

TRADITION

FORWARD TO GREATER THINGS



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"School has not always been my favorite, but going to Roger Bacon was one of the best decisions I made when it came to school. Roger Bacon has seen all of my ups and downs. It has given me a lot of moral lessons. It has challenged me for the greater good. It has gotten me out of my negative cycle. It has helped me grow in my faith with the one I questioned the most, God. I will take all the values I have expressed, and let them continue to guide me."

Recently, our seniors had the opportunity to reflect on their time at Roger Bacon with their parents, families, and friends. One such reflection is shown above. As the culmination of a four-year process connected to our accreditation Catholic identity goal, these reflections remind all of us why Roger Bacon is such "good soil" for so many of our alumni, current students, and future Spartans.

We recently announced the successful conclusion of a \$10 million capital campaign that will transform our campus, strengthen student security, and expand academic, cultural, and spiritual opportunities. We are justifiably proud of the new atrium and the dedicated chapel it contains - the first in the history of Roger Bacon. Yet this recent exercise with our seniors reminds us once again who we are and why this school is so special.

While the last decade has brought a remarkable transformation to our campus, Roger Bacon has never been, and never will be, about buildings or programs alone. The real question is not simply, "What is Roger Bacon?" but rather, "Who is Roger Bacon?"

Roger Bacon is our students reflected in their growth academically, socially, and spiritually. It is the experiences they share, the friendships they form, the challenges they encounter and overcome, and the triumphs and struggles that shape them.

It is family, community, and faith in action. Our students leave Roger Bacon prepared for an exciting future and confident in their ability to serve their communities, their nation, and one another.

In the near future, we will celebrate an important first step into our second century of service with the opening of the atrium and all the blessings it will bring. Even so, we do so with our eyes fixed firmly on who we are. We are a school community of students, families, alumni, and friends. To be called a Roger Bacon Spartan, and to belong to a community grounded in the Franciscan values taught and lived here - humility, service, discipline, gratitude, acceptance, and joy - is a gift that will guide our students throughout their lives. This is who we are.

Please keep us in your prayers as we confidently move forward to greater things in what will soon be our 99th year of Franciscan education at Roger Bacon.

**God Bless you and God Bless
Roger Bacon High School.**



Steve Schad, President



President's Thoughts



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As Roger Bacon High School nears its 100th anniversary, enough cannot be said of the presence of the Franciscans in Cincinnati. In 1994 on the 150th anniversary of the arrival in Cincinnati of the first friars from Austria, a book titled **God Gives His Grace – A Short History of St. John the Baptist Province** was written by Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM. A second edition was published in 2001. Excerpts from the Foreword in the second edition, written by the then Provincial Minister, **Fr. Fred Link, OFM**, reads as follows

“Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis,

In 1858, Archbishop John B. Purcell wrote a letter to Minister General Bernardino Trionfetti of Montefranco rejoicing that the new Franciscan missionaries would be permitted to remain in Cincinnati. Writing about two friars just new to America, he declared, ‘We greet as angels the two who are arriving endowed with outstanding testimonies.’ The story of St. John the Baptist Province, now given increase through God’s amazing grace, is the story of hundreds of ‘angels’ who, in God’s eyes, are all equally ‘endowed with outstanding testimonies’...every individual who has been part of St. John the Baptist Province and the Vice Province of the Most Holy Savior is integral to the whole history. God graces you and me no less than he did our famous forbears. Our ‘testimonies,’ though unwritten, are, in the heart of God, just as ‘outstanding.’ And because we know that God is always faithful, we trust that he will continue to write a glorious history in the lives of the hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of friars who will come after us.”

In addition to serving in Cincinnati, friars from St. John the Baptist Province have served in numerous states and foreign lands. These include

China, Columbia, Cuba, Greece, Holy Land, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Namibia, Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire/Congo, Zimbabwe

Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Texas



Superiors of the Custody and Provincials of St. John the Baptist	
Superiors of the Custody	
Otto Jair	1859 - 1862
Eusebius Schmid	1862 - 1865
Denis Abarth	1865 - 1868
Otto Jair	1868 - 1873
Ubaldu Webersinke	1873 - 1879
Jerome Kilgenstein	1879 - 1885
Provincials	
Jerome Kilgenstein	1885 - 1891
Peter Baptist Englert	1891 - 1897
Raphael Hesse	1897 - 1899
Louis Haverbeck	1899 - 1903
Chrysostom Theobald	1903 - 1909
Eugene Buttermann	1909 - 1915
Rudolph Bonner	1915 - 1921
Edmund Klein	1921 - 1927
Urban Freundt	1927 - 1933
Maurice Ripperger	1933 - 1939
Adalbert Rolfes	1939 - 1945
Romuald Mollaun	1945 - 1951
Vincent Kroger	1951 - 1960
Sylvan Becker	1960 - 1966
Roger Huser	1966 - 1975
Andrew Fox	1975 - 1981
Jeremy Harrington	1981 - 1990
John Bok	1990 - 1999
Fred Link	1999 - 2008
Jeffrey Scheeler	2008 - 2017
Mark Soehner	2017 - 2023

A timeline of the Franciscan friars’ efforts in Cincinnati from 1844 until the merger of St. John the Baptist Province into a new national province in 2023, is presented on the following pages.

Iders of Giants

1844: Tyrolean Franciscan friars from Austria, led by 35-year-old Franciscan priest Father Wilhelm Unterthiner, arrive in Cincinnati at the invitation of Bishop John Purcell to minister to German immigrants in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Fr. Unterthiner begins work at Holy Trinity Parish.



1844: St. John the Baptist Church is founded. Located at Green and Bremen streets, it was a Franciscan-led parish famous for initiating the St. John Passion Play to pray for the parish's soldiers in World War I. The church closed in 1969.

1850: Friars found St. Clement Parish which served as the novitiate (1863-70) and until 1930 as a house for philosophy studies. A school and friary are also established at St. Clement.



INTERIOR OF ST. CLEMENT CHURCH PRIOR TO THE FIRE OF 1962

1851: Friars wear their Franciscan robes publicly for the first time.

1858: To encourage young men to join the Order, the friars establish St. Franziskus Gymnasium, a high school at Liberty and Vine. It later moved to Republic Street and in 1924, moved to a 127-acre campus in Springfield Township and was renamed St. Francis Seminary. During its 122 years of operation, it educated over 4,500 students, including actor Tom Cruise, who attended as a freshman in the late 1970s. The seminary closed in 1980.



1859: St. Francis Seraph Church, located at Liberty and Vine streets, is consecrated. The historic parish is known for its German-style interior, 1860s school, and a crypt. St. Francis Seraph School also opened this year. The church closed in 2026.

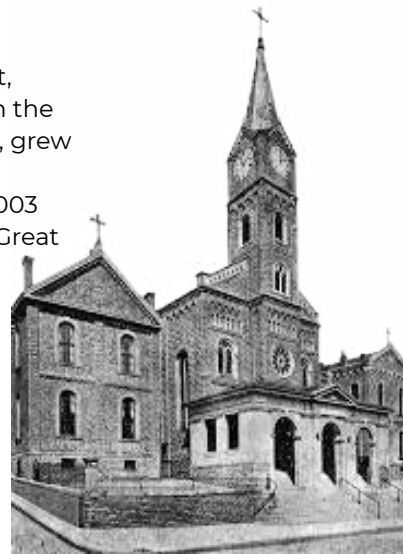
1859: St. John the Baptist Custody is established as a semiautonomous group of friars.

1860: First friars receive the Franciscan habit in Cincinnati.



1860: The Friars Club, a historic, Cincinnati non-profit dedicated to serving at-risk youth through sports, education, and fitness is founded in Over-the-Rhine. It moved in the 1930's to Corryville. In 2013, it partnered with Roger Bacon High School to build a new 37,000-square-foot athletic facility in St. Bernard. Today, the Franciscan ministry serves over 1,000 children annually, offering basketball, baseball, and volleyball, with a focus on sportsmanship and values.

1868: St. Bonaventure Parish is established in South Fairmount, Cincinnati. The parish, rooted in the earlier St. Peter's Church (1844), grew to serve a large immigrant community before closing in 2003 after merging with St. Leo the Great in North Fairmount. It was demolished in 2004.



Built on the shou

1868: St. George Parish (now known as Old St. George), located at 42 Calhoun Street, is formed by the Franciscans to serve German Catholic families moving from Over-the-Rhine to the hilltop suburb of Corryville. The iconic red-brick, Romanesque Revival structure was designed by renowned local architect Samuel Hannaford (who also designed Cincinnati's City Hall and Music Hall). It was dedicated on June 28, 1874. After a devastating fire in 2008, the building reopened in 2016 as Crossroads Uptown, serving as a satellite campus for the multi-site church.

1877: The friars assume chaplaincy at St. Aloysius Orphanage and serve until 1893.

1882: The friars assume chaplaincy at Drake Hospital.

1885: St. John the Baptist Custody becomes a province of the same name.



1893: Friars assume chaplaincy at St. Francis Hospital (until 1982) and Mt. Alverno Protectory for Boys (until 1972).



1893: St. Anthony's Messenger Press publishes the well-known *St. Anthony Messenger* magazine. Over the decades it grew into one of the principle, Catholic family magazines in the United States. In 2012, the *Press* became *Franciscan Media* to include print and electronic book publishing, catechetical videos, a syndicated radio program, parish resources, apps and a website. The operations of its legacy ministry, *Franciscan Media*, concluded in 2025.



1885: Fr. Jerome Kilgenstein, OFM, becomes the first Provincial of the new St. John the Baptist Province. A renowned preacher, he and Fr. Chrysostom Theobald, OFM, formed the province's first mission band.

1887: St. Anthony Friary and Shrine is established in Mount Airy to serve as a novitiate and residence for retired friars. The shrine was built on a country estate that was purchased by Joseph and Elizabeth Nurre for \$18,000 and donated to the Franciscan friars. It has been a center for St. Anthony of Padua devotions since 1888.

1896: Friars assume the chaplaincy at St. Mary's Hospital (historically located at the corner of Linn Street and Betts Street) established by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis to serve the poor and immigrant populations of Cincinnati's West End. The hospital operated at this site for over a century until its closure in 1971 when its operations transitioned to the newly opened Providence Hospital.

1905: Friars assume chaplaincy at Little Sisters of the Poor Home (Archbishop Leibold Home).

1906: The new St. Francis Seraph Friary is dedicated.

1913: Friars assume chaplaincy at St. Dymphna Chapel at Longview State Hospital.

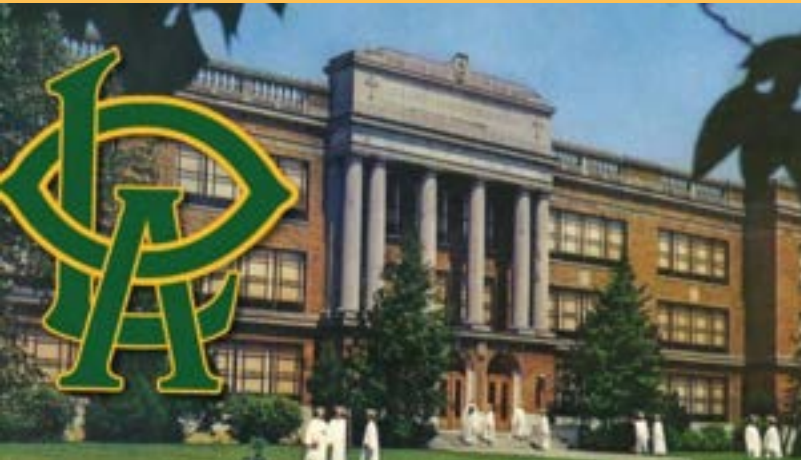
1928: Roger Bacon High School opens in St. Bernard with classes at St. Clement Grade School, Our Lady of the Angels High School, and the Witte Estate. The first graduating class came from St. George Parish High School.

*REV. JUVENAL BERENS, OFM, BECOMES THE FIRST PRINCIPAL AT ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL. IN ADDITION TO SERVING AS THE PRINCIPAL UNTIL 1940, HE TAUGHT ENGLISH, ETHICS/RELIGION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING.



Spring 2026

Iders of Giants



1928: Our Lady of the Angels High School opens. The school is staffed primarily by Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis headquartered in Oldenburg, Indiana. Friars served as part of the staff until the school closed in 1984 when Roger Bacon High School became coeducational.

1944: Friars assume chaplaincy at Deaconess Hospital and serve there until 1978.



1946: Fr. Alan Heet, OFM, starts his storied 37-year career at Roger Bacon as a teacher and athletic director (AD). An AD for 34 years, he added the sports of tennis, bowling, cross country, wrestling, and soccer to the Spartan arsenal. In the mid-1950s, he helped spearhead the stadium construction of Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium and was instrumental in securing illustrious football coach Bron Bacevich to his staff in 1954. Fr. Alan helped form the Southwest Ohio Athletic Directors Association in 1961 and served as the first President-Elect. Fr. Alan was inducted into Roger Bacon Hall of Fame in 2000 and the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame in 2023.

1956: Friars assume chaplaincy at the Mary Reparatrix Convent between 1956 – 1971 and 1977-1981.

1957: Friars assume chaplaincy at the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor Convent until 1972.

1958: Corpus Christi Parish in Cincinnati is established by Archbishop Karl J. Alter to serve growing suburban areas, with its initial Masses held at St. Francis Seminary. Entrusted to the Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, it served parishioners from Mt. Healthy, Dry Ridge, and Greenhills. In 2002, administration returned to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In 2022, it became part of the Blessed Trinity Family of Parishes

1959: St. Leonard College is formally opened to train young men for the priesthood within the Franciscan Order, specifically the Cincinnati-based St. John the Baptist Province. The college ceased operations as an educational institution in 1981 and later became a residence for seniors.

1959: Friars begin at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Avondale and serve until it closes in 1993. The church, located at 3 Burton Woods Lane, was dedicated in 1936.



1965: Fr. Joe Rigali, OFM, starts the "Teens Encounter Christ" high school retreat program. Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, follows as director.

1965: Fr. Andrew Fox, OFM, ends his second term as principal having served a total of 15 years (1946-1958; 1960-1965) – the longest tenure of any Roger Bacon Principal.

1970's: Franciscan Friars establish one of the city's first local soup kitchens at St. Francis Seraph School.

1980's: The Bag Lunch Program begins at St. Francis Seraph Friary to provide mobile meals which are distributed directly to those in need. This program operates in collaboration with a variety of local organizations who donate supplies and pre-packaged sandwiches which are assembled by SFMSM volunteers on site.



BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

1982: Friars assume chaplaincy at St. Francis/St. George Hospital.

1984: The Sarah Center, established as a result of a record-breaking cold snap in January 1984 when women and children began seeking warmth in St. Francis Bookshop (1618 Vine Street), started as a "safe gathering place" for coffee and fellowship and evolved into a creative energy center focused on self-reliance and economic independence.

1988: Br. Conrad Rebmann, OFM, begins an acclaimed community outreach program at Roger Bacon High School. The program included "Bacon Buddies" through which students broadened the horizons of students at St. Francis Seraph School. Their work was recognized by President George H.W. Bush in 1992, and Br. Conrad received the Joseph A. Kneip Distinguished Faculty/Staff Service Award from Roger Bacon when he retired to St. Clement Friary in 1998.



1990: The friars assume chaplaincy of the Poor Clares when they initially move into St. Vivian's Parish Convent and then in 1998 to the Monastery of St. Clare on Miles Road - continuing a 13th-century tradition of prayer, poverty, and enclosure.

1991: Friars assume chaplaincy at Providence Hospital.

1993: Friars assume chaplaincy at Our Lady of the Woods Senior Residence.

2000: St. John the Baptist Province begins "Sharing Our Charism" program to send ministry coworkers, to include Roger Bacon faculty and staff, to Assisi, Italy.



2001: Fr. William Farris, OFM, becomes the first President of Roger Bacon High School.

2015: Roger Bacon begins the Assisi Scholars Program, supported by the Province and Franciscan Pilgrimage Program, that sends senior scholars on a pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, Italy.

2017: St. Anthony Center officially opens on Liberty Street. It is named after St. Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of the lost and forgotten. The center operates as a "welcome center" for the impoverished and homeless, housing several key partner agencies: St. Francis Seraph Ministries (soup kitchen, bag lunch programs, and a "Sarah Center" for women), Center for Respite Care (24-hour medical recovery for homeless individuals recently released from the hospital), and the Mary Magdalene House (offers essential hygiene services, including showers and laundry facilities).



2023: The Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe is formed by friars coming together from six legacy provinces of the Order of Friars Minor in the United States: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Name, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sacred Heart, St. Barbara, and St. John the Baptist. The new province is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

Roger Bacon High School is proud to announce the successful completion of its *We Are the Good Soil Capital Campaign*, officially reaching its ambitious \$10 million goal eight months earlier than originally planned.



This milestone marks an historic moment for Roger Bacon and reflects the extraordinary generosity, commitment, and belief of alumni, families, faculty, staff, and friends who came together to invest in the future of Catholic Franciscan education.

Signature achievements of the campaign include the creation of the Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium, which remains under active construction and is scheduled for completion in August 2026. The atrium will also be home to the first dedicated chapel in Roger Bacon High School history, creating a sacred space at the heart of campus for prayer, reflection, and worship. Additional campaign investments include increased student and faculty safety and security, improvements to learning spaces and student resources, as well as increased support for scholarships and student programming.

Director of Advancement Brandon Spaeth '11 reflected on the significance of the accomplishment.

"THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OVER THE PAST TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF EXTRAORDINARY, AND FOR THAT, I AM INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AMBITIOUS CAMPAIGN GOAL WHILE ALSO SURPASSING OUR RECORD-BREAKING ANNUAL FUND DRIVE GOALS IS TRULY REMARKABLE. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED, PRAYED, AND SHARED THE STORY OF ROGER BACON. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO MEET SO MANY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN WHO BELIEVE IN AND SUPPORT OUR FRANCISCAN MISSION. THE ROGER BACON COMMUNITY IS TRULY SPECIAL AND UNLIKE ANY OTHER."

While the school celebrates reaching the \$10 million goal, fundraising efforts will continue as Roger Bacon moves forward with the next phase of campus improvements to meet growing needs.

Among the first priorities is the expansion of the school's back parking lot, which has been moved up in the project timeline to address significant parking demands on campus. The completed expansion will create a 110-space parking lot that is expected to be fully operational by the start of the 2026-27 school year. In addition, Roger Bacon will immediately begin the reclamation and renovation of three classrooms inside the school building that are currently occupied as administrative offices. All three classrooms will be completed, occupied, and in use for the 2026-27 school year.

"This achievement belongs to everyone who believes in Roger Bacon," said Spaeth. "Every gift, every prayer, and every act of support helped make this possible."

SPARTAN NATION TOUR

Florida

During the week of February 11-23, President Steve Schad and Alumni Engagement Coordinator, Brian Reed, traveled to Florida to reconnect with alumni from Roger Bacon and Our Lady of the Angels.

They were able to connect with over fifty alumni who shared stories and experiences from their days in St. Bernard.

Wednesday, February 11 - Naples

David (RB 1970) and Kay Clark
Bob (RB 1962) and Diana Staab
Tim Timmel (RB 1966)
Terri (OLA 1959) and Gary Johnson
Cindi Bedinghaus (OLA 1971)
John/Butch (RB 1969) and Diane (OLA 1969) Homoelle
Joe and Katie Kempe (RB and OLA 1970)
Mike Strittholt (RB 1977)
Jim and Judy Rice (RB and OLA 1975)
Gary Eve (RB 1961)
Rick Swope (RB 1971)
Dick Niehaus (RB 1956) – Scored first touchdown in Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium.
Tom Lammert (RB 1957) – Was on the team when Dick scored the touchdown, but insists he wasn't on the field when it happened.



Thursday, February 12 - Punta Gorda

Jim and Judy Rice (RB and OLA 1975)
Mark (RB 1978) and Cheryl Westendorf
Joyce (OLA 1975) and Bob Traver
Cindy Vollmer (OLA 1967)
Jim (RB 1968) and Kathi (OLA 1967) Clark



SPARTAN NATION TOUR

Friday, February 13 - Fort Meyers

Al Gerth (RB 1962)

Bill and Josie (RB & OLA 1979) Rice

Saturday, February 14 - Lakewood Ranch - Skyline Chili

Tom Wiegele (RB 1979) - Store Owner,
would like a plaque on parking space #79
when parking lot is done.

Betty Lehn (OLA 1957) - Legend

Monte (RB 1956) and Kay Moon - Monte is
still wearing the shirt off Steve's back.

Rachel (RB 1989) and Adam Pingley

Rob (RB 1964) and Kathie (OLA 1968)

Rickenbaugh

Bill (RB 1975) and Lynn (OLA 1974)

Burkhardt

Tom (RB 1973) and Brady (Grandson)

Feichtner

Karen Stegman (OLA 1978) and Phil

Stegman

Don (RB 1975) and Priscilla Moeller

Kerry and Teri Meyer - Fellow St.

Bernardians

Saturday, February 14 - Sarasota

Betty Lehn (OLA 1957)

Cathy Stegeman (OLA 1963)

Ron (RB 1963) and Sandy Stillman

Andrew Schneider (RB 2026) and his

parents, Matt and Andi



Spread the Word

Spread the word...the **Class of 2030** is complete, and we have once again welcomed an exceptional group of future Spartans. Our Class of 2030 includes **148 students**, slightly larger than our original target. Roger Bacon continues to be a school of choice in Cincinnati, and this class is made up of some of the best and brightest students from across the region. This marks the sixteenth consecutive year we have had a waiting list for admission, and the students selected to join this class represent everything that makes Roger Bacon so special.

The Class of 2030 comes from **60 different elementary and middle schools** throughout the area, and **45% of the class are considered Roger Bacon or Our Lady of the Angels legacies**. This includes several students who will become **fourth-generation Spartans**. Each member of this class represents the Franciscan values and qualities that have been the calling card of Roger Bacon for 99 years. We will also welcome **42 students into our Freshman Honors Program**. We know you will be proud to welcome this newest class of Spartans into the Roger Bacon family. Forward to Greater Things!

Class of 2030

LEGACY * HONORS PROGRAM ~

Mason Adams~	Louis Coduti
Rory Adkins	Eric Cody
Katelyn Agyemang-Botchway	Landen Cole*
Michelle Agyemang-Botchway	Levi Combs*
Charlotte Albright	Jeremiah Conley*
Brady Alexander	Bennett Conrad*
Hannah Arreaga-Ortiz*	Lillie Curtis*
Caroline Asbach*	Jackson Cushard Schmitt*
Gianna Bailey~	Evelyn Douglass
Liberty Bain	Zoë Drakeford
Summer Banker*~	Owen Eaves*
Connor Barker*~	Lucas Edwards
Kyrah Barnes	Owen Egbert~
Addyson Beck*~	Beau Ellis
Eva Bell~	Aubrey Ernst*~
Liam Berter*	Ashton Evans*
Colin Besl*	Kindall Fritz~
Clara Bollmann	Lila Gehring~
Oryn Brake	Teagan Glassmeyer
Noah Bruner*	Noah Godbey*
Da'Mya Byrd	Parker Gorton*
Dennis Byrd*	Vanessa Grafe~
Connor Casanova	Brooklyn Gregg~
Aaron Chambliss	Toniyah Griffin Harris*
Isabella Clark*	Walker Guy~
Harper Cobble*~	Maeve Hartlaub~

Sophia Hausfeld*
 Rah'Laë Hawkins
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 Malini Hayes~
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 Chloe Hilton
 Josephine Hines~
 Gretchen Honican*
 Aubri Hopkins*
 Garrett Horn*
 Audrina Hostler*~
 Camden Huff
 Anna Hunt*~
 Quinn Huxel*~
 Niko Igbonegun, III
 Zoe Jacobs*
 Kahleigha Jenkins
 Camila Jimenez
 Sophie Kamphaus*
 Jaavon Keys
 Sophia Kiko~
 Brogan King~
 James King*
 Karis Kupiec
 Pierre Leuffa
 Charles Lewis
 Collin Lewis
 Kerrington Lipscomb*
 Rhys Mandeville*
 Jace Mattingly~
 Emberly Mattson*
 Kamren Mckinney
 Declan McKitrick~
 Jackson Meyer*~
 Braden Miller~
 Kamontae Miller
 Lily Montgomery~
 Sophia Morales
 Jaylen Mosley
 Bernadette Murphy*~
 Braxton Murphy*
 George Murphy*
 Harper Murphy*
 Caleb Nashi
 Trinity Nelson
 Yanis Ngassam
 William Nye~
 Henry Olberding*

Jae'oni Oldham
 Lydia Orr
 Logan Patmon*
 Kingtson Paul
 Landon Perkins
 Raphael Polt
 Maxwell Rasche
 William Reichling~
 Sofia Reynolds
 Nora Rinderknecht*
 Harer Rierdan
 Ayanna Robertson*
 Aria Robinson
 Hunter Robinson
 Aurie Rollins
 Olivia Rosen
 Gretchen Russell*
 John Sauer*
 Breana Schaffer~
 Kenleigh Schaffer
 Benjamin Schappacher*
 Madelyn Schildmeyer*
 William (Liam) Schildmeyer*
 James Schlichter*~
 Penelope Schmidt*~
 Owen Schmitt*
 Bentley Schwartz*
 Matthew Sebens*~
 Keegan Seifried~
 Leonardo Seta*
 Kieran Sitawi~
 Zimmer Smith~
 Andrew Starkey*~
 John Sterwerf*~
 Salvatore Tandy
 Branton Taylor*
 Sophia Thomas
 Jalen Tiller*
 Anleigh Uihlein~
 Peyton Walker
 Chloe Welage
 Naomi Whetstone
 Arianna Williams
 Lucille Willis*~
 Richard Wolf
 Lillian Wooldridge
 Giovanni Zaffiro*
 William Zlatic*~

From the Desk of the Principal...

Dear Roger Bacon Family,

As we reflect on this past school year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the Roger Bacon community. Each year brings its own set of challenges and opportunities, and this one was no different. What remains constant, however, is the strength of our students, the dedication of our faculty, and the unwavering support of our families and alumni.

In the classroom, we have continued to emphasize academic excellence. Our students are being challenged not only to master content, but also to think critically and take ownership of their learning. These are the skills that will serve them well beyond Roger Bacon.

Beyond academics, our school continues to thrive in so many ways. Our athletic teams have competed with passion and pride, representing Roger Bacon at the highest levels. Our fine arts programs have showcased the incredible talents of our students, adding energy and creativity to our school community. Just as importantly, our students have continued to grow in character, living out our Franciscan values through service, leadership, and care for others.

As we look ahead, we do so with excitement and purpose. We are committed to continuing to build on our strong foundation, enhancing academic opportunities, strengthening our programs, and ensuring that every student who walks through our doors is prepared for success in college and in life.

To our alumni, thank you. Your continued support, pride, and connection to Roger Bacon make a lasting impact on our students and our future. You are an essential part of what makes this community so special.

*Thank you for being part of the
Roger Bacon story.*

Tim McCoy

Tim McCoy '02
Principal





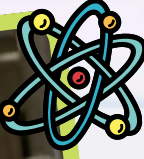
Student of the Month

Roger Bacon is proud to announce that **Maggie McCormick '27** was honored as **Student of the Month** by the Exchange Club of Northwest Cincinnati. Maggie was celebrated at the Exchange Club's weekly breakfast where she received her award from **Skip Schoettmer '65** and members of the Exchange. Congratulations, Maggie!

Spartans Show off Scientific Prowess

The Roger Bacon High School Science Fair provides students with the opportunity to put the school's philosophy of science into practice through hands-on inquiry and exploration. On January 22, 81 students presented 41 unique science projects, showcasing their curiosity, creativity, and commitment to scientific discovery. Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's Science Fair. Your hard work and dedication reflect your strong potential in the field of science. We are proud to announce the top four scoring projects from this year's competition:

- **Abby Zimmerlee '28** and **Ada Fricke '28** – *Computerized Systems Versus Human Care for Growing Plants*
- **Shiloh Vidourek '28** and **Nola Schuman '28** – *The Tree Dance*
- **Sophia Sheppard '28** and **Vivian Klinczar '28** – *Good Vibrations*
- **Lulu Martini '29**, **Addie Ayers '29**, and **Denise Reilly '29** – *Bringing Down the Building.*



The Halls @ RB



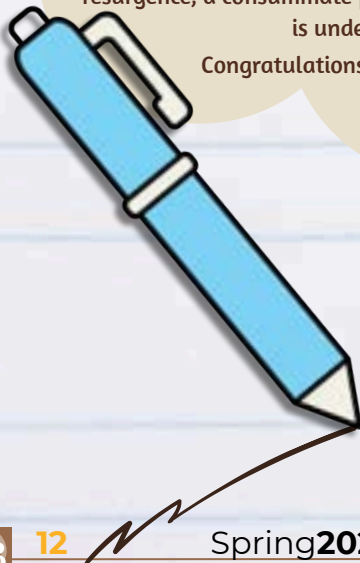
Joseph A. Kneip Faculty/Staff Distinguished Service AWARD

Roger Bacon High School is proud to announce that **Julie Vehorn** has been named the recipient of the Joseph A. Kneip Faculty/Staff Distinguished Service Award, recognizing her outstanding commitment to the school community and her lasting impact on generations of Spartans.

Our President, Steve Schad, said, "Julie is truly deserving of this prestigious award.

Over the past 23 years, she has been a foundational force behind Roger Bacon's resurgence, a consummate professional, and a deeply trusted colleague. Roger Bacon is undeniably a better place because of her."

Congratulations, Julie! Thank you for all you do for the Roger Bacon community!



Ethics Bowl Team Shines

Roger Bacon's **Ethics Bowl** program enjoyed another strong showing at the Greater Cincinnati Regional High School Ethics Bowl, with three Spartan teams competing against 32 teams from 19 schools. Highlighting the weekend, Team #1 advanced to the prestigious "Great 8" round and finished in the Final Four, while the younger teams gained valuable experience and earned impressive victories. Through thoughtful dialogue, teamwork, and critical thinking, these students proudly represented Roger Bacon's tradition of academic excellence.

Faculty Honored for Years of Service

Roger Bacon took the time to honor the faculty and staff members for dedicating their time and talents to Catholic Education during our Ash Wednesday all-school Mass.

The following faculty members were recognized for their years of service:

- **Stephanie Bellman** - 1 year at Roger Bacon
- **Kat Gill** - 1 year at Roger Bacon
- **Isaac Vazquez** - 1 year at Roger Bacon
- **Wendy Weller** - 1 year at Roger Bacon, 1 year in Catholic Education
- **Cathy Callahan** - 5 years at Roger Bacon
- **Erin Colbert** - 5 years at Roger Bacon, 5 years in Catholic Education
- **Jonathan Cole** - 5 years at Roger Bacon
- **LeKynik Meyer** - 5 years at Roger Bacon, 5 years in Catholic Education
- **Steven Smith** - 10 years in Catholic Education
- **Denise Ott '00** - 15 years in Catholic Education
- **Steve Schad** - 15 years at Roger Bacon, 15 years in Catholic Education
- **Eric Neuhaus** - 20 years in Catholic Education
- **Michelle Brummett '85** - 25 years in Catholic Education
- **Dave Gumm** - 35 years at Roger Bacon, 35 years in Catholic Education

Thank you not only to those recognized for their milestone years on this list, but also to the entire faculty and staff for their dedication to Roger Bacon and to Catholic education!



Off to Ecuador!

Saffron (Saffi) Vaughn '29 has been selected as an American Ambassador for the CISV (Children's International Summer Villages) program, a respected national and international youth leadership organization dedicated to promoting global citizenship, peace education, and cross-cultural understanding. As part of this honor, Saffi will spend six weeks this summer in Ecuador participating in the program's immersive international experience. Selection as a CISV Ambassador reflects strong leadership, character, and the respect of peers, making it a significant achievement for Saffi and a positive reflection of the Roger Bacon community.

An Inspiring Career Day

Roger Bacon welcomed 31 guest professionals to campus for **Career Day**, giving students the opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths and hear firsthand about different professional journeys.

Throughout the day, students attended sessions led by presenters representing a variety of fields, including business, healthcare, public service, skilled trades, media, and more. Each guest shared insights about their profession, the education and experiences that led them there, and advice for students as they begin thinking about their own futures.

A special highlight of the day was seeing the **12 Roger Bacon alumni** who came back to campus to speak with students. Their willingness to share their personal and professional journeys offered a powerful example of how the foundation built at Roger Bacon can lead to many different opportunities.



A Day of Service

Sophomores recently took part in their annual Sophomore Service Day, spending the day in communities across the city, learning about important social justice issues, and putting their faith into action through service.

Students visited local organizations focused on homelessness, immigration, mental health and addiction, and poverty. At each location, they learned from community leaders and service providers about the challenges people face and the work being done to support them.

Programs like this, supported through Roger Bacon's Community Outreach efforts, continue to provide meaningful opportunities for students to grow in compassion, awareness, and responsibility.



The Halls @ RB

A Transformative Italian Pilgrimage

Over Spring break, our **Class of 2026 Assisi Scholars** experienced a transformative pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, where students experienced the rich history, faith, and Franciscan spirit that define our school community. Throughout the journey, they visited sacred sites connected to St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi, celebrated Mass in remarkable churches and basilicas, and explored the beauty and history of Rome, including St. Peter's Basilica and other significant landmarks of the Catholic Church. More than a trip abroad, the pilgrimage offered students a meaningful opportunity to deepen their faith, strengthen friendships, and bring the values of Roger Bacon to life in the places where they began.

I am so honored to have been a part of the Assisi pilgrimage, a once in-a-lifetime opportunity. Exploring my faith in the very city that was home to both St. Francis and St. Clare was an incredible learning experience and truly emphasized what is taught at Roger Bacon. Seeing our connection to the Franciscan faith in such real and meaningful settings deeply influenced my understanding of faith.

Kelly Krebs '08
2026 Assisi
Pilgrimage Chaperone





California Pilgrims Head West
 Our fourth San Juan Bautista pilgrimage, a meaningful journey rooted in faith, service, and cultural immersion, took place over Spring break. During their time away, a group of junior pilgrims encountered the rich traditions of the Church, reflected on their own spiritual growth, and experienced the beauty and history of the communities they visited. Through prayer, shared experiences, and time together, the pilgrimage strengthened friendships and deepened students' understanding of faith in action. The experience was another powerful example of Roger Bacon's commitment to forming young men and women of purpose, compassion, and global awareness.



Workin' 9 to 5!
 The Roger Bacon High School Drama Guild recently brought energy, humor, and heart to the stage with its production of *9 to 5: The Musical*.

Audiences were treated to lively performances, sharp comedic timing, and a memorable showcase of student talent. Based on the beloved 1980 film, the production highlighted themes of empowerment, teamwork, and determination. Students shone both on stage and behind the scenes with dedicated work in acting, vocals, set design, lighting, and sound. Congratulations to the cast, crew, moderators, and volunteers on a fantastic production and another outstanding celebration of the arts at Roger Bacon.

BA CON A rts



Choral Excellence at RB

In February, 16 SpARTans participated in the Cincinnati Catholic Honor Ensembles. Students from RB's Concert Band and Concert Choir were selected to participate in the prestigious honor groups where they combined with fellow standout performers to form larger, advanced ensembles. Throughout the weekend, they took part in intensive workshops led by the Director of Bands from Bowling Green State University and the Director of the Cincinnati Boys' Choir.



THREE PEAT STATE CHAMPION

Reese Reilly '26

Reese Reilly '26 won her third consecutive State Championship in the 100 yard breaststroke – **the first Roger Bacon athlete to win three consecutive State Championships.**

An article written by Brendan Connelly of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* recorded the event: *"She entered this year's state meet with the best seed time by almost two seconds. When she hit halfway just 0.13 seconds ahead of Jonathan Alder's Lily Schneider, she knew she had to close hard to win a third straight gold medal. Reilly split the second 50 yards in 32.99 seconds and out-touched Schneider at the wall, winning in 1:02.69. All told, Reilly, who is now bound for Duke University, qualified for the state meet all four years of her career, swimming in 13 total events and earning 10 podium finishes. "It's meant so much. The people, the school in general, everybody is so sweet and kind. They're my biggest supporters. I love my teammates so much," Reilly said."*

2026 Season Highlights

- MVC Champion in the 100 Breaststroke and 100 Butterfly.
- MVC Girls Swimmer of the Year.
- Princeton Invitational Champion in the 100 Butterfly and 100 Breaststroke.
- Princeton Invitational Girls' Swimmer of the Meet.
- 200 Breaststroke and 100 Breaststroke Champion at the Southwest Coaches' Classic Meet. This is the largest high school meet in the country. This meet does not separate out Division I and Division II.
- Sectional Champion in the 100 Breaststroke (Fourth year in a row).
- District Champion in the 100 Breaststroke (Fourth year in a row).
- Third place finish in the 200 IM at the District Meet.
- Fourth place finish in the 200 IM at the DII State Meet.
- Three-Peat State Champion in the 100 Breaststroke (2024, 2025, and 2026).



BROKE THE SCHOOL RECORDS IN THE 100 BUTTERFLY AND 100 BACKSTROKE.
PART OF THE SCHOOL RECORD RELAYS (200 MEDLEY RELAY AND 400 FREESTYLE RELAY).

ALL OHIO TEAM IN THE 200 IM AND 100 BREASTSTROKE.

NISCA ALL-AMERICAN IN THE 100 BREASTSTROKE (THIRD YEAR IN A ROW REESE HAS ACHIEVED ALL AMERICAN IN THE 100 BREASTSTROKE. THESE ARE THE FASTEST 100 SWIMMERS IN THE UNITED STATES.)



"[Reese] showed she was competitive in a wide variety of events this year. She also elevated the level of Roger Bacon Swimming that will continue long after she moves on to compete at Duke. She has been a leader in and out of the pool that is unmatched. She has a bright future ahead of her." - Coach Erica Schomaker



SPARTAN SWIM & DIVE 2026 STATE TEAM

Reese Reilly '26, Erin Pare '26, Paige Ernst '28, Teddy Borgert '26, Noble Honkomp '26, Cole Andrews '26, Brenna Huber '28, Annie Boyle '28, Helen Russell '27, Fritz Russell '28, Matt Schomaker '27

Roger Bacon Swim & Dive had the largest group in Spartan history represented at the 2026 State Swim meet, with 11 qualifiers. The road to State was filled with incredible accomplishments including two Coaches' Classic Champions this year (Brenna Huber: 50 Fly and Reese Reilly: 200 Breaststroke and 100 Breaststroke). Both of Reese's swims rank her second all-time in Classic History. Brenna's swim ranks her fourth all-time in Classic History.

Girls' State Highlights

- Girls' Team at the State Meet (12th) (This is with 6 girls) Second Year with a Top 15 finish.
- 200 Medley Relay (P. Ernst, R. Reilly, B. Huber, and E. Pare) finished 7th at the DII State Meet.
- 200 Medley Relay named to the All-Ohio Team
- 200 Medley Relay Team lowered their school record that they broke in January at Coaches' Classic. They lowered it again at the DII District Meet and again at the DII State Prelims. (1:49.88)
- 400 Freestyle Relay Team (P. Ernst, B. Huber, H. Russell, and R. Reilly) finished 16th at DII State Meet.
- 400 Freestyle Relay Team shattered the school record from last season by five seconds at the DII State Meet (3:42.56).
- 400 Freestyle Relay named to the All-Ohio Team.
- 200 Freestyle Relay (B. Huber, A. Boyle, H. Russell and E. Pare) finished 21st at the DII State Meet.
- 200 Freestyle Relay team broke a 21-year-old school record (2005) at the DII District Meet (1:43.44).
- Helen Russell was a three-time qualifier in the 100 Butterfly (2024, 2025, 2026).
- We had four girls qualify in individual events:
 - Reese Reilly (200 IM and 100 Breaststroke)
 - Brenna Huber (50 Freestyle)
 - Helen Russell (100 Butterfly)
 - Paige Ernst (100 Backstroke).

According to Coach Erica Schomaker, "This year definitely was memorable because it wasn't just about one or two swimmers. It was about the entire team coming together to perform at a high level. On the boys' side we had first-year high school swimmers qualifying to Districts. We had multiple swimmers with individual events at the District Level. Then, accomplishing the team goal of making a boys' relay to State was a great experience after just missing out on State the previous season. On the girls' side, we had a remarkable group of girls that were some of the best not only in the district, but also in the State. To have three relays qualify to State was an impressive feat along with Reese's third consecutive state title."

Boys' State Highlights

- Matt Schomaker finished 8th in the 500 Freestyle at the DII State Meet.
 - First boy to make podium at State in over 20 years.
- Matt Schomaker is a three-time qualifier in the 500 Free (2024, 2025, and 2026).
- Matt Schomaker named to the All-Ohio Team in the 500 Freestyle.
- 400 Freestyle Relay Team (M. Schomaker, T. Borgert, N. Honkomp, and F. Russell) finished 24th at DII State Meet.
- First Boys' Relay Team at the State Meet in over 20 years.
- We had four boys qualify in individual events:
 - Fritz Russell (200 IM and 100 Butterfly)
 - Matt Schomaker (200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle)
 - Cole Andrews (1 M Diving)
 - Teddy Borgert (1 M Diving).

**A BALLER
JOINS THE
1,000 POINT CLUB**

Hoops Star



Congratulations to the newest member of the **Roger Bacon Boys Basketball 1,000 point club**, senior **Christian Byrd!** Christian is the ninth Boys' Basketball player in Roger Bacon history to achieve 1,000 career points. Way to go, Christian!

'25

**ATHLETIC
Winter**

Swimming & Diving

MVC Swimmer of the Year
Reese Reilly '26

MVC Swimmer of the Year
Cole Andrews '26

MVC Coach of the Year
Erica Schomaker

MVC All-Conference
Reese Reilly '26

(100yd Butterfly)
Reese Reilly '26

(100yd Breaststroke)
Matt Schomaker '27

(200yd IM)
Fritz Russell

(100yd Breaststroke)

All-City DII Diver of the Year
Cole Andrews '26

All-City DII Swimmer of the Year
Reese Reilly '26

1st Team All-City
Reese Reilly '26

2nd Team All-City
Fritz Russell '28

Matt Schomaker '27
Brenna Huber '28

All-Ohio Team
Reese Reilly '26

Brenna Huber '28
Paige Ernst '28

Matt Schomaker '27
Helen Russell '27

Erin Pare '26

NICSA All-American
Reese Reilly '26

**SOME NEW FACES
ON THE SIDELINES
OF THE COURT AND FIELD**

New Coaches



We are proud to welcome several **new coaches** to the Spartan family!



Justice Guerrero
Track & Field Coach



Peighton Cook
Girls' Soccer Coach



Jenn Laking
Girls' Soccer Director
of Operations



Ryan Porta
Boys' Volleyball Coach



Terrance Johnson
Girls' Bowling Coach



Jack Kunkel
Girls' Golf Coach



Rajah Shepard '16
Cheerleading Coach



Denise Ott '00 and Adam Schoster
Girls' Flag Football Coaches



'26 AWARDS All-Stars

Wrestling

MVC Wrestler of the Year

Ethan Lewis '26 (113)

MVC All-Conference Team

Asher Baird '28 (144)

Jude Banker '28(157)

Bryson Murphy '28 (165)

1st Team All-City

Ethan Lewis '26

All-City Honorable Mention

Jason Roberts '28 (150)

Jude Banker '28 (157)

Bryson Murphy '28 (165)

Boys' Basketball

1st Team MVC

Christian Byrd '26

Mike Noszka, Jr. '27

2nd Team MVC

Kyle Miller

Honorable Mention MVC

Mason Hamoor

1st Team All City

Christian Byrd '26

2nd Team All City

Mike Noszka, Jr. '27

2nd Team All District

Christian Byrd '26

Mike Noszka, Jr. '27

Girls' Basketball

1st Team MVC

Anna Schlichter '27

2nd Team MVC

Leah Schoster '27

Honorable Mention MVC

Gianna Bose '28

Logan Hasan '27

Honorable Mention All City

Anna Schlichter '27

Boys' Bowling

1st Team MVC

Caden Broenner '26

2nd Team MVC

Jayden Godbey

2nd Team All City

Caden Broenner '26

Girls' Bowling

1st Team MVC

Abby Powers '29

Ja'Leah Spencer

Williams '26

2nd Team All City

Abby Powers '29

WRESTLER LEAVES IT ALL ON THE MAT TO QUALIFY FOR STATE



Senior **Ethan Lewis** capped off his incredible Roger Bacon Wrestling career in stunning fashion. After placing in the top four in Districts, he became the **first Spartan wrestler since 2020 to qualify for the State meet!** Lewis

finished his career with 114 wins which is second most in program history. Congratulations on an inspiring career on the mat, Ethan.



UNDERWATER HOCKEY STARS TO PLAY FOR THE NATIONAL TEAM



Three members of the **underwater hockey** family have been named to the Team USA rosters for international competition this summer. Sophomore **Fritz Russell '28** will compete for the U19 Boys' Team, while alumnus **Emmett Breda '23** and

volunteer coach Sophie McNamara were selected to the U24 Men's and Women's teams. Their achievements highlight the continued success of Roger Bacon's underwater hockey program on the world stage.

ALUMNI

Be Inspired...



SPARTAN NAMED THIRD MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN LEGAL EDUCATION

Law school deans across the country ranked the top 25 most influential people in legal education. According to the *National Jurist*, **Christopher Chapman '85** is ranked number three on this list. Chapman holds the roles of President and Chief Executive Officer at AccessLex Institute and has been advocating for student well-being for over 15 years. Chapman's vision has reshaped how law schools support financial wellness, broaden access, and improve outcomes for the next generation of lawyers.

READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE HERE



Take me out to the ball game...



Five Roger Bacon graduates made their way to Spring Training in Goodyear, Arizona, for the second year in a row!

L to R:
John Murray '79,
Jerry Meyer '79,
Mike Murray '78,
Richard Meyer '79
and Tim Coogan '79.

Jennifer (Weber) Laugle '02 team recognized by PROWESS

The PROWESS Steering Team at P&G and **Jennifer Laugle '02** were recognized by Women in Innovation (Wii) for their leadership and long-standing women's network dedicated to enabling Process women with tools to build their strengths and leadership in a highly male-dominated environment. PROWESS stands for Process Women Empowered Supported Successful. The work this team does is critical to drive expertise and mastery in this critical space across all genders leading to a more diverse Process community.

Something to be proud of...

The Praestans Award is awarded to dedicated staff members of Purcell Marian High School who have lived an exemplary life in their chosen profession and embody the following:

service to their community, loyalty, generosity, and being or have been a dedicated servant to Purcell Marian. Congratulations to **Abasi Key '93** for this distinguished honor.



NEWS

...Stay Connected



Christina Davis '04 along with her husband Miles, owners of **Davis Cookie Collection**, located in Bond Hill, were featured on the front page of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, "How a 1950s nightclub in Cincinnati inspired this cookie shop." by Haadiza Ogwude. Highlighting Black history month, the *Enquirer* interviewed Christina and her husband about their growing cookie business. Christina has visited Roger Bacon's entrepreneurship class -- speaking to current Spartans about her adventure in baking and growing her business from the crumbs up.

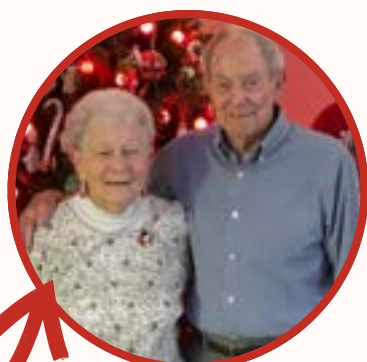


READ THE ARTICLE HERE



Spartan Sweethearts

Bernie Newman, Class of 1951 married Jean Matson (NCH) on June 9, 1956. They will be celebrating their 70th anniversary in June. They have five sons, 10 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Jerry Mulvihill '50 † and Mary Lee (Fehrenbach) Mulvihill '53 † were married on June 5, 1954. They were married for 67 years.



Spartan Centenarian

Paul Blom †, Class of 1943, celebrated his 100th birthday on February 1 at St. Patrick's K of C with 70 of his family and friends. Paul had a wonderful time reconnecting with St. Charles parishioners and extended family. This was Paul's last party. God called him home on February 10. Paul had a special place in his heart for Roger Bacon, attending the Veteran's Day celebration in November of 2025. Below Paul is pictured, with his wife, **Mary Ann (Garman) '43** and their 3 children: Paula, Ann and Tom.



KNOW A SPARTAN/ANGEL COUPLE THAT HAS BEEN MARRIED LONGER? SEND US THEIR INFORMATION BY EMAILING AFLADING@ROGERBACON.ORG.



Engagement photo courtesy of
Madison Schildmeyer '26.

First Spartans plan to use new chapel for wedding ceremony. The Marriage ceremony of Charles Strunc '21 and Belle Nye '21 will take place in the new chapel in January 2027. Fr. John Bok, OFM '53 will officiate.

“The two of us met during the very first week of our freshman year at Roger Bacon in our English class nearly nine years ago. With both of us involved in soccer and honors courses, our paths continued to cross, and over time, a friendship naturally grew. By the end of freshman year, that friendship had become something more.

Over the next three years, we made lifelong friends and countless memories cheering each other on at games, attending school dances, and even traveling to Italy through the Assisi Scholars' program shortly after graduation.

So much of who we are today was shaped by the Roger Bacon community. The Franciscan values instilled in us are ones we continue to carry into our daily lives. We are incredibly grateful for our time at Bacon and for the friendships, the faculty, the opportunities, and the sense of community that made it all so meaningful.

About a month into our engagement, we realized that the chapel would be completed in time for our wedding. With construction still underway and our date nearly a year out, we figured it was a long shot, but one we might as well take. Within minutes of reaching out, Mr. Schad responded with enthusiasm, eager to help us return to the place where our story began and celebrate such an important moment there.”

HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AND LET THE REST OF THE ROGER BACON COMMUNITY KNOW. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS TO:
ALYSSA FLADING
(AFLADING@ROGERBACON.ORG)



A Little Bit of Green by Lisa

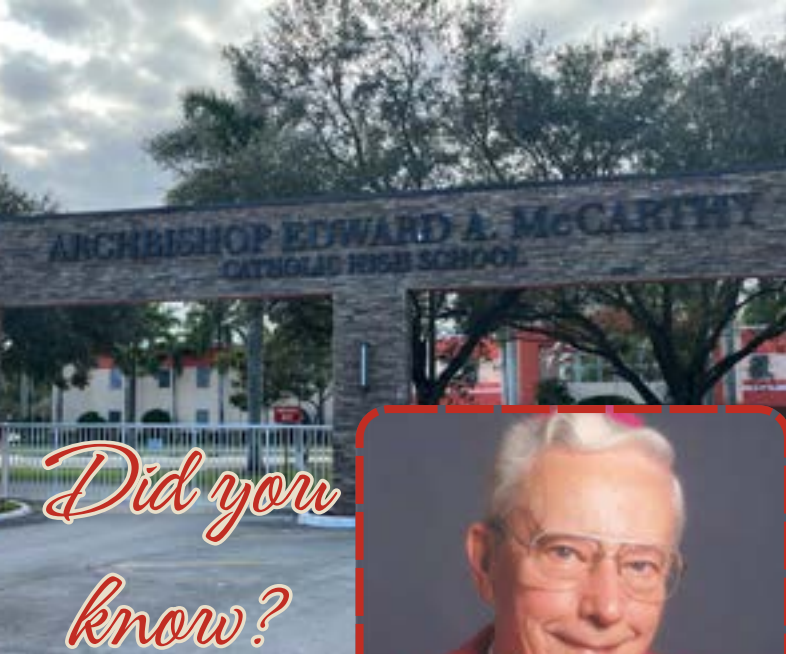
Lisa (Baur) Kummer '92 started a flower business from her home after working at a local florist and has continued to do it her own way! What began as one wedding has turned into 50-60 weddings a year. With over 20 years of experience, **A Little Bit of Green by Lisa** is dedicated to the art of floral design. She specializes in weddings and events all over the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area and wants to help you create your vision for your special day. **Lisa feels everyone deserves beautiful flowers on their wedding day, and her goal is to keep it at an affordable cost!**

If you are getting married or have a big event coming up, reach out to Lisa for all your floral needs.

Instagram & Facebook: [@alittlebitofgreenbylisa](#)
Website: <https://www.littlebitofgreenbylisa.com>



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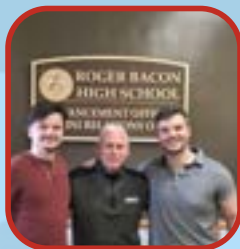
The only RB graduate with a high school named after him is...

ARCHBISHOP EDWARD A. MCCARTHY '36 †

He was the second Archbishop of Miami. The school is located in Southwest Ranches, Florida!

Alumni Visitors

Farewell to 4229 Leonard Ave.



Taylor McIntosh '17 and Nick Van der Werff '16



Dr. Terry Frazier '93



Deasia Davis '16



Tim Sexton '73

The next time you attend an FC Cincinnati match, be sure to share that the Public Address Announcer is our very own **Ethan Herzog '21!** While at Roger Bacon, Ethan founded the Roger Bacon Sports Network (RBSN) during the COVID-19 shutdowns, creating a way for parents and alumni to stay connected and watch Spartan athletics. After graduating, he attended the University of Cincinnati, where he served as the play-by-play voice for Women's Basketball, and he has since completed freelance broadcasting work for ESPN.



WE'RE PROUD TO SEE A SPARTAN VOICE MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE BIGGEST OF STAGES!



A group of Spartans went to the Obert house on Leonard Avenue to say goodbye before it was demolished to make way for the new parking lot behind Roger Bacon. Apparently, that was where a great love of beer and Johnnie Walker Black was formed during their high school days.

Pictured: **Tom Sunderman '66, Jim Uhrig '66, Jack Obert '66, Jim Wilson '66, Roger Obert '67, Tom Sauer '68, Jim Obert '65, Bill Wessendarp '66, Ken Kistner '71**
Not available **Mary June Obert Newton OLA '64.**



Sister Janet Linz '65 recognized for 60 years of service to the Sisters of St. Francis.



She has been a lifelong educator as a teacher, and principal who currently works at Purcell Marian High School as a co-director of the Lavatus Powell Program, helping students succeed and complete their high school career. **Sister Janet Linz '65** has been dedicated to the success of students in Catholic education for the majority of her career. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center. Through all these ministries, Sister Janet has learned that a community fosters a sense of belonging where all can thrive, and everyday issues can be addressed in a more just and equitable way for the common good of all. Her definition of community has broadened over the years through the connections she has made and the deepening of these relationships.

After years of hospital visits, **Shirley Dicks (Ernst) '03** and her husband, Jonathan, found out that their oldest daughter, Elle, was diagnosed with stage-3 kidney disease. Elle began to improve after finally getting on the correct treatment. Even though Elle was on the path to healing, it was inevitable she would need a kidney transplant. **She received a kidney transplant on July 7, 2025.** Their journey as a family has led Jonathan to become an altruistic kidney donor, in the hopes it will help Elle when the time comes for a second kidney transplant. To learn more about Elle's journey, to donate to the families' cause, or to learn more about the Cystonisis Research Network, please scan the QR code to the families' GoFundMe Page.



Stephanie (Wolf) Vislay '02, founded Alex Parker Publishing, an award-winning company that continues to grow and is already booked with projects through 2029. Building on that momentum, she published her first novel after eight years of work,



the first book of an epic fantasy series that earned national recognition as a finalist for the American Writing Awards for Best Debut Fiction. Her advice to current Spartans is both honest and encouraging:

"Your life does not have to be a straight line. It can zig, zag, and loop back. You are allowed to change your mind. You are allowed to outgrow things. Wherever you are, give it your best—effort is never wasted."



Ken Stehin '68 off to Barcelona with his *Tradition* magazine.



ALUMNI EVENTS

Reunions & Gatherings

2026 Evening for Excellence

56

The **OLA Class of 1956** is planning a reunion. More information to come!

61

The **OLA Class of 1961** is planning their **65th Reunion Luncheon** for **September 12** – Contact Cecelia Gleisinger (Craig) for more info.

66

Planning is underway for the **OLA Class of 1966** reunion for later in the year.

66

The **RB Class of 1966** is planning their **60th Reunion** for **Oct 3** at Roger Bacon High School. Contact Jim Wilson or Jim Uhrig for more info.

71

The **RB Class of 1971 55th Reunion** is being held on **June 6** at Wiedemann's starting at 5pm. Contact Alan Kalb for more information.

76

The **RB Class of 1976** will hold their **50th Reunion** on **Sept 19** at Roger Bacon High School. Please contact Dan Ryan or Terry Huxel for more information.

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70s



Great gathering at **Steve Roth's '75** home in Bonita Bay, Fl. In attendance were: **Jim Rice '75, Judy Kunkel Rice '75, Steve Roth '75, Scott Graham '75, Karen Forbes Graham '76, John Nierlich '75, Gail Doppes Nierlich '76, Gary Doppes '76, Steve Sponzilli '75, Steve Asbach '77, Mary Beth Kathman Asbach '78, Rick Speed '77, Mike Weller '77, Don Moeller '75, and Greg Zinser.**

77

The **RB Class of 1977** is getting things going for their **50th reunion** in 2027. Be on the lookout for more info!

86

The **RB Class of 1986** is planning their **40th Reunion** for **October 16 and 17** – Contact Mark Bollmer or Laurie Schaefer (Schildmeyer) for more information.

The **OLA Class of 1976** is planning their **50th Reunion** for **Sept 20**. Contact Kathy Andrews (Rakel) for more info. **Sharon Webb '76** and **Kathy Andrews '76** (pictured left) stopped to take a photo with the OLA emblem while on campus planning this reunion.



Spartan Sip 'n Social hosted by the Alumni Association was a fabulous evening to enjoy music from the Sound Mind Body Jazz Orchestra and catch up with other classmates and friends. Pictured above are **Lisa Wolf (Mulligan) '88, Brian Wolf '88, Chris Speed '88** and **Kim Speed**.

96

The **RB Class of 1996** is working to get their **30th Reunion** together for later this year!

16

The **RB Class of 2016** is in the beginning of planning their **10th Reunion** for the end of this year.

01

The **RB Class of 2001** is planning their **25th Reunion** for **September 26** at Roger Bacon High School. Contact Dan Huerkamp for more information.

06

The **RB Class of 2006** will have their **20th Reunion** on **November 27** at Roger Bacon High School. Contact Chelsey Hausfeld (Ahlers) or Annie Karle (Kathman) for more information.

11

The **RB Class of 2011** has begun planning for their **15th Reunion**, but no date has been set yet.

CALLING ALL SPARTANS AND ANGELS WHO GRADUATED IN YEARS ENDING IN 2 OR 7: THIS NEXT YEAR COULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A REUNION. IF INTERESTED IN PLANNING AN EVENT FOR YOUR CLASS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO BREED@ROGERBACON.ORG TO GET STARTED!

11



A close-knit group of Spartans from the **RB Class of 2011** gathered for a picture at an engagement party for **Cameron Bishop '11**.

The image captured the friendships and shared memories that have endured long after their days in the halls of Roger Bacon!

L to R

Jamil Lively '11, Daryl Taylor '11, Christian Davis '11, Cameron Bishop '11, Jourian Austin '11, Brandon Davis-Pearl '11

Alumni Summer Events

Amanda Watkins Dunn '96 / Bobbi Weddle Memorial Sand Volleyball Tournament

Friday, August 15 5:30pm
and
Saturday, August 16 9:00am
at K of C

Proceeds from the tournament help fund the scholarship at Roger Bacon High School, and each year we also support a family in need within our community.

This year, we're rallying behind one of our own — Class of '88, Jim "Wurz" Wurzelbacher.

Every bit of support matters — and this is what being a Spartan is all about.

57th Annual Roger Bacon Alumni Golf Outing

Friday - June 20, 2025
Glenview Golf Course
Grill Opens at 11am

SHOTGUN START AT 1pm
Dinner starts at 6pm

ALL ALUMNI(AE) are welcome!
Raffle Baskets (winners chosen at 6pm)
The proceeds benefit the Vincent Kathman Alumni Scholarships designated by the Roger Bacon Alumni Association. These scholarships benefit students in need at Roger Bacon High School

Split-The-Pot - Putting Contest - Beverages

Walt Roeckers 8th Annual Golf Outing

Friday - September 18, 2026
Time: 10am

Location: Glenview Golf Course

Cost: \$400 per team

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2026

Cost after September 4: \$500 per team.

All players must register in advance.

Send team information and registration fee to

Tawnya via mail, email, or venmo by Sept. 4, 2026.

CONTACT DETAILS

Tawnya Roeckers McMahan
Golf4WaltRoeckers@gmail.com
513-284-0041.

Dave and Dan Blaut Golf Scramble

Saturday - September 26, 2026

Glenview Golf Course

\$125 per person. \$500 per foursome

After party and prizes at Century Inn
starting at 6:00 pm
\$25 for any non-golfer

CONTACT DETAILS

Mike Blaut 513-368-4229 or
mblaut@rogerbacon.org for
information

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.*

Ruth (Moening) Wicktora '41
Paul Blom '43
Elizabeth (Graman) Dattilo '43
John Nimeskern '43
Raymond Schnur '44
Marilyn (Cisko) Sheeran '45
Dolores Klett '47
Marian (Geiger) O'Brien '47
Elaine (Ober) Mushaben '47
William Price '48
Nicholas Ambrosiano '48
Victor Ritze '49
Peter Sciamanna '49
Rita (Piller) Cerimele '50
Juliana (Wallenhorst) Sanders '50
Nancy (Moore) Storey '50
John Willenborg '51
Diane (Berner) Townley '53
Mary (Kuhl) Busch '54
Dorothy (Rumpke) Compton '54
Helen Schappacher '54
David Ventre '54
Mary (Hutchinson) Martini '55
Julie (Schoenung) Reece '57
Jeanette (Schuler) Douthit '57
Richard Westerbeck '57
Sally (Teed) Cacaro '58
Joan (Hehmann) Dempsey '59
Dennis Farrell '59
Susan (Moedl) Owens '59
Ralph Adams '60
Eugene Burton '61
Lawrence Klosterkemper '61
Jane (Siegmond) Hirsch '61
Shirley Anne Callahan '62
Leslie Fugikawa '62
Dennis Hartmann '62

Mary (Toelke) Kibler '62
Barbara (Schulte) Begley '63
Thomas Zimmer '64
Gerald Hoekzema '65
Lawrence Rasche '66
Michael Schildmeyer '66
William Mouch '66
Marjorie (Betzing) Hagenhoff '67
William Espelage '68
Gregory Kremm '68
Judy (Hurm) Muennich '71
Debora (Steinmetz) Ayers '73
Marilyn (Meyer) Smith '75
Karen (Sherrill) Dobson '76
Michael Hufnagel '76
Michael Asbrock '77
James Downing '77
Patrick Doran '78
Murphy Naylor, Jr. '85
Jermaine Prescod '00
Latrice Hogan '05
Travis Tompkins '05

RB Family

Janet Grimes
Linda (Meisner) Hauser
Jim Kathman
Patricia Nagel
Nancy (Doerger) Ollier
Marjorie Schoettmer
Wilma Vonderhaar

Summer Camps at Roger Bacon



Scan this code to sign up for any of the summer camps available online!

SUMMERTIME MEANS THAT ROGER BACON ATHLETICS HAS SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE! THIS YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING CAMPS FOR BASEBALL, GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL, BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, FOOTBALL, GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL, MASKMAKING, UNDERWATER HOCKEY, AND EVEN A HSPT TEST PREP CAMP!

BOYS' BASKETBALL \$100
GRADES 2-5
 June 15-18
 9am - 12pm

SOCCER - COED \$75
GRADES 2-8
 June 8-11
 6pm - 8pm

GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL \$30
GRADES 6-9
 June 15 & 17
 6pm - 8pm

BOYS' BASKETBALL \$100
GRADES 6-9
 June 1-4
 9am - 12pm

FOOTBALL \$50
GRADES 3-8
 June 15-18
 6pm - 8pm

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
GRADES K-2 \$75
 July 6 & 9
 3:30pm - 6pm

GIRLS' BASKETBALL \$50
GRADES 2-5
 June 1-3
 6pm - 8pm

BASEBALL \$100
GRADES 3-9
 June 8-11
 9am - 12pm

GRADES 3-5 \$100
 July 6-9
 9am - 11:30am
GRADES 6-8 \$100
 July 6-9
 12:30pm - 3pm

GIRLS' BASKETBALL \$50
GRADES 6-9
 June 8-10
 6pm - 8pm

SOFTBALL \$60
GRADES 3-9
 June 8-10
 10am - 12pm

INCOMING FRESHMEN \$40
 July 7 & 8
 3:30pm - 6pm

UNDERWATER HOCKEY \$125
GRADES 6-9
 June 22-26
 10am - 12:30pm

MASK MAKING \$175
GRADES 6-8
 June 1-5
 8:30am - 12pm

HSPT PREP \$85
 June 8-11
 8:30am - 10:30am
 11am - 1pm
 June 15-18
 8:30am - 10:30am
 11am - 1pm



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