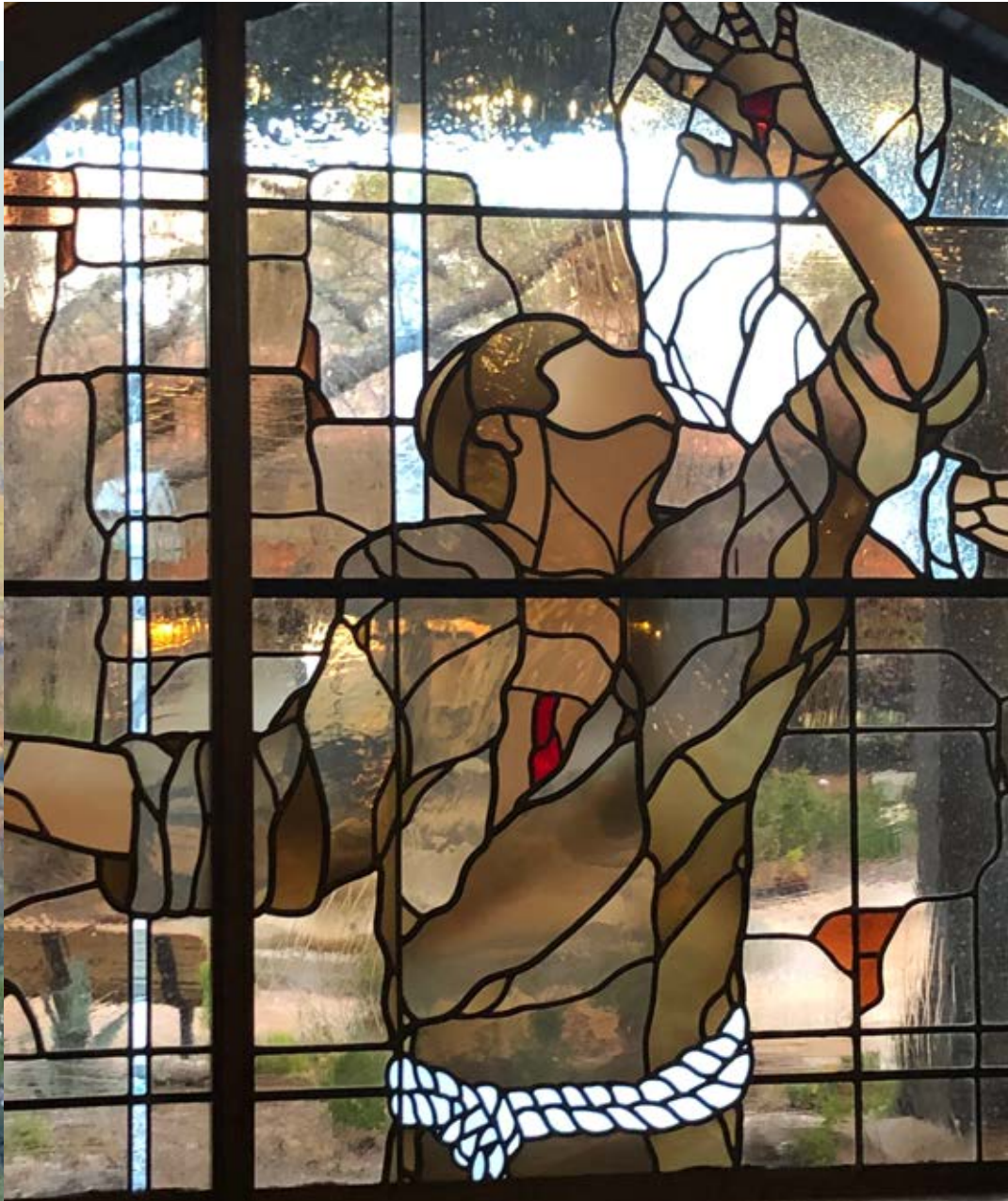


# TRADITION

FORWARD TO GREATER THINGS



SAN JUAN BAUTISTA PILGRIMAGE  
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As I write this letter, the first day of Freshmen Orientation has come to a close and a new school year is beginning. Every new school year brings energy, promise and excitement. At Roger Bacon, these emotions are amplified as we quickly approach our centennial celebration. It is hard to believe that this year we will be recruiting students from all over the city to become the Class of 2028 – our 100th graduating class!

However, I do not want to jump too far ahead. Our incoming freshmen (Class of 2027), a little over 140 strong, comprise the largest class at Roger Bacon and truly represents the communities who send their children to our school. We continue to be selective because the demand to come to Roger Bacon far exceeds our capacity to meet that demand. In true Franciscan fashion, we accept students across the entire academic and socioeconomic spectrums. We are looking for the “right” students – those students who will enhance the culture at Roger Bacon and make the school and all the students in it better. More and more families are seeking to become part of the Spartan family because the school supports the values and morals they want for their sons and daughters – all in a safe, challenging and rigorous academic environment.

**We are Franciscan** by recognizing the inherent God-given value in all of our family members.

**We are Catholic** by supporting and teaching the beliefs of the Catholic Church in a manner that welcomes all of our Spartans, regardless their religious background.

**We are coed and diverse** by representing the communities that support us and preparing our young men and women to enter those coed and diverse communities.

**We are small by design** allowing us to be small enough to know you but large enough to challenge you.

**We are fiscally responsible** by ensuring we have no debt and do not pass on to our families the burden of paying for things we cannot afford.

**We invest in our students** through unique and innovative school-funded programs such as the Assisi Scholars Program, San Juan Bautista Pilgrimage and the St. Clare Society.

**We support our communities** by developing life-long givers through an extensive array of community service and community service opportunities.

**We are Roger Bacon** - a school dedicated to our students, proud of our past with our gaze fixed on the future. Please keep us in your prayers as we confidently move **“forward to greater things.”**

God Bless you and God Bless  
Roger Bacon High School.



Steve Schad, President



President's Thoughts



PICTURED ABOVE: SENIOR PICNIC HOSTED BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

COVER: STAINED GLASS OF ST. FRANCIS AND MOUNTAIN VIEW IN CALIFORNIA

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## Thomas J. Fogarty Center

The original gymnasium, located on the 2nd floor in the center of the high school, was dedicated on February 4, 1930 at a basketball game versus St. Xavier High School. Fr. Antonine Brockhuis, O.F.M., Director of the Georgian Club, Corryville, was the speaker for the occasion. This served as the primary gymnasium for over 50 years until the construction of the Thomas J. Fogarty Center.



IN OCTOBER 1983, ROGER BACON CONTRACTED GLASER & MYERS AND ASSOCIATES TO DESIGN AN ACTIVITIES CENTER.

A **\$2 million package** was put together which included the Activities Center (gym, band room, locker rooms, and athletic facilities) and renovation of the main building to develop more classrooms, as well as moving the library to the former band room and creating a computer lab in the former library.

When the design development cost estimate for the new building came in over budget, a decision was made to keep the original plans but break the project into two phases:

- **Phase 1:** Band room area; athletic offices, storage, locker rooms and the shell of the gym
- **Phase 2:** Completion of the interior of the gym, interior finishes and flooring, install lockers and pave the new parking area.



# Iders of Giants



While the center was being built, Roger Bacon leased space in the former OLA building, which was named East Campus. This East Campus housed classroom space along with the gym for physical education and the cafeteria for a band rehearsal hall.

Ground was broke for the Activities Center on **May 19, 1985**. Sr. Anita Brelage, OSF, the Vice-Principal was the Master of Ceremonies. Fr. Jerome Schaeper, the Director of Educational Services for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Fr. James Bok, OFM, Principal of Roger Bacon, gave the addresses. **The oldest living graduate (Mr. Phil Collins, Class of 1929), the Principal, and the youngest RB student (Miss Melissa Schramm, Class of 1988), had the honor of turning the first shovels of dirt.** Fr. Andrew Fox, OFM, former Principal and former Provincial, Franciscan Friars, concluded the ceremony with a benediction.

A fundraising campaign, “Roger Bacon – Expanding the Challenge,” was initiated in 1987 to raise funds to complete the activities center so that it could be usable for the 1987/88 school year. Although the activity center was not completely finished in June 1988, the Class of 1988 did graduate in the center’s gymnasium. The Class of 1988, the first class to go through four years as a coed class, was the first to use the gymnasium for an official ceremony.



*the class of 1988*

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The dedication of the center took place on Saturday, September 17, 1988 after 4 years of construction and a cost of 2.3 million dollars.

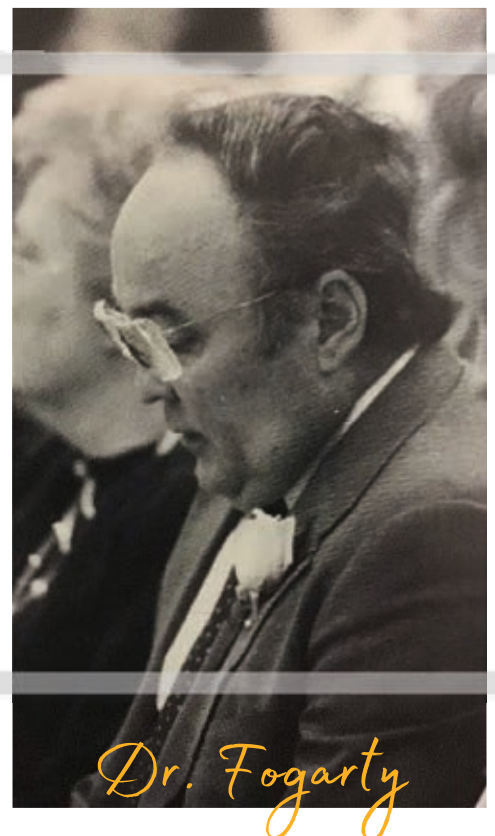
The activity center was named for **Dr.**

**Thomas J. Fogarty, M.D., a 1952 graduate of RB and one of the country's leading cardiovascular surgeons and inventors.**

The extravaganza began with a mass concelebrated by Fr. Jim Bok, Fr. John Bok, and Fr. Jeremy Harrington, the Provincial of the Franciscan St. John the Baptist Province. Fr. Jim Bok gave the homily at the dedication mass. After the homily, Thomas Fogarty officially dedicated the new building and Fr. Jeremy Harrington blessed the new center.

**The Thomas J. Fogarty Center houses a music center, locker rooms, athletic offices, a sports medicine facility and a 1,450-seat gymnasium within its 33,000 square feet.**

During an interview conducted by **Bob Stolz, Class of 1989, Dr. Fogarty** said the following: *"I have always held a true sense of appreciation for all Roger Bacon has done for me. I feel good about the fact that the activity center was named after me. The most important aspects of my education was the patience the priests and brothers had with me and the potential that they helped me to realize." When asked what he remembered most of his high school days, he said he had a great time in high school, although he wasn't much of a student. His advice to students of Roger Bacon: "Pursue what you enjoy, independent of economic implications."*





# Spread the Word

from the Admissions Office

We are so excited to begin another school year at Roger Bacon! We are especially excited to welcome our 99th freshman class, **the Class of 2027**, to the RB family. It will bring in more than **144 amazing kids from over 42 different grade schools** across the Greater Cincinnati area, all coming together to experience the rich, Franciscan, personalized educational experience that only Roger Bacon can provide.

As some of our incoming freshman have noted, choosing RB was an easy decision.

*"I chose Roger Bacon because the day I went in to shadow it felt like family and I was immediately welcomed. I know I would never find a school like that anywhere else."* **Zoe, Home School**

*"I chose Roger Bacon for the very welcoming staff and Spartan community, the small class learning opportunity and to grow academically, athletically, spiritually and personally over the next four years."* **Neenah, John Paul II**

*"I chose Roger Bacon because when I walked into the school for my shadow day I felt welcomed by everyone. Roger Bacon has an amazing education that will help me get through life. Roger Bacon made me feel like I was a part of something special. Shadowing showed me that Roger Bacon is not just the school for me, but a home. Hail Spartans!"* **Hunter, Milford Junior High**

*"I always knew I wanted to attend Roger Bacon. It really feels like a family, and I can't wait to walk the same halls my grandpa and my dad did before me. There is no place like Roger Bacon."* **Jake, St. Gertrude**

There has never been a better time to be a Spartan. As the school year gets started, we have begun to look ahead to the upcoming **Class of 2028**, which will carry the very special distinction of being the **100th graduating class in our illustrious history**. As we move toward our 100th anniversary celebration, Roger Bacon continues to move FORWARD TO GREATER THINGS!



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# Go West

by: Tom Burke '68



Over the past Easter break, Brandon Spaeth '11, Director of Advancement, and I had the opportunity to connect with west coast alumni from Roger Bacon and OLA with a weeklong visit to California. The primary purpose of our visit was to **LISTEN** to our graduates and better understand the impact of their own Franciscan experience on their lives and their **corresponding love and support** for Roger Bacon High School now and for many years to come.

On **Monday**, April 10, 2023, we left on an early morning flight out of Cincinnati to San Diego, California. That same day, we had a group of 10 juniors and chaperones departing for a first-ever pilgrimage to the missions in Northern California -- San Juan Bautista Pilgrimage.

Our first connection would be with **John Maringer '49** and his daughter for a dinner in the Little Italy section of San Diego. John is a Navy veteran and retired pharmacist. His memories, energy and enthusiasm conveyed his young attitude and love for his Spartan experience.

While in San Diego we had a social and were joined by John and his daughter, **Ron Seiler '66** and **Kevin Crittenton '81**. Another memorable moment came when we had lunch with **Bill Woerman '68**. After 30+ years in the military, Bill continues to serve others by volunteering at the zoo and as a tour guide on the U.S.S. Midway, docked in the San Diego harbor.



# Spartans...



**Wednesday** was a travel day as we drove 400 miles up the coast to the San Jose area. Along the way, we stopped for lunch in Los Angeles to meet **Melissa Laugle '03**, the most recent graduate on our trip. Melissa and her husband are both attorneys and raising their family in the area. While many miles from her hometown, she maintains her love and connection with her classmates from RB and indicated she would move back to Cincinnati in a heartbeat.

**Our final two days were spent in Northern California.** We were graciously hosted in the home of **Jeff '60 and Marlene '62 (OLA) Kalb**. The Kalb's have over 30 grandchildren and are steadfast in their belief in the value of a Catholic education, much as they received at RB and OLA.

Without question our most impactful visit was with **Dr. Tom Fogarty '52** at the Fogarty Innovation Institute. While Dr. Fogarty's personal work and innovation in the field of medicine have impacted and saved many lives, the Innovation Institute is an incubator to work with the top minds and medical experts throughout the world to make available the necessary expertise to bring new ideas to fruition and change lives in the process. Despite his notoriety, Dr. Fogarty is humble and values the problem-solving skills and personal values he learned at Roger Bacon. Brandon and I were treated like VIP's solely because we were from Dr. Fogarty's alma mater. We were overwhelmed by the greatness we witnessed at the Institute.





Fr. Christopher leading Mass on a makeshift "altar" in Yosemite, with the awe-inspiring El Capitan as a backdrop

A diverse group of 10 juniors was selected to participate under the leadership of RB staff members **Pam Rosfeld** and **Father Mark Hudak, OFM**. Fr. Mark expressed: "It would take me over an hour to talk about the San Juan Bautista pilgrimage! Everything from the unique pleasure of having a genuine Native American guide to the mission locations to the arduous climb of a slippery, steep, semi-snow-covered wet mountain trail was amazing. As the students embarked on their journey, they found themselves crossing bridges not only between historical sites but also between their own understanding of the world and the profound lessons that these missions held. The missions, although showing signs of age, were adorned with vibrant colors and fresh flowers, mirroring the resilience and renewal that the pilgrimage symbolized.

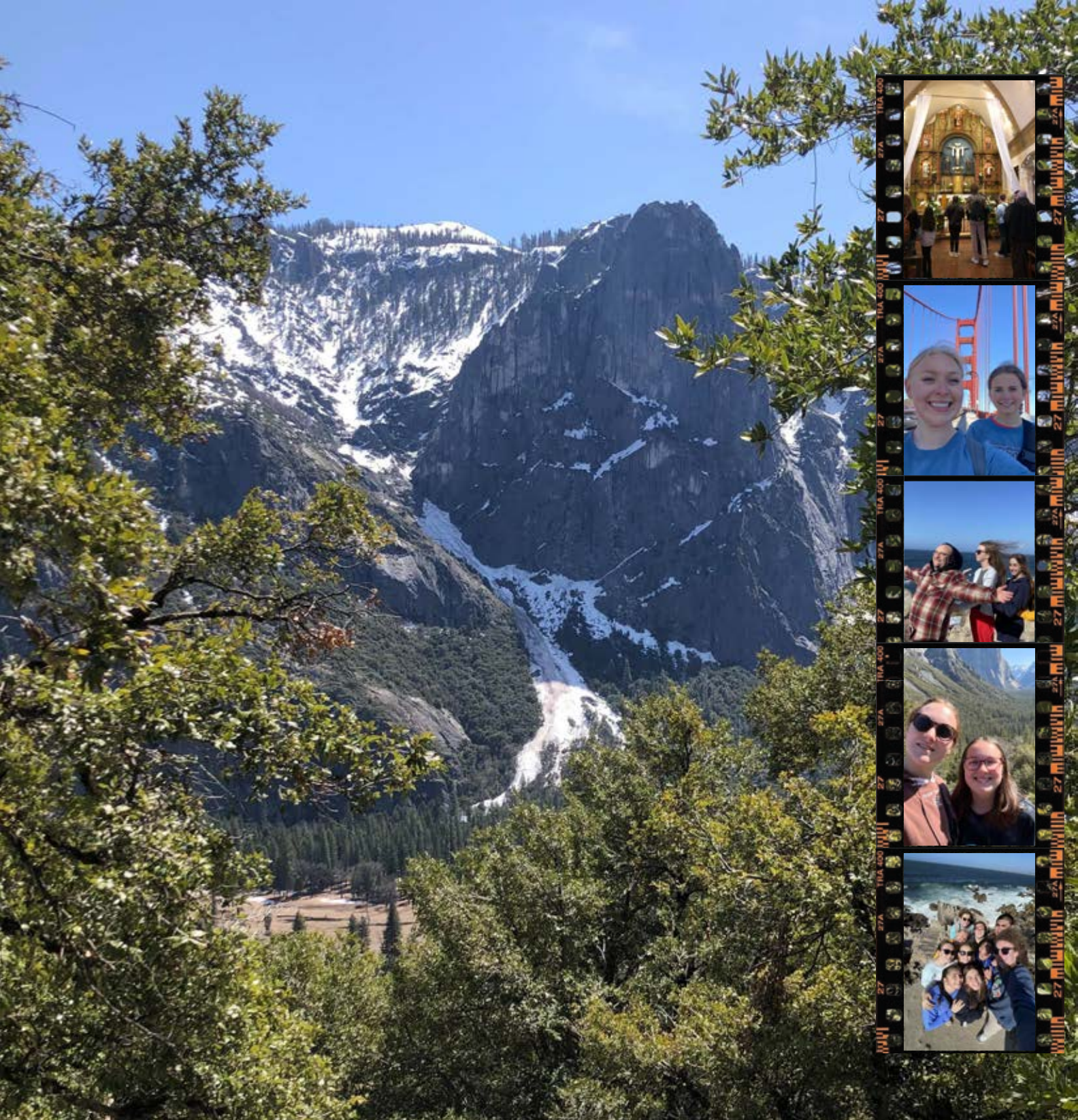
Some missions were nestled within the bustling campuses of the University of Santa Clara and the University of San Francisco, offering a glimpse into the intersection of academia and faith.

Bridges of human connection were also discovered. **Tom Denterlein '68**, who joined our pilgrims for Mass in San Francisco, was so impressed how our young people behaved. He shared this with us while at our final social in Palo Alto with **Jim '74 & Pat Koren '74 (OLA)**.

Brandon and I were fortunate to cross paths with the pilgrims -- meeting them for dinner at the Beach Chalet across the street from the San Francisco bay beach.

**Steve Bellman '78** joined us for dinner and was extremely impressed by our students. After dinner each RB student thanked Steve for taking the time to join them.





Have you ever had one of those moments where everything looks bright, the different pieces of your life are aligning perfectly and you want to scream your appreciation for the blessings in your life? I had one of those exact moments on the last working day of our trip. We had just finished our last individual meeting with **Tim Coogan '79**. Tim volunteered to take Brandon on a tour of Stanford, where they met **Ed Franchi '82** while I chose to return to our hotel. I started reviewing the many great moments from the past week connecting with our graduates. **Despite their diversity, every person with whom we connected was over the top in their love for Roger Bacon and OLA.** Each expressed the importance of their own Spartan experience in their own formation and in becoming the person they had grown to be. Most importantly, they unanimously expressed their pride and support for the many great things happening at Roger Bacon today.

The San Juan Bautista Pilgrimage stands as a testament to Roger Bacon High School's commitment to fostering holistic growth and nurturing connections. Just as bridges connect, this journey united the past and present, students and alumni, history and personal reflection. With the echoes of the pilgrimage still resonating, Roger Bacon High School continues to build bridges that span generations, allowing Roger Bacon to move

*Forward to greater things.*

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Roger Bacon hosted the **Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra** for an in-school presentation titled "Let Freedom Swing!" on April 27, 2023.

The program was an interactive musical and historical presentation developed by Wynton Marsalis & Sandra Day O'Connor. It explores the relationship between jazz and democracy and creates conversations about the parallels between these two great American traditions. Topics included: Jazz as Democracy, Jazz and the Civil Rights, Jazz and the Harlem Renaissance, and Jazz Improvisation as Communication.

The **Class of 2026 Assisi Scholars** have officially been selected! They will continue their rigorous course of study throughout the remainder of their RB career where they will end with a pilgrimage to Assisi.



The **2023 RB Blood Drive** was a massive success! Dozens of students over the age of 16 took time to donate the gift of blood to help replenish a critical need for donations



# The Halls @ RB



On Sunday May 21, 2023 Roger Bacon honored the 2023 Assisi Scholars at the annual **Assisi Scholars Banquet**. Seventeen Spartans joined the illustrious group, now known as Assisi Alumni. Memories were shared, capstone projects were on display, laughter filled the Fine Arts Center, and most importantly... gelato was served! Congratulations to our 2023 Assisi Scholars, and thank you to all of our Assisi Alumni who returned to join us.





The 2023 Spring Musical Performance of **We Will Rock You** blew the roof off the Carol Dauwe Fine Arts Center this spring. The performance was critically acclaimed city-wide. The cast, crew and orchestra were honored with 21 Cappie Awards nominations and they ended up bringing home **7 Cappie Award wins!** A big congratulations to all involved!

In August, Grammy Award winning artist, **Arturo Sandoval** took the stage in the Carol Dauwe Fine Arts Center to entertain concertgoers with 'A Little Afternoon Musik' - proving once again, RB's facilities can attract and host world renowned talent!



# BACON Arts



The **2023 Fine Arts Festival** took over the Carol Dauwe Fine Arts Center in May. All types of student artwork were on display all week long. The festival garnered all kinds of attention across social media resulting in over 6 thousand views and 500+ likes and interactions!



## Nick Wilking '10

Roger Bacon High School is proud to announce that **Nick Wilking '10** has been named our Director of Marketing and Alumni Engagement.

Nick brings a plethora of corporate marketing experience to Roger Bacon in this role. Nick has also been an assistant coach for the Girls Volleyball program for the last six seasons.

*"I am beyond thrilled to be stepping into this new role and to officially become a member of the Spartan Army in this capacity. I cannot wait to get to work and to use my skills to help give back to a place that means so much to me and my family. I am so looking forward to connecting with our alumni and cultivating meaningful relationships that will help continue to take Roger Bacon 'Forward to Greater Things'."*

Brandon Spaeth, Roger Bacon Advancement Director adds, *"I am absolutely ecstatic that Nick is joining our Advancement team! His extensive background in marketing and his passion for Roger Bacon is going to do wonders for our school. Nick's experience with marketing campaigns will be a huge asset as we move forward towards our 100th anniversary in 2028. I am looking forward to the energy and creativity he will bring to our office."*

Nick lives in Finneytown with his wife Lynde, who is also a 2010 graduate of Roger Bacon, their twins, Beau and Eloise (2) and another one on the way due this October.



## Distinguished Faculty Award

The Advancement Department's own Major Gifts Officer, **Rick Sollmann '68** was honored at the all school mass in May and presented with the *Joseph A. Kneip Distinguished Faculty/Staff Award* for all his service to the Roger Bacon community. Congratulations and thank you Rick!



## RB Welcomes New Staff

Say hello to the new staff members for the 2023-2024 school year!

*Pictured left to right*

**Row 1: Tiffany Nascimento** (Theology Teacher), **Julie Murray** (Theology Teacher)

**Row 2: Ray Butler '97** (Dean of Students), **Nick Wilking '10** (Director of Marketing & Alumni Engagement), **Julie Zinser** (Theology Teacher)

**Row 3: Nick Stout** (Math Teacher), **Colin Bresler** (School Counselor), **Aaron Hugenberg** (Fine Arts Teacher)

## RB Science in Ghana

Jim Myres, OFS contacted **Br. Gene Mayer, OFM** in the spring about a science equipment donation. "Eight years ago I went to Ghana in West Africa on a medical mission trip with a good friend, Joseph Waklatsi. Joseph is from Ghana and is a Registered Nurse I knew from working at Christ Hospital.

Long story, short - Dr. Q., the doctor we worked with in Ghana called the other day. One of his students/associates was put in charge of a HS in Ghana. Dr. Q. is trying to help him get a science lab for the school, it has nothing now."

Roger Bacon answered the call and sent fifty boxes of science of equipment to Ghana.







## Bacon Gives Back

On May 12, students spent the entire day outside of the classroom. Spartans put their faith into action by serving the community of St. Bernard where RB calls home. Students and faculty helped beautify multiple areas of St. Bernard during this year's **Go Local!** Many thanks to all the students and faculty who volunteered their time to continue making improvements to our local community.

# The Halls @ RB



## Student Honored

**Kaeley Hawkins '24** was honored as a Northwest Exchange Club Student of the Year finalist this spring! Congratulations Kaeley on the wonderful accomplishment!



## RB Battleground

Roger Bacon's cafeteria turned into a battle zone as students from the **Robotics** classes and club brought their creations to face-off in front of a packed house of classmates.

The robots were divided into teams of two, and played a game of "capture the flag" while doing everything they could to impede the other team, from stealing flags and distracting opponents to outright war.

The robot battle was the final, summative project of our Robotics department, as students put their skill in programming, design, construction and remote control to the test.

## Magnified Giving

As part of their Service Learning class taught by **Father Roger Lopez**, several Roger Bacon students were given the opportunity to learning about a service organization inside and out, they were given an opportunity to earn a \$1,000 grant to help the organization.

Students, **Maleah Gentry '23** & **Emma Rogers '23** were able to secure a \$1,000 grant for their organization, Cincinnati Animal Rescue (C.A.R.E). Crafts for C.A.R.E is a service project that makes blankets for Cats and Dogs in need. Congratulations to all of the participants!



# Underwater Hockey



On Saturday, March 25, 2023, the **Roger Bacon High School Underwater Hockey Team** finished in 2nd place in the "B" Division of the University of Guelph's 41st annual Underwater Hockey Tournament in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Roger Bacon finished the day with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss. Roger Bacon defeated teams like Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie, and the University of Guelph in the round robin, but lost to a tough Cornwall team in the gold medal game. Congratulations to our Spartans!



## The Halls @ RB



The **2023 Powderpuff Football Game** saw the Junior and Senior girls square off on the gridiron. It was a fun night had by all!



The **Senior Parent Date Dance** hosted by the PTO was held March 11. Seniors and their parents donned their best 80's gear and danced the night away.



Seniors got creative and decided to roam the hallways with "**Anything but Backpacks**" to carry their things around.

## A Special Last Few Weeks for our Seniors

The last few weeks of the school year are typically dedicated to celebrating the **Seniors of Roger Bacon High School**. This year, there were several key special events for the entire class to enjoy. Thanks to all who helped put these special events together. it was the perfect was for this class to cap off their RB careers.

Seniors spent their last few moments as students being celebrated by the entire student body and faculty during their **Senior Assembly** on their last day of school.



The **2023 Prom** took place at Newport Aquarium. Seniors dressed to the nines and got down on the dancefloor for a fun evening together





# 2023 Assisi Scholar Pilgrimage

The culmination of the Assisi Scholars Program is a pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, Italy during the senior year. Rooted in Franciscan tradition, this is a unique opportunity for Roger Bacon students that no other area high school can provide. The Pilgrimage is a great way for students not only to travel the world, but to live and witness the teachings of Saints Francis and Clare. This past spring, for the eighth straight year, students and chaperones celebrated their hard work throughout their academic careers with a once in a lifetime experience.





# "The Chosen Ones" HONORED YET AGAIN

Congratulations to the 2002 State Championship Boy's Basketball team who were recently inducted into the Larosa's High School Sports Hall of Fame! The "team that beat Lebron" traveled back to campus this past summer for their special recognition. While honoring late coach Bill Brewer throughout the induction, several key members of the team were honored. The team joins the esteemed Hall of Fame that recognizes local outstanding high school athletes, coaches and teams. Aside from one of the most memorable championship games in Cincinnati high school basketball history, the '02 team made history with a school-record 25 wins and won the Greater Cincinnati League with a 13-1 record. Congratulations on yet another feather in the cap of this truly one-of-a-kind team!

**Below:** Zach Gruenwald '03, Coach Bobby Holt '91, Dave Bidwell, Tim McCoy '02, Frank Phillips '02, Leonard Bush '03, Matt Reed '02, Josh Hausfeld '02, Coach Tom Thompson, Jon Newton '03, and Coach Brian Neal '90 gathered together again for the special night.



# 2023 ATHLETIC AWARDS

## Spring All-Stars

### Softball

#### 1st Team MVC

Ally Hughes '25  
Kendra Gee '26

#### 2nd Team MVC

Kate Palermo '24  
Julia Whitman '24

#### Honorable Mention MVC

Gabby Ernst '25  
Ella Schlegel '26

### Baseball

#### 1st Team MVC

Noah Stewart '23  
Anthony Hoffmann '23

#### 2nd Team MVC

AJ Meyer '24

#### Honorable Mention MVC

Jimmy Mumper '23  
Avery Battle '24

#### 1st Team All District

Noah Stewart '23

### Girls' Lacrosse

#### 1st Team MVC

Lily Middendorf '23

#### 2nd Team MVC

Parker Cribbs '24  
Gracie Smart '24  
Olivia Mollner '25

#### Honorable Mention MVC

Myla Rodenberg '25  
Lizzy Mumper '26

#### Honorable Mention All Region

Gracie Smart '24  
Lily Middendorf '23

### Boys'

### Volleyball

#### 1st Team

Andrew Weigand '26



# 2023

## ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

Spartans @ the  
Next Level

Congratulations to  
the following  
Spartans on  
committing to  
continue their athletic  
careers at the next  
level:

**Allon Hill:** Football - Saginaw  
Valley State University

**Lily Middendorf:**

Lacrosse/Cheer - Mount St  
Joseph University

**Erika Borges:** Lacrosse -

Mount St. Joseph University

**Kaleb Fitzgerald:** Track &

Field - Mount St. Joseph

University

**Bradyn Schmidt:** Football -

Mount St. Joseph University

**Morgan Moeller:** Soccer -

Ohio Northern University

**Ty Doll:** Football - Ohio

Wesleyan University

**Mia Huber:** Track and Field -

University of Charleston

**Drew Lewis:** Track & Field -

University of Cincinnati

**Juliana Helton:** Track & Field

- Thomas More University

**Mariya Montgomery:**

Volleyball - Limestone

University

**Noah Stewart:** Baseball -

Miami University Hamilton

**Anthony Hoffmann:**

Baseball - Miami University

Hamilton

# ATHLETICS

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# R B



**Above:** Students signed their letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the next level this spring.



The 2023 Girls' Lacrosse Team put their names in the record books with the first win in school history when they beat Cooper High School 5-4 on March 18. This feat also earned the team the title of Girls Spring Team of the Week" by the Cincinnati Enquirer!

Roger Bacon is proud to announce that **Emmett Breda '23** was awarded and named a NISCA Academic All American for his accomplishments in the swimming pool as well as in the classroom!



## Thank you Mel!

This past Spring marked the last sports season for long time RB Athletic Trainer, Melonie Haney. After 21 years of service to the Spartans, Mel has moved on to a new role within TriHealth. The Spartan Army certainly wishes her well in her new role as we also send her a HUGE "Thank you!"





# ALUMNI

## Our oldest living alum!



Elizabeth Dattilo (Graman)  
*Class of 1943*

Our oldest living alumnae that we are aware of is

**Elizabeth Dattilo (Graman)**

According to Elizabeth's children:

Our mother, graduated from Our Lady of the Angels in 1943. She has seven children and she has been a widow since 1977.

She lives in her own home; which she shares with one of our brothers. She is able to walk with a wheeled walker. Her memory is still good as it relates to her childhood and high school friends. She still speaks lovingly of the "good old days!"

DID WE MISS YOU OR A RELATIVE? PLEASE SHARE OUR OLDEST LIVING ALUMS WITH  
[AFLADING@ROGERBACON.ORG](mailto:AFLADING@ROGERBACON.ORG)



The crew at the Reading Skyline Chili was full of Spartans. Pictured above are:

**Sam Lindner (Brenner) '12,**  
**Kelsey Estep '18,**  
**Ashton Lindner '16, and**  
**Katelyn Barnes '19.**



**Ella Stark Class of 2013,** was commissioned to beautify a building at Vine Street Park by **Natalie Miller '13** the current Arts and Crafts Coordinator for St. Bernard.

On March 22, 2023 Roger Bacon hosted Career Day. Over 30 professionals from all backgrounds came to talk to our Spartans.

*Huge thank you to all of our alumni who joined us --*  
*Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!*

Angie Bova **1996**: Nurse Practitioner

Jarrold Calhoun **2006**: Cyber Security

James Geers **1986**: Architect - Elevar

Josh King **2018**: Corporate Partnership Coordinator - FC Cincinnati

Kyle Neumann **2001**: Cyber Security

Victoria Preyor **2010**: Nurse Manager - Rite of Passage

Brian Richardson **2013**: Financial Manager - Proctor & Gamble

Ben Schnedl **2017**: HVAC - PCI Services

Jessica Spaeth **2013**: Nursing Home Administration - Deupree House

Abby Thieken **2009**: Cosmetology - Empire Beauty

Taylor Vogt **2012**: Urban Planning/Development - Model Group

Anitra Walden-Jacobs **2000**: Attorney - Speedway

Alex Warner **2007**: Pharmacist - UC Health





# NEWS

## *Be Inspired, Stay Connected*



Beatrice J. Donnelly (Loos)  
*Class of 1946*



Rosie Zureick (Cecardo)  
*Class of 1946*



Herbert R. Pahren  
*Class of 1947*



Dorris Strittholt (Volkerding)  
*Class of 1949*



**William Bross**  
Roger Bacon High School  
Class of 1951  
United States Navy  
1952 - 1956



*proud to serve*

Do you know a Spartan who also served our country?

Did you know there is an honors hallway at Roger Bacon that pays homage to all our veterans. Thanks to **William Bross '51** we have received numerous updates on veterans and our deceased Spartans and Angels.

We know we are missing folks who deserved to be recognized. If you know someone please reach out to the Advancement Office.

Congratulations to **Dave '74 and Lori (Speed) '78 Scherpenberg** on their retirement. After 36 years as a St. Bernard staple, the couple will now get a well deserved break.



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





Recently engaged Spartans:

**Jordan Sandlin '18** and **Kiera Williams '18** (pictured left)

**Olivia Stark '17** and **Nick Beck '17** (pictured right)

## Love is in the Air



Congratulations to our newlywed Spartans,  
**Patrick Clark '97** and **Katie Coyle '98**.

Attending the wedding were fellow Spartan and  
Angels:

Parents: **Tom and Charlene Clark '70**

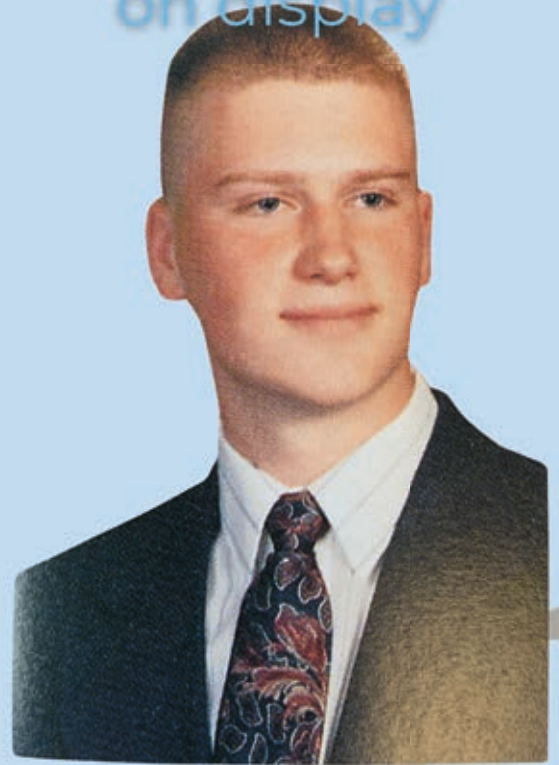
Parents: John and **Barb Coyle** (former Community  
Outreach Director)

**Seth Coyle '95, Liz Coyle Wagner 2003, Gina Clark  
Wiesenegg ' 2000**



**Michelle Sica '85** came back home to visit!  
Here she is pictured with members of her  
family in front of Bron Bacevich Memorial  
Stadium

## Franciscan charism on display



**Kevin Bonecutter '95** is a proud Roger  
Bacon graduate and is also making  
the Roger Bacon community proud by  
showcasing his Franciscan charism.  
Kevin recently was featured on Local 12  
for completing 143 acts of kindness. He  
was surprised by his friends and family  
with a new lawnmower, which he will  
use to continue his work in the  
community. To see the news segment  
scan the QR code below.





## Exceptional performance, leadership and valor



Nine members of the Cincinnati Police Department were honored on Thursday, April 27, for exceptional performance, leadership and valor on the streets and behind the scenes.

The awards were presented by the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, which annually recognizes Cincinnati Police officers and staff for excellence.

**Police Capt. Steve Saunders '85** of Loveland received the Career Enhancement Award. Saunders manages the Criminal Investigations Section which includes homicide, personal and financial crimes and fugitive apprehension. His 33-year career has included neighborhood policing, SWAT team, recruit instructor, Internal Investigations and public information officer. He has a master's degree in education from Xavier University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati initiated the Rotary awards to honor excellence in key public service professions including law enforcement, education and public safety.



"I wanted to share some alumni news about my son,

**Mark Kelly (Class of 2011)**. He lives in Atlanta and his book 'Geist' was on display at the Gwinnett County Public Library for the month of June."

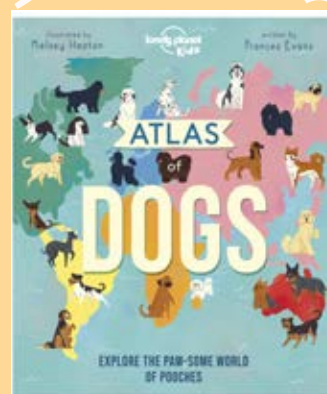
- **Gail Kelly (Staubach) '77**



Pictured with Coach Finnegan are:

**Jalyn Jackson '19, Isabel Ernst '23, Kelly Brenner '20, Lyric Harris '20, Clarissa Craig '21 and Kylee Sheppard '21**

These six Spartans combined to score **5,147 points** while playing at Roger Bacon!



Explore the paw-some world of pooches in this definitive guide to dogs that's packed with fun facts and illustrations, provided by **Kelsey Heaton '15**.



# ALUMNI EVENTS

## *Reunions & Gatherings*



Over **100** total Spartans joined to celebrate the memories made on the international band trip to Russia in May 1998. Band members, boosters, parents and the legendary **Wes Neal**, came together to reminisce about their incredible experience. According to **Jeff Lampe '75**, Band Booster President at the time of the trip: "To perform in the music halls of great composers, in a city of old and remarkable culture was a testament to Wes Neal and the band program he had built in the 30 years prior."

58

The **RB Class of 1958** will soon celebrate their **65th Reunion**. Friday, September 8, Spartans will reunite at Cloverbrook Country club. Class members can reach out to Joe Frey at 513.313.1766 for more information.

60

The **RB Class of 1960** will meet at Wiedemann's Brewery for a gathering on Wednesday, October 11 at 12PM.

62



The **RB Class of 1962** gathered at Roger Bacon in May. It was great to have these Spartans back on campus!

66



The **RB Class of 1966** recently reconnected at Back Porch Saloon - proving the Spartan Bond remains strong for years after students leave the halls!

68

The **RB Class of 1968** will celebrate their **55th Reunion** with a tailgate for the home football game on Friday, September 29! Any classmates with questions can connect with Rick Sollmann at [rsollmann@rogerbacon.org](mailto:rsollmann@rogerbacon.org).

70



The **RB Class of 1970** reconnected at St. Bernard hotspot, The Pub to reminisce over some food and drinks.

68

Plans are underway for the **OLA Class of 1968** to celebrate their **55th Reunion** with a luncheon in the RB Fine Arts Center on Saturday October 7. Be on the lookout for details coming from Bonnie (Burke) Henschen!



# First Friday Mass *Roll Call* June 2023

## 50s

Bob Dashley '58  
Tom Goldschmidt '59  
Rich Harmeyer '57  
Carole Hoffmann (Saupe) '57  
Donald Hoffmann '55  
Tom Moser '57  
Jack Pulzkamp '55  
Clare Tempel (Schulte) '57

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND FIRST FRIDAY MASS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:15AM. DONUTS, COFFEE AND GREAT CONVERSATION FOLLOWS MASS. RESERVATIONS ARE NOT NECESSARY. WE MEET EVERY FIRST FRIDAY UNLESS IT FALLS ON A HOLIDAY.

Questions can be directed to Sue Huerkamp at 513.641.1313 or [shuerkmap@rogerbacon.org](mailto:shuerkmap@rogerbacon.org)

## 60s

Jim Aliss '61	Gerri Meiners '69
Bl. Ken Beetz '63	Jim Meyer '69
Jim Clark '68	Jeanne Niesen (Benjamin) '64
Kathleen Clark (Santoro) '67	Dan Nurre '64
LaVerne Clark (Janson) '69	Gerald Palermo '63
Terry Clark '69	Paul Schoster '61
Theresa Dashley (Halloran) '60	Stephen Vollmar '63
Tom Dehmer '63	Lou Woycke '62
Allen Gerth '62	Steve Zinser '69
Tom Mauntel '69	

## 70s, 80s, 2000s

Walter Connolly '71  
Linda Miller (Fago) '70  
Ed Franchi '82  
Alyssa Flading (Carlotta) '05

### Staff & Spartan Family

Louis Biddle  
Mary Ann Grosser  
Fr. Pat McCloskey, OFM (75-84 & 92-02)  
Sue Palermo  
Dusty Rhodes  
Maria C. Walther-Willard ('22-present)

71

The **OLA Class of 1971** will be gathering together on *Saturday September 23* at Wiedemann's Brewery @ 6:30PM

73

The **RB Class of 1973** will celebrate their **50th Reunion** coming up! There will be a tour of RB on *Friday October 6* and then stag social down the street at Wiedemann's Brewery. Then, *Saturday October 7*, the gathering continues for a dinner at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Check out the RB website for more info!

83



Several members from the **RB Class of 1983** reunited at Wiedemann's Brewery in August to celebrate their **40th Reunion**.

93

The **RB Class of 1993** will celebrate their **30th Reunion** this year. celebrations will start *Friday September 29* with a tailgate before the home football game. Then on *Saturday September 30* at Wiedemann's Brewery from 7-11pm. Contact Cat Fuller [catfuller74@gmail.com](mailto:catfuller74@gmail.com) for more info.

04

Calling all members of **RB Class of 2004**: You will soon be celebrating your **20th Reunion**! *Kelly Collette* is interested in helping to get the planning started. Please connect with her or the alumni office for more info.

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Calling all members of **RB Class of 2014**: You will soon be celebrating your **10th reunion**! *Stephen Post* is interested in helping to get the planning started. Please connect with her or the alumni office for more info.

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**RB Class of 2000** grads Matt Ryan, Greg Skinner, Steve Slusher, and Bret Koebe, Class had themselves a mini-reunion at Alum Creek Campground in Delaware, OH in May.



# Meg Gutzwiller Alumni Scrimmage



Over **50** Spartan Soccer alumni came back for the **21st Annual Meg Gutzwiller Alumni Soccer game!** This year, the varsity boys and girls team both defeated the alumni squads A huge thank you to the Gutzwiller Family (**Katie '95, Matt '91 & John '88**) and their spouses, family and friends for volunteering their time every year to help put on the event!



## Evening for Excellence

Roger Bacon hosted its 35th Evening for Excellence (EFE) on April 22nd 2023. . Over 220 guests joined for a night of supporting Roger Bacon High School. Guests enjoyed drinks and dinner from Vonderhaar's Catering, auctions and plenty of games. The winner of the \$10,000 raffle generously donated it all back to Roger Bacon!



## 1st Annual Alumni Association Bowling Outing



# Annual RB Golf Outing



**The outing hosted 48 Foursomes – 192 Golfers!**

**The Weigand (Ryan '95 & Keith '95) and Nurre (Dave '95 & Doug '95) brothers tallied 16 under to win the tournament.**

**John Buerger '96** won the inaugural SKYLINE CHILI (Finneytown) 3-Way Putt to win a brand new driver. The "Graduating Class" alumni baskets were a huge success again – special "shout out" to the Class of 1985 and Beth Luken. Their basket and donation totaled \$900!

Thanks to our Top Sponsors: Gottcha Covered, Skyline-Finneytown, Buffalo Wings & Rings (Finneytown & Beckett Ridge), Holy Grail and as always Jake Sweeney

Special thank you to our volunteers!





# Homecoming 2023

**WHEN:** OCTOBER 20, 2023

**WHERE:** SPARTAN VILLAGE & ST. BERNARD (EAST PARKING LOT)

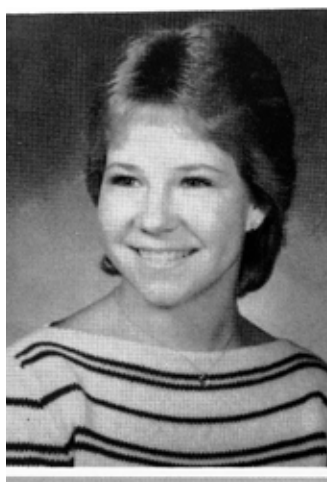
**WHAT:** TAILGATE | PARADE AND GATHERINGS FOR CLASSES ENDING IN 3'S AND 8'S



**Spartan Award**  
Recipient  
Lauren Krebs '13



**Astrolabe Award**  
Recipient  
Tom Burke '69



**Amaranth Award**  
Recipient  
Liz Wilking (Kelsey) '84



**Roger Bacon Award**  
Recipient  
Kelly Baker Schulkers

## Alumni Awards Mass & Dinner

**WHEN:** NOVEMBER 4, 2023

**WHERE:** ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL

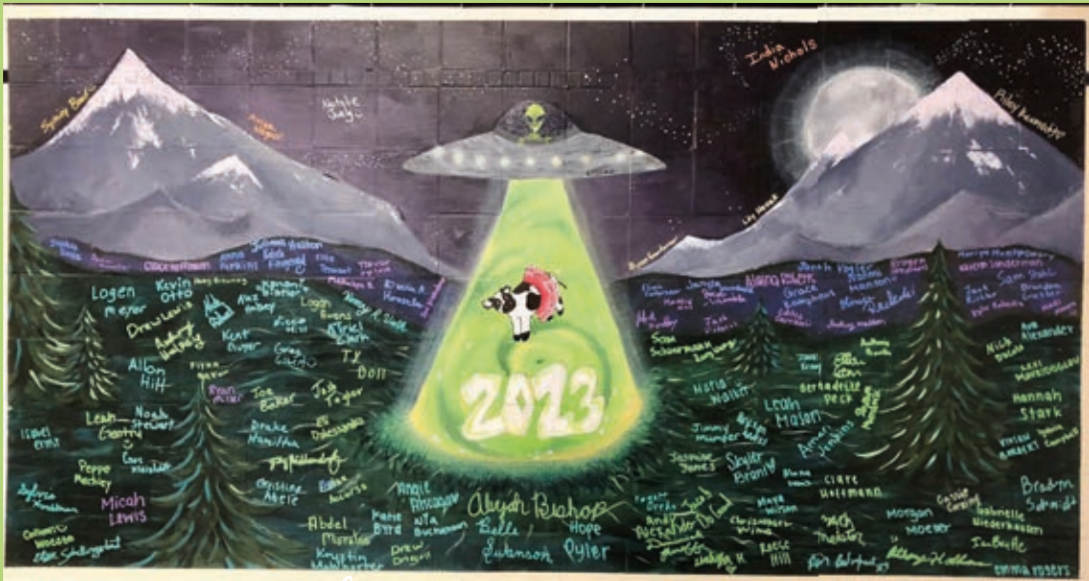
**WHAT:** CELEBRATORY MASS AND DINNER RECEPTION HONORING 3 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND ONE SPECIAL RB SUPPORTER WHO HAVE BELIEVED IN THE MISSION OF RB AND HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR THE RB COMMUNITY

**RESERVATIONS:** IF INTERESTED IN PURCHASING TICKETS TO ATTEND CONTACT SUE HUERKAMP  
SHUERKAMP@ROGERBACON.ORG





The much-awaited day arrived for the graduating class of 2023 as they gathered on Friday, May 26th in Fogarty for their graduation ceremony. The air was filled with excitement, heat and anticipation as the students prepared to bid farewell to their beloved alma mater. The ceremony served as a fitting tribute to the remarkable accomplishments of the class. The highlight of the event was the inspiring valedictorian speech delivered by **Grace Hoffmann**, who eloquently intertwined the words of Taylor Swift with her own reflections on the journey they had all embarked upon together. Her words resonated deeply, encapsulating the triumphs and challenges they had faced as a united class, during a tough time wearing masks at school and navigating the world of COVID. Additionally, **Principal Steve Schad** delivered a heartfelt final speech, reminding the graduates to always work hard, stay out of trouble, and do the right thing. He concluded with a powerful reminder that life is good – as he gave his final speech as Principal before starting his new role as President. The ceremony was a beautiful tribute to the graduating class of 2023, marking the beginning of their new chapters and showcasing the indomitable spirit they would carry forward as they embarked upon their future endeavors.



*The Class of 2023 mural*





Christine Abele  
Luken Accurso  
Andrew Alexander  
Ava Alexander  
Richard Allen  
Bryson Andres  
Timyone Andrew  
Angie Arreaga Ortiz  
Flynn Baker  
Joseph Baker  
Anthony Banks  
Benjamin Bedinghaus  
Ian Bentle  
John Bentley  
Aliyah Bishop  
Sydney Bond  
Vivian Borgert  
Erika Borges  
Skyler Brant  
Emmett Breda  
Makalyn Breuer  
Abigail Browning  
Nicholas Bucalo  
Nia Buchannon  
Katelyn Byrd  
Iyahna Campbell  
Ethan Caton

A'Triel Clark  
Cassandra Corzine  
Catherine Curran  
Elizabeth Dalessandro  
Kanani Distler  
Tyler Doll  
Jacob Dougoud  
Andrew Driscoll  
Isabel Ernst  
Jimmy Evans  
Logan Evans  
Elissa Fasbender  
Kaleb Fitzgerald  
Maleah Gentry  
Gregory Gilbert  
Alyssa Grantmaier  
Brandon Grosser  
Kent Guyer  
Alexander Halsey  
Anthony Halsey  
Drake Hamilton  
Juliana Helton  
Allon Hill  
Nicco Hill  
Reese Hill  
Makyla Hinton  
Anthony Hoffmann  
Clare Hoffmann

Grace Hoffmann  
Gavin Honerlaw  
Sylvia Horstman  
Mia Huber  
Jack Hudgens  
Amari Jenkins  
Jasmine Jones  
Natalie Juelg  
Grace Kamphaus  
Riley Kennedy  
John Kenny  
Augustus Kleinfeldt  
Daniel Kowalski  
Alana Lewis  
Andrew Lewis  
Micah Lewis  
Naomi Manson  
Leah Mason  
Alexandra Mavridoglou  
Krystin McWhorter  
Anthony Mechley  
Zach Meister  
Logen Meyer  
Lilian Middendorf  
Anthony Miller  
Ryan Miller  
Nazareth Mills  
Morgan Moeller

Maya Mollner  
Mariya Montgomery  
Madilynne Moore  
Abdel Morales Ocotl  
James Mumper  
Shawn Murdock-Tye  
India Nichols  
Gabrielle Niederhausen  
Zoe Nienaber  
Lily Novak  
Trevor Ogilvie  
McKenzie Ott  
Kevin Otto  
Hope Oyler  
Bernadette Peck  
Anna Perkins  
Olivia Radecki  
Nathaniel Richard  
Jackson Richter  
Alaina Roberts  
Kylie Sue Roberts  
Emma Rogers  
Dominick Ruoff  
Elise Schellingerhout  
Bradyn Schmidt  
Samuel Schuermann  
Sophia Solis

Sam Stahl  
Hannah Stark  
Noah Stewart  
William Stiles  
Katelyn Sunderman  
Belle Swanson  
Joshua Taylor  
Elizabeth Tennant  
Jose Torres  
Henry Vieth  
Sarah Vogler  
Sandra Wagner  
Chastan Walker  
Maria Walker  
Michelle Walton  
Lucy Wang  
Brogen Weathers  
Jacob Wernicke  
Maya Wilson  
Christopher Wima  
Colleen Woeste  
Janyla Woodard

# The Graduates



# 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.*

Dorothy Fiebig '42

Marie Burks '44

Betty Trotta '47

Dorothea Reihs '47

Jeanne Kelly '47

Raymond Renaldo '50

Donald Fahrenkamp '50

Gregory Schrand '51

Shirley Schlechtingen Ward '52

William Windholtz '52

Shirley Ward '52

Rusty Elliot '54

Walter (Walt) Lundmann '54

Joan Sonderman '54

Anthony (Tony) Novello '55

Thomas Freeman '55

Ann Jensen '55

Dorothy Ventura '55

James Kindt '57

Edward Gerstner '58

Patricia Pfriem '59

Dennis Buttelerwerth '62

Thomas Hartmann '62

Ruth Ann Dietz '62

Robert Naber '63

Madeline Moxley '63

Anita McLaughlin '63

Mary Montgomery '64

Phyllis Sullivan '64

Mary Kay Coombs '64

Diane Lawson '64

James Schnorbus '64

Thomas McGill '65

Kathy Britt '67

Frank Alexander '68

Virginia Bierman '76

Christopher Schwab '91

Edward (Ed) Leer '92

## **RB Family**

Jack Devolve

Dan Nolan

Bruce Reed





## Fr. Andrew Fox Society

One of the most impactful ways to leave a lasting legacy at Roger Bacon High School is through a **planned gift**. Your gift will ensure that countless Spartans receive the same Franciscan values taught since 1928 and allows the school to continue its mission of ***“developing the hearts, minds, and bodies of its young men and women in a caring and challenging environment.”***

The Fr. Andrew Fox Society was formed in 1992 to **help secure the future** of Roger Bacon High School and ensure that generations of students receive a quality Franciscan education. Named after former teacher and principal, Fr. Andrew Fox, OFM, who served the school faithfully for over seventeen years, individuals in the Fr. Andrew Fox Society have made a generous commitment to Roger Bacon through their wills or other planned gifts.

Membership in the Fr. Andrew Fox Society is extended to individuals who establish gift in their estate plans to benefit the school and its mission. Planned giving, by definition, is any major gift, made now or after your lifetime as part of your overall financial and/or estate planning. Planned gifts can provide significant tax benefits to the donor. These gifts often include appreciated assets, retirement assets, and estate assets. Gift plans recognized by the Fr. Andrew Fox Society include gifts from a will, IRA and retirement fund, and trust provisions benefiting Roger Bacon, in addition to a wide array of other possibilities.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of this vital organization or have already made a planned gift to Roger Bacon, please let us know so we can recognize your generosity.**

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