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“In times of adversity and change, we really discover who we are and what we’re made of.”
–HOWARD SCHULTZ

There is no doubt that this school year has brought a variety of adversities – pandemics, face coverings, social turbulence, national and local political unrest, remote learning, snow, sleet and ice to mention just a few. Through the challenges, we have had the unique opportunity to look at ourselves, to look inward, to see who and what we are. What have we seen?

We have seen a faculty and staff dedicated to our students, parents, community and each other. When faced with uncertainties and the voices of many who said in-person instruction could not be done effectively or safely, our faculty and staff made the sacrifices necessary to ensure the “caring and challenging” environment at Roger Bacon not only endured but prospered. Day after day, they have shown that courage, perseverance, flexibility and excellence are alive and well at Roger Bacon.

We have seen students who believe that being a Spartan at Roger Bacon is worth the sacrifice. They have worn face coverings, socially distanced and made changes in their personal lives and activities at Roger Bacon to ensure in-person instruction was safe and sustainable. They have supported each other through challenges and disappointments, endured the loss of opportunities while creating new ones and made the

best of difficult situations – all while remaining faithful to the Franciscan values which are the bedrock of Spartans, past and present.

We have seen our community come together. Parents have placed their trust in Roger Bacon and persevered through a bewildering number of changes and requirements. Our alum have kept us in their prayers and inspired us with a renewed sense of generosity. **Our school community has become the standard by which other schools are being measured.**

What we have seen is inspiring, uplifting and reassuring. We remain a school dedicated to our students, proud of our past and moving “*forward to greater things.*” On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, a sincere thank you for your support, encouragement and assistance. Keep us in your prayers as we near the end of one school year and prepare for another.

God bless you, and God bless Roger Bacon.



Steve Schad
Principal

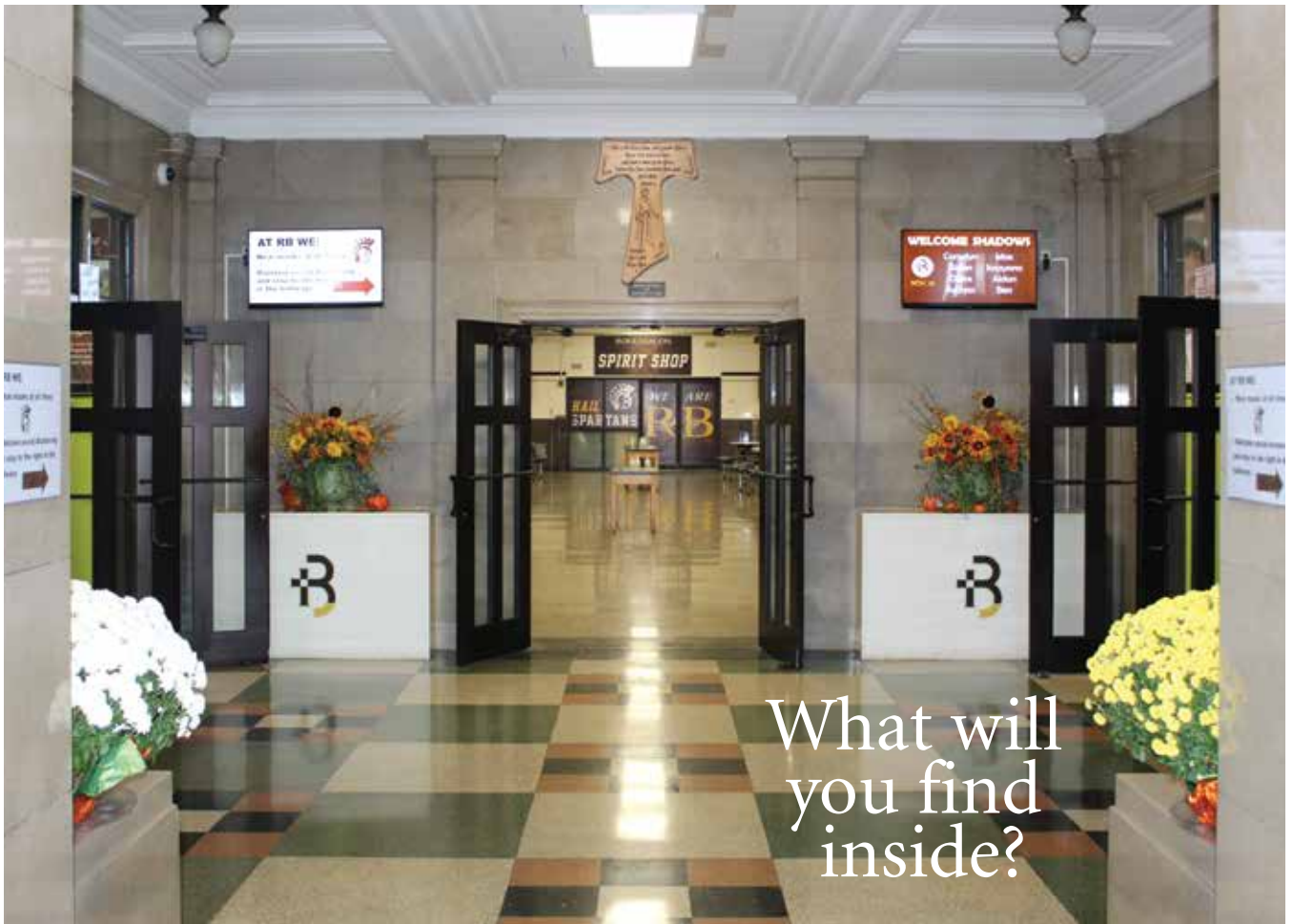


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WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE THE CLASSROOMS

By Julie Vehorn, Director of Academics



A friend caught me by surprise recently when he said, “This must be such a gratifying time to be a teacher.” We have settled into something that does feel familiar, but I will be honest that “gratifying” is not usually the first word that comes to mind when I think about what teaching looks like now. This year has been an adventure; students and teachers have had to be flexible and patient with frustrations that feel like they get in the way of the “real work” of education. However, working through challenges, troubleshooting tech problems, and, most importantly, facing this together presents rich opportunities for students to get ready to enter a changing world.

What you'll find inside the classrooms at Roger Bacon are students and teachers doing many of the same activities in new ways. You might see one or two students plugged into iPads to link the remote students with the physical classroom or the entire class “Zooming” with a teacher who is at home. In the socially distant classroom,

What Will You



you might see students in Zoom breakout rooms analyzing short stories and solving math problems. Their group work may be conducted in a Google slide deck or collaborative whiteboard instead of clustered around a poster board. Though this may look different on the surface, students are still preparing for the science fair and the ACT. They are applying what they learn about Constitutional Amendments and Catholic Social Teachings to current events. They are submitting artwork to the Scholastic competition and applications to college. They are showing us that we can rethink how we communicate and learn. This is, indeed, the “real work” of education.

All this adapting can be exhausting and frustrating, but the fact that it allows us to keep our school open and keep students in-person is gratifying. I am looking forward to the day when we do not have to speak through masks and when students can push their desks together to work. However, if I spend my days wanting to get through this time we find ourselves in until we can “just get back to normal,” I would be missing a tremendous opportunity to be grateful for the gift of this time, the blessing of walking this journey (or riding this roller coaster) with our students. I hope that we have been able to preserve a sense of routine and stability.

Recently, my students discussed “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop,” the last speech Martin Luther King Jr. delivered. King says that if God offered him the opportunity to live in any time throughout history, he would choose the present time. He acknowledges, “Now, that’s a strange statement to make because the world is all messed

INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE



Can You Find Inside?

up. The nation is sick, trouble is in the land, confusion all around. That’s a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars.” Though the speech was delivered over 50 years ago, his words struck a chord with me. To be sure, our entire country is dealing with fear and anxiety and uncertainty. It can be all too easy to get stuck thinking the entire year of 2020 was a disaster. This school year has not been ideal. However, our job as educators is not to prepare students for the ideal but for the real. In a world that is often discordant, may they be, as the Prayer of St. Francis says, “instruments of peace.”



Spread the word CLASS of 2025

by Christine Ochs-Naderer, Director of Admission

It's hard to believe we are already looking ahead to the Class of 2025! Acceptance letters were sent in January to 8th-grade applicants, and 134 students have registered to attend Roger Bacon next fall. This new group of young men and women promise to bring a wide range of God-given talents, personalities, and perspectives to our Spartan family.

Hailing from over 40 gradeschools all over the Cincinnati, these new students will come together as one Spartan family, bettering our school community through academic excellence and dedication to service and their faith.

Many of our newest Spartans follow a rich family tradition – with siblings, parents, grandparents, and other relatives who have walked the halls of Roger Bacon before them. Others begin their own, new tradition, keeping the Roger Bacon family strong for generations to come!

☞ Legacy Students

* Freshman Honors Program Students

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| ☞ Dalid Samuel | * ☞ Johnson Rodrigo | ☞ Russell Camdyn |
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A Journey of Discovery

by Brandon Cowans, Director of Advancement

In the acceptance video for the Class of 2025, we asked students and faculty, “What will you find at RB?” Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM said, “*A journey of discovery.*”

My journey started twelve years ago, working as the Director of Admissions. When I arrived, the school was in a period of transition, with lowering enrollment caused by the collapse of our feeder school system and the fierce competition for students. Now, interests and applications are at an all-time high and Roger Bacon is viewed as the co-ed school of choice in Cincinnati. That turnaround success story was, and is, truly a team effort. And it is a team that I am incredibly proud to be a part of, with coworkers that I view more as friends and family than colleagues.

We are often asked, “What’s the secret to your success?” The truth is, it’s not a secret at all — we present our authentic self: small, co-ed, diverse, and most of all Franciscan. Rather than put the school and brand front and center, we place our students first, because they are what matter most. Through them, our Franciscan values shine. That was the best part of working in admissions; getting to know every student, seeing his or her talents, and watching them flourish. I loved my time in the Admissions Office, and leaving the post was bittersweet, but I am excited and grateful to continue my journey as the Director of Advancement.

Roger Bacon High School is an incredible place with a dynamic and culture different than any other. While impressive and gorgeous, we all know it is not the physical building that makes us unique. It is the people. Those Franciscan values that shine through our students are in our parents, our teachers, our alumni, our amazing Franciscan Family. That, my friends, is what you find at RB — a compassionate supportive family to accompany your personal journey of discovery.

*outline casual pic like Steve’s
(with or without students/others)*





The RB community is always invited to help stock food with the Outreach Board at several **FOOD PANTRY** locations in Cincinnati. Pictured left at St. Clement Food Pantry are... *students names.*



SOW LOVE began last year in school to spread and "sow" love printing inspirational and motivational quotes on signs (posters) to reach our school community. The idea was created by senior *Ariel Swanson*. Most recently Sow Love was used to reach all of our students who are remote. The in-school students realized that it was easy to feel cutoff, disconnected and distant when your world is seen through an iPad screen. Letters and cards from in-school classmates were written to share the greeting of Christ's grace, love and fellowship with one another. *Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM* said "This connects us in a powerful and unbreakable way; regardless of distance our students are still close to one another."

In addition, the students sent **CHRISTMAS CARDS** to residents of Maple Knoll Retirement Community, **VALENTINES** to residents of Valencia Gardens in Loveland and notes of encouragement to the swim team at Bellarmine University (Kentucky) who were finally able to participate in a delayed swim tournament (due to the CoVid Pandemic).

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Trunk or Treat at St. Vincent

Several RB students showed up on a very chilly Halloween morning for **TRUNK OR TREAT** at St. Vincent de Paul for kids in the West End neighborhood. Pictured below l to r: *caption needed...*



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As a Franciscan high school, we are called to permeate our society with Gospel values. We are to be instruments of change and heralds of peace in a broken world, reaching out to all people, especially the poor and marginalized, through service, reconciliation, and healing.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARD (COB)

Fifteen students take on the role of COB members each year. They help oversee, facilitate, and encourage service throughout the school community. Programming includes Shantytown, the Freshman Service Retreat, as well as the items listed here.

ASSIST-A-FAMILY

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni work together during the holiday season to collect gifts for the materially poor of our city. For four weeks, we collect new clothes, games, toys and money to donate to local social service agencies who serve families in depressed areas of our city.

BACON BUDDIES

The Bacon Buddies program gives RB students the opportunity to be mentors to the students at St. Francis Seraph School. Monthly meetings are scheduled in which students from both schools engage in conversation, focus on a character value, and enjoy a fun activity.

MARCH FOR LIFE

All students are invited to participate in the March for Life in Washington, DC. Praying, marching, and touring DC are all a part of the three day trip.

URBAN PLUNGE WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In partnership with the Ozanam Center for Service Learning, RB students can experience service learning, rooted in faith, regarding poverty and justice issues with the hope of growing the student's commitment to service and community engagement.

MISSION TRIP TO JAMAICA

In partnership with Fr. Jim Bok at Mary Gate of Heaven Parish in Negril, Jamaica. Mission work includes house rehab, tutoring, and serving at the soup kitchen. In addition to volunteering, students have the opportunity to enjoy the tastes and sites that Jamaica has to offer.

MONTHLY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the opportunities listed above, all students are welcome to join us in our support of St. Francis Seraph Soup Kitchen as well as St. Paul's Archbishop Leibold Home.

SERVICE HOURS

Education is more than just about learning facts and developing skills. In living out the Roger Bacon's motto, "In Holiness and Learning," we strive to teach students about living holy lives and serving God by serving others in need. It is something that must be put into action.

Objectives of the Service Program at Roger Bacon High School

The RB teaching community believes that the students, by performing service, will develop social responsibility in the practical application of the Gospels.

*They will **learn** about their ability to influence change in the quality of life for others.*

*They will **gain** an understanding of the uniqueness of the individuals they serve.*

*They will **appreciate** cultural diversity and a broader concept of "community."*

*They will **advance** in personal growth and value development.*



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The Beauty of Life

Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM writes...Without saying much, our school year and world looks different. Due to the pandemic and in the interest of public safety, **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** decided to host its own **MARCH FOR LIFE** here in Cincinnati. This one day event focused on the breath of our Catholic faith's pro-life stance – the dignity of life from conception to its natural death. All were welcomed to discover the beauty of life seen through our Catholic-Christian faith and to take a stand with us on the side of the dignity of life.

ANY OTHER PICTURES (MAYBE LAST YEAR?)

Brought as an idea by seniors, **Clare** and **Grace Hogshead**, the **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** program started a new project called **CHEMO PAX**. Over the summer, our student leaders discussed the need to reach out to those who are most vulnerable in the midst of the pandemic. Those with cancer became a high focus. Students learned about the emotional and spiritual toll it has on chemo patients. Therefore, students gather monthly to decorate paper bags with inspiring and uplifting quotes, and artwork. We pray for all those undergoing and working with cancer. You will notice the name of our project is "Chemo Pax." The word "pax" is Latin for "peace." It is our desire and prayer that the Lord, Jesus Christ, give peace and comfort to those journeying life with cancer.

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The **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** (January 31-February 6) tradition at Roger Bacon is typically a special week to celebrate the ways we are a Catholic school. That includes an all-school Mass in the Fine Arts Center and public recognition of faculty and staff for their years of service to Catholic education. Since all events need to be kept small, Mass was voluntary and prayer opportunities were held every morning of the week. Each student received a Catholic Schools Week Passport that was stamped when they participated in one of these special events. If they reached a minimum number of 8 opportunities (out of 20 selections) they were served a special breakfast on February 11. These events included an RB Spirit Dress Down Day, Dress Down as a Saint Day, a personal thank-you card sent to an elementary teacher and a SVDP (St. Vincent de Paul) drive if a student provided an item to donate.

DO YOU HAVE A PICTURE?

Bubble Soccer & Prayer

In January **Corey Kiner** was awarded the **PENN STATION ATHLETE OF THE MONTH** for the month of February) by local Fox 19 News. In addition, the St. Bernard Mayor Jonathan Stuchell was present to read off a proclamation for Corey Kiner Day in St. Bernard. "Corey has a bright future ahead of him and the Village of St. Bernard is proud to have had him as part of our community as a student at St. Clement and Roger Bacon. We wish him lots of luck next year at LSU and with all of his future endeavors" said the Mayor.

The 2020 football team and cheerleaders were invited to the Fine Arts Center to support Corey in person. All teachers were asked to be available to join the zoom call which was casted to the projector in the Fine Arts Center for all to view. The school that puts on the best/loudest celebration for the Penn Station AOM award is also awarded a \$2500 reward.



By Rob Rickenbaugh '90

The family that prays together stays together. We made history on a October morning as Roger Bacon students and staff braved the fall temperatures to celebrate the **Feast of St. Francis**, together, with an all-school Mass, held for the very first time at one of the city's oldest and most hallowed venues, Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium. **Father Roger Lopez, OFM** inspired our students to be the "good news" to each other and the world around them."

Mass was followed by the 2020 St. Francis Spirit Olympics, a chance for our students to continue the celebration together. The senior class took home the championship as they dominated the obstacle course, "bubble soccer" and teacher trivia.



Muscle & Teamwork

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On a January afternoon, Fr. Mark, OFM and Dr. Deb Luebbe got an early start on spring cleaning in the lobby. The dynamic duo brought new life back to the **WORLD WAR II PLAQUE** which honors Roger Bacon graduates who served in the War from 1939-1945.





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Excellence Recognized

The annual **CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS** was held over two nights (January 20 and 21), as over 100 applicants for the incoming class of 2025 were recognized for excellence in academics, the arts, and special recognition as selected by the Roger Bacon President Emeritus and Principal.

Students and parents maintained all COVID-19 guidelines as they visited the **CAROL A. DAUWE FINE ARTS CENTER** to receive their awards, which includes scholarships to attend Roger Bacon. It was also a chance to meet future classmates, speak with teachers and faculty, and find out a little more about the magic that is Roger Bacon.



The annual **OPEN HOUSE** event, held Sunday, October 25, was a rousing success. Almost 300 students in grades 6-8 converged upon the Roger Bacon campus to get a firsthand look at what has quickly become the school of choice in Cincinnati.

Despite concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, attendance for this annual event was on par with previous years. Roger Bacon took extra precautions, extending the day by two hours and implementing a scheduling system so that families would be distanced throughout the afternoon. Masks were also required, and plenty of opportunities to hand sanitize were available. More than 50 schools in the Cincinnati area were represented.

Visitors had a chance to tour our beautiful campus with one of our incredible students, meet teachers and staff, and learn more about the excellent academic, athletic, and extra-curricular opportunities at RB.

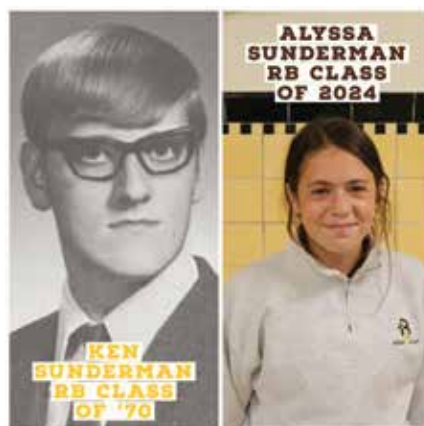
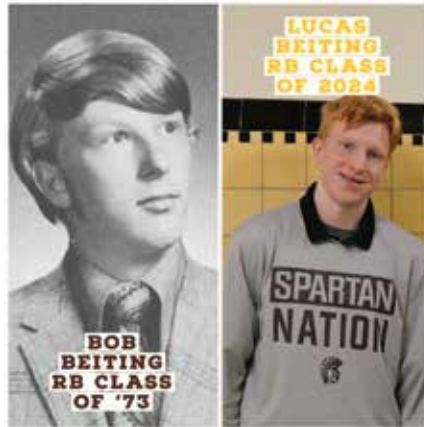
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Roger Bacon is fully committed to the **5-DAY PER WEEK, IN-PERSON EDUCATIONAL MODEL** with a remote option that we have used all school year. We will continue to employ a variety of mitigation strategies to slow the spread of the COVID virus within our school community and create an environment that is safe for our students, faculty and staff. A sincere "THANK YOU" to everyone who contributes to this environment on a daily basis!

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Can you see the family resemblance? Though we could not host our annual **GRANDPARENT'S DAY** event at school this year, we are amazed by the number of students in the Class of 2024 with a long family tradition of attending Roger Bacon! Pictured right are just a few of our many Spartans in the freshman class whose grandparents also attended RB or OLA. Do you recognize any familiar faces?

LEGACY FRESHMAN





Congratulations to seniors **Tori Gruenwald** and **Anna Kowalski**, who have been named **NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS!** These two young ladies placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT last fall. Both Anna and Tori are Assisi Scholars, and we are very proud of their accomplishments!



Choir and Drama Teacher **Catie Murray** writes "We would like to honor and recognize the passing of RB grad, one time Board member and previous Drama Director of Roger Bacon, **Ron Blankenbuehler '60**. With connections to several local Catholic Schools "Mr. B" was a passionate supporter of the Arts and Theatre. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family—and our appreciation and thanks go to his years of hard work for Roger Bacon.



Familiar faces at Roger Bacon took on **NEW ROLES** or **NEW POSITIONS** for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Tom Burke '69

President Emeritus / Major Gifts

Steve Schad

Principal / Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Brandon Cowans

Advancement Director

Christine Ochs-Naderer

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Justin Chmiel

Social Studies Dept. (World Language)

Robin Rice

Department Chair (Special Education)

Chris Blanton

Department Chair (World Language)

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Fine Arts @ Roger Bacon

The annual "**RB'S GOT TALENT!**" competition is about to begin with this year's Battle of the Classes twist; **CONCERT BAND** and **CHORALE** begin work on brand new selections as we prepare for the spring; and students switch into new electives with Piano, Guitar, and Acting classes.

The **DRAMA GUILD** began the process of casting and selecting the crew for their spring production of **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND**. The Drama Guild is excited to bring this powerful story of love to stage for the first time! The show will be available to stream in the spring. More information to come! Make sure to follow the Drama Guild on Twitter and Instagram @RBDramaGuild. You can also follow the Fine Arts Department on Facebook by liking "Roger Bacon High School Music".

♥ ONCE ON THIS ISLAND ☁️💧💀

Still Reach Audiences!

30 YEARS AGO (1991-2000)

Principal **Fr. Jim Bok, OFM** resigned after 10 years.

"The Christian Brothers Trio" of **Steve Schildmeyer '64**, **Mike Schildmeyer '66** and **Joe Schildmeyer '67** (sons of **Alvin Schildmeyer '36**) become famous. They were formerly known as the "Randells."

The Spartan Band was nationally acclaimed for its outstanding competition record.

20 YEARS AGO (2001-2010)

RBHS under guidance of two new administrators during the 2001-02 year. **Mr. Thomas Devolve '82** selected as the school's ninth principal and **Fr. William Farris, OFM** chosen as the school's first-ever president.

RB's Underwater Hockey Team competes in the 2001 US Underwater Hockey National Championships at San Jose University in San Jose, California.

Competing against more than 9,600 students, senior **Jack Feichtner** won a National Honor Society scholarship.

RB students show support for US troops stationed in the Persian Gulf (Adopt-A-Soldier program). They become pen pals with someone serving overseas.

TEN YEARS AGO (2011-present)

"Applications for admissions increase by 68%. We still hold strong to our core values and use our new admission policy to review each applicant" said Admissions Director **Brandon Cowans**.

RB hosts the 10th Annual RB Veterans' Breakfast for over 130 veterans.

Over 200 people attend the annual Alumni Awards and Benefactors Dinner in November.

Steve Schad is hired as the new principal of Roger Bacon.



In dealing with the pandemic for the past few months, the Arts have had to think even more creatively on how to perform safely and still reach audiences! The **Drama Guild** pulled out all the stops to make sure their fall production was safe and entertaining for the Roger Bacon community to enjoy. Reverting back to the "old" form of entertainment, the **Drama Guild** produced a radio play that was streamed on YouTube in November 2020 titled, **Suspense - A Radio Play**. Scripts were used from the original CBS radio show that aired from the 1940s to the 1960s telling five, thrilling tales with characters by

Agnes Moorehead, Judy Garland,

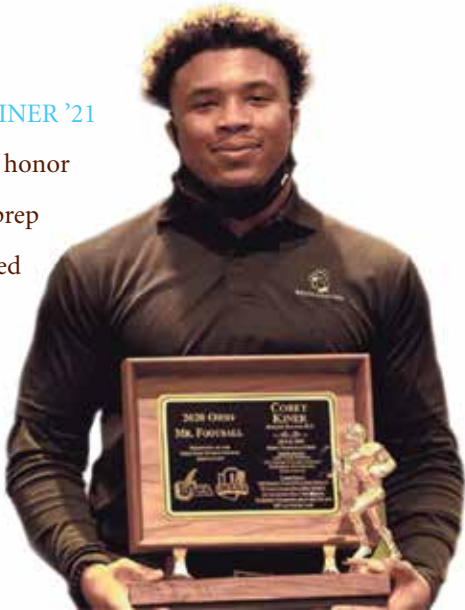
Frank Sinatra and more! The Tech Crew created miniature sound studios with microphones and cameras to record. Sound effects, suspenseful music and brilliant performances by the Cast lead to a successful production that now has over one-thousand views on YouTube. **Suspense - A Radio Play** is still available to watch on the Drama Guild's YouTube channel! The students appreciate your support and can't wait to see the seats of the Fine Arts Center filled once again!

Room for additional copy...



RB running back **COREY KINER '21** earned the most prestigious honor the state of Ohio gives to a prep football player—being named **OHIO MR. FOOTBALL** for the 2020 season.

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ATHLETICS @ RB



First Undefeated Team Since 67

Our Spartan football team beat North College Hill High School 41-0 to complete their **UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON**. This was the first undefeated regular season since the 1967 10-0 team! The 2020 team was the sixth team in school history to go unbeaten and the fourth team to win every regular season game (1958, 1962, 1967, 2020). The 1938 and 1963 unbeaten teams had one tie each season. The 2020 team is also the second team in school history to clinch a #1 seed in the playoffs.



2020 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS & AWARDS

GCLC *Fall All-Stars*

FOOTBALL

ALL-STATE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Corey Kiner '21

ALL-STATE 1ST TEAM

Corey Kiner '21

Nijal Mooney '21

ALL-STATE 2ND TEAM

Ryan Hallau '21

ALL-STATE 3RD TEAM

Daniel Cartuyvelles '21

Alex Wolf '21

DISTRICT OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Corey Kiner '21

DISTRICT DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nijal Mooney '21

DISTRICT 1ST TEAM

Corey Kiner '21

DISTRICT COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Blaut

DISTRICT 2ND TEAM

Evan Webb '21

Corey Kiner '21

Ryan Hallau '21

Daniel Cartuyvelles '21

Nijal Mooney '21

Alex Wolf '21

DISTRICT 2ND TEAM

Evan Webb '21

MVC OFFENSIVE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Corey Kiner '21

MVC DEFENSIVE

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nijal Mooney '21

MVC 1ST TEAM

Daniel Cartuyvelles '21

Ryan Hallau '21

Ethan Hausfeld '21

Malakai Johnson '21

Corey Kiner '21

Nijal Mooney '21

Evan Webb '21

Alex Wolf '21

MVC 2ND TEAM

Timyone Andrew '23

Kent Guyer '23

Kyle Guyer '22

Logan Huber '22

Danny Hudepohl '21

George Janzen '22

Dylan Rolfert '22

Chris Shipley '21

Beamer Walker '23

HONORABLE MENTION

Jah'mal Hutsell '22

Jake Tschida '22



Congratulations to **Logan Huber** who is the second QB in school history to complete the regular football season **WITHOUT THROWING AN INTERCEPTION!** The other Spartan QB to complete the regular football season without throwing an interception is **Sam Merkle '99** (1997 season).



The first home football game (August 28, 2020) was livestreamed at [WIEDEMANN BREWERY](#) in St. Bernard due to restrictions of the number of fans permitted to attend in person at Bron Bacevich Stadium. A group of loyal alums and fans enjoyed watching the game together and cheering from afar (down the street). Thanks to Wiedemann Brewery for livestreaming all of the football games! Due to schedule changes for the season our senior football players were honored at the start of the season (rather than the last home game of the season). The rainbow in the sky at the start of the game must have been a sign of a great season to follow!



Congratulations **Steve Rossi** on being the recipient of the **2020 SWOADA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD!** Mr. Rossi has been the AD at since 2014 and has helped oversee major improvements including; Thomas J. Fogarty Center renovation, Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium renovation and most recently, Frank Robinson Field at Ross Park. Prior to RB, Rossi served as AD at Yellow Springs. Before that, he spent 5 years in Cincinnati Public Schools as the AD at Aiken and the Assistant AD at Western Hills. “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 a lot when you have an amazing staff, including a great Assistant AD like Brandon Spaeth,” said Steve.



MEET OHIO MR. FOOTBALL

BY ROB RICKENBAUGH '90

my family

This award was voted on by the OPSWA (Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association) and has been awarded annually since 1987 to the best high school football player in the state of Ohio. Corey is the 34th player, and only the third player in the Cincinnati area, to receive this honor.

Corey rushed for 1,866 yards and 35 touchdowns this season, leading our Spartans to a regional championship and birth in the state final four. He also had 3 receptions for 71 yards and a touchdown, and returned 6 kickoffs for 196 yards and a touchdown. He accomplished all of this despite not playing more than 10 quarters due to Roger Bacon having large leads after halftime. Corey scored one touchdown for every 4.9 rushes.

“Roger Bacon is my family. I knew that it would mean a lot more for me to stay here and win with my family. I knew in my heart that if we just kept pushing on, we would eventually turn things around and change the culture.” The decision paid off. Over the last two seasons, RB won 20 games, which are the most in a two-year period in the program’s history. It is also the first time we’ve had back-to-back 10-win season.

Earlier this week, Corey was named to the Division V All-State First Team for the second year in a row, as well as the Division V Offensive Player of the Year. He was also named the District Player-of-the-Year and Miami Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year for the second year in a row. If there was a “Quadruple Crown” of high school football – Corey achieved that this year.

Tim Stried from OHSAA and local media joined the RB administration and the 2020 Regional Champion football team to present the award to Corey at ceremony held at school. Corey has demolished the Roger Bacon record book with careers stats that may never be rivaled, as well as making his mark on the state of Ohio record books. With the Mr. Football award added to his accolades, he will now officially be remembered as one of the greatest student-athletes in Ohio football history.

“Corey Kiner is a once in a lifetime type of student athlete. Not only is he a record-setting running back on the field, he is one of the most humble, hardworking and generous players off the field” said Coach Mike Blaut ’88. Corey said “I had the best four years ever. I made life-long friends, learned life lessons and had the most fun while doing it. Thank you!”



Congratulations to **CLARISSA CRAIG '21** on becoming the 5th player in Roger Bacon Girls Basketball history to reach 1,000 career points scored!



ATHLETICS @ RB



Why Wait... Heading South!

On November 2, the **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM** won their 23rd district title in program history and headed to Regionals. Head VB Coach **Alyssa Flading '05** earned her 3rd straight GCL Coed Coach of the Year honor! **Cammy Niesen '22** (pictured below right) earned the GCL Coed POY (Player of the Year) honors. She joins her older sisters (Karly '20 & Courtney '17) on earning this award! Cammy recently verbally committed to University of Mississippi to continue her academic and volleyball careers. Also, congrats to **Grace Wilking '21** for continuing her academic and volleyball careers at Mount St. Joseph College!



2020 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS & AWARDS

GCLC *Fall All-Stars*

GIRLS SOCCER

ALL-STATE 2ND TEAM

Kylee Sheppard '21

DISTRICT 1ST TEAM

Kylee Sheppard '21

GCL 1ST TEAM

Kylee Sheppard '21

GCL 2ND TEAM

Riley Rolfert '24

HONORABLE MENTION

Sam Mumper '21

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

ALL-STATE 1ST TEAM

Cammy Niesen '22

ALL-STATE

HONORABLE MENTION

Grace Wilking '21

DISTRICT PLAYER

OF THE YEAR

Cammy Niesen '22

DISTRICT COACH

OF THE YEAR

Alyssa Flading

DISTRICT 1ST TEAM

Cammy Niesen '22

Kelsey Niesen '24

Grace Wilking '21

DISTRICT 2ND TEAM

Meredith Gullette '21

GCL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Cammy Niesen '22

GCL COACH OF THE YEAR

Alyssa Flading

GCL 1ST TEAM

Cammy Niesen '22

Kelsey Niesen '24

Grace Wilking '21

GCL 2ND TEAM

Meredith Gullette '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Molly Hamilton '21

GOLF

GCL 2ND TEAM

Adam Trigg-Holdman '21

GCL 3RD TEAM

Aden Walls '24

GIRLS TENNIS

HONORABLE MENTION

Lily Crigler '21



After much discussion and circumstances out of our control, the **2021 WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME CEREMONY** was canceled due to reasons surrounding COVID-19. The four newest members of the Roger Bacon Hall of Fame are:

- **Heather Bellegia Ernst '93**
- **Carrie Nelson Hawkins '95**
- **Lisa Bock Crawford '99**
- **Ashley Queen-Janning Manfra '02**

Since 1997, Roger Bacon has honored our newest inductees with a special ceremony surrounded by loved ones, old & new friends, teammates and coaches. "We are all extremely disappointed that we cannot hold our Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony this school year. We feel terrible for the inductees and their families and friends but with the conditions and Covid restrictions, we felt it was in the best interest of Roger Bacon and the Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony to cancel. Like the Stag, it is not just a Hall of Fame ceremony; it is an event, a reunion, and a celebration of Roger Bacon history and we feel the inductees deserve to be recognized in person" says RB Athletic Director, Steve Rossi.



On October 7, 2020, **Adam Trigg-Holdman** shot a season-best 76 and **ADVANCED TO STATE** on a one-hole, sudden-death PLAYOFF. Adam's teammates wore special t-shirts to support Adams' trip to state – "In Trigg We Trust." "Adam finished tied for 20th in the state (out of 72), and also shot the 13th best score (163) of any golfer in the State Championship in October. I was most proud of Adam after he had a tough first 9 holes and instead of quitting, he put up his best 9 of the tournament on the back 9. Adam had every opportunity to shut it down but he grinded out his best golf of the weekend. It was a true Spartan performance, and I am proud to be his coach" said Nick Rosenfeldt (Varsity Golf Coach).



A HISTORIC SEASON

BY BRANDON SPAETH '11, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Thank you

The Spartans state tournament run came to an end in the Division V state semifinals with a 22-19 loss to Ironton at Bowls Field in London, OH.

But it was a season for the history books as Roger Bacon went 10-1, won the Miami Valley Conference outright and became the first team in program history to win a regional championship and advance to the state Final Four.

Our Spartans faced a 13-0 deficit with 10 minutes left in the first half but then put their foot on the gas and dialed in and scored two TDs within 57 seconds in the second quarter to tie the game up at 13-13. The first TD was a 20 yard pass from *Logan Huber '22* to *Ryan Hallau '21*. That TD pass was set up by a forced fumble & recovery by *Kyle Guyer '22*.

Three plays later, the Spartans forced another fumble and *Evan Webb '21* recovered at the RB 31 yard line. The Spartans then pulled out some trickery as *Danny Hudepohl '21* got the ball in the backfield on a reverse and threw 31 yard TD pass to *Jake Tschida '22* to tie the game up heading into halftime.

During Ironton's first possession of the second half, Evan Webb came up big once again forcing and recovering a fumble to give the Spartans momentum. RB then marched down the field on a 12-play 85 yard TD drive led by *Corey Kiner '21* who had 7 carries for 59 yards and a TD on the drive. The TD run by Kiner was setup by a huge first down pickup by *Jah'mal Hutsell '22*. This gave RB their first lead of the game at 19-13

RB led heading into the final quarter but Ironton bounced back and retook the lead after a TD and a safety. The Spartan defense locked in with 5 minutes left and forced a punt with 4:59 left in the game to give the offense one more shot. A couple of huge plays occurred on the last drive including a one handed catch by Hallau on a 3rd & 14 to give the Spartans life. Unfortunately, the Spartans could not capitalize after that and their historic season came to an end.

This class of 2021 seniors helped lead RB to a 20-3 record over the last two seasons which includes a 13-0 record at home. Their two playoff losses combined by a total of 4 points.

Thank you to our amazing 16 seniors!



Special thanks to our Athletic
Director **STEVE ROSSI**
and Assistant AD
BRANDON SPAETH '11

for handling all the changes since the
pandemic began! Only few people
know how many “*behind the scenes*”
projects or last-minutes changes
must be addressed on a daily basis.



ATHLETICS @ RB



Great Pin Action
by the RB Girls!

One of the most dominant teams at Roget Bacon is the **GIRLS BOWLING TEAM!** Their team record on February 3, 2021 is 8-0 after beating Badin by over 100 pins. **HAIL SPARTANS!**



2020
ATHLETIC
SIGNINGS
& AWARDS

GCLC Winter All-Stars

BOYS BASKETBALL

GCL 1ST TEAM

Marjoni Tate '21

GCL 2ND TEAM

Mason Cromer '20

BOWLING

GCL 1ST TEAM

Alexis Burgess '21

Lily Crigler '21

GIRLS BASKETBALL

GCL CO-PLAYER

OF THE YEAR

Kylee Sheppard '21

GCL 1ST TEAM

Kylee Sheppard '21

Clarissa Craig '21

Kelly Brenner '20

GCL 2ND TEAM

Lyric Harris '20

WRESTLING

GCL 1ST TEAM

Jake Mumper '20

GCL 2ND TEAM

James Allen '23

Nolan Wall '22

SWIMMING

HONORABLE MENTION

Brooklyn Myers '22



Congratulations to our seven student-athletes who signed a **NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT** as part of the NCAA winter signing period in early February:

Grace Wilking - **VOLLEYBALL**

Mount St. Joseph University

Nigel Mooney - **FOOTBALL**

University of Findlay

Danny Hudepohl - **FOOTBALL**

Western Iowa College

Ryan Hallau - **FOOTBALL**

Ashland University

Denis Haase - **SOCCER**

Thomas More University

Connor Meyer - **BASEBALL**

Penn State Greater Allegheny

Ollie Boeres - **SOCCER**

University of Findlay

More than a dozen senior athletes have
signed to play at the college level!

After much discussion and circumstances out of our control, the 51ST ANNUAL ROGER BACON SPORTS STAG has been canceled due to reasons surrounding COVID-19. The four newest members of the Roger Bacon Hall of Fame are:

- Bob Salt '65
- Ron Henke '74
- Tommy Kramer '86
- Tommy Watkins '98

For 50 straight years, RB has put on one of the best stags around. This decision wasn't an easy one but it was the right one. "We are all extremely disappointed that we cannot hold the best Sports Stag in Cincinnati this year. We feel terrible for the inductees and their families and friends. With the conditions and restrictions the way they surrounding COVID-19, we felt it is in the best interest of Roger Bacon and the Stag to cancel. The Sports Stag is not just a hall of fame ceremony – it is an event, a reunion, and a celebration of Roger Bacon history and we feel the inductees deserve the same environment they have come to know for the past 50 years!" says Roger Bacon Athletic Director, Steve Rossi.



In an interview with Mike Dyer of WCPO, it was announced that **Kylee Sheppard '21**, a Providence College verbal commit for basketball, ranked second all-time in Roger Bacon girls' soccer history in total points (goals and assists) with 116. She also has a 3.78 GPA. Kylee recently discussed the support she's received from the school community. "It is a community where we're all together no matter the sport or grade. We're a diverse school and support each other no matter what. That's what I like the best!" Kylee came just short of breaking her mom's (**Mindy Ballinger Sheppard '92**) soccer career goal record. Kylee ended her career ranked top-5 in every major statistical category.



BLAST FROM THE PAST unselfish ball

The RB 1982 STATE CHAMPION BASKETBALL TEAM reunited at the home of Bruce Knolle last summer (pictured below): Coach Tom Singleton (assistant coach), Rick Bierman, Br. Gene Mayer OFM, Coach Bob Callahan (head coach), Bruce Knolle, Rob Niehoff, Mike Morrissey, Rich Sanders and Greg Schildmeyer. Not pictured, but attending the gathering: Tom Woodall, Logan Link and Jeff Gargile.



"For the first time in the school's 54 glorious years, Roger Bacon captured the Ohio High School Athletic Association's AAA State Basketball Championship by defeating Barborton 71-67 in overtime."

"Throughout the Tournament, the Spartans epitomized the unselfish concept of team basketball. With no spectacular players to count on, Bacon proved that a motivated, determined group of young men can accomplish that 'Impossible Dream.' But there might not have been a state championship if it were not for the support of the Roger Bacon fans. From the send-off assembly Friday morning before the Lima game, to the Victory reception Saturday night, the cheering and enthusiasm provided the spark that ignited the Bacon squad. Truly, the State Tournament proved to be a SHOWCASE for Roger Bacon High School. "For Men of Bacon—win or lose, are Men of Victory." Pictured below is team from 1982 Troubadour yearbook.



ALUMNI*NEWS*

70
seventies

Eight members of the early 1970s Roger Bacon Cross Country program made a \$1000 contribution to the school's scholarship fund in memory of teammate **BILL HOUSTON '74**, who passed away in a tragic accident at his home in May, 2019. Bill was the Most Valuable Runner of the 1973 team and continued his running career at Muskingum University.

This donation was also made in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1970 Cincinnati District Cross Country Championship, the first Cross Country title of

any kind by a Roger Bacon team that sent Spartan harriers to the state tournament for the first time.

Contributors include: **HEAD COACH MIKE BOYLAN**, **GREG BUSCHMANN '72**, **JEFF CONRAD '72**, **DAVE CLARK '72**, **RUSS MCMAHON '72**, **DENNIS MULCARE '72**, **STEVE PFEFFERLE '74**, and **DENNIS KRAUSE '75**.

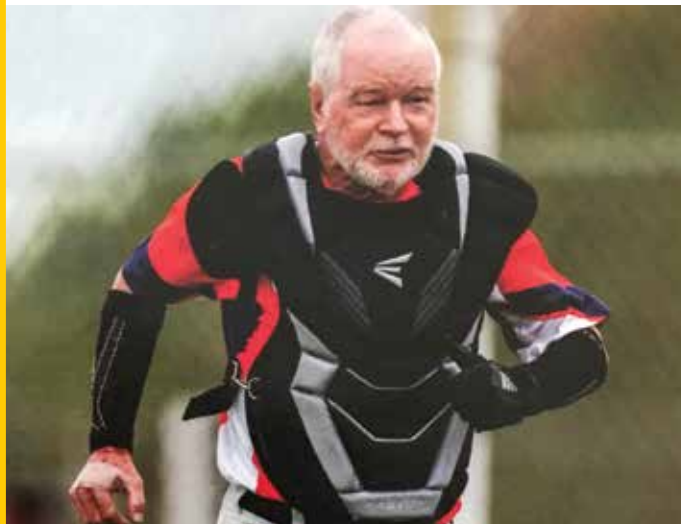
Pictured is Rick Sollmann and Russ McMahon looking on as Jeff Conrad presents \$1000 check to Steve Schad.



LOOKING FOR A BETTER QUALITY IMAGE

3RD PLACE FINISH

NEVER STOP PLAYING!



MIKE DAY '70 participated in the Roy Hobbs Baseball Tournament in November, 2020, in Fort Myers, FL. His team, the Cincinnati Colts, placed 3rd in the 65+ age group.

With over 20 years of service to community, family and athletics, **BRANDON MCINTOSH '98** participated in a virtual book signing for his book *Take a Deep Breath and Focus*. Brandon paints a clear picture of what it takes to overcome life's obstacles. Understanding the dynamics of an athlete and competitor he uses those principles to leave a mark in the mind of the hearer of his words.

Like many endeavors in life, Brandon's idea to help others started with a dream that repeated itself while he slept. In his dream, he was once again playing on the basketball court and football field at RB and the basketball court at Xavier University. "I'd be so excited in my dream only to wake up frustrated" said Brandon, who is now a pastor at Ebenezer Second Baptist Church. What started as a dream became a conversation with himself, and that conversation led him to start writing his first book *Take a Deep Breath and Focus: 10 Ways to be Relentless*, which was published in August, 2020.

About three years ago **TOMMY WATKINS '98** and his family were grieving the loss of their dear sister and daughter **MANDY WATKINS DUNN '96** who sadly died from cancer. Tommy decided to "turn the pain to a positive" with the help of the Spartan family. His idea was to host a sand volleyball tournament and party in his sister's memory. The response to the first sand volleyball tournament at the Knotty Pine (in White Oak) was huge. In August (2020) the third annual **Amanda Watkins Dunn '96 Sand Volleyball Tournament** was another great success. "That weekend we honored, remembered good times and celebrated Mandy at another successful memorial tournament. After events and days like this a part of my heart feels less broken. I feel a little less sad in these moments because there is this AMAZING community of people that played volleyball in the sun, rain and cold to keep Mandy's name and memory alive. The Spartan Army for one, various other GCL alumni, my family, your family, neighbors and friends of friends have heard my story and stepped up to help. It is in these moments and events of seeing so many old friends and meeting new ones that you are reminded of how precious life is. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart because my heart needed that weekend for a little extra healing" said Tommy.



my happy life & successes

VINCE MEYER '50 and his wife Beverly were married on Thanksgiving Day (November 24, 1960) due to Vince's family business (Meyer's Delicacies) renting Stand #1 at Finley



Market in OTR, which never closed on Friday or Saturday. Vince and Beverly met at a dance in Northside, which was usually attended by about 400 boys and girls. "At one of the dances at the

Fenwick Club a girl across the room saw me and said to herself, 'I am going to marry him!' "With no intention of marriage at that time, I would find another partner after three or four dates. Incredibly, I dated Bev's sister Geraldine. So, when P&G hosted a special day at Coney Island, I called Geraldine but she already had a date. Since she had four other sisters, I asked if any of them would be available. She checked and said one was available—that was Beverly! We married and have four children, 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren."

Vince attended Purdue University School of Agriculture after graduating from RB. After two years his college funds were exhausted, so he and his brother farmed 250 acres for their father, raising 250 pigs and about 50 head of cattle. Over three years later Vince was drafted and entered the US Army where he served in Korea and

was at the top of his class of 18 during training. When he returned to the states he began a career at Procter & Gamble as a chemical technician; two years later he attended Xavier University full-time, majoring in Accounting minoring in Economic and Philosophical Psychology. He was hired by Miami Systems Corporation, as an accountant and later as treasurer and director. In 1984 Vince applied for a position with the City of Forest Park as a Tax Specialist. He stayed there for 12 years. At age 83 he passed the Enrolled Agent exam at the Internal Revenue Service and in 2018 he received a plaque from

H & R Block for 20 years of service. Vince said "I give my Roger Bacon education credit for a large part of my happy life and successes."

In 2019 Vince entered Good Samaritan Hospital with C. Diff and months later he went on dialysis. This did not stop him and his wife Beverly from celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in November (2020) at The Farm (in Delhi), even though the COVID-19 prohibited many guests from attending their celebration. With their children and several best friends in attendance, they attended



"I give my Roger Bacon education credit for a large part of my happy life and successes."

Mass followed by dinner and dancing (with the bubble machine) at The Farm. "It was a beautiful night" said Vince.

ALUMNI NEWS



SAMUEL DAVIS '00 was recently appointed as the newest member of the Board of Directors for the Franklin County (Ohio) Board of Developmental Disabilities. He was also awarded a certificate of completion for the Central Ohio Executive IT Leaders.

He has been invited to speak as a Master of Ceremonies for the 20th anniversary for the ACAP-Ohio graduation celebration this year, as he was a participant and graduate of the program during his senior year at RB. ACAP is an innovative center development program designed for minority high school students and provides the opportunity to explore careers in accounting and business.

In his position as Information Technology Executive at the Gordon Food Service Company, Samuel's primary role is Automation Technology Strategy Leader. He is responsible for creating strategies to implement



enterprise solutions for large IT projects. He also prides himself on being a mentor to multiple young professionals in the Columbus IT community. Samuel serves on the Board of Directors for Easter Seals, COSI, is a Commissioner for the Columbus Good Sport Golf Club Association, IT Advisory Board member for the Downtown Columbus High Schools and the STEM Industry Council. He is also an active volunteer and ambassador of the following civic organizations: Blacktech614, Techlife Columbus, Can't Stop Columbus, Senior African American Leadership Team, Columbus IT Leaders and the Columbus Young Professionals Organization. Most enjoyably, Samuel is an active volunteer for the Central Ohio's Make a Wish Foundation, Columbus Chess community, Ronald McDonald house and Habitat for Humanity.

PROMOTED TO LT. COLONEL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



JOE FALLER '99 was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves recently in Hawaii. He is a 2003 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He originally served a little over 8 1/2 years active duty in the Aviation Community as the Weapons Officer in a Prowler.

Joe spent four years in the band while at RB, playing the trumpet. He was among the 100 Spartans who "Marched on Moscow" when the band went to Russia in May, 1998, for nine days. He was also on the wrestling team for four years.



Sister of

Charity (of Cincinnati)

TRACY KEMME '04 professed her perpetual vows during a Communion service on July 25, 2020, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at the Mt. St. Joseph Motherhouse (Delhi Township). Because of the current health precautions, a small group was present with Sr. Tracy in the chapel for the ceremony. In their presence she vowed to freely and whole-heartedly commit herself for life to the service of God, God's people and all of Creation as a member of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.

Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Divinity from Chicago's Catholic Theological Union. Following her profession of final vows, Sr. Tracy will be part of the Sisters of Charity Vocation Team and will minister at a local Cincinnati parish.

CHRISTINA HIBBITS DAVIS '04 and her husband Miles Davis recently opened a bakery (***Davis Cookie Collection***) in the Bond Hill business district (4926 Reading Road) that specializes in delicious gourmet cookies, brownies and various desserts. Christina and Miles graduated from the Mortar Entrepreneurship program in 2016 where they gained extensive knowledge on how to create a successful business. Since then, the ***Davis Cookie Collection*** has partnered with numerous local businesses such as the Cincinnati Zoo, French Fry Heaven, Sweets and Meats BBQ, Just Q'in BBQ and many more.

Christina has always been inspired to create a cookie business and she learned how to make delicious desserts at an early age. She attended graduate school at the University of Cincinnati in 2013 and utilized baking as an outlet during stressful moments of school. She would bring samples of her cookies to class and to her workplace and everyone raved about how delicious they were. A fellow employee at her workplace offered to pay her \$15 for a dozen of her chocolate chip cookies. It was then that Christina realized she had a product that consumers would purchase.

After hard work and dedication, CEO Christina and COO Miles launched the ***Davis Cookie Collection*** in 2013. Shortly after, Christina graduated from graduate school and obtained a corporate job as a licensed social worker. After a year in the workforce, she resigned and made cookies her full-time career. Check out the offerings of the ***Davis Cookie Collection*** online (www.daviscookiecollection.com) or at their store in Bond Hill—"Homemade Gourmet Cookies and Desserts that Warm Every Heart!"



many stories to share

In 1954, **JERRY MURRAY '57** received a phone call from the Cincinnati Reds. They asked him if he would like to be their bat boy. Originally, he thought it would be for the Reds, but someone



else had already taken the job—Bernie Stowe (the future and legendary clubhouse manager for the Reds). Jerry would be the visiting team bat boy. His job would be to run errands, clean spikes,

hang up jock straps and, of course, be the bat boy for all Reds' opponents. He would be paid \$5/day and a typical working day would be from 9 am-midnight!

Jerry was actually a very good baseball player in his own right from Northside (St. Boniface Parish). He made the Roger Bacon varsity baseball squad as a sophomore for Coach Bacevich's team. As a junior, he not only made the varsity team but was in the starting line up until the Reds called again to rehire him. (At that point, Coach Bacevich was not very happy and uttered to Jerry that he was a "gutless wonder! It was coach's fiery persona that Jerry respected immensely.)

Jerry's other role model at Roger Bacon was Fr. Andrew Fox, OFM. Fr. Andrew allowed him to keep the job with the Reds even though Jerry took many days off from school and sometimes needed an early dismissal to catch the bus to Crosley Field.

He has many stories to share from some of the most famous baseball

players who played professional baseball: *Willie Mays, Ernie Banks, Roberto Clemente, Duke Snider, Eddie Mathews, Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, Roy Campanella* and his favorite player, *Stan Musial*. He has written many different stories of these men and hopes to have his short stories ("Dug-out Diaries") published soon. Jerry's top story involved the Pittsburgh Pirates manager *Danny Murtaugh*. During a game Murtaugh was so aggravated with one of the Reds pitchers throwing "spit balls" that he started to carry a bucket of water to the pitching mound for the pitcher

to wet his fingers. The umpire threw Murtaugh out mid-trip. Murtaugh begged and tried to bribe Jerry to finish the trip. At that point the umpire told Jerry that if he completed the trip, he would be the first bat boy in history to be thrown out of a major league baseball game!



Fr. Andrew allowed him to keep the job with the Reds even though Jerry took many days off from school...

After graduation from Roger Bacon and the Reds job, he played "Muni-Ball" (semi-professional baseball) in Cincinnati, with fellow 1957 graduate **WALT ROECKERS**. Jerry even received

a tryout with the Cincinnati Reds. He played many years of softball later and even subbed for the *Cincinnati Suds* one weekend. Jerry now lives on the west side of Cincinnati and is married with two sons, Mike and Jeff. He is retired and enjoys telling his amazing stories of his years with the Cincinnati Reds!

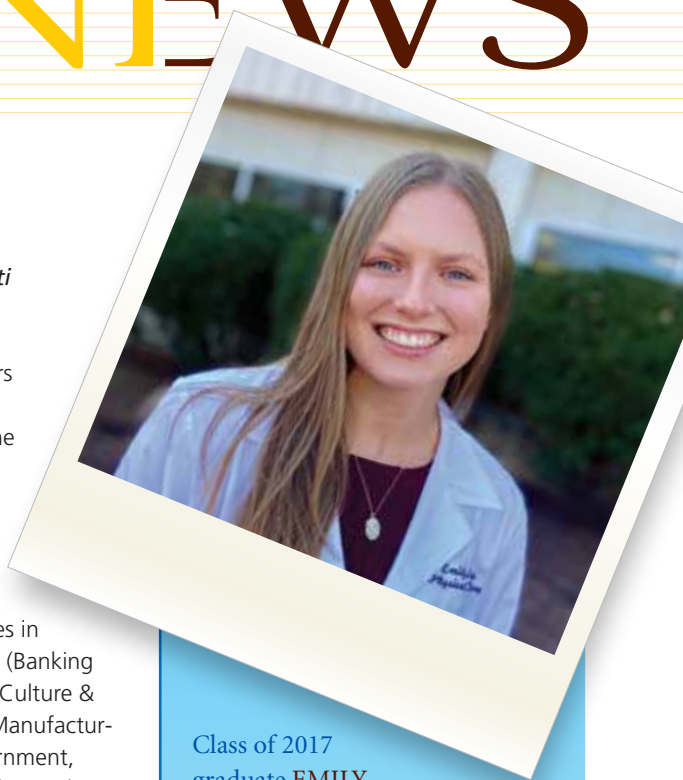
ALUMNI NEWS



EMILY (RENO) '06 and **KURT ROCCO '06** recently welcomed a new baby, Evelyn Joan, into their lives on May 14, 2020. The proud grandparents are **DONNA (BURKHART) '81** and **JIM RENO '81** and Stephanie and Rick Rocco.



For the second year *Cincinnati Magazine* has published the Cincinnati 300, a collection of most powerful business leaders of the largest public, private and nonprofit companies in the Cincinnati region. John Fox, Editor-in-Chief of the magazine said "We sought broad representation across the business community and highlighted companies in each of our eight categories." (Banking & Finance, Consumer Goods, Culture & Leisure, Education & Health, Manufacturing & Tech, Nonprofit & Government, Professional Services, and Real Estate).



Class of 2017 graduate **EMILY ENGEL** recently participated in her "White Coat" ceremony at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY. The White Coat ceremony is a rite of passage for medical students who have entered their doctoral program. Based on her outstanding high school academic record, Emily entered Bellarmine University thru the Leap Program which, upon maintaining the required GPA during her undergraduate studies, guaranteed her acceptance to Bellarmine's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (DPT). Emily was named Bellarmine's "Exercise Science Outstanding Junior" based on her contributions to the department and GPA. Upon completion of her junior year, Emily was one of two students offered "Early Entry" into the DPT program which allowed her to start her doctorate the summer following her junior year. This also allowed Emily to apply her senior year scholarship money to the first year of her doctoral program, making the entire family very happy!

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 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.

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.

THE MERKLE WOMEN! SCHOOL SPIRIT STILL "FITS"



Cheerleader **SALLY KELSEY MERKLE '74** (center) poses for a picture with her spirited daughters **BETSY BARROWS '04** (on left) and **ABBY WILLIS '02** (on right).

In the second annual edition of Cincinnati 300 (2020) four RB and one OLA alumnae were featured.



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DAN KROEGER '69, CEO & Chairman
Gold Medal Products

Dan has led the family-owned manufacturer and distributor of concession food equipment and supplies since 1991.

BANKING & FINANCE

TIMOTHY BALLINGER '71, President & CEO
General Electric Credit Union

Tim joined the company in 1994 and rose to CEO in 2015. GECU was chartered in 1954 as a not-for-profit institution for employees of GE Aircraft Engines.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

CLEMENT LUKEN, JR. '74, Senior Partner
Wood Herron & Evans

Clem joined the intellectual property firm when he graduated from law school in 1986 and is a member of its executive committee. The practice has about 40 lawyers and works with 150 independent associates in more than 50 countries.

REAL ESTATE

MONICA SCHNEIDER GERHARDT '83,
Managing Director
FRCH Nelson

Monica replaced James Tippmann as head of the Cincinnati operation that merged with Minneapolis-based Nelson Worldwide in 2018.

CONSUMER GOODS

BRIAN KOCHER '87, President & CEO
The Castellini Group

Brian oversees the Wilder, Kentucky-based consortium, chaired by Reds Owner Bob Castellini, which employs about 1,550 people locally.

the years flew by

JOE STAVALE '88 writes:

I think my RB class of 1988 produced several stellar fresh recruits and officer candidates for our country's military



services. I hope I deserve to be referenced among them. Deciding to join the military was one of the best decisions of my life. Seeing and hearing the various military representatives who came

to RB during inspired me to serve for four years with plans to return home with college money to pursue an engineering degree at UC. Little did I know how much I would enjoy serving and how 30+ years flew by.

I was far from being a great student and getting into college wasn't going to be easy, all I wanted to do upon graduating from RB was to see the world and be a part of something big. The military was a good fit for me, and I inquired about joining the Air Force with aspirations of a future in aviation. While the Air Force was entertaining my inquiries, the Marines convinced me that I was Marine material.

After completing basic training at the Parris Island, SC, in late 1988, I served as an enlisted Marine for 10 years in various places in the United States. I was on Embassy Duty in three countries, served in Operation SHARP EDGE in Monrovia, Liberia, and also served in Japan before earning my

college degree and receiving an invitation to Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. I went on to serve for an additional 20+ years on active-duty as a commissioned officer, and served in Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and TOMODACHI. The Marine Corps gave me the opportunity to push myself as I earned a Masters of Arts in National Security Affairs in Monterey, CA, and learned Japanese. I spent a significant amount of time as an alliance manager serving in various capacities and locations throughout Japan. I had the privilege to meet and brief the prime minister of Japan about a unique American asset (the MV-22 Osprey) that the government of Japan would eventually adopt for service in their own self-defense forces.

I finally decided that I stretched the four years long enough and transitioned back to civilian life in 2019. I had reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and completed my career at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, CA. Being a Marine was not a job, it was a way of life which provides ample examples of how to live right.

I've been married for just over 25 years and we have three wonderful kids, the eldest is a graduate of the University of Hawaii. I now work for a civilian firm providing support to our military overseas and for relaxation, I fly single-engine airplanes (I never gave up on my dream to fly).



ALUMNI EVEN

Reunions & Gatherings

THE YEAR 2020 REUNION WAS SET FOR MANY SPECIAL GATHERINGS AND REUNIONS AS USUAL. THE CLASS LEADERS OF MOST PLANNED REUNIONS WERE DETERMINED TO MOVE FORWARD AND CARRY ON WITH CELEBRATING THEIR GRADUATIONS FROM OLA & RB. UNFORTUNATELY, ALMOST ALL WERE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED TO A FUTURE DATE.

43 **RB '43** is no longer meeting for monthly luncheons. Thanks to the efforts of **Paul Blom** who organized these luncheon gatherings for many years.

49 Kudos to the **OLA '49** ladies who celebrated a 70th Reunion in 2019. Prior to that celebration the ladies met every three months for lunch.

49 **RB '49** classmates (about 14 men) met once a month at Bob Evans Restaurant on North Bend Road for breakfast for many years after their 50th Reunion celebration. Their classmate and regular breakfast attendee **Oliver Lackey** illustrated a special poster/picture of the "regulars" (including their favorite waitress) in 2019. (Sadly, Oliver passed away in the fall of 2020.) Due to the pandemic the men are not meeting.

51 For 68 years the **OLA '51** ladies continued to meet once a year since their graduation. Their last gathering was in 2019 at Maple Knoll Manor House. Thanks for many great years of gathering and to their class leader **Shirley Kraft Schottelkotte** and **Mary Fischer** for organizing these special luncheons.

52 The men of **RB '52** met for several years at Foley's Irish Pub in Reading for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month. Originally, they met regularly at Sorrento's Restaurant in Reading. Thanks to the leadership and organization from **George McMahon** for the good times at these luncheons. George can be reached at grmckm@outlook.com.

55 Thanks to the leadership of JoAnn Bonno for bringing her **OLA '55** classmates together at Clovernook Country Club on the first Sunday of October for fun and laughter (and lunch) once a year. The ladies have met every year since the 50th class reunion in 2005 to celebrate their graduation from OLA.

55 Most recently, the **RB CLASS OF '55** met three times a year at The Montgomery Inn (in Montgomery) thanks to the leadership of classmate **Jack Luhrman**. Plans were underway for a big celebration of their **65th Reunion**. Unfortunately, these gatherings were temporarily suspended due to the Pandemic. **Tony Novello** has assumed the role as class leader and can be reached at 513.860.5193. The men of '55 began meeting quarterly for lunch several years ago on the first Thursday in March, June, September and December at the Montgomery Inn. Prior to those gatherings this class had met in 33 different local restaurant locations in the last 25 years from the west side to the east side. Their last gathering was at the Wiedemann Brewery in St. Bernard in September, 2018. These men have certainly patronized the restaurant business in Cincinnati!

56 The men of **RB '56** gather every year to celebrate their annual "Celebration of Our Graduation" luncheon. Last year their celebration was held at the Wiedemann Brewery in St. Bernard. Please call **Bill Johns** by April, 2021, to verify plans for June, 2021 at 513.825.2821 or william.johns@fuse.net.

57 The **RB CLASS OF '57** will continue to meet three times a year in April, August and December. Contact **Rich Harmeyer** at 513.385.1727 for updated information and location of the next class luncheon.

58 At the last gathering of **RB '58** at Pompilio's in Newport, KY, a record high number of 20 men attended the luncheon (on January 9, 2020). Although they had planned on meeting again in May and September, the Corona virus threat changed that decision. Contact **Jim Murphy** for information about future gatherings at 513.237.0173 or merf2@fuse.net.

A group of men from the classes of **RB '61, '62 & '63** (pictured right) 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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60 The ladies of **OLA 1960** gathered for their **60th Reunion** at Maketewah Country Club under the leadership of classmate **Donna Baumgartner**. With the help of the staff there, the ladies were able to keep their social distance and enjoy a great lunch and afternoon together. Donna hopes to have another reunion in 2021, as many classmates were not able to attend. 1st row l to r: **Judy Ertel Horn, Rosie Engler Kilday, Betty Woerner Fries, Betsy Klus Goins, Joan Wieczorowski Jungkunz and Theresa Halloroan Dashley**. 2nd row l to r: **Grace Rolf Creager '61, Evie Rolf Woll, Joyce Arstingstahl Schroeder and Connie Connerton Carrigan**. 3rd row l to r: **Therese Huy Grupenhoff, Donna Frerick Baumgartner, Paulette Schlanser Broerman and Barb Simon Ballinger**

60 The **60th Reunion** celebration for the **RB CLASS OF '60** at Pebble Creek Golf Course was cancelled. At this time no plans have been made to reschedule this event in 2021. Questions can be directed to **Seton Staley** at fsstaleyjr@hotmail.com or Chuck Helmes at 513.939.067.

61 **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 513.284.4754 for more information about these luncheons. **Barry Strasser** is taking the lead to plan a very special **60th Reunion** for the class of RB '61 and spouses. This reunion will be held in the Roger Bacon Fine Arts Center on Saturday, September 18, and will include a cocktail reception, dinner and live entertainment. Invitations with all information will be mailed in July, 2021. Questions can be directed to Barry at bstrasser@fuse.net or 513.777.5819.

65 The ladies of **OLA '65** will continue to gather for lunch, if possible. Call **Christina Boehm** for information at 513.407.1704 and leave a message or send a message to Christina at yorktownco1704@gmail.com if you're interested in attending future gatherings.



65 **RB '65** had planned a reunion cookout on campus in September, 2020, but unfortunately, that gathering was cancelled. At this time a reunion is not planned for 2021. Questions can be directed to **Skip Schoettmer** at skip.schoettmer@sbcinci.com or 513.780.0373.

66 The men of **RB '66** decided to take a temporary hiatus from their monthly class gatherings at the Back Porch Saloon and The St. Bernard Pub until the pandemic is under control in 2021. Questions can be directed to **Jim Uhrig** at 513.284.2754.

67 The **RB CLASS OF '67** have taken a "pause" from their monthly gatherings at Pebble Creek Golf Club, but hope to meet up again in the month of March. Questions can be directed to **Rich Craig** at richardalanrcraig@yahoo.com.

68 The men of **RB '68** will meet again for dinner on the 2nd Monday of May (May 10, 2021) at 6:00 pm. at the Back Porch Saloon. Contact **Rick Sollmann** for more information at 513.641.1313.

69 The ladies of **OLA '69** had originally planned on meeting every third Tuesday per quarter for lunch but have decided to take a break from those gatherings until the corona virus is under control. 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 lbmbjab@fuse.net.



ALUMNI EVENTS

Reunions & Gatherings

70 Due to the many Covid restrictions this year many classes postponed their special reunions until next year but the **CLASS OF 1970** hosted a Golf Outing at Miami Whitewater Golf Course on Friday, September 19, 2020, to safely celebrate **50th Reunion** from OLA and RB. They hope to celebrate 61 years since graduation in 2021. "We were a few people short most likely due to the Covid; however, as you can see, it was a great day and everyone had a blast" said organizer **Joe Kempe**.



Pictured (above) from l to r: **Gary Bonomini, Art Hermes, Karen Stegman Hake, Ralph Henke, Joe Kempe, Kathy Stegman Stark, Mike Hoell, Jim Schackman, Greg Johnson, Gerald Nuchols, Dave Reinhardt, John Niesen, Bruce Bohl**. Not pictured, **Bob Boehmer**.

70 The **RB/OLA '70** classes are hoping to celebrate a **51st Reunion** in the RB Fine Arts Center on Saturday, October 9, 2021. (The 50th was cancelled due to the uncertainty of the pandemic). For more information contact **Ralph Henke** at rhenke1@yahoo.com.

70 The **OLA CLASS OF 1970** is still planning to celebrate a **51st Reunion** on Saturday, September 11, 2021. It will still be at the Pebble Creek Event Center (Colerain Township) from 6-9 pm. Look for more information on the OLA Facebook page, and in a spring mailing. If you have new contact information, or any questions, please contact **Pat Gilkey Frey** at pafrey2@gmail.com.

72 **Mike Lack** has taken the lead for a combined **OLA & RB CLASS OF 72 50th Reunion** for Saturday, June 4, 2022, at the Pebble Creek Event Center (Colerain Township). At this time, both classes are hoping to have a stag gathering on Friday evening, June 3, 2022. More information will be forthcoming. See the OLA/RB '72 Facebook page.

75 The ladies of **OLA '75** are going to wait and see what the year 2021 presents and hopefully, will reschedule the **45th Reunion** in the fall of 2021. Questions can be directed to **Peggy Teed Hermes** at 513.258.1359 or Peggy_Hermes@yahoo.com.

80 Several men of **RB '80 & '81** enjoyed a winter gathering at the Wiedemann Brewery with their wives. That idea also appealed to other family members who "crashed" the reunion and joined the celebration of RB long-time friendships.



Bacon & Legs

Roger Bacon's major fundraiser, the **EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE (EFE)** is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021. It is our most fervent hope that we will be able to hold a live event; however, depends on COVID-19 regulations as determined by the State of Ohio.

If you are an alum of RB and an entrepreneur, the Advancement Office would like to recognize and advertise your business on the Roger Bacon HS Website. Year in and year out our alumni provide support and promote the great things happening on campus—we'd like to return the favor. We are proud to announce the creation of an **ONLINE DIRECTORY** of alumni-owned or operated businesses. This is an ongoing project as we are actively gathering information. Please send your name, class year, business name and street address, city, state and zip code, business phone and e-mail to **Sue Huerkamp '72** (Alumni Director) shuercamp@rogerbacon.org or call the Advancement Office at 641.1313.

On September 26, 2020, friends, family, classmates and students once again celebrated and honored the life of **Dan Blaut '79** at the **8TH ANNUAL DAN BLAUT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**. Lunch was served at noon followed by the ceremony/prayer with the RB scholarship winners/recipients of the Dan Blaut Scholarship. Twelve \$1,000 awards were given, bringing the grand total of over \$80,000 distributed in seven years. After golf the party carried on to the Century Inn for dinner and a large basket raffle and split the pot raffle. Despite the overall numbers and baskets being down this year, those in attendance enjoyed this great event. Thanks to the Blaut family!

the spirit of giving

by Haley Fulton '20

The essay below was written last year by Haley Fulton (pictured right), then a senior at RB. She was an Assisi Scholar, now studying pre-veterinary medicine in college. This was made possible by the generous alumni of Roger Bacon, and the contributions made to ensure the mission of the school is always available to students like Haley.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, as well as our Day of Giving, we reflect on all the donations our alumni have gifted us and how we as Spartans can give back to the community. Through the generous contributions of our alumni and friends, we have been provided with a caring family, opportunities other schools could only dream for, and memories that will never leave us.

In my four years at Roger Bacon, I have been spoiled with a new field at the now freshly renovated Bron Bacevich Stadium, a Fine Arts Center, Fitness Center and a scholarship that was crucial in allowing me to return (each year) and continue my education here. Some students could recall a time that they scored for their team or beat a rival on that field at the brand new stadium, or how they cheered their fellow Spartans onto victory. I will never forget scoring the goal that marked my teammate breaking a school record, or being a part of the Spartan Family and shouting cheers with pride. Other students could recall memories of performing on the stage in the Fine Arts Center, such as the laughter and tears of the Drama Guild, or the songs sang during the Talent Show with my best friend. Many can recall making new friends in the Fitness Center while waiting for a ride home, or pushing their teammate to do just one more push-up, one ore pull-up, one more rep, because that is what we do at Roger Bacon—we push each other to get better and to be the best versions of ourselves.”

Most of all, I will never forget the tears that came pouring down my face when I realized I had received a scholarship that would save me from having to leave Roger Bacon, which had become a second family to me. We must remember to always be thankful for the memories created and opportunities made possible through the gifts our alumni and friends present to us, because even after we graduate, the memories we make at Roger Bacon will never leave us. Together let's catch the spirit and pass it forward!

a gift for the future

by Rob Rickenbaugh '90

I have to admit that for a long time I didn't quite know what the Annual Fund was or what it provided. Fortunately, I was blessed to see the miracles it provided from the inside every single day. This fund is a critical component to Roger Bacon's 93-year-old mission of providing the beauty of a Franciscan education to all who seek it. It keeps tuition the lowest in the city (of Cincinnati) and provides financial aid to students from all walks of life. How many of us have Roger Bacon to thank for some boost or benefit in our lives? Maybe it was the strong academic preparation, or the friends we made, or the values that were instilled in us. Maybe it was when you needed a little Franciscan generosity to stay at RB, a story many alumni share. The Annual Fund helped make all of this possible while you were here, and it continues to make it possible now.”

Since every dime donated goes to support the students, every dime donated matters. Do you want to see a donation come to life? Stop by Roger Bacon High School and see the lives it changes in person. Every donation, no matter how small, helps move our students *forward to greater things... Thank you!*

Here is the link to give online – www.rogerbacon.org/giving/annual-fund-drive



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Thanks to the yearly gifts from our loyal alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff! You contribute to the success of Roger Bacon High School.

making connections

by Tom Burke '69

One of the major strengths of Roger Bacon High School is the connection made from our past, present, and hopefully, well into the future. We have created a unique environment in which our diverse family of students, faculty and staff connect in a warm and welcoming environment, in which everyone feels valued and part of the Spartan family. As a result, our students feel empowered to reach their full potential and to use their gifts of time, talent and treasure to make a difference in the lives of others. Of course, none of what we do is possible without the close connection, involvement and support of our Roger Bacon and OLA alumni and friends. We have created this new feature to be a regular part of our TRADITION publication to share some of the incredible stories of how our Franciscan values and strong connections are changing the world in which we live. Our hope is that these amazing stories INSPIRE you to be proud, stay and/or get more involved and support our mission in any way you can. This first article shares some of my insights from the privilege of being President over the last eight years. We also share the story of the commitment a group of siblings made to honor their mom and dad's strong belief in the value of a Catholic education by establishing an endowed scholarship to help others in perpetuity.



Paul L. & Helen L. Temming

experience as President. When I accepted this position in July 2013, I was not 100% sure what to expect. Having been a proud Spartan alumnus and worked with other Catholic High Schools, I believed I could make a difference and use my own experience to be a positive influence on the young students of RB. The truth is our students have touched my heart and enriched my life more than I could ever imagine. Miracles happen every day in the halls of Roger Bacon and throughout the community as the result of our kids'

commitment to make a difference and serve others. Some of the extraordinary acts of kindness I have observed and experienced include:

- *Special friendship bond established between a star football player, Corey Kiner, and a long-time cafeteria worker, Jeff Rapking.*
- *Students dropping what they are doing to open doors for other students and outside guests.*
- *Students remaining after athletic and other extracurricular events, without being asked, to help our custodial staff by cleaning the stands.*
- *The many kind notes and/or visits from students expressing their appreciation for doing what I believe is a privilege as President of Roger Bacon.*

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

One of my favorite movies, *The Secret: Dare to Dream*, begins with a quote from Albert Einstein. He states, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." This latter way of thinking certainly applies to my experience over the last eight years as President of Roger Bacon High School.

People often ask me what is it that makes Roger Bacon so special to so many people. While that can be a loaded question because it is many different things unique to each person's experience, I can share observations from my

I could go on and on and provide many more specific examples that amaze me on a daily basis. Suffice it to say, miracles happen every day in the halls of Roger Bacon.

A FAMILY'S STORY

One of my favorite quotes from our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, is painted on the wall outside the main offices of Roger Bacon. He says, "*The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today.*" If that is in fact the case, the recent action of the family of Paul L. and Helen L. Temming speaks loud and clear about the importance of a Catholic education. Paul Temming was a graduate of Roger Bacon in the class of 1941. He is described in his senior

yearbook as “tall, and sleepy, with a poetical look.” His wife Helen was also a product of a Catholic education attending St. Boniface Elementary School and Our Lady of Mercy High School. Together they had five sons (Mike, Mark, Daniel, Timothy and Joe).

Early in 2020 we met with some of the brothers about their desire to establish an endowed scholarship at Roger Bacon in their parents’ name honoring their faith and devotion to the value of a Catholic education. Three of the siblings were graduates of St. Xavier High School and two attended Roger Bacon High School. The brothers felt very strongly that the Catholic education they received had a significant influence on their own lives and faith. After their mother passed away at the age of 96 in July, we talked again and all of the brothers committed to establishing the Paul L. and Helen L. Temming scholarship at Roger Bacon to assist young people who otherwise would not be able to afford a Catholic education. In addition to making a significant difference in the lives of young people for years to come, they wanted to share their story to hopefully inspire others to consider a similar investment in the students of Roger Bacon.

YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It is impossible to put in words just how special it is to be a part of this Roger Bacon family. You have to experience the family atmosphere in which each student is valued for his or her unique and special gifts. It has been my honor to be a part of something so special and I am so grateful to have had this opportunity. I believe that Roger Bacon is needed as much or more than ever before – and we are making a difference.

None of what we are doing would be possible without the support, involvement and generosity of our alumni and friends. There are many ways to support Roger Bacon with your time, talent and treasure, as indicated by the chart. As always, we appreciate your support. If you want to learn more how you might make a difference, call our advancement office at (513) 641-1313.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Pray for our students, faculty & staff

*Be proud & loud about your
RB connection with others*

*Practice “Being Franciscan”
modeling our Franciscan values*

Attend alumni events & activities

Volunteer your time & special talents

*When permitted, visit our campus
to see for yourself what everyone
is talking about*

*Attend sporting events &
extracurriculars (live or virtually)*

*If able, support Annual Fundraisers
(Annual Fund Drive and Evening
for Excellence Auction Dinner)*

*Support students directly in perpetuity
by establishing and/or contributing
to an Endowed Scholarship*

Donate items of value

*Consider a Planned Gift to enhance
the long-term viability of Roger Bacon*

GO LOCAL

Community outreach and service is one of the hallmarks at Roger Bacon. It is at the core and essence of being Franciscan — giving back to our brothers and sisters. In 2018 the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Crossroads Church teamed up for a citywide service day called **GO LOCAL**. All students, faculty and staff were divided into teams and dispersed throughout St. Bernard to serve our neighbors and community. May 14th is the annual Go Local day for Roger Bacon, and as Community Outreach Director Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM said, “We will flood the streets and place our faith into actions.”

In a time when the world needs a little more kindness and positivity, we want to mobilize all of our alumni, friends, and supporters to join in serving their community the **WEEK OF MAY 9 - 15**. Please consider participating in a volunteer opportunity. It could be as simple as a random act of kindness, helping a neighbor or organizing a group to give back.

Help us spread some Franciscan joy and share a picture of you or your group on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @RogerBaconHS.



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.*

Margaret Hohmann McCoy '34
Irene Feller Dunphy '41
Rita Stark Schneider '41
Frank Joseph Auciello '42
Alberta Vormor Bretnitz '42
Paul Rebel '44
Robert H. Schell '44
Ernest Wiedemann '45
Bettie Vogt Burns '46
Melvin Eckstein '46
Donald Lee Fuerbacher, Sr. '48
Frank J. Fellerhoff '49
Oliver Lackey, Jr. '49
Robert M. McGee '49
Margaret (Marge)
Nintemann Steinmetz '49
Stanley C. Wellbrock, Sr. '49
Janet Koch Aug '50
Robert (Paul) Blesi '50
Cecilia Hilsinger Fritsch '50
Fr. Donald Holtgrewe, OFM '50
H. Paul Hube, Jr. '50
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Clifford G. Born '51
Alvin H. (Al) Hudepohl '51
Carol Lang Nichols '51
Jeanne Beck Pick '51
Sr. Marianna Rumpke, SND '51
Thomas (Tom) E. Welling, Sr. '51
Esther Boehm '52
Esther Burkhardt Lehmkuhl '52
Rosemary Sulfsted Meeker '52
Frances Ridder Mitchell '52
John Bresnen '53
Donald L. Klosterman '53
Arnold J. Suer '53
Donald Eugene Thiemann '53
Paul Eling '55

Robert A. Goldschmidt '55
James A. Hempel '55
Ray Kouba '55
Robert (Bob) Meade '55
Vera Rasfeld Tucker '55
Roberta Costello Baker '56
Paul (Dutch) Schildmeyer '56
James Geagan '57
Edward Calvin Anton, Jr. '58
Patricia Ann O'Day '58
Donna Cannon Grahl '59
Robert Grethel '59
Mary Lou Yenke Wirthlin '59
JoAnn Siefert Zureick '59
Ronald Blankenbuehler '60
Mary Ann Hentz Thomas '60
Roselyn Wurzbacher Van Lue '60
Barbara Ann Engel Croft '61
Anthony L. Nies '61
Walter (Walt) Vincent Ruther '61
Michael C. Butz '62
Paul F. Mullenger III '62
Ronald R. Sexton '62
Thomas E. Buckmaster '63
Rosalinda (Rose) Gall Ferguson '63
James F. Louder '63
Frank P. Sheppard '63
Gloria Nelson-Turnbow Edmonson '64
Gary Graf '65
William (Bill) Costello '65
Phyllis Followell '65
Robert W. Hericks '65
James L. Rolf '65
Jeanne Behrle Costello '66
Fred Feucht '66
Carole Slone Koss '67
Ronald J. Endres '67
Daniel R. Noe '68

Elaine Ehrhard '69
Janice Torbeck Farmer '69
Anthony Gilene '69
Janice Stoll Weston '69
Cindy Carrelli '70
Robyn Tippenhauer Reed '72
Robert (Rob) Huelsman '74
Steven Heimkreiter '75
Margie Ann Russell Thielmeyer '75
Mark W. Murray '77
Vanessa Lee Jones Taylor Ralls '79
Mark R. Brickweg '80
Michael Anthony Niesen '82

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Joyclynn (Joyce) Brockhuis
Marian Bonekamp Collins
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NOTE: James M. Cannon was listed
as deceased in the fall issue of
Tradition as a graduate of the class
of 1980. This is incorrect: James was
a graduate of the class of 1950.



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