the Pep Rally and promised to give our students coupons for free items if they complete 20 hours of Khan Academy, a free online SAT training program that works with the CollegeBoard to help increase scores. Our surprise guest was The Chick-fil-A Cow who joined the Viking mascot and yours truly for a dance competition. The Pep Rally concluded with an, "Are You Smarter Than Your Teacher?" competition. The students came from behind to win Chick-Fil-A gift cards...but the results are still being debated!

Students, faculty and administration had a wonderful time at the Pep Rally and look forward to continuing to celebrate Wood's academic successes.

What is Instant Decision Day at Wood? What are the benefits of the program?

Instant Decision Day is an exciting new feature at Wood that started during the 2017-2018 school year. Colleges and universities send Admissions Counselors to spend the day at Wood and meet with students to review their grades



and resumes. Qualified students are offered admission to the college as well as scholarships. The many benefits of Instant Decision Days include students gaining interview experience, having the opportunity to learn about a college they had not previously considered and obviously being very encouraged if they are accepted to a school. Finally, the amount of scholarship dollars offered increased because our students look at a wider variety of educational opportunities.

Please tell us about Wood's focus on Career Discernment.

This Improvement Strategy Goal is derived from information presented at a recent PA Association of School Counselors

Forum and aligned with ASCA's National Model of K-12 College and Career Readiness Standards. They state that schools spend too much time helping students get into college and little time helping them discern an appropriate career path. This leads to students selecting the wrong college, changing majors, spending more years in college and incurring a greater debt. Wood is building our program to include classroom instruction on career discernment, career panels, and internships. Our goal is to help our students discern their career path, select the college that best fits their intended major and find a successful college experience that prepares them for the next chapter of their lives.

Class of 2018 College & Career Paths



98% of Archbishop Wood graduates continue to post-secondary education

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| Arizona State University | Quinnipiac University |
| Boston College | Seton Hall University |
| Bucknell University | St. Charles Borromeo Seminary |
| Clemson University | St. Joseph's University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Temple University |
| Drexel University | The Catholic University of America |
| Fairfield University | The College of New Jersey |
| Fordham University | The University of Alabama |
| Gwynedd Mercy University | The University of Scranton |
| Holy Family University | The University of Tampa |
| Indiana University of Pennsylvania | University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) |
| James Madison University | University of Florida |
| Jefferson (Philadelphia University + Thomas Jefferson University) | University of Pittsburgh |
| La Salle University | United States Marine Corps |
| Lafayette College | Ursinus College |
| Moravian College | Villanova University |
| Northeastern University | Virginia Tech |
| Ohio University | West Chester University of Pennsylvania |
| Penn State University | Widener University |
| | Xavier University |

We also proudly announce that **SIX** Archbishop Wood students from the Class of 2018 will pursue a career in the trades and **ONE** student is joining the United States Marines Corps.

Class of 1967

50th Reunion



Reflections from the Class of 1967

Before one locker opened at AWHs, our class of 1967 was given a great opportunity...a gift, actually. We came from other schools and barely had time as frosh to assimilate into the high school experience. Some of us lived so far away that extracurricular activities were not practical. We came to York and Street Roads into buildings that were not complete but ready for promise. The campus had a name, two in fact, two of everything. However, it was not a school until we instilled spirit and traditions even when

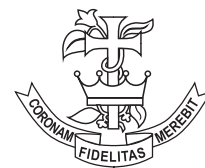
the boys and girls were kept apart. The gift of opportunity became a responsibility that we certainly did not think of in that manner. We were teenagers. Reflecting after the memorable 50th Reunion gala and brunch, and scholarship fundraising and considering how so much has changed, including us, I sense that we will always have that spirit and promise of new traditions that was there at Archbishop Wood when we closed our lockers for the last time.
- Joe Rider

We made beautiful friendships and fabulous memories. I have a friendship with 5 classmates that is more than 50 years strong! A friendship that is near and dear to my heart. Women I can count on for anything. -Lynn Greener Hanna

As the parent of four children who attended Archbishop Wood (1984 through 2011), I was constantly reminded of my own time in high school. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in sports and the fine arts performances. I also remember the fun attending many weekly dances and proms. But, most importantly, I remember the friends I made during those 3 years and how those friendships have been rekindled with our 50th year reunion. I hope that our class of '67 along with upcoming classmates of '68, '69 and beyond will continue the "Viking Spirit" with new traditions as we continue to support our Alma Mater in whatever way possible. - Joe Cotellese

Our three years at AWHs left an indelible mark on our souls. It has been said that a sign of true friendship is to not see someone for a period of time and then, when you do reconnect, be able to pick up as if you just saw the person yesterday.

So many friendships were renewed, memories and, of course, shenanigans relived. People who hadn't seen each other in fifty years are once again communicating and visiting on a regular basis.
-Jim Hartman



AWPN Archbishop Wood Professional Network

The Archbishop Wood Professional Network is dedicated to encouraging and celebrating the application of Archbishop Wood's camaraderie and value to business. By connecting our alumni, we are working to create a network

of members where we focus on helping each other in business and in life. The ultimate goal for this group is to bring together ALL alumni of Archbishop Wood High School to create an environment where alumni can reconnect and build new relationships.

Street Bar & Grill. It was thrilling to see alumni from numerous classes (1967, 1975, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1993, 2008, 2012, 2013, and 2014) representing their Alma Mater!

The founders of AWP (Chris Rahill '13 and Fran Walsh '13) were PROUD to announce that a scholarship has been started through this networking group and we now are looking forward to watching it GROW and SERVE the next generation of Vikings who desire an education at Archbishop Wood High School.

Three events have been held over the course of the 2017-2018 school year. The Inaugural event was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Mikes York





Alumni Mass & Garden Blessing

Sunday, April 22, 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to our generous donors who make our Alumni Scholarship Program possible!

Thanks to you, a grand total of \$140,575.00 was awarded to 94 incoming and current students to be put towards their promising future at Archbishop Wood High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO INCOMING FRESHMEN

Visual Art
 Jennifer Beerley Memorial Scholarship
 Skip Duffy Memorial
 Claire Finley
 Patricia Fogel Memorial
 Guiseppe Giamo
 Hirschmann Family
 The Michael S. Monaghan Scholarship
 Kelly Richards Performing Arts Scholarship
 Officer Brad Fox Foundation
 Nancy Bachich
 The Henry J. and Margaret C. Schneider Scholarship
 Coronam Fidelitas Merebit Scholarship
 The Class of 1967 Scholarship

12 new scholarships for 2018-2019

- 6 for incoming freshmen
- 6 for current students



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO CURRENT STUDENTS:

Alumni Classic
 Richard Gineczki
 Hirschmann Family
 Christopher Muldoon Scholarship
 Henry J. Schneider
 The Michael S. Monaghan Scholarship
 The Gerri Garofalo Scholarship
 The Michael Conricode Memorial Soccer Scholarship
 The Silvio M. DiPietro Memorial Scholarship
 Coronam Fidelitas Merebit Scholarship
 Performing Arts Parent Association Scholarship
 The Diane Mosco Foundation Scholarship (Seniors)
 The Diane Mosco Foundation Scholarship

9 new scholarships 2017-2018

- (About \$71,000 new scholarship dollars)
- 5 for incoming
 - 4 for current

The Jen Beerley Scholarship

By: Anne Beerley, Maggie Beerley Toner '98
and Brent Beerley '95



The Jen Beerley Scholarship started in 1993 in memory of our daughter and sister, Jennifer.

It is awarded annually to an eighth-grade graduate of Queen of Angels (formerly St. David's School) in Willow Grove.

Jen attended, what was then known as, St. David's School for eight years before entering Archbishop Wood. She was a National Honor Student, member of Student Council, Encounter retreat leader and volleyball player.

Jen's friends still say she

was the kind of girl who was nice to everyone. She was a happy, busy, well-grounded high school student who worked part-time, loved Friday night basketball games, the band U2, going down the shore with her friends and hanging out with her family.

In the spring of Jen's senior year, a routine physical for volleyball led to a surprising and crushing diagnosis of Leukemia. Jen passed away one week before her Senior Prom on Easter Day in 1992, just 6 weeks after her diagnosis.

Jen's friends and family were amazing through her battle. Their support gave us strength and still does to this day.

Jen's classmates planted a rose garden in her memory, which has now evolved into the Archbishop Wood Memorial Garden. Her aunts, friends and family organized a bowl-a-thon with the hopes of helping with her treatments. Those funds started the Scholarship. Today, many of Jen's friends and family members contribute yearly to keep the Scholarship growing.

Jen truly loved her years at Wood, it's where she became most alive. There is a special bond formed with friends made in high school. We hope the Jen Beerley Scholarship helps to give incoming freshmen a similar experience.

Every year on Jen's anniversary, a Mass is held at Queen of Angels. We are so grateful to the friends of more than 45 years who attend. We also thank the Wood community for helping keep Jen's memory alive through the Memorial Garden and the Beerley Scholarship.

Not one hour goes by that we do not think about Jen. Our hearts were broken, but left open. She lives on in many. Her life and her death taught us all to live life to the fullest.



Alumni Golf Classic

On Friday, May 11, 2018 the Alumni of Archbishop Wood came together for the 28th Annual Alumni Golf Classic Golf Outing!

Their mission with this event is to support current and future students of Archbishop Wood High School and in doing so nearly \$16,000.00 was raised!

Thank you to those who sponsored the event, golfed, purchase raffles and contributed in ways of support! Your investment contributes to the ongoing crusade of protecting and sustaining the future of Catholic Education. Every dollar raised will benefit Archbishop Wood's Scholarship Program and other school projects, as needed.

It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time supporting their Alma Mater!

**"The outing has become a tradition for my father and I having participated in it together for the past 20 years. Over that time I have golfed with former classmates, coaches, teachers and players I had coached during my 5 year stint with the football program. It is one day of the year we can all look forward to catching up and helping raise money for the school that played a huge part of our youth."
— Ed Connolly
(Class of 1993)**





Hall of Fame 2018

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating Archbishop Wood High School's 2018 Hall of Fame Induction where we honored...

Susan (DiMaria) O'Neill '85
Athletics

Admiral Henry Ulrich '68
Business/Military

Megan (Mullen) Burkhardt '91
Education/Service

Ann (Maxwell) Menna '70
Religious

Colonel William Davis '67
Service

Michael V. Conricode '86
The Viking Award



Special Thanks to Our Sponsors!

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Thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting this year's Hall of Fame Ceremony!

WAYS TO GIVE

There are several avenues for giving to Archbishop Wood that are designed to meet individual needs and stages of life. Please read below for more information about ways to give.



- Make a donation to Archbishop Wood's Annual Fund (Online or by check/cash)
- Purchase a Bench, Plant, Tree, or Paver in the Alumni Prayer Garden (Forms can be found at www.archwood.org)
- Establish a long-term Planned Giving arrangement (Please contact Sarah Hale for more information shale@archwood.org or by phone 215-672-5050 ext 227)
- If you own a business, participate in Archbishop Wood's Tax Credit Plan (EITC)
- Support students by participating in our Viking Scholarship Program
- Adopt-A-Chair Program: Each adopted chair will help to enhance the auditorium while remaining as a permanent and special tribute of the donor's loyalty and support of Archbishop Wood High School.

For your records, Archbishop Wood High School's Employer Identification Number is 23-1355131. Archbishop Wood High School's status as a 501(c) (3) organization under the Internal Revenue Service code makes contributions tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. Please consult your attorney or accountant for more information, or call the school's Development Office at 215-672-5050, ext. 227.

Archbishop Wood Welcomes Back the Hall of Fame

Do you know of a graduate who has reached a milestone or high level of achievement within his/her profession or has accomplished something of great significance? Here is your chance to have that person's accomplishment recognized!

Archbishop Wood's Hall of Fame recognized graduates for the first time in 2000 for athletic achievements. It is with great pleasure that Archbishop Wood has reinstated the Hall of Fame. This honor is given to graduates of Archbishop Wood High School. The event distinguishes six categories into which an alumni can be inducted. This is another step in our goal to reach out to our graduates and to involve them more actively.

Nominating Categories:

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT/EDUCATION
ATHLETICS
BUSINESS/MILITARY
RELIGION
SERVICE TO ARCHBISHOP WOOD AND THE WOOD COMMUNITY
THE VIKING AWARD

The Viking Award, the highest honor bestowed by Archbishop Wood High School, is awarded to an alumni who best symbolizes the spirit of a Viking. This person has achieved a level of distinction within his/her chosen field or profession and has brought extraordinary benefits to Archbishop Wood and the community.

In order for an alumni to be nominated into the Hall of Fame, it is necessary that a Nomination Form be completed. For further information or clarification, please contact the Development Office by phone 215-672-5050 ext 227 or by email shale@archwood.org

2018 Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee's Information:

Full Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Occupation _____

Reason for Nomination _____

Nominator's Information:

Full Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Please mail or email the Nomination Form to the Development Office at 655 York Road, Warminster, PA 18974 Attn: Samantha Williams or swilliams@archwood.org. Please put "Hall of Fame Nomination" in the subject line.

THANKS

to your generous donations to our 2017-2018 Annual Fund...



Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance

Supporting families who desire a Catholic Education for their children! More than \$300,000 of financial aid was given to families in need of tuition assistance



Technology

Thanks to your generous support we are able to move forward with our plans to upgrade our classrooms and renovate the spaces into areas that can be used for constructive learning. The new classroom layout promotes collaborative efforts among students and teachers that ultimately creates a college prep and real world environment.



SAT Prep Program

Thanks to your generous donations we were able to underwrite the cost of a PSAT/SAT Prep Program. This program takes place during the school year and is taught by Mr. Brodzinski and Mrs. Morris. The program concluded its first session on October 4, 2018. This session was geared for seniors taking the October SAT and juniors taking the PSAT and NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test). The PSAT Program brings together the top juniors (academically speaking) with hopes to increase our number of students recognized by the National Merit Corporation. Currently we have 5 National Merit Commended Students and 1 Semi-Finalist. Four more sessions are scheduled to take place this academic year, so that they can correspond with when the SAT is offered and to allow options for our student athletes when their athletic season concludes.



Campus Security Upgrades

When completed Archbishop Wood High School will have 52 active cameras inside and outside of the entire facility. All doors will be alarmed and if left open for a period of time, an immediate alert will go out to the school's administration via app alert and text. This new technology is a complete upgrade to our existing security system and makes our school a safer environment, so that our students can be focused on their studies, their extracurriculars, and the excitement of being young and carefree.



Art Studio Enhancement & Part Time Art Teacher

In an attempt to expand our Fine Arts Department we have created an Art Suite connected directly to our existing Art Studio. In order to enhance the program and provide an additional two periods of Art Class for our students, we have also hired a part time Art Teacher, Mrs. Susan Bauer. Mrs. Bauer's excitement to join Chris Tamburini's (Fine Arts Department Chair) team stems from having had children who attended Archbishop Wood High School. Future plans are to continue to expand the entire Fine Arts Department.

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Skip Duffy Scholarship Fundraiser

October 12, 2018

Class of 1988 Reunion

October 13, 2018

Homecoming Football Game

October 13, 2018

8th Grade Scholarship Exam

October 13, 2018

Legal Professional Alumni Network Event

October 25, 2018

Class of 1993 Reunion

November 3, 2018

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November 24, 2018

Catholic Schools Week

January 27, 2019 to February 2, 2019

Spring Open House & Mass

March 24, 2019

7th Grade Visitation

March 20, 2019

7th Grade Practice Exam

March 30, 2019

Brad Fox 5k

April 6, 2019

Hall of Fame

April 26, 2019

Class of 1969 Reunion

April 27, 2019

Michael S. Monaghan Scholarship Concert

April 27, 2019

Alumni Mass & Garden Blessing

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Viking Fund Concludes Make Your Gift

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