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FORWARD TO GREATER THINGS



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We start our 99th school year following what has been a remarkably busy summer.

The Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium, dedicated on August 11th by Archbishop Casey, was completed on time and under budget. The project not only gives us a beautiful chapel, but also enhances the safety and security of our students and faculty.

The East Parking Lot, located off Leonard Avenue, was expanded to accommodate 110 cars and incorporates additional safety features, including one-way entrances and exits. Additionally, three classrooms were reclaimed, helping us maintain the student-to-teacher ratio that is a hallmark of a small-school education.

Our strategic plan for the next ten years has also been approved. Strengthening our Franciscan charism and Catholic identity, expanding academic opportunities, enhancing athletics, and ensuring long-term operational sustainability will all be areas of emphasis.

While we are justifiably proud of the additions to our campus and the opportunities these improvements will provide for current and future Spartans, it is important to remember what makes Roger Bacon so special.

It is not what we are, but rather **who we are**.

That was driven home to me on a typical Friday in September by two seemingly unrelated events.

After a busy lunch period in which hundreds of students had been served, I asked one of our "lunch ladies" if she was enjoying the new school year. Her answer was simple but powerful - a heartfelt "yes," followed by an observation about our students: "They are so grateful and polite. They actually say 'thank you.'"

Later that evening, our football team played at Wyoming High School while our stadium turf was being replaced. After the game, our student section stayed behind to clean the stands, a tradition Roger Bacon students have quietly carried on for a number of years.

Two simple acts. A sincere "thank you." Staying behind to clean up when no one asks you to.

These moments of gratitude, humility, and service are powerful reminders that **who we are** is what makes us different.

Campus improvements matter. New academic opportunities matter. Our facilities, programs, and plans for the future are important and essential to Roger Bacon's continued success. But ultimately, they are not what set us apart.

Our Franciscan values and charism, lived out in simple ways every day, are what make a Spartan different.

As we begin our 99th year and look toward our 100th, we have much to celebrate and even more to anticipate. But amid all the growth and change, we must never lose sight of our greatest strength: **who we are and the values we carry into the world**.

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





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Built on the shou

The dedication of the Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium and blessing of the Our Lady of the Angels Chapel took place on August 11, 2026 (more on the dedication on page 8). While the new building is a beautiful addition to campus, it is also home to a collection of curated artifacts and treasures that celebrate Roger Bacon's rich Franciscan heritage. This edition of Shoulders of Giants highlights many of these meaningful pieces, now proudly preserved and on display at Roger Bacon High School.



Doris Kuszler '51+

Rose Window Skylight

The design on the skylight over the altar in the new Our Lady of the Angels Chapel is based upon the rose window found in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. The rose window of the Basilica of St. Francis is a striking example of Gothic artistry, distinguished by its large circular form and intricate stained-glass design. Positioned prominently on the façade of the Upper Basilica, it draws the eye with its ornate patterns and rich symbolism. As an integral element of the basilica's design, recognized as part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, it reflects both the artistic mastery and spiritual depth of the medieval church.

The skylight is dedicated in loving memory of Doris Kuszler, a 1951 graduate of Our Lady of the Angels High School. Born in 1933 on her father's birthday, Doris was a proud retiree of Procter & Gamble, where she worked for 34 years. She was a longtime volunteer at The Lord's Bounty and Mercy Franciscan Terrace and a devoted member of St. Clare Church since 1940.

Holy Vessels

The monstrance, made of silver, gold plate and adorned with semi-precious stones, was a gift from H. Ratterman in 1925 to the St. Joseph of Nazareth Church which was located at the northwest corner of Elm and Liberty Streets. Built in 1864 as St. Matthew German Evangelical Church, it became St. Joseph of Nazareth, a Hungarian-Catholic Church in 1919. It was officially dedicated on April 18, 1920. The "Hungarian" designation of the parish ceased in the 1930's. The church building was razed in 1963 after the parish closed.

The ciborium, used to hold consecrated hosts, is made of silver, gold plate, and pewter. It is inscribed: "To Rev. Christopher Kurina, OFM from The Valuch Family." Christopher J. Kurina was born on January 31, 1938, in Lansford, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Rudolph and Anna (Valuch) Kurina. He attended St. Michael's Parochial School and later St. Anthony of Padua High School in Watkins Glen, New York, before entering the Franciscan Order. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 1964. The ciborium was housed at Holy Family Friary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. That friary was originally part of the Most Holy Savior Vice Province, which was established in 1926 when friars came from Slovakia to minister to Slovak immigrants. In 2000, the friars of that Vice Province joined St. John the Baptist Province.



Idea of Giants



The friars in Austria referred to the Cincinnati-based province as their “Tochter Provinz”—the Daughter Province. On May 30, 1951, the Very Reverend Eligius Weir, OFM; the Very Reverend Romuald Mollaun, OFM; and Fr. Bernardin Schneider, OFM, visited the Schwaz Friary of the St. Leopold Province while returning home from Rome after a General Chapter. There they were struck by the craftsmanship of **Fr. Fabian Barcata, OFM**, a friar living at the monastery, and arranged for him to design and finish the chalice as a symbol of the close bond between the Province of St. Leopold and the Province of St. John the Baptist. **The chalice** is richly decorated with a grapevine heavy with fruit. The vine, firmly rooted in the foot of the chalice, rises from a globe on which Innsbruck, Austria, and Cincinnati are marked with small stones. These strong roots join together to form the stem of the chalice then branch into leafy tendrils that support the cup above. A crucifix marks the front of the chalice. The intricate tracery of the leaf veins, the exquisite shading of the grapes, and the delicate lines of the corpus were all handcrafted by Fr. Fabian in the eighty-fourth year of his life and the sixty-first year of his priesthood.

Father Provincial Vincent Kroger, OFM, of the St. John the Baptist Province first used the chalice in 1952. For the occasion, the following invocation was offered:

“MAY THE HOLY SACRIFICES AT WHICH FATHER PROVINCIAL USES THE CHALICE FROM TYROL BRING DOWN GOD’S CHOICEST BLESSINGS NOT ONLY ON THE TOCHTER PROVINZ [DAUGHTER PROVINCE], WHICH IS OUR OWN ALMA PROVINCIA [BELOVED PROVINCE], BUT ALSO ON THE MUTTER PROVINZ [MOTHER PROVINCE], WHICH GAVE US OUR START.”

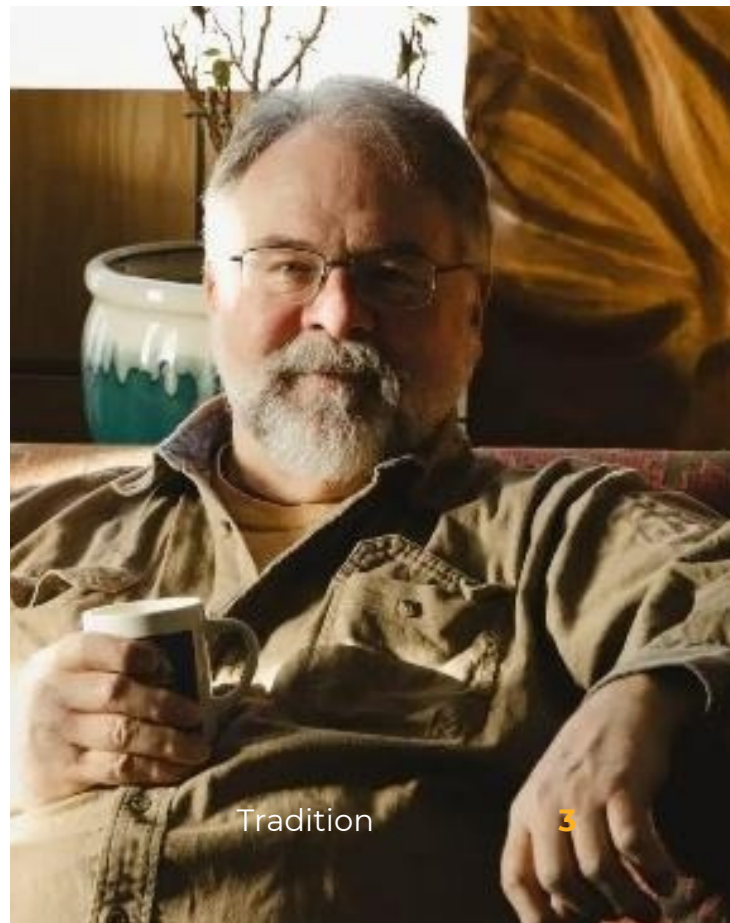
Altar Furniture

The altar furniture was handcrafted by **Josef Otmar V**. Josef was born in Sydney, Australia, in 1956. He first learned woodworking under his father’s guidance before pursuing formal training in Denmark. His experience spans a wide range of craftsmanship, from guitar building to managing manufacturing and retail operations.

His heritage reflects a deep tradition of craftsmanship: cabinetmakers on his father’s side in the Czech Republic and coach builders and blacksmiths on his mother’s side in Wattle Flat, Australia. This lineage extends back five generations, with skills passed from father to son. After coming to the United States in 1959, Josef continued this tradition with a commitment to excellence and detail reminiscent of 19th-century craftsmanship.

As Josef explains: “It is precisely our understanding of traditional construction methods and design principles that make us stand out. This allows us to make use of the latest advances in materials and techniques. Keeping with the finest traditions of our craft, we live up to our motto daily that everything we make is ‘Handcrafted from the Heart.’”

In 1992, he founded Otmar’s Handcrafted Woodworking in Cincinnati, fulfilling his dream of designing and building his own creations. Today, he produces exceptional wooden functional art and furnishings.



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The tabernacle is a secure and beautifully crafted vessel that houses the consecrated Eucharist, the Body of Christ. It signifies the Real Presence of Jesus and serves as a focal point for prayer, adoration, and the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament for the sick.

The word “tabernacle” means “tent” or “dwelling place,” recalling the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament and emphasizing that God dwells among His people. A sanctuary lamp is kept continually burning nearby as a visible sign of Christ’s presence.

This tabernacle is adorned with a simple Tau Cross, a symbol closely associated with St. Francis of Assisi. The cross, often linked to poverty and simplicity, is carved from black walnut—a wood especially cherished by Josef’s father and reserved for a meaningful purpose.

The altar is the most sacred part of a Catholic church, symbolizing Christ Himself as the “living stone” and serving as the center of Eucharistic worship. It represents both the table of the Last Supper and the sacrificial altar of Christ’s offering on the Cross, made present at every Mass. As the focal point of the liturgy, all the actions of the Mass are centered on the altar. Its rich symbolism draws from both the Old and New Testaments.

A long-standing tradition in the Church is the placement of relics within the altar, rooted in the early practice of celebrating Mass over the tombs of martyrs. This reflects the communion of saints and the unity of Christ’s sacrifice across time.

The ambo is the place from which the Word of God is proclaimed. Often referred to as the “Table of the Word,” it complements the altar, the “Table of the Eucharist.” Together, they represent the two ways Christ nourishes the faithful during Mass.

The term “ambo” comes from the Greek *ambon*, meaning “step” or “elevation.” This elevation symbolizes the mountains of Scripture—such as Mount Sinai and the Mount of the Beatitudes—where God revealed Himself to His people.

Like the tabernacle, the ambo is decorated with a Tau Cross, reinforcing the unity and simplicity of the chapel’s design.



Ideaers of Giants

The Stations of the Cross were obtained from the **Daily Mass Chapel at the St. Francis Friary of St. Francis Seraph Church**, located in Over-the-Rhine. The Stations of the Cross (or Via Crucis) are a 14-step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth, from His condemnation to His entombment.

Usually prayed on Fridays during Lent, this practice involves meditating on specific scenes, often using images, prayers, and reflections, to walk with Jesus through His Passion.

The vertical placement of the Stations visually traces the movement of Christ's Passion, descending when He falls, rising toward the Crucifixion, and descending again toward His burial. It makes the architecture participate in telling the story, rather than presenting the Stations as a simple row of images.

The school has a brochure available upon arrival to guide visitors through the Stations using the method of St. Francis of Assisi for praying the Stations of the Cross.

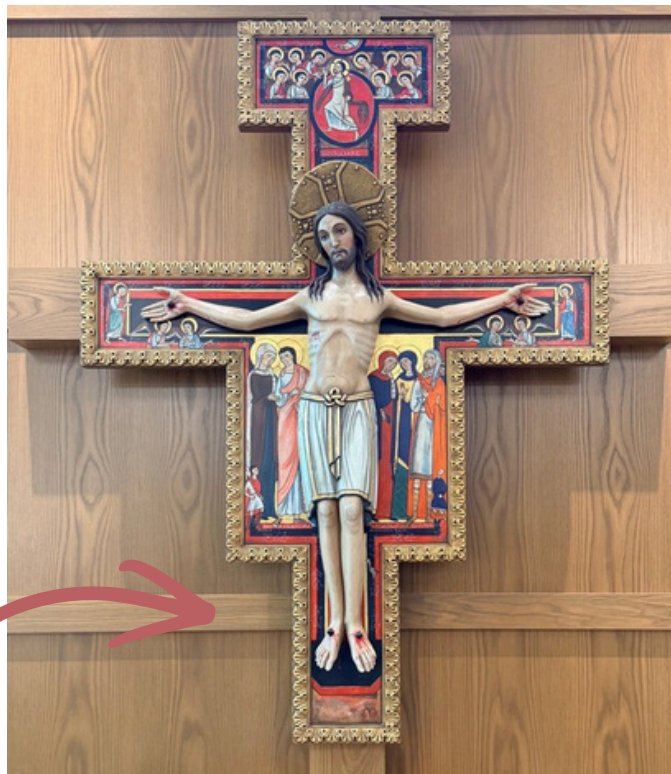
The San Damiano Cross is a 12th-century Byzantine-style crucifix that has become one of the most recognizable symbols of the Franciscan tradition. Its significance is rooted in the life of St. Francis of Assisi, who, while praying before this cross, heard Christ speak the words: "Rebuild my Church." This moment became the spiritual catalyst for Francis' mission and the broader Franciscan movement.

The cross displayed above the main altar at Roger Bacon High School continues this rich tradition through a carefully crafted reproduction created by Demetz Art Studio. Located in Ortisei, within the Dolomites, the studio is internationally renowned for its sacred art and woodcarving expertise.

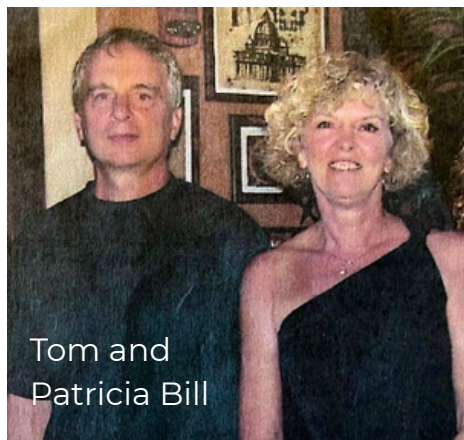
The Roger Bacon cross measures 77 inches in height and 57 inches in width, with a three-dimensional corpus approximately 4 feet long. It stands as a visual and spiritual centerpiece, linking students to the Franciscan call to renewal, service, and faith.

The cross was made possible by generous gifts from Rose Doepker and Thomas and Patricia Bill. **Rose Doepker** is an Our Lady of the Angels (OLA) alumna. A faithful participant in First Friday Mass, her staunch support of the Franciscans is evident in her humility and commitment to her faith. Her Franciscan charism is manifested in a life of "caring for others."

Thomas and Patricia Bill are Westside cradle Catholics who attended Elder High School and Seton High School in the late 60's. Their children attended Catholic grade schools and high schools. Faith has always been a strong fixture throughout their lives. With Tom's involvement with the Poor Clares and the ideals and values exhibited by the Franciscans at Roger Bacon, they felt this commitment was one small way to openly express "thanks" for all the good bestowed upon them and their family.

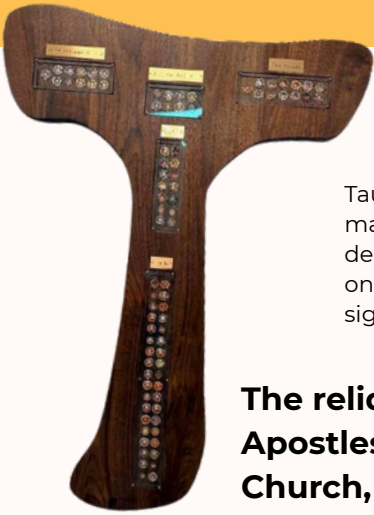


Rose Doepker



Tom and Patricia Bill

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The Rademacher Family Reliquary

Tau is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet and is traditionally associated with the mark placed on those chosen by God in Ezekiel 9:4. Pope Innocent III, whose words deeply influenced St. Francis, opened the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 with a homily on this Scripture passage. St. Francis of Assisi later adopted the Tau as his personal signature, often signing his letters with the symbol rather than with his name.

The reliquary contains 82 relics, including 11 Apostles and Gospel Writers, 8 Doctors of the Church, 13 Franciscans, 14 martyrs, and 36 other saints.

The collection of relics displayed in this chapel reliquary originated as a simple act of kindness and has since grown into a lasting legacy of faith, now generously entrusted by the Rademacher family to the Roger Bacon High School community.

John McEvilly, brother of Joyce Rademacher, would invite fellow seminarians to his family home in Milwaukee, where they were welcomed with meals, music, and fellowship. Mary McEvilly, the family matriarch, extended warm hospitality to these young men, many of whom were far from their own homes.

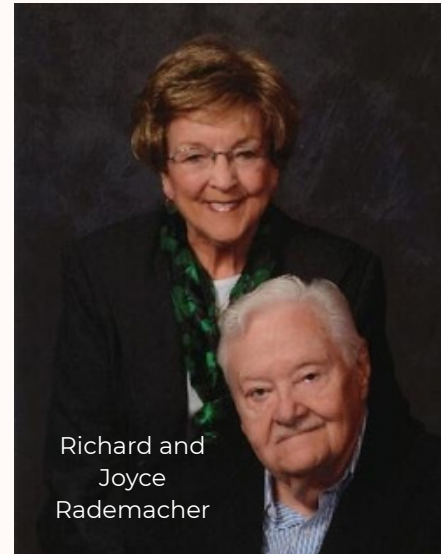
Following ordination, one such frequent visitor to the McEvilly household was appointed to serve in the Sacratio Apostolico (the "relic office") at the Vatican. Mary McEvilly maintained her support of these newly ordained priests, including their friend in Rome, through regular correspondence, often accompanied by small tokens of care (beer and pizza money). In time, packages began to arrive from Rome containing devotional items—rosaries, prayer cards, and eventually, sacred relics.

Over the years, these relics formed a treasured collection, bearing witness to the deep and abiding faith of this Irish American family. Upon the passing of Joyce Rademacher, the family discerned that these sacred objects should be placed in a setting worthy of public veneration. They were therefore entrusted to Roger Bacon High School and enshrined in this chapel, designed by Mary McEvilly's grandson, **John Patrick Rademacher '80**.

In loving memory of Richard and Joyce Rademacher, may these sacred relics, signs of the communion of saints, inspire all who encounter them to deeper faith, prayer, and devotion, drawing them closer to the heroic witness of the saints.

A huge thanks to the builders of the reliquary, **Jim Becker and Don "Dusty" Eling**. **Jim Becker** has a strong connection to Roger Bacon. His father, **Roy Becker, graduated from Roger Bacon in 1933**. Their son Jim is married to **Johanna Becker, Director of Spiritual Life at Roger Bacon**. Jim and his wife are also the proud grandparents of five grandchildren, including two Spartans: Joshua Becker, Class of 2025, and Jacob Becker, Class of 2028.

Special thanks to Wilhelm Lumber Company in Saint Leon, Indiana, for providing the beautiful walnut wood for the cross. Wilhelm Lumber was founded by Leo and Angela Wilhelm and is now managed by Tim, Dan, and Sue Wilhelm.



Richard and
Joyce
Rademacher



Jim Becker



Don 'Dusty' Eling

SPREAD THE WORD – THE CLASS OF 2030 IS OFFICIALLY AT ROGER BACON.

As we begin our 99th year, we are thrilled to welcome another amazing freshman class. Our freshmen come to Roger Bacon from **60 different elementary and middle schools**, and carry with them the highest High School Placement Test average since we began tracking. From scholars to athletes, musicians to artists, this is a very talented group.

While **46% of this class can be considered “legacy” to Roger Bacon or Our Lady of the Angels**, we have many students that will be the first to walk our hallowed halls. **One student starting the tradition for her family is Kindall Fritz.**

Kindall arrives from St. James, White Oak, and is a member of our Freshman Honors Program and the freshmen girls' volleyball team. We thought it best to let Kindall share in her words what makes Roger Bacon so special. Enjoy.

Spread the Word

“Choosing which high school to go to is a very stressful process. Personally I had three options, but when I came to shadow here at Roger Bacon, I truly felt at home. On my shadow day I was shown what it means to be a Roger Bacon student. To me that role is taken by people who live out their faith, show respect and kindness to others, and push themselves academically. Within the next four years I hope to grow in these areas to become the best version of myself.

What I love the most about Roger Bacon is the staff and teachers. The teachers and staff here at RB work hard to make sure we succeed. The Roger Bacon staff are always approachable and have done a great job creating an environment where we are ready to learn. Another thing that I enjoy about Bacon is the positivity. Whether you are in class, hanging out with friends at practice, or even walking down the halls, there is always a positive energy around.

What I hope to accomplish during my time at Roger Bacon is to become more like Christ. Jesus is known as a perfect person, which is whom I hope to become. I also hope to grow academically and discover new things. Roger Bacon has many different clubs and activities to join. Whether you want to play a sport, help out in the community, or even go to the football games on Friday nights, Roger Bacon has so many things to offer.

In conclusion, Roger Bacon is more than just a school; it is a community. This community not only pushes you to grow, but helps you along the way. Looking ahead to the next four years, I am excited to see what Bacon has to offer. I hope to carry the values, lessons, and memories that I have received from my time here at Roger Bacon for the rest of my life.”





Roger Bacon High School marked a historic milestone on August 11, 2026, with the dedication of the Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium and Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, gathering students, faculty, staff, alumni, families and friends to celebrate the completion of one of the most significant projects in the school's history.

The celebration began with the first Mass celebrated in the new chapel, with **Archbishop Robert G. Casey** serving as celebrant. During the Mass, the altar was consecrated, officially marking the sacred space as a place of worship and prayer for the Roger Bacon community.

The dedication was made even more meaningful by its timing on the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi, the beloved Franciscan saint and contemporary of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Clare's life of prayer, humility and devotion to Christ provided a fitting backdrop for the dedication of a chapel that will become a central part of the spiritual life of Roger Bacon for generations to come.

The Our Lady of the Angels Chapel is the first dedicated chapel in Roger Bacon High School's history. Located within the new Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium, the chapel provides the school community with a permanent space for daily prayer, Mass, reflection, and spiritual formation.

The new chapel and atrium stand as a testament to the faith, generosity, and vision of the many people who believe in Roger Bacon's mission and its ability to impact generations of students.

"Rooted in faith, guided by humility, and inspired by the spirit of St. Francis, we pray that this building and chapel will be a sanctuary of prayer, a home of peace, and a beacon of joyful service," said Roger Bacon President Steve Schad. "As Roger Bacon prepares to celebrate a century of God's faithfulness and dedicated service to our community, may this building and chapel stand as the cornerstone of our future."

For the Roger Bacon community, this celebration was both a moment to look back with gratitude and a moment to look ahead with hope.





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Several Spartans are Eagle Scouts

Eagle Scout is the highest achievable rank in the Scouts BSA program of Scouting America. Since the rank was introduced in 1911, fewer than 6% of all Scouts have successfully fulfilled the rigorous requirements necessary to earn this lifetime distinction. The milestone represents many years of dedicated effort, culminating in a community-based leadership project. Congratulations to the following four Roger Bacon students who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout this school year:

- **Caden Broenner '26:** Caden gave back to the Roger Bacon community by rebuilding the school's backlot sign area with a new brick wall and flowerbed, creating a lasting improvement to campus.
- **Joseph Coleman '26:** From camping and hiking adventures to years of volunteer service, Joseph's scouting journey has been marked by leadership, dedication, and a commitment to serving others. For his Eagle Scout project, he built 239 wooden crosses for the St. Ignatius Respect Life Committee with the help of fellow Scouts and family members.
- **Joey McCabe '27:** From leading the construction of an informational kiosk at Westmark Woods Nature Preserve to earning four additional Eagle Palms, Joey's dedication, leadership and service truly reflect what it means to be a Spartan.
- **Matt Schomaker '27:** For his Eagle Scout project, Matt made a lasting impact in our local community by building a bridge along a hiking trail at the Blue Ash YMCA, creating safer and more accessible outdoor space for all who visit. This remarkable achievement reflects Matt's dedication, leadership, and commitment to service, values we're proud to see lived out by our Spartans each and every day.

The Halls @ RB

A Job Well Done: Thank you Sisi!

After seven years of bringing comfort, joy and plenty of tail wags to Roger Bacon, beloved therapy dog **Sisi** has officially retired. Since arriving as a puppy in 2019,

Sisi has become a cherished member of the Spartan family, providing students with a calming presence, a friendly face, and sometimes simply a much-needed break during the school day.

Named by students in honor of Roger Bacon's patron, St. Francis of Assisi,

Sisi has touched the lives of countless students, faculty, and staff throughout her time on campus. After seven years, or 49 dog years, of dedicated service, she is hanging up her staff badge and heading into a well-earned retirement.

Thank you, Sisi, for seven unforgettable years as a Spartan!

Learning Medicine at Cambridge

Thanks to the St. Clare Society, Roger Bacon senior **Molly Mohr '27** spent two weeks at the University of Cambridge in England exploring her passion for medicine through The Cambridge Tradition program. Molly immersed herself in anatomy, physiology and modern medical practice through lectures, experiments and hands-on experiences—including learning basic suturing and dissecting a pig's heart. Along the way, she also explored London, experienced a new culture and formed friendships with students from around the world.

"It truly was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Molly said. "I am grateful to RB for making it possible!"

An Inspiring Citizen

A huge congratulations goes to **Jean-Marie Kipkosgei Ketter '26** on becoming the first member of his family to earn United States citizenship. Jean-Marie's story is one of courage, sacrifice, perseverance, and opportunity—and we couldn't be more proud to call him a Spartan.

Scan the code below to read more about his story from WLWT.



Traveling the World with UWH

Fritz Russell '28 has had an amazing summer traveling the world after being selected to the U19 Boys' Team USA for Underwater Hockey. In July, he traveled to Gebze, Türkiye, and represented our country at the Underwater Hockey Age Group World Championships! Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment, Fritz!

National Merit Students

Roger Bacon is thrilled to announce some outstanding achievements for a few members of the Class of 2027 in the National Merit Student Competition:

- **Joey McCabe** - National Merit Semifinalist
- **Luke Miller** - National Merit Commended Student
- **Bryan Yaecker** - National Merit Commended Student
- **Joe Zlatic** - National Merit Commended Student

Congratulations to all four of these young men on this amazing accomplishment!



An Impactful Trip of Service

This summer, a group of students and chaperones departed on June 2 for a **week-long mission trip to Negril, Jamaica**, where they put their faith into action through service and community outreach.

The group, along with Fr. Jim Bok, spent the week working alongside Fr. Colin King and local Franciscans to serve the people of the Negril area. Their efforts supported communities that are continuing to recover from the effects of Hurricane Melissa, which impacted the region last fall.

Throughout the week, the group participated in a variety of service projects while also building relationships with local residents and experiencing the Franciscan spirit of humility, compassion, and service.

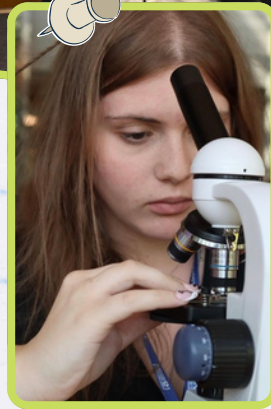


Learning Beyond the Classroom

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Clare Society, Roger Bacon junior **Sofia Gill** recently spent a week at Georgetown University participating in the National Youth Leadership Forum: Law & CSI.

The immersive program gave Sofia hands-on experience exploring careers in law, criminal justice, and forensic science through mock trials, crime scene investigations, CSI simulations; and conversations with judges, attorneys, FBI professionals, and other experts.

Sofia took on several roles throughout the week, including serving as a defendant in a Supreme Court simulation and a prosecutor in a mock trial, where she cross-examined a suspect and helped secure a victory for her team. Calling the experience "life-changing," Sofia said the opportunity fueled her passion for law while providing valuable real-world experience in CSI and criminal investigations.



A New Chapter for Fr. Josh

Theology teacher **Fr. Joshua Richter, OFM**, recently celebrated his ordination to the priesthood, marking the culmination of a lifelong dream that began when he was just 12 years old.

After eight years of Franciscan formation, Fr. Josh now begins a new chapter in his vocation while continuing to share his faith and Franciscan calling with Roger Bacon students. Congratulations, Fr. Josh! We are blessed to have you as part of the Roger Bacon family.

Celebrating Four Years of Growth

In April, Roger Bacon welcomed families, friends, and mentors to campus for **Senior IHL Presentation Night**, a meaningful celebration of the Class of 2026's four-year journey.

Throughout their time as Spartans, students built digital portfolios documenting their growth in faith, learning, self-discipline, and compassion. During their senior year, they reflected on those experiences and ultimately creating personal presentations that showcased who they had become as young men and women rooted in the Franciscan tradition. Seniors shared their reflections with the people who supported them along the way, creating an evening that celebrated more than academic accomplishments: it celebrated character, faith and personal transformation.

Senior IHL Presentation Night offered a powerful reflection of the formation that takes place at Roger Bacon and the legacy the young men and women of the Class of 2026 leaves behind.



From the Desk of the Theater Director...

This year, we have some incredibly exciting things happening for the Roger Bacon Drama Guild!

We are thrilled to partner with **The Ghostlight Stage Company**, one of Cincinnati's most forward-thinking theatre companies. Ghostlight is taking the Cincinnati theatre community by storm, and under the fearless leadership of Alyssa Batsakis, they are creating innovative work while finding new ways to connect professional theatre artists with the next generation. We feel incredibly fortunate to fall under their umbrella this season as Roger Bacon becomes the first-ever high school to pilot a brand-new Ghostlight educational program.

Through this partnership, our students will have the extraordinary opportunity to work alongside and learn from professional actors, directors, designers, and playwrights from throughout Cincinnati and the world. Our students will work on original one-act plays that have never been performed before, giving them the chance to originate roles, direct, design, and help bring entirely new theatrical works to life, with professional theatre artists guiding them along the way.

At the same time, Ghostlight's professional artists will be producing their own one-act festival, allowing our students to observe the professional process firsthand. They won't simply learn about professional theatre in a classroom. They'll experience how professional artists collaborate, create, rehearse, problem-solve, and ultimately bring new work to the stage.

And that stage is pretty exciting! Our students will have the opportunity to perform at **Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park**, a Tony Award-winning regional theatre, where they will showcase our incredible actors, designers, technicians, and theatre-makers at Roger Bacon to members of Cincinnati's professional theatre community and college representatives. We will also present two performances here at Roger Bacon so that our families, friends, and longtime Drama Guild supporters can experience the work our students have created.

This December, Roger Bacon Drama Guild is taking on Christmas with **Elf, Jr.!** Based on the beloved film and Broadway musical, this family-friendly production will bring plenty of Christmas cheer, and we're taking the show on the road! Our students will travel to local primary schools to perform and share a little holiday magic with younger audiences throughout our community. Of course we will be having performances here at Bacon!

And after all of that, we still have our spring musical to look forward to, **Popstars, the 90's Musical!**

This season may look a little different from what our audiences are used to, but that difference is what makes it so exciting. Our students have opportunities to create new work, learn directly from professional artists, perform on professional stages, bring theatre into our community, and continue growing as artists.

We are incredibly grateful to Ghostlight for believing in our students and inviting Roger Bacon to help launch this new program. What an exciting year it is going to be for the Roger Bacon Drama Guild. We can't wait to see you at the theatre!

Mrs. Stuard-Neal

Best in Show

Roger Bacon High School's annual Fine Arts Festival was a tremendous success this past Spring, showcasing the incredible creativity and talent of Spartan students throughout the week. From outstanding visual art displays to memorable performances during "RB's Got Talent!", the festival saw record engagement both online and in person.



An Exciting Season for the Drama Guild



Rocking Out

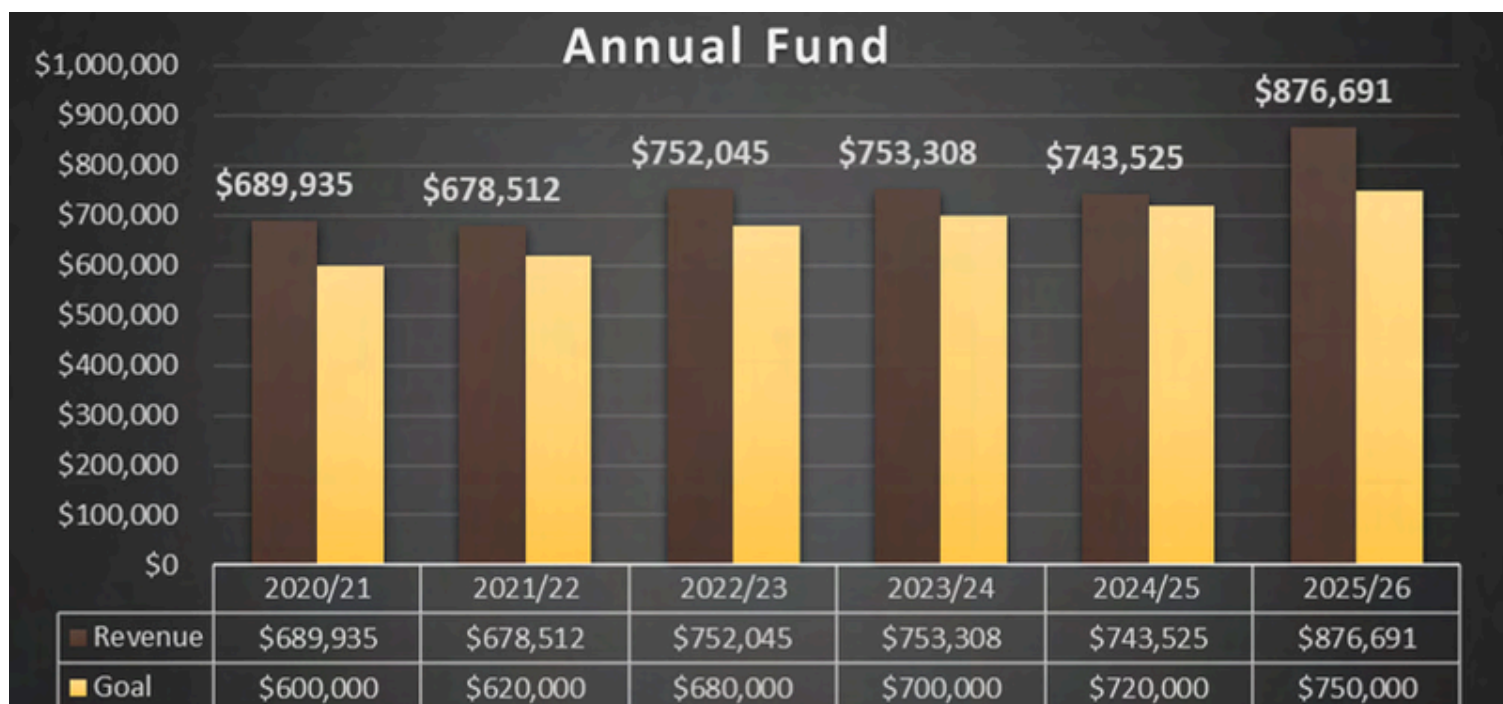
This Spring, we hosted our first-ever "RockFest," bringing together student musicians from local Catholic high schools for an unforgettable evening of live performances, collaboration, and community. The event marked the first major collaboration among area Catholic high schools featuring "Rock Ensembles" and "Modern Band" programs. Students from Roger Bacon were joined by performers from McNicholas High School's ROCKet Band and Badin High School's Badin Rocks, creating a night filled with energy, talent, and school spirit.

THANK YOU!

Because of your extraordinary generosity towards Roger Bacon, the 2025 - 26 Annual Fund Drive raised a record breaking:

\$876,691

THE LARGEST ANNUAL FUND DRIVE TOTAL
IN ROGER BACON HISTORY



While reaching our financial goal is important, **growing donor participation is equally vital**. Every additional donor strengthens our community of support and helps ensure the long-term sustainability of the Annual Fund.

Last year, **1,526 of our 14,268 Spartan and Angel alumni** supported Roger Bacon, a participation rate of approximately 10.7%.

Our goal is to increase alumni participation to 15%!

If you have never made a gift, or haven't given in a while, now is a great time to join your fellow Spartans and Angels in supporting today's students.

Every donor and every gift make a difference.

WHY THE ANNUAL FUND MATTERS

ROGER BACON REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE MOST AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE AREA. THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ALUMNI, BENEFACTORS, AND FRIENDS HELPS MAKE THAT COMMITMENT POSSIBLE.

\$17,767

TRUE COST TO
EDUCATE ONE
STUDENT

\$11,400

TUITION FOR THE
26-27 SCHOOL
YEAR

\$6,367

FUNDING GAP
FOR EVERY
STUDENT

GIFTS TO THE ANNUAL FUND HELP BRIDGE THE TUITION GAP, ALLOWING ROGER BACON TO PROVIDE THE EXPERIENCE OUR FAMILIES VALUE WHILE KEEPING A CATHOLIC, FRANCISCAN EDUCATION ACCESSIBLE.

2026 - 27 ANNUAL FUND GOAL: \$775,000

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CLASS OF

Congratulations to our newest Roger Bacon alumni, the Class of 2026. This class boasted **24 Assisi Scholars**. The **127 newest alumni** are spread across **nine states and 36 schools and careers or job fields**. Through service alone, this class logged **3,290 service hours** their senior year. The Class of 2026 has earned nearly **\$3 million in scholarships** to colleges and universities.

Boden Accurso
Cole Andrews
Eleanor Arnold
Adriana Arreaga Ortiz
Gabriel Ater de Lemos
William Barlow-Siegel
Christopher Baverman
Theodore Borgert
Samuel Bova
Margaret Boyle
Caden Broenner
Christian Byrd
Sofia Carraher
Ian Childress
Colin Clark
Joseph Coleman
Paxtyn Collins
Joselin Craven
Naomi Davis Rhodes
Luca DeFranco
Carson Dillon
Carlee Doty
Aaron Ervin
Alex Ervin
Jordan Evans
Ashley Faulkner
Chloe Feazell
Caleb Fulton
Phoebe Fulwiler
Bradley Gagnon
Aliya Capultos
Chloe Garcilazo
Kendra Gee
Trevor Geraci
De'vion Gipson
Chase Gleason
Andrew Goedde
Jeffrey Gowans
Simone Grant
Gabrielle Greer
Kylee Grueter
Joshua Hamilton
Lilith Hargis
De'Ziara Harvill

Brittney Hoernschemeyer
Claudia Hoffmann
Max Hoffmann
Noble Honkomp
Zurri Hudson
Giuseppe Hutzel
Florence Iheme
Etellina Jackson
Jamie Jackson
Rhys Jacobs
Joseph Kamphaus
Mark Kasselmann
Aubrey Keuffer
Jean-Marie Kipkosgei Ketter
Cecilia Klinczar
Althea Korfhagen
Charlotte Kosse
Nathan Kowalski
Ryan Krajewski
Ethan Lewis
Josiah Lowery
Mina Mader
Brodie Maringer
Jacquelyn Merz
Eli Meyer
Kyle Miller
Jamere Mitchell
Elizabeth Mumper
Eleanor Murphy
Kehaulani Newman
Carter Newton
Cheryl Nguyen
Joshua Nienaber
Chase Obert
Stephanie Oppong
Erin Pare
Baylee Plavsic
Benjamin Powers
Larenz Pritchett
Roscoe Putnam
Audrey Raleigh
Reese Reilly
Torrance Richmond
Adriana Roberts
Antonisha Roberts

Isabella Roman
Dylan Ruehl
Brady Sand
Erick Sandoval
Adriana Scanlon
Ava Schildmeyer
Madison Schildmeyer
Ella Schlegel
Andrew Schneider
Collin Schulte
Mitchell Sehlhorst
Madison Sheppard
Brayden Smart
Eric Smith
Owen Smith
Treavon Solomon
William Soto
Ja'Leah Spencer-Williams
Alexis Stegeman
Jaylynn Steiner-Carter
Lucy Stenger
Christopher Stephens
Owen Stewart
Mikhaila Sturgeon
Morgan Sunderman
Jaden Tiller
Terrance Todd
Mariana Torres
Kimaya Travis
Camila Valle Flores
Dominique Walker
Natalie Wall
Andrew Weigand
Lily Wethington
Jacob Whitacre
Jenna White
Jacob Whitman
Torin Wolfe
Robert Wong



2026



A BRAND NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SPARTAN ATHLETES



Roger Bacon High School is excited to announce the hiring of alumni **Kylee Sheppard '21** and **Trey Hennekes '17** as the school's first-ever **Athletic Performance Instructors**, newly created positions

designed to elevate the development of Spartan student-athletes both in and out of competition.

The new Athletic Performance program will provide Roger Bacon student-athletes with year-round instruction focused on strength, speed, mobility, nutrition, recovery, injury prevention, and overall athletic development. The course will work closely with coaches and the athletic department to support the growth of Spartan athletes across all sports.

The Athletic Performance course is part of Roger Bacon's continued commitment to providing student-athletes with opportunities for growth, preparation, and success at the highest level. The program will emphasize not only athletic excellence, but also accountability, leadership, and lifelong healthy habits.



A COUPLE OF FOOTBALL SPARTANS IN THE NFL



Two former Roger Bacon football standouts have officially earned their place at the highest level of the game.

Corey Kiner '21 and **James Thompson, Jr. '20** have both made **NFL 53-man rosters for the 2026 season**. Kiner earned a spot at running back with the New England Patriots, while Thompson, Jr. made the San Francisco 49ers' roster on the defensive line.

The accomplishment marks an exciting milestone for both former Spartans as they continue their football careers on the NFL stage.

Congratulations to Corey and James on this incredible achievement! The entire Roger Bacon community is proud to call you Spartans and will be cheering you on this season.

Scan this code to check out more on
Corey and James on our Athletics
website



20 ATHLETIC Spring

Baseball

1st Team MVC

Kyle Miller '26

Terrance Todd '26

2nd Team MVC

Ian Childress '26

Max DeFranco '28

Honorable Mention MVC

Sam Bova '27

Owen Stewart '26

MVC Pitcher of the Year

Kyle Miller '26

Owen Stewart '26

MVC Coach of the Year

Tim McCoy '02

1st Team All-City

Kyle Miller '26

Terrance Todd '26

2nd Team All-City

Ian Childress '26

Max DeFranco '28

Pitcher of the Year All-City

Kyle Miller '26

Lacrosse

1st Team MVC

Lizzy Mumper '26

2nd Team MVC

Shiloah Vidourek '28

Honorable Mention MVC

Maggie McCormick '27

Elizabeth Strouble '27

Boys' Volleyball

1st Team All-City

Andrew Weigand '26

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AWARDS

All-Stars

Softball

1st Team MVC

Kendra Gee '26

Ella Schlegel '26

2nd Team MVC

Erin Pare '26

Addi Schwartz '27

Honorable Mention MVC

Lani Newman '27

Kylie Land '29

1st Team All City

Addi Schwartz '27

2nd Team All City

Kendra Gee '26

Abby Weigand '28

Honorable Mention All-City

Ella Schlegel '26

DIV Coach of the Year

Jonathan Cole

Track and Field

All Conference Team

Rhys Jacobs '26

All City Team

Rhys Jacobs '26 (110M & 300M Hurdles)

Josh Hamilton '26, Eric Smith '26, Xander

Robertson '28, Jerome Smith '27 (4 x 100)

Josh Hamilton '26 (100M Dash)

Eric Smith '26 (400M Dash)

Josh Hamilton '26, Xander Robertson '28,

Evan Majors '28, Rhys Jacobs '26

(4x400 relay)

Josh Hamilton '26 (100M Dash)

Flag Football

1st Team All City

Leah Schoster

SPARTANS AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Congratulations to the following Class of 2026 Spartans on committing this past spring to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Reese Reilly Duke University - Swimming

Etellina Jackson Mount Saint Joseph University - Volleyball

Maddy Sheppard Northern Illinois University - Soccer

Terrance Todd Capitol University - Baseball

Jacob Whitacre Wilmington College - Baseball

De'Vion Gipson Wilmington College - Baseball

Kyle Miller Otterbein College - Baseball

Sam Bova Mount St. Joseph University - Baseball

Collin Schulte Ohio Northern University - Golf

Will Barlow-Siegel Mount St. Joseph University - Track & Field

Rhys Jacobs Mount St. Joseph University - Track & Field

Bubba Smart Ohio Dominican University - Football

Aubrey Keuffer Mount Vernon Nazarene University - Soccer

Andrew Schneider Thomas More University - Soccer

Alex Ervin Tiffin University - Soccer

Aaron Ervin Tiffin University - Soccer



SEVERAL RECORDS BROKEN DURING A FLAGSHIP SEASON

Baseball had a very memorable season this past spring. During the season, Coach **Tim McCoy '02** earned his 200th win as the head Baseball coach. Additionally, Roger Bacon Baseball achieved a program milestone in the 12-4 win over Cincinnati Country Day on Tuesday, May 12th. The 2026 team won their 16th game of the regular season, which is now a program best for regular season wins.



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A note from the Athletic Department...



Roger Bacon High School is proud to announce that Brian Neal '90 has been named the school's new Director of Athletic Strategy and Development, a newly created leadership position within the athletic department designed to enhance the overall student-athlete experience and help shape the future of Spartan athletics. Brian shared his goals for his new position below:

While my coaching career started in 1990, it wasn't until 1998 that I was hired as a full-time employee here at RB. At that time, I was hired as the Assistant Athletic Director and worked in athletics for over a decade. After becoming head basketball coach, I moved out of athletic administration and into the classroom to teach in the math department. I am really proud that I've spent my life working at my alma mater and have truly enjoyed the relationships that I have shared with thousands of

students. Although I've been out of the athletic department for over a decade now, I'm thrilled and excited that my career has come full circle, back as the Director of Athletic Strategy and Development.

While supporting our Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director in the day-to-day operations of the athletic department, I will spend much of my time trying to create a brighter future for our athletes and the programs that they represent, specifically focusing on establishing formal processes aimed at taking RB athletics to new heights. These include, but are not limited to, all aspects of hiring, evaluating, and mentoring our coaching staff, as well as creating and maintaining high athletic department standards, practices, and procedures, while still trying to find ways to improve our student-athlete experience. Additionally, all of the initiatives within the strategic plan of RBHS fall under my purview. These include hiring a full-time Athletic Performance Coach to teach during the school day; formalizing the coach hiring and evaluation process; creating an improved, competitive pay structure for the coaching staff; creating a Roger Bacon Sports Network (RBSN) in conjunction with a new elective course for students titled Sports Media and Production; formalizing the recruiting process and establish roles for coaches, athletic administrators, and the Admissions Department; reinvigorating parent involvement with the reestablishment of an effective and highly involved Athletic Booster organization; and revisiting our league affiliation and opponent scheduling.

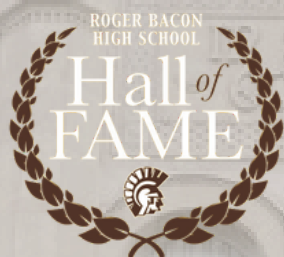
I'm happy to report that work has begun on all of these initiatives and moreover, a few of them are already completed. Ultimately, it is my goal to help make Roger Bacon High School the destination school for young student-athletes interested in a challenging, educational, successful, and rewarding high school athletic experience.

Hail Spartans!

Brian Neal '90

Director of Athletic Development & Strategy

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING
ATHLETES WHO WILL BE HONORED AT THE
ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH.
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Class of 2026



Ralph Niehaus '35 †



Bill Smyth '40 †



Rob Schaefer '91



Mark Evans '94



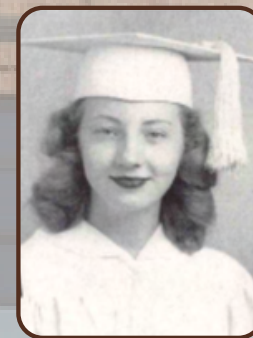
Chris Trimbach '07



Carlos Jackson '14



Jean Ann Tucker



Anita (Suer) Hartman
OLA '49



Kim (Boehmer)
Coffmann '00



Special Recognition:
2001 Girls' Volleyball State
Championship Team



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ALUMNI

Be Inspired...

SOUTHWEST OHIO FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION 2026 COACH OF THE YEAR: RICH CRAIG '67

The **Steve Klonne Award** is presented to a coach that has had a **positive impact on the development of young men through high school football**, provided major contributions to the Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association and exhibits integrity, ethics and sportsmanship as priorities. This year's winner is **Rich Craig '67** from Roger Bacon High School.



Gary Vaughn '69 is an Associate Professor of English at the University of Cincinnati. He happened to have a Spartan in his Spring, 2026 Intermediate Composition Class: **Bella Rum DeVault '22**. Gary says:

"I SHOULD MENTION THAT BELLA WAS A FINE STUDENT: INTELLIGENT, HARD-WORKING, AND CREATIVE. SHE IS AN ONGOING TRIBUTE TO THE WONDERFUL EDUCATION PROVIDED BY ROGER BACON."



Daniel Clark 1976



Cecelia Gleisinger (Craig) - OLA 1961

President Steve Schad ran into not one, but two alumni/ae in the Diamond Seats at the Reds game versus the Dodgers.

RUN INTO A SPARTAN? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR SPONTANEOUS MEET-UP AND LET THE REST OF THE ROGER BACON COMMUNITY KNOW. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ALUMNI STORIES TO ALYSSA FLADING (AFLADING@ROGERBACON.ORG)



Andy Gorman '06 was recently featured on WCPO for his farm in Sharonville: Cincy Urban Farm. In the interview, Andy reflects on finding a new career in farming and the support of his local community.

You can buy produce from Farmer Andy on the Cincy Urban Farm website by scanning the QR code below.



WCPO News Feature



Cincy Urban Farm

NEWS

...Stay Connected

Coach Craig is a **59-year member of the Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association**, having served on the hospitality, clinic, and golf outing committees. Rich played for and coached with the legendary high School football coach, Bron Bacevich. Coach Craig wanted to finish his career where it all began. **He joined the Roger Bacon football staff in 2022.** In 2019, Rich was honored by Roger Bacon and inducted into the "Legends of Roger Bacon" football society. He assumed the duties of working with the defense with concentration on the linebackers and defensive backs. Since he has joined Roger Bacon staff, they have made the state playoffs every year and one League championship in 2022.



Enquirer Woman of the Year

Annie Timmons

'78 was named one of the Enquirer's Women of the Year for the Class of 2026. Annie has dedicated her career to the Friars Club - **ultimately servicing 43,000 children in her time there.**



Betty Volz '44 our newest Centurion

Betty Volz '44 celebrated her 100th birthday in May with family and alumni engagement coordinator Brian Reed. Betty enjoys talking to her kids about her time at OLA, especially reminiscing about Latin class with Mrs. Uhrig and her time playing basketball and gymnastics. Betty was also present at the Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium dedication; she was a classmate of the new building's namesake.



Zachary Green '91 created a speakeasy in Hilton Head dedicated to the Marine Corps.

"Tucked behind a secret entrance inside a private Port Royal home is **Teufelhunden Tavern**, a speakeasy-style gathering place created by U.S. Marine veteran Zachary Green. Part museum, part tavern, and part tribute, the space is dedicated to preserving Marine Corps' history while creating opportunities for veterans and friends to connect through storytelling."



READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE HERE



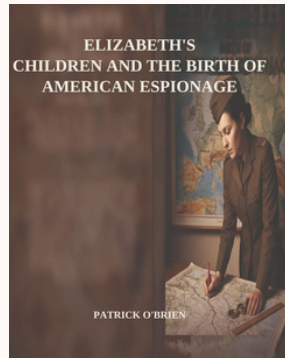
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Legacies That Live On: Two Spartans -- Two Extraordinary Gifts

Patrick O'Brien '87 has penned and dedicated a book to his late wife, Elizabeth O'Brien. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

A short synopsis: **"Elizabeth is invited to Washington for a cryptic "evaluation." There, she undergoes a strenuous battery of tests in languages, cipher work, logic puzzles, and map memorization alongside other gifted women. Under the watchful eye of Mrs. White, she is assigned the codename "Mouse." She quickly proves herself uncanny at seeing the pattern behind the pattern, how a network must look to generate the fragments on the page."**



RON AMRHEIN CLASS OF 1951 \$2.8 MILLION



A self-made businessman, veteran, and lifelong Spartan, **Ron Amrhein '51** lived humbly, worked hard, invested wisely, and never forgot the education and values he received at Roger Bacon. His \$2.8 million estate gift, a new school record, establishes a permanent endowed scholarship for future Spartans and supports continued campus improvements. In recognition of his generosity, the Ronald Amrhein Community Room in the Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium will carry his legacy forward for generations.

Courtney Harvey '11 shared a photo on the World Cup pitch in Los Angeles, California. She says to her fellow Spartans, **"Sending all the futbol love and support from the World Cup and LA Stadium."**



WHY ROGER BACON? WHY NOW?

Two record-setting gifts in two months are more than historic milestones, they are powerful expressions of confidence in Roger Bacon and its future.

PEOPLE INVEST IN ORGANIZATIONS THEY BELIEVE IN.

Our alumni and friends see a school moving forward, rooted in its Catholic, Franciscan mission, achieving at high levels and committed to keeping a Roger Bacon education accessible. Ron Dauwe and Ron Amrhein believed in what Roger Bacon did for them, what it is doing for students today, and what it can become for generations to come.

Their gifts are extraordinary, but they do not replace the generosity of the entire Roger Bacon community. Estate gifts strengthen our school for the long term, while annual gifts of every size support our students today. Roger Bacon's success is made possible not by one or two donors, but by the thousands who choose to participate and bless us with their generosity.

Two Beliefs in the the Future of Roger Bacon High School

WITHIN JUST TWO MONTHS, ROGER BACON RECEIVED THE TWO LARGEST SINGLE GIFTS IN SCHOOL HISTORY, TWO EXTRAORDINARY LEGACIES FROM ALUMNI WHO BELIEVED DEEPLY IN THEIR ALMA MATER AND ITS FUTURE.



RON DAUWE
CLASS OF 1953
\$2.7 MILLION

A lifelong supporter of Roger Bacon, **Ron Dauwe '53** left a remarkable legacy of generosity and commitment to the school's Franciscan mission. His \$2.7 million estate gift, the largest in school history at the time, supports the endowment, scholarships, student programs, and campus improvements. His longtime generosity, also reflected in the Carol Dauwe Fine Arts Center and Ron & Carol Dauwe Performing Arts Scholarship, will impact Spartans for generations.

The Fr. Andrew Fox Society

Both Ron Dauwe and Ron Amrhein were members of the Fr. Andrew Fox Society, recognizing those who include Roger Bacon in their estate plans.

Planned giving isn't reserved for multimillion-dollar gifts. A bequest of any size can create a lasting legacy and help sustain Roger Bacon's Catholic, Franciscan mission for generations.

Every gift matters. Every donor matters. Every legacy matters.

For more information on the Fr. Andrew Fox Society, please contact Director of Advancement, Brandon Spaeth '11 at bspaeth@rogerbacon.org or 513-618-7039



Two graduating seniors attending the UC Lindner College of Business were awarded the **Will Schwartz Scholarship**, an award specifically for Roger Bacon students attending UC. The students were able to meet with Will Schwartz for lunch.

L to R: Will Schwartz (RB 1959), Marianne Lewis (Dean of Lindner School of Business), **Isabella Roman (RB 2026)**, **Francine Ortiz (RB 2026)**, **Meg Mueller (RB 2002)**

Taylor Fowler '06 was recently interviewed by Voyage LA. 'Life and Work in LA with Taylor Fowler'

Showcasing her journey moving to Los Angeles and deciding to pursue a career in modeling and acting, Taylor explains her motives and aspirations, along with setbacks she has experienced in this tough career field. "Adversity has a way of refining you. The most meaningful stories, both on screen and in life, are never built from ease. They're built from resilience, persistence, and continuing forward even when the outcome is uncertain."

To read the entire article and to see if maybe you have seen Taylor on TV or social media, read the article in its entirety here.



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The Alumni Association meets the second Thursday of the month. Your participation as an alumni/ae of Roger Bacon and Our Lady of the Angels High Schools is appreciated and needed! To learn more about the Alumni Association, visit our website by scanning the QR code.



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The **OLA Class of 1957** is planning their **70th Reunion** for **May 7th, 2027**, here on campus. More information coming soon! Questions - reach out to **Marcia (Logsdon) Ruwe**.

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The **OLA Class of 1966** will have their **60th Reunion** luncheon on October 7th. Contact **Elaine (Baer) Schildmeyer** for more information.

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The **RB Class of 1971** met in June at Wiedemann's Brewery in St. Bernard.

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The **RB Class of 1972** meets monthly for lunch (3rd Wednesday) at Wiedemann's at 12:30PM. This photo is from August 2026.

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The **OLA Class of 1976** celebrated their **50th Reunion** at Roger Bacon in September. It was a great time reconnecting with a great group of Angels.

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The **RB Class of 1976** celebrated their **50th Reunion** at Roger Bacon in September. It was a great night celebrating 50 years of Spartan friendship.

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The **RB Class of 1977** is planning their **50th Reunion** for 2027. Contact **Steve Asbach** or **Ken Pitcher** for more information.



Quarterly meeting at Snow's Lakeside Tavern for the OLA Class of 1959!

"We had a great time and some classmates we haven't seen for a while were there. It was so nice to see them and get caught up! I'm sure you recognize everyone but just in case, I'm including names - Seated L to R - **Margie Huy Lampe, Gerri Smith Ortman, Kay Meyer Eilerman, Rita Hoffman Schwab.** Standing L to R - **Marcia Hohlt Phillips, Joyce Norton Dudley, Joyce Huy Behrmann, Barb Meyer Zimmer, Kitty Ryan Zech, Carolyn Harland Balog, Gayle Schwain Reichert, Julie Gartner Michel.**"

**CALLING ALL SPARTANS
AND ANGELS WHO
GRADUTATED 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!

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The **Class of 1986** will celebrate their **40th Reunion** at Roger Bacon on **October 9th and 10th**. Contact **Mark Bollmer** or **Laurie (Schildmeyer) Schaeffer** for more information.

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The **Class of 2011** will have their **15th Reunion** this upcoming year. Contact **Brandon Spaeth** for more information.

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The **Class of 2006** is celebrating their **20th Reunion** for **November 27th** here on campus. Contact **Annie (Kathman) Karle** or **Chelsey (Ahlers) Hausfeld** with any questions.

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The **Class of 2016** is planning their 10th reunion for **October 16th** on campus. Contact **Deasia Davis** or **Macey Beirman** for more info.

A great Spartan Social in Columbus before the September 18th football game. Thanks to all who joined:

Mike Carroll '92	Chris (Balzer) Doppes '71 OLA
Sammy Davis '00	Neil Doppes '70
Herm Mollmann '59	Jim Rice '75
Pat Fleming '80	Judy (Kunkel) Rice '75
Mike Sullivan '78	Jon Otto '00
Jeff Riley '78	Kristen (Westendorf) Otto '00



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ATTENDED
RB3 BAND LIVE
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FRETBOARD DONATED \$1 DOLLAR BACK TO RB FINE ARTS FOR EVERY BEER SOLD THAT DAY .

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.*

Kathryn (Wachter) Suer '43
Lois (Hess) Beckstedt '48
Ruth (Appenfelder) Cooper '49
William Deitsch '49
Joseph Santoro '49
James Wissel '49
Earl Molloy '50
Lawrence Zepf '50
Patricia (Gibbons) Freeman '52
Richard Arand '53
Gilbert Born '53
Constance (Ernst) Gagliardo '53
Dolores Kappes '53
Mary (Scheuerle) Murray '53
Thomas Gosink '55
George Rolfes '55
Linda (Bachman) Edington '56
Dorothy (Rusche) Kreyenhagen '56
Paul Rapien '56
Donald Albrinck '57
James Falls '57
Jerome Meyer '57
Annalee (Schrand) Morrison '57
Roger Thome '57
Rita (Schuler) Dooley '58
Lucy (Fulton) Hulsman '58
Mary (Hartman) Schneider '58
Chester Wolgamot '58
Judith (Rehkamp) Angeline '59
Joan (Hehmann) Dempsey '59
Thomas Kieley '59
Bill Westerkamp '59
Richard Schwettman '60
Robert DePue '61
Paul Dinwiddie '61
Michael Klus '61
Robert Wiethorn '61
David Boehm '62
Thomas Tillman '62
John Hammann '63
James Vonderhaar '63
Gerald Wiedmann '63

Sue Ann (Tenkman) Denier '64
John Condo '65
Robert Kistner '65
Robert Wimberg '65
Ruth (McKenna) Muench '66
Frances (Schrantz) Hickman '67
Mary Ann Brannen '68
James Casey '68
Phylis (Werle) Clark '69
Michael Truman '69
Janet (Hurley) Bambach '70
Gery Homan '70
Pamela Huff '70
Elaine (Goldschmidt) Kruse '70
Roger Clark '72
Debra (Lakes) Powers '72
David Obert '74
Sandra (Allison) Sprague '74
Kimberly (Bothe) Graham '77
Ruth (Schindler) Jutte '79
Lee Compton '80
James Hobold '80
John Norris '80
Nancy Werdmann '80
André Sparks '82
Cathy (Gerbus) Jung '83
Richard Boehm '84
Murphy Naylor '85
John Stofa '85
Jeremiah Hunter '91
Gregory Lochard '94
Christina Thomas '96
Stephan Meyer '03

RB Family

David Bidwell
Nancy Crofton
Robert Konkoly
Katherine Miller
Julia Neumann
Gloria Riley

MAKE YOUR OHIO TAXES MATTER

As an Ohio taxpayer, you can **redirect your tax dollars and support Roger Bacon** at the same time! By donating through the Catholic Education Foundation—a state-certified Scholarship Granting Organization—you may be eligible for a **dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 per donor or \$1,500 for a married couple filing jointly.**

SGO gifts provide **need-based scholarships** for Roger Bacon students and are requested in addition to your current support of the school.

A GROWING IMPACT

Since 2022, donors have directed more than **\$580,000** to Roger Bacon through the SGO program, including **\$242,656 from 361 donors** last year alone!

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

For the full \$1,500 joint credit, spouses must make separate \$750 gifts in each person's name.

SGO gifts cannot be designated to a specific student, named fund, or the Annual Fund. Credit eligibility and value depend on individual tax liability.

Please consult your tax advisor. See Ohio Revised Code §5747.73.

QUESTIONS?

For specific questions about the CEF-SGO in regards to Roger Bacon, please contact our Director of Advancement, **Brandon Spaeth '11** at **bspaeth@rogerbacon.org**.

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