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# tradition

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Dear Alumni & Supporters,

As we travel through uncharted waters with this corona virus pandemic, we all face the harsh reality that we often take for granted some of the things that mean the most to us in life. The beginning of spring and the start of the last quarter are typically the start of many exciting and joyful occasions at Roger Bacon. Spring sports, the musical, concerts, the Evening for Excellence auction dinner, prom, academic awards and graduation are just a few of the special events, which are now in jeopardy. However, without any question, what I miss the most is seeing the faces and hearing the voices of our students, staff and faculty interacting each day.



TOM BURKE '69, PRESIDENT

Like true Spartans, we are adjusting to the new normal. It is exciting to see our faculty and students find new ways to learn and stay connected in an online learning environment. People are becoming very creative to reach out and stay in touch. While some glitches are inevitable, we are very impressed thus far at the discipline and hard work maintained by our students and faculty to keep the academic and personal growth happening.

The theme of this edition is “BEING FRANCISCAN,” and I cannot think of a more appropriate theme for the times we are facing. In our morning prayer today, Mrs. Johanna Becker, a religion teacher, stated, “Remember, St. Francis embraced the lepers and brought healing to those around him. St. Francis trusted in God, and God provided the strength to face whatever came his way.” Like St. Francis, we need more than ever to place our hope and faith in God.

If you have ever wondered about the need and importance of being Franciscan in the lives of our students, I hope you read closely the essays submitted by our students in this issue describing their emotions and reaction to going to online learning. You sense just how important the Spartan family is to their well-being and the many things they might have taken for granted before that they now cherish more than ever.

As always, we appreciate the support and involvement of our friends and supporters, particularly during these troubled times. We know that many of our students and their families are being adversely affected by the economic slowdown that is occurring. We have established a Tuition Assistance Fund to help families needing additional assistance this year. In addition to financial assistance, we ask for your prayers and support through these trying times.

From a personal standpoint, I cannot think of a better group of people to face the challenges we face today than the Spartan family. *Thank you for being you.*

Tom Burke '69  
President

May

- 14 Alumni Association Meeting
- 15 Alumni Golf Outing

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 2 Graduation Mass and Awards
- 3 Graduation Ceremony
- 26 Alumni Golf Outing
- 26-29 Underwater Hockey Nationals
- 27 Evening for Excellence (EFE)

July

- 7 - Aug. 2 Building is Closed
- 28 Opening School Mass

August

- 7 First Friday Mass
- 19 First Day of School

September

- 4 First Friday Mass
- 7 Labor Day - No School
- 9 Meet the Teacher Night
- 11 Grandparents Day
- 16-24 Assisi Scholars Trip

October

- 2 All School Mass - Feast of St. Francis
- 2 Homecoming
- 3 First Friday Mass
- 10 Alumni Open House

These dates are subject to change due to the Coronavirus shut-downs set in the month of March, 2020.

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COVER: All-School Reconciliation Mass in the Fine Arts Center.

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Keep in touch with high school friends  
and stay abreast of Roger Bacon events!



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# THE MAGIC OF ROGER BACON

*by Rob Rickenbaugh '90*

*The magic of Roger Bacon and the RB experience begins as students at our beloved school. Making friends that will last a lifetime in the classrooms and hallways. Our four years seem to fly by, and before you know it, you are in those last few months as seniors, celebrating success while preparing to say “goodbye” to Roger Bacon. For the first time in 92 years, the last day in the hallways of RB won't be in May or June. Instead, it was in March, as Roger Bacon students moved to online learning as the United States dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*The following essays by current Roger Bacon students are to serve as a time capsule of sorts for this historical moment in time. Yet, they also serve as proof that the magic of Roger Bacon is bigger than the physical hallways and classrooms. These students, all students, and our faculty, staff and alumni are Roger Bacon, and the beauty of this experience lives in each one of us.*

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*Corinne Crowe '22*

I miss Roger Bacon—I don't think there is any other way I can begin to explain how I'm feeling right now. Not being able to go to school has been much more difficult than I expected, and I'm sure many other students would agree. While we've gotten a bit of a break from the stresses of high school, we've lost all the good things that came with it as well. I miss the energy from our student section, Franciscan Masses, dances with friends, group service projects, soccer teammates, my teachers, all the memories and traditions, I miss everything about it really.

I'm involved in many things at school including soccer, the school musical Singin' in the Rain, Community Outreach, Student Senate, and several other groups that take up a lot of my time, so I've always been busy with one thing or another at school each day. Now that I can't go do those things at school, it feels like I've lost a lot, but instead of dropping it all or giving up, I've kept on working towards these things with the help and support of those I know in the RB community. Although I'm still working on what I can, it has still been a bit of a struggle without others right next



to me doing these activities. For the musical especially, it's been a challenge. This is the first show at Bacon that I've been in the cast for, and having a big role has been scary, but exciting. Everyone who is a part of the show has been working so hard, and having it potentially not happen because of these current events would be awful.

I'd do just about anything if it meant I got to finish out my sophomore year the way I had planned, but I'm lucky enough to have people around me who understand my struggle and are going through the same changes. I feel even worse for seniors, who are in their last few months of high school, getting

During a time when it would be easy to be depressed or feel hopeless about the news and media, the Roger Bacon faculty has been doing a great job of keeping spirits high by posting daily announcement videos, sending emails with encouraging messages to everyone, and reminding students to make the most of their current situation. I don't think I would be managing everything going on as well as I have been without their constant love and support. The fact that they still put in so much effort to be here for us when they have their own kids and personal lives to worry about shows how dedicated they are to their students.



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ready for senior nights, prom, graduation, and so much more that might not go the way it was supposed to. It's hard for all of us to lose this time during high school, but I'm sure it must hurt a little more for the seniors. Missing out on all this time with the seniors I love is very difficult considering the fact that soon they'll be off to college and I was expecting more time with them before they left. I hope I've been able to show them how much I love them and appreciate them for being a part of my life at Bacon.

I've been appreciating the time I am now spending with my family because we actually have time to do things together, and I've also been appreciating the outdoors more now that there isn't as much for me to do away from home. I go on my phone less and revisit activities I had stopped doing when I got more involved at school. I'm realizing that I've been missing simple things like sitting outside on a sunny day with my dog and talking to neighbors, six feet apart of course. I hope that everyone else can find some positives to their situation as I have, and I hope that everyone is healthy and doing well. We may be in a tough situation, but I think that being a part of the Roger Bacon community has made it easier. The support we've got for each other is incredible, and I'm lucky to be a part of something so special and have that support through a time like this.

## Annabelle Merz '20

Most people who know me know how much Roger Bacon means to me. For those who don't, let me share this anecdote. I cried my eyes out freshman year when someone made an offhand comment that said "Wow, we're 1/16th done with high school!" I love Roger Bacon so much. I love all of the amazing faculty, the lunch ladies, the teachers, the janitors, and the administration. What truly makes it special is my fellow students. Whether it be driving the underclassmen to soccer or laughing my head off in flex, the best memories I have made in this world have been with the people I have been lucky enough to meet at school. Every year it seems as though I get to make 130 new friends.



last months of senior year is everything. I have spent a lot of time working on events that benefited the seniors that went before me because I knew I would one day be in their shoes; I wanted their experiences to be the absolute best it could be. What were our final weeks going to look like? Will the class of 2020 ever get to have a senior prom? As president of senate I've seen firsthand how hard our Dance Committee has worked to get ready for it. Was all of it a waste? The powderpuff game was cancelled last year due to the stadium renovation, will we never do that too? I recently joined the new lacrosse program; we were supposed to have our first game the first Monday

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I, like most students, heard about this three week "break" and became excited. I think it's only natural that children feel happy when school gets cancelled. I slowly started to regret feeling this elation. I walked around school Friday, March 13th with normalcy. Nothing will change; we will be back in 3 weeks. While walking to my 6th bell I heard two of my fellow seniors talking in the hallway. "I heard someone say the governor thinks three weeks won't be enough." The other student replied, "What if this is our last day of school at Roger Bacon?" I stopped dead in my tracks. It seemed as though my whole world slowed down around me. Even people who hate high school wanted to end it right. The

of the quarantine. It is difficult for me that our season has ended before it has even begun and I've never even played the sport before. I can't even imagine what the four year players are going through right now. Will our spring seniors ever get a chance to have a senior night? Or will their favorite thing be cancelled, some of them to never play the sport again? The same token can be said about the spring musical, the Fine Arts Festival, and the Service Awards. What about the quiet freshman who's only social interaction is a hello in the hallway from a senior leader? Role models are being torn away from people who need them. Many people speak about how connected our



generation is. Regardless of how true this may be, there is no greater connection than sitting in flex and seeing Trent and Sean joke around and annoy Mrs. Romolo. There is no replacement for seeing Mr. Schad singing or Mr. Burke with his wide smile in the lunch room. There is no replacement for circle pizza, burrito bowls, and cookies at lunch. Most of all, there is no replacement for the remarkable group of people everyone has grown accustomed to seeing every day.

Charlie Johnstone, my best friend and class VP worded the senior class' thoughts very well: "The thing I think I'm gonna be most disappointed about is not having the opportunity to say goodbye. Because that's what those last few weeks are, a long goodbye before everyone leaves for the next big thing. Those last few days once AP testing is over and the teachers start giving less and less work, have been so much fun and so meaningful even in years previous. This year was supposed to be the one that they meant the most, where some

people get to have their last moments together. It's sad to think that March thirteenth could be the very last time I might ever have had a normal class day at this school, and that I may never see some of my teachers in person from that day on. Leaving Roger Bacon wasn't going to be easy in the first place, but leaving nearly three months earlier than we're supposed to; it's heartbreaking to think about."

At the end of the day, as tough as it is, it isn't about us.

We may miss out on these next two months of traditions but we didn't miss out on the first 15/16th of our high school. We were lucky enough to bond on the three incredible Kairos retreats and go to all the Friday night football games decked out in the themes. Friendships we have made will last for the rest of our lives. Nothing will ever replace my love for Roger Bacon. I know that the class of 2020 will forever have a home in the hearts of everyone who got to know us. You can be sure that this isn't the last you'll hear from us. Life goes on. We will endure. Spartan mentality always.

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## Arrington Walker '20

As you probably know, this year was a really strong year for Roger Bacon Girls basketball, and I am so happy and proud to be a part of this fantastic team. But I have to say, losing such an important game we never should have lost hurts beyond measure. Seeing your teammates breakdown crying, seeing the hurt on our coaches faces, and just the overall pain of our season being actually over hurts bad. But the worse part for me was taking my uniform off. I did not want that night to be the last time we'd all say "FAMILY" on 3. And I for sure did not want that night to be the last time I'd wear a basketball uniform. That night a part of my life went away, my Roger Bacon Girls basketball career was over. It has



pandemic caused all school activities to stop, including softball practices. The pandemic is a really unfortunate event for everyone, including seniors. We look forward to events that happen the last couple months of school like prom, senior lock in, and senior prank. And for spring athletes, these months are our season. I was really looking forward to my last softball season at Bacon because this would be the best season yet! The part I miss most about Bacon is my teachers. When I read their emails for assignments, they always add something cheerful that just reminds me of how genuine they are. I miss hearing Mrs. Reinbach's funny voices, Mrs. Karle's

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taken a while for me to not to get sad when someone mentions our season. I'm still sad it is over, but I am so happy to be a part of something so special and to have bonded and make memories with such great people these last four years.

Although my basketball career for RB was over, I was looking forward to my last softball season for Bacon before I play softball at NKU next year. I was looking forward to breaking more records and having a more successful season with our new head coach, Jason Prunest. He had gotten our team really excited and pumped for this season. But unfortunately as we got the ball rolling, the

funny faces and Mrs. Bergmann telling me to pay attention. These are things I took for granted, but I miss them everyday. But I am thankful Mr. Schad posts the morning announcements on Twitter because it continues some normalcy. I wish I could be in school right now making memories with my friends at Bacon instead of having to FaceTime them. Having to physically stop going to school so suddenly feels weird. It's not like when we graduate, you are anticipating it and you mentally prepare to not be going anymore. You tell yourself to soak it all in the last couple days of school. But we didn't really have a chance to soak in the last few days because we didn't know it would be the last.



## Josiah McGee '20

When it comes to my senior year, I find it quite unfortunate that part of it if not all of it is being swept away from me. We are fighting as a nation and as a world against a virus - COVID-19. I might lose my chance to attend my Senior Prom, my Senior Lock-In, and lastly my own chance to walk across the graduation stage.

Online school, in my opinion, isn't nearly as great as actual school; however, our faculty and staff have really stepped up making this a much smoother process. Students have expressed not wanting online school while the teachers have as well - but we are doing this not by our own choice. It was either online schooling, or a shrunk-

en summer. I am sure that I can attest for most of my peers if not all when I say this - we do not want a shorter summer.



As much as I like being at home and not having to wake up at 5:30am to get to school around 7:00am to see my math teacher, I miss school, I miss the community. I don't get to get out of my house much and hang out with my friends as much as I would like, so I really counted on school to see my friends and see my favorite faculty such as Mrs. Karle (She has

helped me with so many things and I'm grateful to have gotten to know her).

I miss Bacon, I miss the community and I miss the individuals who I have built relationships with. Being on lockdown until the end of the school year is not something I or any other senior wants to do. I want to finish school IN school with my friends, with the teachers, with the community.

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## Kelly Brenner '20

They weren't kidding when they said the high school years flew by.

Four years ago, the class of 2020 were just freshmen wondering the halls of what would become their home for the next four years. Now, in 2020, we are getting ready to make the decision of where we want to spend the NEXT four years. It's a bittersweet end. Unfortunately in light of recent events, we aren't approaching this end in the same way that every previous graduating classes have been able to. Instead of being able to soak in the hallways of Roger Bacon and enjoy our last few months at RB, we were moved to online



to say goodbye. Even if the corona virus had not taken from our senior class the goodbye would still be difficult. When May comes, no matter the

circumstance, we all must prepare to say goodbye to teachers, friends, and the school that has turned all of us into the mature, prepared, and amazing people that we are.

Personally, I can say that Roger Bacon as a whole has prepared me for a future of success and growth. Education has always been one of the most important aspects of life to me, and at RB that feeling was reciprocated. Every year, I was blessed with teachers who were dedicated to helping me succeed. They were

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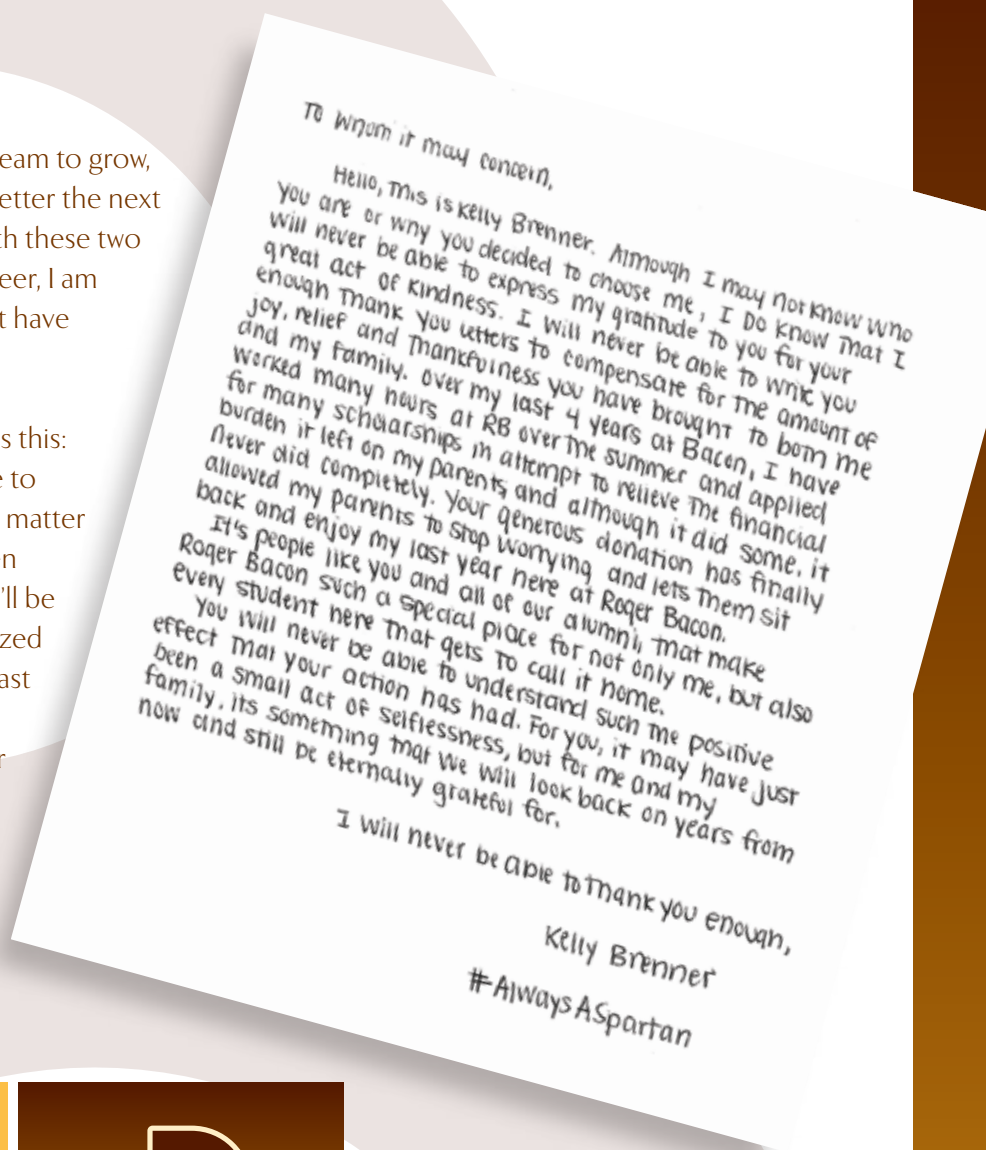
instruction. Now, instead of worrying about exams or a test, we are worried if we'll be able to experience the simple things. Simple things like eating in the cafeteria with our friends, having class discussions with our favorite teachers, and passing familiar faces in the hallway. It's these simple things that made Roger Bacon our home for these past few years, and I can confidently say that almost every senior is heartbroken that we may have experienced our last "simple things" on March 13th. It's been things such as homecomings and proms, gyms packed full for sporting events, the Fine Arts Center full for musicals and plays, and the amazing staff that fills Roger Bacon that it makes it so hard

always available to me when I needed them. Every single faculty member, whether I had them in a class or not, cared about preparing me for my future beyond high school. These same aspects laid over to my sports teams. In both volleyball and basketball, my teams and I experienced many triumphs. Our teams built a legacy for girls sports at Roger Bacon. My senior year in sports was the most memorable. It was a year of wins and losses, both on and off the court. It was a year of friendships and family. It was a year of breaking records and setting a tone for the future. But most of all, it was a year of growth. The heartbreaking losses that ended both the seasons of basketball and volley



ball helped me to grow, it helped our team to grow, and helped the desire to come back better the next year grow. Without my experiences with these two sports throughout my high school career, I am 100% able to say that my life would not have been the same.

With all of this, the moral of the story is this: Roger Bacon is my home. As I've come to closing this, I've realized that it doesn't matter if I'll be able to walk the halls in between classes again before we graduate or if I'll be able to sit in on another class. I've realized that the memories and stories these past four years have provided me with will last a lifetime, and it's these that matter that most. It's the faculty, the teams, and the peers that make Roger Bacon home, not the building. It's the people, past, present, and future, who make you proud to always be a Spartan.



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*Ed Alander '21*

This quarantine "situation" has made me realize how many positive interactions I have with people on a daily basis at Roger Bacon. I have already started running out of things to do at home. I even started cleaning the house (much to the delight of my mom). It would be a shame if we



didn't get to return this school year. I was really looking forward to volleyball season, which may very well be postponed till next year. I have a number of friends in the senior class and I will be so disappointed if I don't get to see them again as we finish out this school year.

# Spread the word CLASS of 2024

Legacy Students  
\* Freshman Honors Program Students

by Brandon Cowans, Director of Admission

Spread the word, we have once again exceeded our goal for the incoming freshman class.

Parents and students choose to be Spartans for many reasons. One of those reasons is to continue a rich family tradition. We are thrilled that fifty-seven percent of the incoming class is continuing a family legacy at Roger Bacon. However, the most important reason people choose us, is our Franciscan charism. Being Franciscan is not just a marketing point or something mentioned when convenient. Being Franciscan is at the core of everything we do – it is who we are. As the Class of 2024 enters Roger Bacon, they will learn and embody the values that we hold dear. More importantly, those values will stay with them long after they leave Roger Bacon, guiding them to being Franciscan men and women.

*Welcome to the family,  
Class of 2024!*

Jamie Allen	Alexander Gapultos	* Elise Meyer
Raniya Allen	Ava Gastélum	Chloe Mitchell
Maya Allensworth	* John Geers	* Lily Moore
Isaiah Anderson	* Adam Ghering	* Ryan Mulcahey
Larry Anderson	Jamie Gowans	Maria Murillo-Contreras
Sophia Barlow-Siegel	Devon Grant	Cohen Murphy
Avery Battle	Tanner Gruenwald	Nathan Murphy
James Baverman	Quinnayah Hand	* Alexander Navarro
Emma Bays	Nicholas Harden	Vashara Nelson
* Conner Beierle	Trevor Hatfield	* Jacob Nevius
Lucas Beiting	Kyle Hauser	* Kelsey Niesen
* Finnegan Bell	Charles Hawkins	* Katherine Palermo
Carlie Berry	* Kaeley Hawkins	Joslynn Parker
Joshua Blank	Mariah Henderson	Samantha Pennington
Jacob Blanton	Rosa Hernandez	Amanda Penson
Cynthia Boyle	Mallory Holt	* Andrew Peters
Bryce Bryant	Rylie Hungler	* Charles Peters
* Ethan Buckley	Jah'Mir Hutsell	Eleanor Phelps
* Maria Buerger	Adorie Ingram	Braden Pinyard
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		Olivia Tomlin
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		* Emilia Voss
		Ernest Walker
		Kamilla Walker
		Aden Walls
		Nicholas Weigand
		* Julia Whitman
		* Peter Wilke
		Amaria Wilkinson
		Ryan Zestermann





When I first arrived at Roger Bacon nine years ago, I remember asking our friars for a marketing phrase we could use to sum up what being Franciscan meant. I never received a cute or succinct phrase that adequately defined “Franciscan.” I frequently heard words such as “humble,” “disciplined” or “simple” to describe our friars. While each description is correct, individually they fail to capture the essence of the Franciscan way. After being a part of Roger Bacon for almost a decade, I believe the Franciscan charism can be summed up in a simple phrase: *everyone has value*. St. Francis saw value in all of God’s creation, be it nature, animals or other people – even the most outcast of society, the lepers. It is this foundational belief that underscores our actions at Roger Bacon. The “*caring and challenging environment*” our mission statement calls us to establish is based on the fundamental belief that everyone has value. This belief, embraced by our faculty, staff and students, is the primary reason that Roger Bacon has a waiting list and has become the Catholic coed school of choice in Cincinnati. It does not matter where you live, the size of your house, your last name, the car you drive or the clothes you wear – everyone has value. Most importantly, that value is recognized and fostered by our entire school community.

As I write this, our campus is closed and we are in the middle of online instruction brought on by the pandemic. It has been a challenging time for everyone – teachers, students and parents. Yet, I am extremely proud of how everyone has rallied together to make the best out of a very difficult situation. In

times like these, we fall back on our Franciscan values of compassion, discipline, gratitude, acceptance and joy to carry us through. We continue to provide the best quality education possible, regardless the trying circumstances, in a Franciscan atmosphere where everyone is valued. *It is who we are and what we do.*

I close with a prayer from a Novena to Saint Francis found on Franciscan Media: “*Lord of all Creation, Francis of Assisi had great respect for everything you have made: trees, birds, worms, sunsets, rainbows, fire, water – and even lepers. Help us not to be stingy with our respect for all of your creation because, properly appreciated, it will always lead us back to you and to the harmony you have always intended us to enjoy.*”

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, a sincere thank you for your support. With your prayers and assistance, we confidently move “*forward to greater things.*” God bless you, and God bless Roger Bacon.



Steve Schad  
Principal





Every year judges for the **SCIENCE FAIR** always comment about the creativity of ideas of our students. This year projects that earned a superior rating were eligible to move to the District Science Fair at The University of Cincinnati.

Congratulations to the following students for earning a Superior rating:

**BIOLOGY:** Trevor Ogilvie, Nolan Wall, McKenzie Healy, Maya Lee, Emliy Macey, Reese Hill, Clare Hoffman and Grace Hoffman

**PHYSICS:** Dylan Cianciolo, John Bentley and Jack Hudgens

**ENGINEERING:** Cammy Niesen

**CHEMISTRY:** Logan Evans and Gus Kleinfeldt

This year's overall winner for the whole Science Fair was **Dylan Cianciolo**, winning a total of \$750!



On February 3, students and faculty raised \$975.60 for the **SAINT BALDRICK FOUNDATION** to help conquer childhood cancer. Thirty-four students and faculty members bravely volunteered to have their hair cut or shaved at this second annual **RB HAIRLESS HERO DAY**. Each Spartan sold tickets to have their head shaved or hair cut. Hair was donated to help make wigs for children experiencing hair loss from cancer treatment or other illnesses. Those who bought tickets were placed into a lottery for a chance to shave/cut the hair of their Hero (alongside an adult supervisor). Project leaders **Anna Merz '20**, **Lucas Strunc '20**, and **Sam Mumper '21** planned and organized the entire process, from sign-ups and fundraising to the final event. All three also volunteered to have their own hair cut or shaved! Their dedication and enthusiasm made this event possible.



## THE HALLS @ RB

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### Youth of the Year Award

**Sam Mumper '20** was recognized by the **NORTHWEST EXCHANGE CLUB** November with **THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD**. This award recognizes several area youths who are high school juniors. Winners are selected throughout the school year by an interview team and selection is based on academics, leadership, school activities and community service. Sam was presented with a personalized plaque and a \$1,000 US Savings Bond. In addition, she will have an opportunity to compete as a senior for additional scholarship awards at district, state and national levels.





# Catholic Schools Week

**Craig McGee '17** spoke at the November **RB180** gathering. Craig, a sophomore at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, averaged 14 points in basketball in his freshman season and was looking for a breakout year with the Fightin' Engineers this past season. Craig talked to our students about his college experience, his basketball career and the importance of his Christian faith.

Teacher **Michael Mason** organized another great event in February for **RB180**. **Fr. Alex McCullough** spoke to our athletes during a flex period. He is the pastor of the Winton/Wyoming Pastoral Region and a native Cincinnati from St. Bernard. He attended St. Clement grade school, then Covington Latin School and completed his undergraduate studies at Christendom College in Front Royal, Virginia, where he played baseball. He loved every minute of his time playing college baseball, especially the "fraternity" in the dugout! Fr. McCullough enjoyed talking to our students about lessons for faith and life that can be learned from sports.

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**THREE NEW MEMBERS** were added to our fine BR staff: **Jessica Smith** joined the Guidance Department, **Greg Niehaus** joined the Social Studies Department and **Robin Rice** as an intervention specialist. Robin replaced Samantha Carpenter as the Special Education Department chairperson.



**Catholic Schools Week** is a special week celebrated at RBHS every year in late January to early February.

**Monday:** A teleconference was held with the Archbishop and a "gratitude" e-mail was sent to parents and benefactors. This was arranged by teacher **Johanna Becker**.

**Tuesday:** Select students attended Mass at the Cathedral with the Archbishop. Lunch in the cafeteria was free for all RB students.

**Wednesday:** The annual all-school Mass was held in the Fine Arts Center. After Mass the teacher/staff recognition for years of service

to Catholic education was held. A free lunch was provided for all faculty and staff. Students were asked to send a "thank-you" postcard to a favorite Catholic elementary school teacher.

**Thursday:** The Talent Show (pictured above) was held in the Fine Arts Center.

**Friday:** RB Spirit dress-down day raised money for Kiva microloans, the Franciscan Assembly (brown and white day) was held. The special week ended with the school's Science Fair for all.



## Holiday Help!

Every year during the Christmas season, our students collect food, gift cards and certificates for the **ASSIST-A-FAMILY** program.

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## THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In addition to the annual **CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT RB** on December 13, music students participated in a vigorous music travel schedule. From December 6 through December 18, they performed at St. Peter and Paul, St. Gabriel, St. Clement, St. Francis Seraph, Our Lady of Grace, St. Ignatius, John Paul II, Corryville Catholic and St. Vivian schools.

To everyone that attended and supported the Music Department Christmas concert in December, thank you! The concert Band, RB3, Chamber Choir and Chorale "brought the packed house down" with Christmas fun for the whole family.



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### SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

This year's **SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS** are listed and pictured right. The judges reviewed nearly 5,000 pieces submitted. Works were judged on originality, technical skills, and the emergence of personal vision or voice. We are proud to announce this year's award recipients. Roger Bacon students won 90 individual awards. A local exhibition was held at the Art Academy of Cincinnati in February. An awards ceremony was held on February 21 at the School for Creative and Performing Arts.

The students who won awards are as follows:

#### GOLD KEY

*Adam Badinghaus, Noor Essakalli, Riley Finan, Kaylee Johannes, Erin Kennedy, Abbie Schneider, Rafaela Schomburgk, Maleah Sherman, Morgan Snyder, Abigail Stewart, Natalie Borgert, Anna Merz, Sasa Ortiz, Carissa Beierle*

#### SILVER KEY

*Adam Badinghaus, Carissa Beierle, Natalie Borgert, Kaylee Johannes, Erin Kennedy, Abbie Schneider, Anna Merz, Belle Nye, Maleah Sherman, Abigail Stewart, Noor Essakalli, Endia White*

#### HONORABLE MENTION

*Izzy Accurso, Adam Badinghaus, Natalie Borgert, Noor Essakalli, Mia Grooms, Kaylee Johannes, Kaycee Johannes, Erin Kennedy, Brooklyn Myers, Belle Nye, Abbie Schneider, Rafaela Schomburgk, Abigail Stewart, Anna Merz, Sasa Ortiz, Carissa Beierle, Endia White, Grace Metz, Maleah Sherman, Jinxing Wu*

Congratulations to all our talented Spartans!





## AMERICAN VISIONS & VOICES AWARD

**Natalie Borgert '22** (pictured below left) has been nominated for the prestigious **AMERICAN VISIONS & VOICES AWARD**. Of 5,000 pieces submitted to the annual Scholastic Art and Writing competition, Natalie's work was one of only five selected for this honor.

Five works of writing and five works of art from each region are selected by local judges as American Visions and Voices Nominees, who are then celebrated in local exhibitions and ceremonies. From the pool of nominees, a panel of jurors in New York City will select one writer and one artist from each region to receive an American Vision Medal. These medalists are celebrated at the National Exhibition in New York City.

Here is what Natalie's art teachers had to say:

*"Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Natalie Borgert! As her photography teacher, I am through the moon proud and excited for Natalie. Since Natalie's freshman year, she has shown such talent and promise as an artist, especially a photographer. I could not wait to have her in Photography class. I feel so fortunate to be able to have her in class, even if for only one semester. I wish Natalie the best, and am so happy for her. This is the first time a student from Roger Bacon has received this award. She puts in a ton of hard work and I am glad she is being recognized for it!" – Mrs. Emily Bruns*

*"Natalie innately documents her life by shooting what she loves and the family around her. She has found a pocket of expression, and the art world is starting to take notice. Hopefully we get to continue to hone this amazing talent. So much love appreciation her way, best of luck Natalie!" – Mrs. Kelly Reinbach*





## NATIONAL MEDAL AWARDS

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers presented **Anna Merz** and **Noor Essakalli** with the **NATIONAL MEDAL AWARDS**. Anna Merz won a gold medal for her work "*Vacant*" (pictured right) and Noor Essakalli a silver medal for "*Synchronized*" (pictured below right). More than 110,000 students submitted nearly 320,000 works of art to the 2020 Scholastic Awards. The work of our students was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Only 3,000 works received a National Medal, which places our student(s) within the top 1% of all submissions! They are now part of that legacy, joining the ranks of notable alumni, including *Tschabalala Self*, *Stephen King*, *Kay Walking Stick*, *Charles White*, *Joyce Carol Oates*,



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and **Andy Warhol**—all of whom won Scholastic Awards when they were teens. We are proud to publish the work of our student(s) in the Online Galleries at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org) in June. Their name(s) will also be listed in the *Yearbook 2020*, a companion publication to *The Best Teen Art* and *The Best Teen Writing* anthologies which feature a selection of work by National Medalists. Gold medal recipient's work will be on display in New York for the National Ceremony held in June.



## THREE SOLDOUT SHOWS!

The Roger Bacon Drama Guild presented **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK** in November of 2019 to three sellout audiences. Based on the true words written by Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl living in hiding for two years, the Cast of ten and Crew of twenty-seven, the students pulled off a very moving production. The set and props were authentic to the time period while the lighting design illuminated the realistic layout of the "Secret Annex". With each performance lead by freshman **Lucy Wang** as Anne, the Drama Guild presented a high caliber and dramatic production not seen at Roger Bacon in many years.

# BACON Arts



"I flipped a coin,  
I got RB, and the  
rest is history!"



# A Flip of the Coin

Each student has his or her own unique story about what led them to Roger Bacon. Many of these stories are unusual or even surprising, but *Ed Alander's* path to RB was especially unique.

"You might not want to hear this," Ed said, "but...I flipped a coin. I got accepted to two great schools, and I couldn't choose. So yep. I flipped a coin, I got RB, and the rest is history!" For those who know Ed, this decision-making process may not come as a surprise. Ed is an easy-going guy who always has a smile on his face. He wasn't afraid to leave his high school path up to a little chance. Looking back, though, that coin flip feels like more than chance—it led Ed to Roger Bacon for a reason, and he can't imagine being anywhere else.

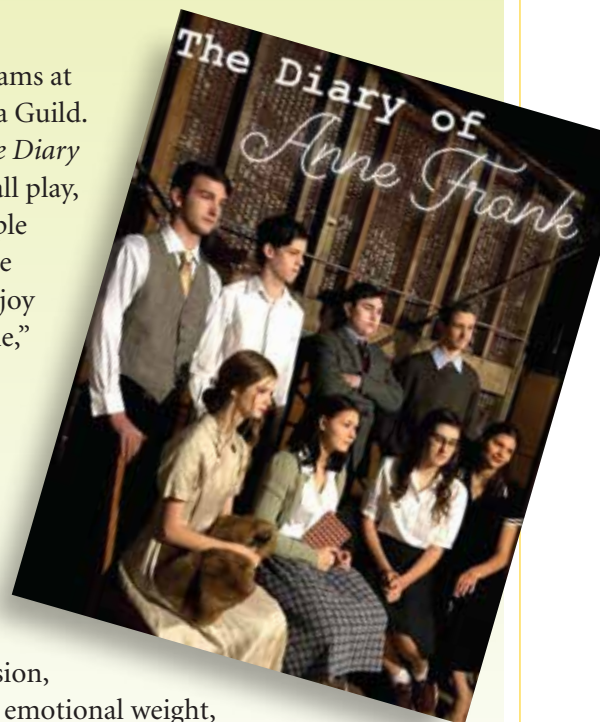
Since freshman year, Ed has been involved in many clubs and teams at Roger Bacon, including God Squad, Boys' Volleyball, and Drama Guild. Ed starred as Otto Frank in the Drama Guild's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* (pictured right). Ed also had a role in last year's fall play, *Our Miss Brooks*, and he has had positions in the crew on multiple other productions. Ed enjoys being part of Drama Guild because of the welcoming atmosphere. "I like acting, but most of all I enjoy working with such a good group of easygoing, welcoming people," Ed said.

Choir and Drama Director Ms. Catie Murray praised the way Ed lives out many Franciscan Values, both in his work on stage and in the way he interacts with teachers and classmates. Ms. Murray said, "For the past three years, Ed has shown us time and again how adaptable he is to any role. He played the role of Mr. Otto Frank in *The Diary of Anne Frank* and Ed holds true to Otto's characteristics of humility, fraternity and compassion, three of our Franciscan Values. Taking on this large role with its emotional weight, Ed put extra work to make it his own. His performance (and voice!) as Otto was unforgettable."

As a member of God Squad, Ed also helps to plan school Masses and other worship opportunities. Theology teacher and God Squad advisor Mrs. Johanna Becker spoke about Ed's contributions to the group. "Ed is awesome!!" said Mrs. Becker, "He is dependable, kind, and responsible. Ed is a role model for how to live out one's faith. He is humble, and has an awesome sense of humor. I depend on him A LOT in God Squad."

Academically, Ed has especially enjoyed the opportunity to take Philosophy this year. Philosophy is a new elective, taught by Mr. Michael Mason. "I got a little bit interested in philosophy over the summer," Ed explained. "I was excited when I found out it would be offered as a class this fall. Mr. Mason has had a huge impact on me this year as my Philosophy teacher. He has opened my eyes to a bunch of new ideas. He poses questions and problems that really challenge me and make me think more deeply about so many things."

In addition to being the Face of RB, Ed will soon be the voice of RB as well! He is involved in creating a brand-new podcast about Roger Bacon. The podcast, titled *Hail Spartans*, will cover a wide range of stories and aspects of life at RB. "I'm really excited about the podcast," said Ed. "We have some creative ideas to make it entertaining and enlightening, sharing perspectives from current students, alumni, teachers, and staff."



Congratulations to *Kylee Sheppard '21* who was voted **GCL CO-ED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**. Kylee averaged 12.1 points, 4.7 assists and 3.8 steals per game. What a season for Kylee and the Lady Spartan basketball team!



# ATHLETICS @ RB



## Next Level... RB Signing Day!

In February, 13 Spartans committed to continue their academic and athletic careers at the next level. In front of the entire school, our student athletes celebrated **NATIONAL SIGNING DAY** with family and friends. Congratulations to the following Spartans: **Ryan Blaut** (Football - Thomas More University), **Ryan Lally** (Football - Denison University), **Nolan Tebbe** (Football - Thomas More), **James Thompson, Jr.** (Football - University of Wisconsin), **Lindsay Ballinger** (Soccer - Thomas More University), **Taylor Stahl** (Soccer - Thomas More University), **Evan Kelsey** (Baseball - Wilmington College), **Jake Brookbank** (Baseball - Wilmington College), **Dillon Fischer** (Baseball - Earlham College), **Kelly Brenner** (Basketball - Thomas More University), **Lyric Harris** (Basketball - Long Island University), **Karly Niesen** (Volleyball - Urbana University), **Arrington Walker** (Softball - Northern Kentucky University).



# 2020 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS & AWARDS

## GCLC Winter All-Stars

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### 1ST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Kylie Sheppard '21

#### 2ND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Clarissa Craig '21

#### 3RD TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Kelly Brenner '20

#### GCL CO-ED POY

Kelly Brenner '20

#### 1ST TEAM ALL-GCL

Kelly Brenner '20

Clarissa Craig '21

Kylie Sheppard '21

#### 2ND TEAM ALL-GCL

Lyric Harris '20

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### 1ST TEAM ALL-GCL

Marjoni Tate '21

#### 2ND TEAM ALL-GCL

Mason Cromer '20

### BOWLING

#### 1ST TEAM ALL-GCL

Alexis Burgess '21

Lily Crigler '21

### WRESTLING

#### 1ST TEAM ALL-GCL

Jake Mumper '20

#### 2ND TEAM ALL-GCL

James Allen '23

Nolan Wall '22

### SWIMMING

#### H.M. TEAM ALL-GCL

Brooklyn Myers '22



**CORRECTION!** In the winter *Tradition* magazine, **Evan Webb '21** was not listed with the Football Awards. Evan was 2nd Team All-MVC Tight End.



Roger Bacon is excited to announce the addition of **GIRLS LACROSSE** to its spring sport offerings. More than 30 Spartans joined the team for the inaugural season, led by head coach **Ashley Deburger '15**.





Congratulations to senior **Kelly Brenner '20!** On December 21, at Fenwick High School, in a 62-32 win she became the third member of the RB girls' basketball program to score **1,000 CAREER POINTS**. Kelly ended her high school career scoring 1,222 points and for "knocking down" 208 three-pointers which both rank #1 in school history. Kelly isn't just a great basketball player; she was also a three-year starter for the girls' volleyball program, an Assisi Scholar, and ranked first in her class! Next year, she plans to continue her basketball career at Thomas More University.



The **GIRLS BOWLING TEAM** finished 6th at the sectionals. Leading the way was **Lily Crigler** with a 453 series. Lily went to Districts as an individual bowler. **Belle Nye** added a 406 series and a 144 high game. The team finished with 14 wins, and finished second in the GCL-Coed. **Bell Nye '21, Lily Crigler '21, Alexis Burgess '21, Abbie Schneider '21, and Abby Stewart '22** finished among league leaders in average. With this team returning next year, look for big things!



# LEAGUE CHAMPS

## Back-2-back

The Roger Bacon girls' basketball team punched their ticket to their first regional final since 2005 with a dramatic 53-51 victory over Jonathon Alder High School on March 3rd.

**Kylee Sheppard '21** got things going early on scoring 6 of her 9 points in the first quarter. But, the Pioneers were able to answer each basket back with one of their own resulting in a 12-12 tie after the first eight minutes.

The second quarter belonged to RB as they took a five point lead into halftime after a big quarter from **Clarissa Craig '21** who scored 8 of her game-high 19 in the second quarter.

Spartans struggled during the third quarter as the Pioneers were able to get some transition buckets to take a 2 point lead into the final frame. **Lyric Harris '20** knocked down key shots and free throws in the first three quarters as she went 6-7 from the FT line and scored 10 points.

The fourth quarter was one that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. **Arrington Walker '20** knocked down two crucial FT's late in the game to keep RB within 3 points. Then **Kelly Brenner '20** hit her second biggest shot of the game to tie things up before the Pioneers were able to bounce back with a three point lead with 30 seconds left. Clarissa Craig had a huge stick back basket to pull RB within one with 19 seconds remaining. Spartans then got the ball back after a missed FT and that's when it happened.

Kelly Brenner (Thomas More commit) got the ball towards the top of the key – pump faked – took one dribble to the right- and sunk the biggest shot of her career with 5.3 seconds remaining (pictured left) to put RB up 53-51.



Quote from **Anne Schaefer Hoffman '95** (former 1995 Girls Basketball State Champ) about the 2020 Girls Basketball program: "Back-to-back GCL League Champs! The last time this happened was 1994-95. Our seniors go out with a BANG!"



It is always a good day when a high school football legend shows up at RB! Tom Leming from CBS Sports, *The Blind Side* and the greatest high school recruiter in the country paid all of the 2021 blue chip football players in Cincinnati a visit. Pictured are Tom Leming, *Mike Blaut '88*, *Corey Kiner '21* and *Nijal Mooney '21*.



Congratulations to our very own, **Mr. Steve Rossi**, on being the recipient of **2020 SWODA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**. Steve has been the Athletic Director at RB since 2014 and has helped oversee major improvements including; Thomas J. Fogarty Center renovation, Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium renovation and, Frank Robinson Field at Ross Park. In addition, Mr. Rossi is the head coach of our girls tennis team and has coached our golf team. "It's very humbling to be recognized but this is a reflection of Roger Bacon as a whole! It's awesome to have the support of your administration and it helps when you have an amazing staff, including a great Assistant AD like Brandon Spaeth," says Rossi.



Congrats to both the **MEN & WOMEN SWIM TEAMS** as they wrapped up their season with a fantastic District Meet. The Spartan Swimmers had many fantastic swims and closed out the season with some top swims in the Southwest District. With all swimmers returning next season-Spartan Swimming is looking forward to a bright future. Thanks to Roger Bacon community for all your support this season... Hail Spartans!



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## What a Decade

by Brandon Spaeth '11

The last decade of Roger Bacon Athletics has been a monumental 10 years in the school's history. Over the last decade (2010 – 2019), Roger Bacon Athletics has made some huge additions including; a newly constructed fitness center, 50+ yard turf practice field, full renovation of the Thomas J. Fogarty Center and the completion of Phase 1.0 of Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium.

Roger Bacon teams and individuals have seen much success over the last decade as well as they have collectively put together; 31 league championships, 35 league players of the year, 24 sectional championships, 16 district championships, 6 regional championships, 18 individual state qualifiers and 3 State Runner Ups (2017 Boys Basketball, 2012 Boys Volleyball and Austin Fulton – 2017 High Jump).

See below for decade breakdown and highlights over the last ten years!

**FOOTBALL** – 2 state playoff qualifiers (2010 & 2019), 1 league championship (2019), 9 league players of the year (2010 – Mike Jackson, 2011 – Griffin Mouty, 2013 – Eli Nixon, 2014 – Andrew Hawkins, 2016 – Trey Hennekes & Hazen Petit, 2018 – Corey Kiner, 2019 – Corey Kiner & Ryan Blaut). Multiple records broken this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/football-records/>

**BOYS SOCCER** – 2 league championships ( 2016 & 2018), 2 district championships (2015 & 2016), 2 league players of the year (2018 – Gideon Fomba, 2013 – Bailey Rolsen). Multiple records broken from players this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/boys-soccer-records/>

**GIRLS SOCCER** – 2017 league player of the year (Kaylee Sanders), 4 winning seasons ('14, '16 – '18). Multiple records were broken from players this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/girls-soccer-records/>

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** – 3 league championships ('14 '16 '18), 6 sectional championships ('13 '14 '15 '16 '18 '19), 3 district championships ('14 '18 '19), 1 undefeated regular season (22-0 in 2018), 4 league players of the year (2018 – Karly Niesen, 2015 – Courtney Niesen, 2014 – Lexy Hoffman, 2010 – Kaitlin Kallmeyer)

**GOLF** – Adam Trigg-Holdman '21 becomes first golfer since 2005 to qualify for districts

**GIRLS TENNIS** – Shemiah Wright '12 crowned champion at the 2011 Coaches Classic, Lily Crigler '21 named Cincinnati Enquirer Player of the Week (2018) and completes nearly perfect season her junior year (8-1)

**CROSS COUNTRY** – 1 league championship ('11 – Boys), 4 individual state qualifiers (2008-10 – Emily Richmond, 2009 – Matt Wurtzler), 2 league runners of the year (2010 – Emily Richmond & 2011 – Alex Mathis)

**BOYS BASKETBALL** – 7 league championships ('10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '17), 8 sectional championships ('10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17), 7 district championships (10 '11 '12 '13 '14 '16 '17), 3 regional championships ('14 '16 '17), 2017 State Runner Up, 6 league players of the year (2010 – Jorian Hudson, 2011 – Paul Byrd, 2013 – Carlas Jackson & Erik Edwards, 2014 – Carlas Jackson, 2017 – Craig McGee Jr.)

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** – 1 league championship (2019), 2 sectional championships ('18 '19), 2019 team recorded 20 wins in a season which hasn't been accomplished since 2005. Multiple records were broken from players this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/girls-basketball-records/>

**WRESTLING** – 1 league wrestler of the year (2012 – DeVon Thomas, 38-9 season record), 1 individual state qualifier (2012 – DeVon Thomas), school record holder in career wins and pins – Matt Schaffer '10

**SWIMMING** – 3 league championships ('11 '12 '13 – boys), 3 individual state qualifiers (2010 – Kyle Brauning, 2017-18 – Ben Enderle), 2 league swimmers of the year (2013 – Kevin Anneken & Alli Doll)

**BOWLING** – 7 league championships ('11 (B/G) '12 – '16 (B), 3 sectional championships ('14 (B), '17 (B/G), 3 league bowlers of the year (2013, 2014, 2015 – Chris Wilhelm), 1 individual state qualifier (2015 – Chris Wilhelm)

**BASEBALL** – 1 district championship (2019), 1 regional championship (2019), 1 league player of the year (2010 – Josh Ungerbuehler). First state final four appearance in 51 years (2019). Multiple records were broken from players this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/baseball-records/>

**SOFTBALL** – 1 sectional championship (2016). 1 league player of the year (2015 – Ashton Lindner). Ashton Lindner named the 2016 Greater Cincinnati Female Athlete of the Year. Every major hitting/pitching/stolen base record was broken this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/softball-records/>

**TRACK & FIELD** – 3 leagues championships ('11 '12 '13), 9 individual state qualifiers (2019 – Jon Myers & Alex Lewis, 2017 – Austin Fulton & Sam Johnstone, 2016 – Sam Johnstone, 2015 – Jordan Williams & Sam Johnstone, 2011 – Gavin Schumann, 2010 – Gavin Schumann)

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL** – 3 league championships ('11 '12 '13), 4 sectional championships ('11 '12 '14 '15), 3 district championships ('12 '14 '15), 2 regional championships ('12 '15), 2012 State Runner Up, 3 league players of the year (2011 & 2012 – Connor Mouty, 2013 – Erik Edwards). Every major statistical record was broken this decade – <https://rogerbaconspartans.org/boys-volleyball-records/>

*Hail Spartans!*







On Saturday, January 4th, the **1995 GIRLS STATE CHAMPS BASKETBALL TEAM & COACHES** were invited back to be recognized at a girls basketball game, followed by a reception in the ITC.

## ATHLETICS @ RB



### Next Level... Trip to State!

For the first time since 2012, Bacon sent a wrestler to the **OHSAA STATE TOURNAMENT**. **Jake Mumper '20** (in yellow) took 4th place at the DIII District Tournament in Troy, OH in early March.

Mumper had a very impressive 44-3 record this season and also earned his 100th career win at the district tourney. He also set two single season records this season with 31 pins in one season and 43 wins in one season.



## 2020 SUMMER CAMPS

Roger Bacon is happy to announce the 2020 summer camp schedule! Please visit [RogerBacon.org/SummerCamps](http://RogerBacon.org/SummerCamps) for more information and registration!

**BOYS BASKETBALL** (GRADES 2-6)  
June 8-11 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

**BOYS BASKETBALL** (GRADES 7-9)  
June 15-18 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** (GRADES 3-8)  
June 15-18 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** (GRADES 3-5)  
July 6-9 from 9:00am to 11:30am

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** (GRADES 6-8)  
July 6-9 from 12:30pm to 3:00pm

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL** (GRADE 9)  
July 7 & 8 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm

**FOOTBALL** (GRADES 2-8)  
June 22 & 23 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**SOCCER** (BOYS/GIRLS GRADES 3-8)  
June 29 - July 2 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

**MUSICAL THEATER** (B/G GRADES 6-8)  
June 8-12 from 10:00am to 1:00pm



Celebrating **50 YEARS** of Wrestling at RB, on January 21st at the RB vs. East Central match on **SENIOR NIGHT**, all former wrestlers and wrestlettes were invited back to Fogarty Center.





Spartans enjoy time together at all football games, (even the Bengals!). *Jim Huxel '86, Ryan Blaut, '20, Mike Blaut '88, Gary Schildmeyer '91 and Jeff Cargile '82* kept the Bengal and Spartan spirit alive at Paul Brown Stadium last fall.



In February, Michael Wolfert, CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT COORDINATOR for the Cincinnati Bengals, approved our (RB) **\$100,000 FIELD GRANT** through the NFL Foundation for improvements at the Bron Bacevich Stadium. This grant has been a work in progress for over a year. We are honored to be supported by the Cincinnati Bengals! President **Tom Burke** said "I want to thank everyone involved in helping us work through this process, particularly **Steve Schad, Rob Rickenbaugh, Tom Bill and Mike Engel**. But I also want to thank every member of our faculty and staff for what you do. Your hard work creates the compelling story we have to tell to qualify for this kind of support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"



On February 7, 2020, the *Cincinnati Enquirer* ranked the **TOP HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS** in the area for the class of 2021. No surprise #1 is our own junior running back **Corey Kiner '21**. Of course, football only tells half the story of this young man who is on the academic honor roll and beloved by classmates for his humble and kind nature.



# FLASHBACK TO 1995

## Perfect 28-0

*From Reunion newsletter Spring/Summer, 1995*

Congratulations to Coach Tom Singleton and the Lady Spartans Basketball Team for accomplishing what no other Roger Bacon basketball team has accomplished: a PERFECT, 28-0 season!

After finishing their regular season with a 20-0 record, the Lady Spartans defeated Norwood (81-22), New Richmond (80-12), Bethel Tate (75-35), Lebanon (77-35), Springfield Shawnee (55-36), Teays Valley (45-37), West Holmes (56-39) and Elida (64-48) to earn the State Championship Crown!

The state finals against Elida on March 18 will be an event few Spartans will forget! The excitement was at fever pitch as RB fans packed St. John's Arena; students, faculty, parents, alumni and friends were all present to witness the perfect ending to a perfect season! An added treat was the chance to witness senior *Anne Schaefer '95* swish NINE three-point baskets to set a new state record!

After the game, the team received an ovation outside the arena from the hundreds of fans who had waited to congratulate the state champions. A reception at Roger Bacon was held that night to honor Coach Singleton and the team, and to review the highlights of a perfect "season to remember!"

Numerous honors continued during the days that followed, including "team of the week" recognition by newspapers and TV stations, live radio interviews and congratulatory cards and banners from fellow GGCL/GCL schools. The best thing about a state championship, though is the memory of winning it; knowing you set out to achieve it, and reached your goals! Those memories and the emotion of that day will be something the coaches and team members will be able to hold on to and replay again and again in their minds and hearts.



**BACK ROW:** Mike Uhl, Brian Neal, Coach Tom Singleton, Karin Brunner, Lori Weaver, John McDonald, Josh Adams, Mark Kling, Gina Kling. **SECOND ROW:** April Gary, Katie Gutzwiller+, Stacey Sollmann, Lauren Clark, Kathy Gullette, Katy Ballinger. **FRONT ROW:** Sara Mueller, Anne Schaefer, Katie Kelsey, Jenny Mueller, Katie Ward. (from 1995 Yearbook)

# ALUMNI*N*IEWS

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## DAVE '44 and RUTH (WILLKE) FOLZ '47

were married on December 26, 1949, at St. Clare Church (Cincinnati). They are proud of their 10 children and spouses (Dave, Jeanne, Jerry, Mary, Nancy, Joe, Peggy, Andy, Susie and Sally), 23 grandchildren and their spouses and 8 great grandchildren. Through the challenges and joys of raising a large family, they always exemplified the values of faith, family, hard work and community service. Settling in Springfield in 1972, Dave and Ruth have been actively involved with St. Teresa Church, the Parent-Infant Center, Kiwanis, Sertoma and Hospice. In July, 2019, they were recognized as being the longest married couple in Clark County!



## SR. FRANCIS JOAN CLEMENTS, OSF '45

recently passed away at the age of 94. She was born Evelyn Clements in Clementsville, Kentucky. Her family moved to Cincinnati when she was young and she started her education at St. Clement where she first met the Sisters of St. Francis. Sr. Francis entered the Franciscan community in 1945 and earned her BA in education from Marian University, later furthering her education at Xavier University and Cumberland College. She taught at schools in Indiana, Ohio and Missouri and always said that "teaching the fifth grade was my favorite." After returning to the Motherhouse in 1988, Sr. Francis Joan served as a dorm monitor for Oldenburg Academy and beginning in 1992, she served in Pastoral Care before retiring in 2008. She often reminded others: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life," as she found all her years as a Franciscan to be rich and meaningful as she gave her life to God.



## ED NOE '69

received the *Fr. Henenauer Award for Community Service* at The Newport Central Catholic Hall of Fame this winter. This award was presented to him for supporting Catholic education and his life's demonstration of such support. "I have spent a lifetime of coaching in our grade schools, heading booster organizations, chairing festivals, participating on advisory committees and alumni organizations, as well as numerous professional committees. I always felt it was necessary to preserve the legacy of our great Catholic schools and make them better by providing funding for athletics and other funds to support the mission of education in our schools. It was fun and rewarding as I met many people who are my best friends today. I had a ball doing it and hope to be able to continue to support Catholic education in any way I can. I am proud that I was able to be a founder of the Hall of Fame but especially honored to be recognized at Newport Catholic's 20th induction ceremony" said Ed.

## THE THAMANN SISTERS

## GETTING A PERSONAL TOUR



After Thanksgiving the **THAMANN SISTERS** visited the RB campus for a personal tour with **Rob Rickenbaugh '90** and posed for a picture in the Fine Arts Center in front of the OLA emblem. Pictured l to r: **Lynn Johnson '61, Toni Surette '70, Gale Brown '59, Lori Datillo '72 and Dona Weber '64.**



**SR. MARY ANN MILES '45** recently passed away. She met the Franciscan Sisters at St. Clement Parish, where she attended elementary school and began her passion for music. She later followed the Sisters to Our Lady of Angels in St. Bernard. At an early age she knew she would someday be joining the Sisters, although she never visited Oldenburg until her day of entrance in 1945. The community recognized her musical talent, and she soon became their organist as well as teaching music to young children. During a jubilee celebration Sr. Mary Ann reminisced, "Music has played a great part in my relationship with God."

As members of the RB family, it's possible for men from four different classes to enjoy a breakfast together, not only as alums but as good friends. In December, **ED JUNKER '48, JIM BRIGGER '65, PAUL BLOM '43** (pictured below wearing the red coat) and **TOM BURKE '69** met to celebrate Paul Blom's receiving an honorary degree from The University of Cincinnati. He was recognized as a veteran who had left UC shortly before he graduated to fight in World War II.



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This winter, St. Bernard Mayor John Estep presented **STEVE ZINZER '69** with a proclamation on behalf of the Village of St. Bernard, to honor the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Steve's singing group *The Delta Kings Barbershop Chorus*. The singing group rehearses every Monday evening at the St. Bernard Municipal Building.



**ERIC "RICK" GILL '66** and **JIM UHRIG '66** met

at RB and became best friends when they joined the band under the direction of Wes Neal. Both Rick and Jim played the trombone and continued their adventures together for over 57 years. Other close friends from the **CLASS OF '66** were **WALT BIRD, JOHN BEITING, DENNY KELLER, FRED FEUCHT** and **BILL WESSENDARP**. According to Jim Uhrig, "Rick had an acerbic wit and a great sense of humor. He always knew how to have fun." Sadly, Rick died one week before his 72nd birthday on January 20, 2020.



**DON PROBST '66**

and his wife Betsy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 5, 2019. They met on a blind date in Norwood on December 8, 1968 and married 7 months later.

**JIM UHRIG '66**

and his band provided the music at the reception and **MARTY MCCORMACK '66** was their Best Man. Don and Betsy renewed their vows in a ceremony at St Patrick's Church in Sarasota, Florida, (where they currently reside) followed by a gala reception at the Parish Hall. They are blessed with a son Christopher, daughter-in-law Christine, and grandsons Evan 24, and Ryan 22.



## man of deep faith

**JOE FISCHER '56** recently passed away in March at his home in Covington, Kentucky. Joe was a man of deep faith who was very dedicated to his home parish of St. Francis Seraph.

He lived his faith with humility and compassion serving for over 30 years in the



St. Francis Seraph Ministries Dining Room (formerly the Soup Kitchen) 3 days per week. Joe celebrated his 82nd birthday in December and he took great pride in being the longest-serving volunteer for St. Francis Seraph Ministries.

Born in Over-the-Rhine on Race Street, Joe was a graduate of Roger Bacon High School. He lived in the

neighborhood most of his life until he left for the Navy in 1956. Upon his retirement Joe lived in a senior apartment complex in Covington, but seldom missed a day at St. Francis Seraph Ministries. Up until 5 years ago, Joe walked from Covington to St. Francis Seraph Ministries in order to volunteer.



1956 Troubadour

He loved serving in the dining room, especially washing dishes and helping with the setup and clean up for dinner. Last summer Joe expressed that he was proud of the high level of service and dignity the dining room provides to its guests because it shows how St. Francis wanted people to be treated. Joe was quoted as saying, "Anyone can share themselves to help others. It doesn't take money to help others... we are all poor."

# ALUMNI NEWS

**DAVE FOSSALUZZA '69, MIKE DAY '70, JIM SCHACKMANN '70** and John Schackmann (son of Jim) participated in the Roy Hobbs Baseball Tournament in Fort Myers, Florida in November 2019.



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**TIM BALLINGER '71** is the CEO of General Electric Credit Union. The GE Credit Union, with \$3.4 billion in assets making it more than three times larger than the second-biggest credit union, added 108 people last year. That's part of an expansion that hired 262 employees in three years and now employs nearly 430. "We've been rebuilding the entire company" said Tim. "We're building a financial institution that can literally compete with anybody."



**MARY LEE SUER BAUMGARTNER '76** and her husband will celebrate their 40th anniversary on May 31, 2020. "My husband and I raised two strong sons. I started working for the Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur in August, 1996, and will celebrate my 62nd birthday on October 21, 2020."

**WOOPS... CORRECTION!** On Page 23 in the winter issue of *Tradition*, **(ROGER HOWELL '78)** a picture of Roger and his wife Christine was posted with Fr. Jim Bok, OFM, not Fr. John Bok, OFM.

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**PETER POPPELTON '98** writes "After high school I went on to get my Electrical Engineering degree at the University of Cincinnati. I now work at L3Harris in Mason, OH, making electronics for space. We design and manufacture a whole host of electronics for satellites and rockets at our facility in Mason. We also make communications radios for satellites. In fact, the pictures you have seen from Mars are all sent back through our radios. I'm married and have 3 kids (10, 7 and 4) and we live in Bridgetown.

ROGER BACON CONNECTION

GO NAVY! HAIL SPARTANS!



**DOUG EDWARDS '81** and **ZACH KUHLMAN '19** enjoyed their RB connection in December. Both Bacon grads are US Naval Academy appointees who had a great time together at the Army-Navy game in December 2019. Go Navy! Hail Spartans!



**PHILLIP NEUMANN '78**, owner and president of Universal Contracting Corporation, is the third-generation family member to be president of Universal Contracting (established in 1957), known for quality construction projects. In 2019 Phil was recognized and presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for the tremendous impact Universal Contracting has had on the built environment, sponsored by The Spirit of Construction Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. Universal Contracting Corporation was awarded the Associated General Contractors of Ohio's "Build Ohio" award for the Anderson Pavilion, Carol Ann's Carousel and the Pichler Family Fountain Project at Smale Riverfront Park, one of Greater Cincinnati's premier new attractions. The Spirit of Construction Foundation of Greater Cincinnati has been recognizing eminent members of the building industry with its Lifetime Achievement Award since 1995.





**MATT GETTELFINGER '05** sadly passed away from a Heroin overdose in February 2014 after a long battle with drug addiction. In honor of remembering his adventurous spirit and infectious smile, his parents **JEFF '78** and **MARY ANN '81** started a donation campaign called *Getty's Hoodies*. Friends and family are encouraged to donate new or gently used hoodies, coats and other needed clothing items throughout the months of January and February. On February 14th, these items were distributed to local addiction recovery and sober houses throughout greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. "We know that many times an addict will come to recovery with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Our hope is that by receiving a new coat or even something as simple as a pair of socks, it could make a huge difference in their recovery as well as how they perceive themselves just knowing someone out there cares. This year we were blessed to work with some amazing places such as The Prospect House, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky, Gateway House and Clermont County Recovery. Each of them are providing amazing services to those in the daily struggle of recovery." Mary Ann and Jeff continue to be advocates for addiction recovery and show support throughout the year through many organizations. You can hear Mary Ann share Matt's story on the local podcast *Tragedy to Triumph, Episode One Love*.



## alumni spotlight

**CHRIS CHAPMAN '85** has many great memories from his time at Roger Bacon – chess in Mr. Widmeyer's geometry class; the World Wrestling Federation simulation in Mr. Butz's



math class (and almost being knocked cold by Mr. Butz, accidentally, of course); Mr. Uhrig being able to fill an entire chalkboard with material in U.S. History without ever once referring to his

notes; and the deafening cheer in the cafeteria in 1984 when Fr. Jim Bok announced that the girls from OLA would be moving to Roger Bacon.

At Roger Bacon, Mr. Chapman learned that hard work is a major element of success, and developed

resiliency, confidence to take on a challenge, and the recognition that everyone has value and "deserves a shot in life." However, what stands out most about his time at RB was the lifelong impact the Franciscan values and charisma made

on him, values that remain ingrained to this day. It is those Franciscan values, such as compassion, stewardship, and being humble and accepting, that not only made an impact, but were integral to Chris graduating from Roger Bacon.

Chris's mother became sick when he was a 9th grader. Throughout his four

years at RB, Fr. Sylvester Hoepner worked closely with the family to manage tuition for Chris and his three younger siblings, ensuring that the special experience of a Roger Bacon education was always available.

It wasn't until his mother passed away, when Chris was 25, and he was administering the estate, that he realized how selfless his parents had been. "I got a good look at the family finances, and realized what a struggle it must have been for them."

The Roger Bacon education he received served as a launch pad for success. After leaving Roger Bacon, Chris earned a degree in political science from Xavier University in 1989, and his law degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1993.



He served as a special assistant to U.S. state representatives Tom and Charlie Luken, as well Chief of Staff for City of Cincinnati council member Todd Portune before moving on to a career as an attorney. Currently, Mr. Chapman

is president, CEO, and director of Access Lex Institute, a multi-faced, philanthropic organization which operates and funds initiatives to further the understanding and advancement of critical issues affecting legal education. It is a role that allows him to continue to live those Franciscan values through his work for this important non-profit.

# ALUMNI NEWS

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**LAURA BRICHLER WYATT '06** and husband Justin welcomed their third child, Skylar Elise, on October 16th, 2019. Skylar joins her older siblings, twins Cameron and Henry (2) and dog Charlie. Laura and Justin have lived in Madison, Wisconsin, since 2015, where Laura is an Anesthesiologist Assistant. Laura's parents are **GARY '68** and Beth who are frequent visitors to Wisconsin, as well as brothers **ERIC '08** and **MATTHEW '13**.



**ZACHARY KUHLMAN '19**, a freshman cadet and football player at the U.S. Naval Academy, made sure to stop by RB over the holidays to catch up with his Roger Bacon family, including principal Steve Schad. Although he still has a strong interest in studying economics, among his first year academic achievements was learning about computer science, in particular developing expertise in cyber warfare, network security and computer hacking. He looks forward to the football this fall, and a scheduled trip to Dublin, Ireland to play Notre Dame.



## DIRK SHADD

'90 writes: "Here is a picture of when I met Kobe Bryant in 1996. I had just moved from Philadelphia to Long Beach to work for the Long Beach Press-Telegram and he had just moved from Philly to Malibu to be an L.A. Laker. I was photographing him for a story to run in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* titled "Kobe's World." He had just bought this house for himself and his parents to live in – he was fresh out of high school. What I remember about Kobe was how nice and funny he was. We joked about both being rookies. He didn't want to be late for practice that morning and I didn't want to make a bad photo. I covered him and the Lakers on and off for two years when I lived in southern California. Kobe was the first professional athlete I met and photographed one-on-one, and despite journalists not picking favorites, yes, he was always my favorite."

## WOW! OUR ALUMS ARE INVOLVED WITH EXCITING CAREERS & EVENTS.

Stay connected with RB and write to us. We love to brag about you! Contact **Sue Huerkamp** in the Advancement Office at [shuerkamp@rogerbacon.org](mailto:shuerkamp@rogerbacon.org) or 513.641.1313.

If you've moved or changed your contact information please notify **Chris Newton** in the Advancement Office at 513.641.1313 or [cnewton@rogerbacon.org](mailto:cnewton@rogerbacon.org).

The RB campus is alive with learning, activities and physical improvements. Come back for a tour and see for yourself. This is a great place! Call **Sue Huerkamp** to schedule a tour.

## HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDSHIPS

## SPECIAL DAY TOGETHER



There's nothing better than reuniting with your Spartan girlfriends over the Christmas holidays! This winter **EMILY FIEHRER '00**, **GINA CLARK WIESENEGG '00** and **ERIN VIOX HEATON '00** spent a special day together. High school friendships are the best!



In January, **NOAH ENDERLE '15** was named *Firefighter of the Year* by the Greenhills Fire Department. He was recognized and honored at the Greenhills Village Council Meeting by Chief Tony Spaeth. This award is presented to a firefighter who goes above and beyond for the department and the community. "I am always trying to push myself to make a difference every way I can. This year I was a top run leader and I put in the most hours in my department (over 1,300 hours). I also work part-time at Colerain and Fairfield Townships, am a full-time college student studying to be a paramedic, and I have been training to be a fire apparatus operator and a member of the US Marine Corps reserves. I love my job so much I volunteer to do it in my spare time and take pride in being able to serve my country and my community."

"I am very proud to be from Greenhills and a Roger Bacon Spartan. The value of selfless service was instilled in me in the halls of Roger Bacon through every faculty member and teacher. Greenhills is where I started my career in the fire service; I have family history with the fire department. My grandfather Tom Enderle and my uncle **TONY LINDEMAN '82** were both firemen at Greenhills. I feel I owe it to them and to all the past members of the department."



## thank you for your service

MIDN CDR KEVIN DINH '15 writes: "I'm currently finishing up my last year at USMMA (United States Merchant Marine Academy), and I'm majoring in Marine Engineering with



a minor in Electrical Engineering. I was 5th Company's Executive Officer during 1st Rotation, currently the Regimental Executive Officer (2nd in command of all Midshipman at the

Academy) and am the Captain of the Wrestling Team. I'm preparing to take my U.S. Coast Guard 3rd Assistant Engineers License Test come June.

Midshipman at USMMA are required to do a year of active duty, as either a deckie or an engineer before graduation, and I was fortunate enough to do 1.5 years on the USS Frank Cable (AS-40), USS Benfold (DDG-65), USNS 2LT John P. Bobo (TAK-3008), and the USS Shiloh (CG-67).

After graduation in June, I will be Commissioning in the U.S. Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer.

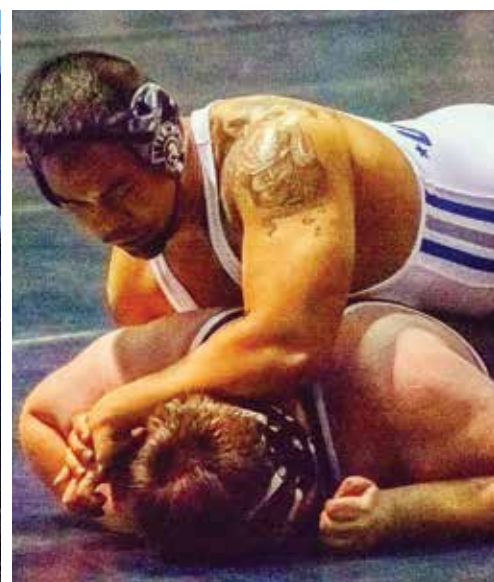
Roger Bacon has prepared me academically to excel at the Academy by incorporating a rigorous academic program via AP courses with great teachers who are always willing to help. RB also allowed me to experience multiple leadership roles through its diverse options of leadership opportunities. For me, it came in the form of being the Captain of the Cross Country and Wrestling team, President of the Underwater Hockey team, a member of the National Honor Society, and also a member of the Student Senate. In addition, RB taught me to be fair and kind to others, as taught through its

Franciscan values. My education prepared me to lead properly in my current leadership roles and preparing me for when I commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy."



*Congratulations to Kevin Dinh who was*

*just named to the Centennial Conference All-Sportsmanship team for wrestling. Kevin wrestles for the Merchant Marine Academy. The athletes selected for this honor "demonstrate fair play, graciousness in victory and respectfulness in defeat. They are ambassadors for the team, both on and off the mat, and galvanize their teammates toward their goals."*



# ALUMNI EVEN

## Reunions & Gatherings

**NOTE: AT THE TIME THIS INFORMATION WENT TO PRESS, MANY GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DURING THE CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CONTACT NAMES LISTED WITH THE REUNION INFORMATION.**

- 43** The men of **RB '43** meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for lunch at Foley's Irish Pub in Reading. Call **Paul Blom** at 513.761.3384 for more information.
- 49** The ladies of **OLA '49** celebrated their **70TH REUNION** in 2019 and continue to meet every three months for lunch.
- 52** The men of **RB '52** meet at Foley's Irish Pub in Reading at 12:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Call **George McMahon** for information at 513.521.2812 or gmckm@juno.com.
- 55** The men of **RB '55** are planning a **65TH REUNION** at Montgomery Inn. Please **SAVE THE DATE** of September 12, 2020, for this special gathering. More information will be mailed about the reunion in the near future. Questions can be directed to **Tony Novello** at 513.860.5293.
- 56** The annual Roger Bacon **CLASS OF 1956** luncheon ("Celebration of our Graduation") will be held on Wednesday, June 10th 2020, at the Wiedemann Brewery, 4811 Vine Street in St. Bernard at 12:00 noon. The patio/porch has been reserved, but if the weather is not favorable the luncheon will be moved inside to one of the meeting rooms. Contact **Bill Johns** at william.johns@fuse.net or 513.825.2821.
- 57** The **CLASS OF RB '57** gathers four times a year on the first Monday of April, August and December. Contact **Rich Harmeyer** at 513.385.1727 for information.
- 58** The men of **RB '58** continue to meet at Pompillio's Restaurant in Newport, KY. "We all had a good time as usual on Thursday, January 9, 2020. I think we set a modern day record as 20 guys attended. Our 2020 luncheons are scheduled for the first week of May and the first week of September" said **Jim Murphy**. Contact **Jim** for more information at 513.385.1727.

- 60** **SAVE THE DATE!** A **60TH REUNION** is being planned by **Donna Baumgartner** for the **OLA CLASS OF 1960** on October 3, 2020, at Maketewah Country Club. Please contact **Donna** if you are interested in helping plan this fine event at 513.313.2821.
- 60** **SAVE THE DATE!** A **60TH REUNION** was planned by **Seton Staley** and **Chuck Helmes** for the **RB CLASS OF 1960**. That reunion has been cancelled and will hopefully, be rescheduled for 2021.
- 61** The men of **RB '61** meet on the 4th Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Back Porch Saloon. Contact **Tom Whisner** at tjwhisner2@gmail.com or 513.284.2754 for more information.
- 61** A group of men from the classes of **RB '61, '62 AND '63** continue to meet monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at Crossroads Sports Bar (5790 Cheviot Road in White Oak) at noon. Contact **Don Ernst** at 513.922.8775 or **Joe Karaus** at 513.250.5552 or jkaraus@gmail.com for information.
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- 64** The men of **RB '64** gathered during the holidays at Wiedemann Brewery.



- 64** Before the year 2019 ended the **OLA LADIES OF 1964** gathered at The Wiedemann Brewery in St. Bernard to celebrate 55 years since their graduation.







In December CLASS OF '70 had about 27 classmates and spouses met for their annual Christmas gathering at The St. Bernard Pub (owned by classmate Mike '70 and Sharon Hoell).

**65** The ladies of **OLA '65** meet on all sides of town for their gatherings. For information on the next gathering contact **Susan Cochran Parker** at 513.385.1680 or skparker610@gmail.com or **Marilyn Riechman Schnorbus** at 513.922.9518 or mschnorbus@yahoo.com.

**65** **SAVE THE DATE!** The **RB CLASS OF '65** men are planning a **55TH REUNION** cookout on campus prior to the football game on Friday, September 18, 2020. Contact **Skip Schoettmer** for more information at skip.schoettmer@sbcinci.com or 513.780.0373.

**66** The men of **RB '66** continue to meet monthly for lunch on the 3rd week of the month, alternating days and locations each month. On the 3rd Monday of every other month they meet at the Back Porch Saloon at 1:00 pm. On the 3rd Friday of every other month they meet at the St. Bernard Pub at 1:00 pm. Call **Jim Uhrig** for information at 513.284.2754.

**67** The **RB CLASS OF '67** continues to meet on the first Monday evening of the month at 6:30 pm at Pebble Creek Golf Club. Contact **Rich Craig** at richardalanraig@yahoo.com for more information.

**69** The Back Porch Saloon is the location for the **RB CLASS OF '68** to meet for dinner on the 2nd Monday of February, May, August and November at 6:00 pm. Contact **Rick Sollmann** for more information at 513.641.1313.

**69** The ladies of **OLA '69** plan on meeting every third Tuesday per quarter for lunch. An email will be sent to classmates to check the RB Alumni page, Facebook and Twitter for the location of each gathering. Questions can be directed to **JoAnn Ballinger** at lmbjab@fuse.net.

**70** **SAVE THE DATE!** The **OLA CLASS OF 1970** will celebrate their 50th reunion on October 3, 2020, 6-9 pm, at the Pebble Creek Event Center. If your contact information is not up-to-date, please send an email to shuerkamp@rogerbacon.org so you will be sure to get all the details. A group is meeting monthly to plan. Look for more info on the OLA Facebook page and watch for a mailing or contact **Pat Gilkey Frey** at pafrey2@gmail for information.

**70** **SAVE THE DATE!** The men and women of **OLA/RB '70** are also planning a combined **50TH REUNION** celebration on Saturday, September 19, 2020, in the Fine Arts Center at Roger Bacon High School. The evening will include dinner, dancing and fun. More details will follow. Questions can be directed to **Ralph Henke** at rhenke1@yahoo.com. Prior to their 50th reunion a special trip (Thrill in the Ville III) is in the works for OLA/RB '70 alums to spend 3 nights and 4 days at the new Caesar's Southern Indiana Casino in New Albany, IN, from Tuesday, May 19, 2020, to Friday, May 22, 2020. (All RB/OLA classes are also invited to join in the fun!) On Wednesday there will be a golf outing at Chariot Run Golf Course followed by a riverboat dinner cruise on the river. Thursday evening plans include a night to enjoy The Beatles at Abbey Road on the River in downtown Louisville, KY. Questions can be directed to **Ralph Henke '70** (rhenke1@yahoo.com) or **Joe Kempe '70** (horatiojoek@gmail.com).

**71** The angels of **OLA '71** have decided to meet regularly. Please contact **Pam Bollmer Feichtner** at pfeichtner53@comcast.net to learn of the next gathering.

**75** The ladies of **OLA '75** are planning a special **45th REUNION** at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Please **SAVE THE DATE** for October 17, 2020, to celebrate! Invitations will be mailed in May. Questions can be directed to **Peggy Teed Hermes** at 513.258.1459 or Peggy\_Hermes@yahoo.com.



**80** **SAVE THE DATE!** The **CLASS OF OLA '80** girls are planning a **40TH REUNION** for September 12, 2020. For information contact **Ruth Voss Ward** at rward@starone.com 513.779.9500 or **Mary Beth Mayborg Hausfeld** mhausfeld@rogerbacon.org, or **Terrie Heglin** at theglin6d44@hotmail.com.

The **"80'S LADIES"** (group of OLA "80's decade" women) meet quarterly. Please reach out to **Teresa Heglin** via Facebook Messenger to be added to the notification list for information about future gatherings.



# Bacon & Legs



## THE 50TH ANNUAL ROGER BACON SPORTS STAG

was a great success with about 600 men attending. Thank you to everyone who supported this great event on January 16th!

## SAVE THE DATE

**GOTO** [RogerBacon.org](http://RogerBacon.org) or our Facebook page for RB Alumni Events.

Due to the unprecedented situation our country finds itself in currently, Roger Bacon's Annual **EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE** has been postponed. The new date for this event is **SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020**. All the particulars for the event remain the same. If you have already returned your RSVP, you have been listed as a guest for June 27th. You may still respond until June 13th using the same RSVP cards sent in the original invitation. The Grand Raffle will be drawn at the end of the evening at the **EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE**. We will continue to collect raffle ticket entries until the drawing.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions about the **EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE**, please contact Wanda Hill at [whill@rogerbacon.org](mailto:whill@rogerbacon.org).

We pray that you and your family are not impacted by COVID-19 and that our world can begin healing soon. Thank you for your support for the **EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE** and Roger Bacon High School.

**CORRECTION:** On page 30 of the last issue of the *Tradition* magazine, **THE ANNUAL THOM NUTT '69 MEMORIAL ATO GOLF TOURNAMENT** was mentioned. Thom graduated from the University of Cincinnati (not Miami University).

**THE ALUMNI GOLF OUTING** date has been moved to June 26, 2020.

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** will meet on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the ITC.

**THE ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE** will be held on October 10th from 7:30 - 10:30 pm in the Fine Arts Center.

At this time there will not be a **FIRST FRIDAY MASS** in the month of May. Hopefully, we will meet again for Mass on Friday, June 5th.

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Scott Dover '89

The CCCS has developed an informative cremation brochure. This brochure was developed to assist families and to help them understand their funeral and burial rites in the Catholic Church, especially when faced with making sensitive decisions at a very painful and stressful time.

#### DID YOU KNOW....

"The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they came. This includes the use a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement, transport and the final disposition." (OCF #417)

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To speak with a grad about receiving our informative cremation brochure or to answer your questions, call Stephen E. Bittner '69 at 513.557.2306 ext. 319 or Arthur "Butch" Abrams '74 at 513.242.4191.



See us on Facebook & Twitter!

## Born to Eternal Life

The following members of the Roger Bacon family have been born to eternal life. Please join us in remembering them and their families in your prayers.

#### ALUMNI

Marian Kistner Brueggemeyer '35  
Robert A. Staubach '41  
Margaret Elsbernd Grein '44  
Robert Lange, Sr. '44  
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William (Bill) Hutchinson '48

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George Von Wahlde '49  
Melvin Huber '50  
Ronald L. Kramer, Sr. '50  
John E. Merritt '50  
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Sylvia Nania Haggerty '56  
Margaret Collini Chain '54  
Thomas F. Brinkmann '55  
Betty Stamps Jones '55  
Marian Reber Schnur '55  
John Paul Weber '55  
Joe Fischer '56  
William (Bill) Haberthier '56  
Sylvia Nania Haggerty '56  
John T. Loesch '56  
Al Watzek '56

Pauline Noe '57  
Susan Hollmann Ash '60  
Raymond Berry '60  
Mary Ann Armbruster Dobelhoff '61  
Charles J. Kohl '63  
Joyce Alma Kelly '64  
Terry Cummings '65  
John Brannen '66  
Eric (Rick) Gill '66  
Robert Metz '66  
Ken Birkhofer '67  
Sandy Mayborg Rapien '67  
Richard (Rich) Rumpke '67  
Susan Friedmann '68  
Veronica D. Mollmann '73  
Cynthia A. Radziwon '73  
Melissa Ann Montgomery '88  
Lataysha Richardson '91

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