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“The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world.”

–KLAUS SCHWAB

As we start a new school year in the grips of a pandemic that seems to never end, we have an opportunity to reflect on a challenging past year, reimagine who we are, and reset our expectations for the future.

Last school year was incredibly challenging from a variety of different perspectives, some more obvious than others. Face coverings, social distancing, and quarantining were all very visible, outward signs of the pandemic. Even though we were able to maintain in-person, on-campus instruction 5 days per week all school year, it did not come without cost. The strength of Roger Bacon goes way beyond academics. Relationships are at the very essence of who we are. The relationships between students, faculty and our alum drive our school culture and makes Roger Bacon a special place. Social isolation brought on by the pandemic and the negative effect it had on school-forged relationships was perhaps the biggest COVID-related consequence.

The pandemic has given us the opportunity to reimagine what we are capable of. The resourcefulness and innovativeness of our students and faculty cannot be over-exaggerated nor overstated. New ways of communicating and providing instruction have been integrated into the “normal” way of doing business. Perhaps most importantly, we realize that our school culture, a big reason that Roger Bacon has become the school of choice in Cincinnati for Catholic, coed education, cannot be taken for granted. Our culture must be nourished, cultivated and protected as we move into the future. Franciscan, diverse, Catholic, caring and challenging do not happen by chance but rather through the concerted efforts of our entire school community, past and present.

As we hit the reset button for this year and beyond, we lean heavily on what has made us unique and special. We celebrate our diversity and the ways it brings us together as a family. We strive to put our Franciscan values into action and live those values passed to us by our patrons, St. Francis and St. Clare. We support a faculty and staff whose dedication to our students and mission is unparalleled. We provide a “caring and challenging” environment where our students can become the best versions of themselves as we prepare them to confidently step into a world that desperately needs their leadership and talents. We seek the wisdom, support and prayers of our alum who gratefully pass on their gifts and talents to future generations of Spartans.

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, thank you for your support, encouragement and assistance. We remain a school dedicated to our students, proud of our past and moving “forward to greater things.” Keep us in your prayers this school year.

God bless you, and God bless Roger Bacon.



Steve Schad
Principal/CEO



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PICTURED ABOVE: Congratulations to the following freshmen who earned the honor of being selected to the Assisi Scholars program for the 2021-22 school year based on their academic achievement in the freshmen honors program:

Finn Bell, Maria Buerger, Jacob Burdett, Chase Campbell, Alex Edmonson, Nick Fitzsimmons, Sydney Flowers, John Geers, Adam Ghering, Kaeley Hawkins, Kyle Hauser, Lauren Jones, Kameron Kerl, Naomi Lesko, Daphne McCable, Elise Meyer, Lily Moore, Ryan Mulcahey, Alex Navarro, Kelsey Niesen, Charles Peters, Katharine Placke, Jonathan Reilly, Riley Rolfert, Emma Rutemueller and Julia Whitman

COVER: The 2021 Roger Bacon High School Assisi Scholars visit Assisi, Italy, in August.

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



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CHANGES & IMPROVEMENTS



After graduation, most of us think the school building is empty and quiet, with the students out of the building. Think again... many activities continue to happen in the halls of RB. There were several projects that took place over the summer, in addition to routine cleaning, maintenance and waxing.

New windows were installed in all the remaining rooms on the front of the building. The rooms are: 35, 36, Lab B, Faculty Room, Main Office, 13, 14, 15, 16.

A Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system (cooling and heat) was installed in rooms 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and the kitchen.

Marching For



The fire alarm system (approximately 500 devices) was replaced throughout the main building and Fogarty Center.

New projectors were installed in rooms 10, 12, 17, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, Lab A, Lab B, 56, 57, 59, and the east wing conference room. All 3rd floor rooms were painted.

A drop ceiling was installed in the kitchen.

The Fitness Center, to include the weight room and multi-purpose room, was repainted. Diamond plate was installed on the multipurpose room walls.

The gym floor was refinished and the GCL logo replaced with the MVC.

The main office was repainted.

Carpets were cleaned throughout the building.

The front statue is currently being renovated and safety lighting installed around the front circle.

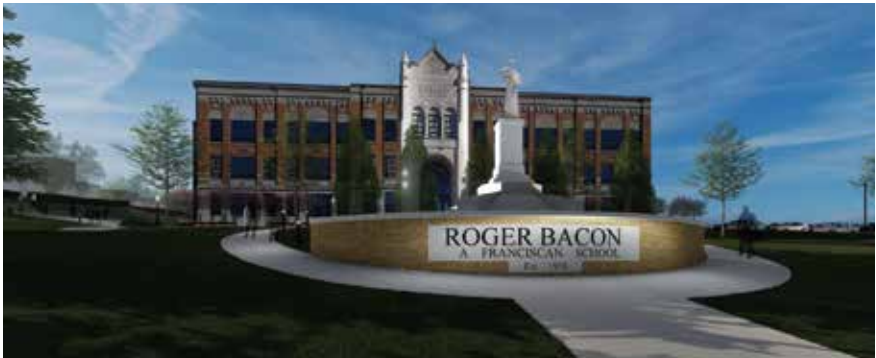
THE STATUE OF FRIAR
ROGER BACON that stands
in front of campus is a replica
of the Hope-Pinker statue
displayed at the Oxford
Museum of Natural History in
England. While he has proudly
stood for over 90 years acting
as greeter and guardian for all
who visit campus, time and the
elements have taken its toll.
The statue of our namesake
is in need of repair — the
base and wall surrounding
are literally crumbling.

ward

During the 2021 Evening for Excellence, we unveiled our plans to restore, renovate and illuminate the statue. But we are not stopping there. As we march forward to our 100th year, we are excited to share the beginning plans for the transformation to the front of campus, including an updated plaza, and new amphitheater. The video presentation can be found at www.rogerbacon.org/statue.

If you are interested in helping to support this project, please contact Brandon Cowans in the Advancement Office at 513-641-1313 or bcowans@rogerbacon.org

RESTORE RENOVATE ILLUMINATE



Spread the Word

by Christine Ochs-Naderer, Director of Admissions

We are so excited to begin another school year at Roger Bacon! Our freshman class, the Class of 2025, brings 133 new faces to the Roger Bacon family. These students come from 34 different grade schools all over the Greater Cincinnati area—all brought together for the desire to experience the fulfilling, personalized high school experience that comes with being a Spartan.

After just one week walking the halls of Roger Bacon, freshmen in the Class of 2025 were asked to describe what they like best about RB. Here is what a few of them had to say:

"As soon as I walked through the door I felt welcomed and like I was part of a family." — CAROLINE FROM NATIVITY SCHOOL

"I think the people make Roger Bacon so special. Everyone says 'Hi' in the hallways. Everyone knows everyone." — MAGGIE FROM JOHN PAUL II

"The community at RB is great—all the teachers are nice. My favorite thing about Roger Bacon is the feeling of being included" — MATTHIAS FROM OUR LADY OF GRACE

"I love how much of a family everyone is, that's what makes Roger Bacon special—everyone already cares about me a lot. My favorite thing about being a Spartan is getting to know new people and getting involved in so many activities here." — MELISSA FROM ST. BONIFACE

"Something that makes Roger Bacon special is all the opportunities you can have here. There are a lot of different clubs, groups, and electives for you to decide from. You get a little bit of everything." — RAY FROM ST. MICHAEL

"So many people are willing to help you... especially other students. Even if you don't know many people yet, you can ask for help from any upperclassmen, and they will help you." — KAYLA FROM BETHANY SCHOOL



If you know of a student interested in Roger Bacon, contact Christine Ochs-Naderer at 513.641.1313 or cochsnaderer@rogerbacon.org

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www.rogerbacon.org/future-spartans
TO LEARN MORE.



Marching Forward

by Brandon Cowans, Director of Advancement

On October 27, 1929 the newly constructed Roger Bacon High School was dedicated. Later that year, a statue of Friar Roger Bacon was gifted to the school. Inscribed with his words: "That, by the help of my works, others may go forward to greater things." And, for over 90 years, we have marched forward.

- *The physical footprint of our campus has changed.*
- *We combined with Our Lady of the Angels becoming a co-ed Franciscan school.*
- *Earned numerous accolades in the arts, band, Drama Guild, and athletics.*
- *Witnessed 94 years of academic achievements.*

Now, as we approach our 100th Anniversary, we will take our next steps. The design of the renovated statue, plaza, and amphitheater presented on page 3 is just the beginning. With input from various stakeholders, the Administration and the Board of Directors diligently completed a strategic plan, creating a roadmap of success for the next five to ten years and beyond. This plan, like everything we do, is student-centric and will move us forward in four main areas:

- *Forward to greater educational experiences by focusing on our curriculum, academic programs, extracurriculars, and opportunities.*
- *Forward to greater spirituality by continuing to enhance and promote our Catholic Franciscan identity.*
- *Forward to greater facilities by revitalizing our campus with improvements and renovations.*
- *Forward to greater sustainability by growing the endowment to financially support our students and school community for generations.*



Now the hard work begins as we put our plans into action. I am confident that through the commitment of our faculty and staff and the loyal support of our alumni, parents, and friends, there is nothing we cannot achieve.





Alex Lewis '21 (pictured middle left) got the news she had anxiously been awaiting with a big surprise in January. Officials from the **UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF ALLIED SCIENCES AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING** visited the Roger Bacon campus to present Alex with her long-awaited admission to the UC Nursing program. Alex also received an academic scholarship for her hard work. It was a great way to cap an awesome Catholic Schools Week at Roger Bacon!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021 TOP TEN



CLAIRE HOGSHEAD
University of Dayton

GRACE HOGSHEAD
Miami University

EVAN WEBB
Mount Saint Joseph University

TORI GRUENWALD
University of Cincinnati

NATALIE BORGERT
University of Cincinnati

SAMANTHA MUMPER
Miami University

ANNA KOWALSKI
Ohio Northern University

BELLE NYE
Xavier University

KAITLYN GRANTMAIER
Miami University

CHARLIE SRUNC
University of Dayton

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You Made
Bacon Better

At the end of the school year faculty and staff luncheon **Sue Ariss** and **Mike Rakel** were given special recognition and a Roger Bacon rocking chair to enjoy during their **RETIREMENT FROM RB**. Mike taught AP level students Economics and Psychology. Mike said "I appreciated every aspect of RB, especially the family atmosphere and my truly wonderful career in Catholic education." Sue "echoed" the same feeling about RB and her 39 years of service here and to Catholic education. Thanks to Sue and Mike for their incredible dedication to RBHS!



Assisi Scholars Program

Ariel Swanson '21 learned in September that she was selected to fill the role of second chair tuba in the prestigious **CINCINNATI YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND**, a precursor to the elite Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble. Ariel auditioned with dozens of local high school musicians for representatives from the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music (CCM). The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic band are in partnership with CCM's Collegiate Wind Studies program and the Music Education division.

Ariel has been very involved in the Fine Arts program at RB, and many of the productions of the RB Drama Department. Despite being an accomplished musician, she has different plans for college as her senior year gets going. "My plan is to study chemical engineering, because I am good at science and math, and I think this will make for an interesting undergraduate degree. I plan to attend either Stanford or the University of Southern California, and then I plan to go to law school," says Ariel.



The **Roger Bacon Assisi Scholars** began their well-earned trip to Rome and Assisi in late July through August. The seniors and their chaperones left July 29th for the 10-day pilgrimage. The trip has traditionally taken place in the fall of senior year, but was pushed back due to COVID-19 complications this summer.

After taking in the sites in Rome, the group moved on to Assisi to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare, learning more about our Franciscan charism and heritage, and making time for gelato, of course!



New Team Memembers

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

LeKynik Meyer, Foreign Language Department;
Kateri Richardson, Theology Department; Jonathan Cole,
Social Studies Department; Erin Colbert, Math Department
and Cathy Callahan, Intervention Specialist.



THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT by Catie Murray

During the month of March the RB Fine Arts Department celebrated Theatre in Our Schools, Music in Our Schools AND Women's History, so what better way to end the month than with a great performance! *Once On This Island* follows the story of a strong female determined to save her love guided by the gods of earth, water, death and love. Her mother, Mama Euralie, sings tenderly to encourage her daughter Ti Moune to find the courage to seek her path!

"A big shout out to our Drama Guild for a wonderful performance of *Once On This Island*. Everyone involved did a wonderful job and reinforced the notion that, even though the new "normal" has changed in this pandemic environment, our students, faculty and staff continue to find ways to excel. We are very proud of their effort and performance!" said principal **Steve Schad**.



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On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, the **PERFORMING ARTS** held their first in-person event since Christmas of 2019. Though still socially distanced and masked, the 50+ students of *The Roger Bacon Chorale*, *Concert Band* and *RB3* performed a number of pieces for their special guests. The Chorale started the evening with three pieces including an acappella variation of "Guadeamus Hodie" while the Concert Band presented an original piece titled "Groove for Random Objects". The Roger Bacon Rhythm & Blue Rock Band, RB3, closed out the night and brought down the house with three brand new songs including Journey's "Don't Stop Believing." Special thanks to all of our seniors involved this year and throughout the past four years!

To watch videos and to see more pictures from this concert, find us on Facebook at "Roger Bacon High School Fine Arts Department" and follow us on Instagram and Twitter at @RBFineArts. The Roger Bacon Fine Arts looks forward to seeing you at performances and concerts during the 2021-2022 school year!



COMING TO OUR FALL & SPRING THEATRE...

Alice in Wonderland - November 19-21, 2021

Disney's Newsies - April 7-10, 2022



FOLLOW THE FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT ON...

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DRAMA GUILD 2021-2022 SEASON





THE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The 2021 Roger Bacon Fine Arts Festival was renamed the Digital Fine Arts Festival. It was a week-long event featuring new photos, videos, works, music and highlights of our fellow Spartans each day. On the second day of the week-long festival, selections from the Photo 1 classes, acting videos from the Drama Guild and the Stage Acting classes were included. On the third day pieces from the 3-D Art classes, performance videos from the Chamber Choir and Chorale and a “takeover” of the school’s Instagram account by a senior from the Portfolio class were featured. On the last day of the festival, much amazing artwork from our talented SpARTans was featured, such as selections from the Drawing/Painting classes and several videos from our rock band RB3.



Erin Kennedy '21 was recognized by the **ALLIANCE FOR YOUNG ARTISTS AND WRITERS** as a **NATIONAL SILVER MEDAL** winner for the 2021 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Erin won a silver medal for her photograph, “*Stuck in the Spin Cycle*” (pictured below).

Erin’s work was selected over thousands of other entries to capture a national title from all the Gold medals that were awarded at Regionals. Erin’s achievement places her in the top 1% of all submissions. The fine arts program at Roger Bacon is beyond proud of Erin’s hard work and persistence insider her craft in the medium of photography.





Sisters *Claire* and *Grace Hogshead* graduated at the **TOP OF THEIR CLASS**. Claire was chosen as valedictorian and Grace was chosen as salutatorian. This was the first time in RB history that siblings earned the top two spots in any graduating class. The girls are part of a set of triplets. Their brother Nathan graduated from LaSalle High this year.

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Every year in the month of May **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT** is given special recognition. Four of the most prestigious scholarships are presented to the year's most deserving students.

Ariel Swanson '22 was recognized with the **SPARTAN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**. This award is given to a junior who clearly demonstrates strong initiative, discipline, personal integrity, and leadership potential, while pursuing academic excellence. Ariel is self-motivated and dependable, as evidenced in her work in the classroom and on the Community Outreach Board.



Morgan Snyder '22 received the **WILLIAM CAREY SCHOLARSHIP**. William Carey was a beloved teacher who taught English at Roger Bacon for 42 years, coached swimming and track, and served as the yearbook moderator. The William Carey Scholarship is presented to a junior who excels in the AP® Language and Composition course, demonstrated particularly by strong skills in writing. Morgan is cheerful, engaging, witty, and intelligent. Her writing shows maturity and sophistication of thought as well as attention to detail.



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A Beautiful Day to Praise God

The final **ALL-SCHOOL MASS** culminating the 2020-21 school year was held in Bron Bacevich Stadium on May 20th. **Fr. Mark Hudak, OFM**, celebrated the Mass for the entire student body and faculty/staff members. It was easy to praise and thank God for another successful school year on this beautiful, sunny morning!



The Bacon Fan Van

Justin Dihn '22 was recognized with the **JOE CORCORAN SCHOLARSHIP**. Joe Corcoran dedicated his time and talents to the students of Roger Bacon High School. He celebrated with us in all of our big wins with his broad smile and booming laugh, and supported us through the tough losses with his optimistic “we’ll get the next one” attitude. To honor and remember him, a scholarship was established to recognize a student who best exemplifies the characteristics that Joe Corcoran lived every day: a love for Roger Bacon, and a caring and cooperative attitude towards their fellow Spartans. Justin is a member of Senate, the National Honor Society, and the Drama Guild. He is thoughtful, joyful, and always willing to lend a hand to fellow students and teachers.



Grace Hoffmann '23 and *Mariah Henderson '24* received the **OUR LADY OF ANGELS EDUCATION FUND SCHOLARSHIP** established by OLA Alumnae to give financial assistance to young women attending Roger Bacon High School. The scholarship is awarded to one freshman and one sophomore female student based on their academic achievement and service to school and community. Mariah is dedicated, hardworking, and precocious. She is a leader amongst her peers. Mariah is a standout in the classroom, and on the court as an athlete. Grace is studious, conscientious, giving, and loyal. She displays academic talent and motivation to be successful, but she is also humble and works to help other students achieve their goals as well.



It started with a school year of everything being taken away. We saw so many of our students having difficulties adjusting to the “new” way of going to school: wearing masks, staying seated in desks, being distanced from their peers, and trying to navigate the school with a novel rule-system in place. The disappointment of not being able to attend

sporting events and the cancellation of school dances amongst so many other elements that make up the high school experience only added to the low energy we felt in our classrooms daily. As a means to instill a sort of excitement and humor back into the halls of Roger Bacon, it was decided that we obtain a vehicle that could not only transport groups of teachers to various Roger Bacon games, but could become a recognizable sign for the kids that we were attending the events that mattered so much to them during an unfortunate time when small acts mattered more than ever. What began as a search for an inexpensive investment ended in the acquisition of a high-mileage, rusty old van. Our students became just as much a part of the process as we were and it did not take long for them to begin recognizing our 1995 Chevy G20 in the parking lots of football and basketball games. Maybe the driver’s side door is permanently locked, and the dashboard lights only illuminate sometimes, and the holes in the floor make for chilly winter commutes, but the van felt like normalcy in a year that was anything but that. To anyone outside of the Roger Bacon community, our van is an eyesore at best, but to the students of RB, our van is a symbol of our dedication to their lives, extending beyond the walls of our classrooms!



“Mary, Ben and Kelly are some of the finest examples of the commitment and love for our kids by our faculty” said President *Tom Burke '69*.

by Mary Christoff (teacher)

GO LOCAL

In 2018 the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Crossroads Church teamed up for a citywide service day called **GO LOCAL**. Teams of volunteers across our communities lived out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy rooted in our love for Jesus Christ. As is stressed to our students at Roger Bacon, faith needs to be in action, or it remains incomplete. As the administration of RB began brainstorming ideas of **GO LOCAL** they realized there was no better place to serve than right here in our neighborhood of St. Bernard. Since Roger Bacon High School has been rooted with this community for over 90 years, we started at home with serving—we are service; we are Franciscan.

On May 14, 2021, all students, faculty and staff were divided into work teams and assigned to individual places in St. Bernard. Leaders coordinated with the

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city's administration, St. Clement, Immaculate Church of Christ, the Tau House, St. Bernard Commons and other agencies for projects. "We will flood the streets and place our faith into actions" said **Fr. Roger Lopez, OFM**, Director of Community Outreach.

Students, faculty and staff members worked on the following projects:

- *Mulching in Ross Park*
- *Cleaning and power washing St. Bernard Commons*
- *Picking up trash and weeding in St. Mary and St. John cemeteries*
- *Raking, weeding and trimming at homes of St. Bernard residents*
- *Cleaning up grounds at St. Clement School and Church*
- *Cleaning up landscape beds on Vine Street*
- *Yardwork at RB Stadium*
- *Trash clean-up on Railroad Avenue*
- *Preparing t-shirt bags for the RB St. Vincent DePaul Society*

After clean-up activities and lunch was complete the students returned to Bron Bacevich stadium for fun and games as spectators and participants at the annual Powderpuff game.



"We will flood the streets & place our faith into actions"







The "track girls" pictured l to r:
Cammy Niesen, Grace Kamphaus, Kelsey Niesen, Mia Huber and Elise Meyer.

ATHLETICS @ RB



One of the Best in the State!

Cammy Niesen '21 (Ole Miss) was ranked as the **#2 BEST PLAYER IN THE STATE!** "The senior libero topped the Greater Catholic League Coed in digs last season with 533 and added 48 aces. She was named the conference player of the year and first-team All-Ohio after helping steer the Spartans to a district championship and regional final appearance. In 2019, Cammy was First-Team Greater Catholic League Coed and Honorable Mention All-Ohio. She helped the Spartans finish with a 23-4 record, a district championship and berth in the regional final."



2021 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS & AWARDS

GCLC *Spring All-Stars*

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER ALL-STARS

BASEBALL

1ST TEAM

Jake Tschida '22

Evan Webb '21

SOFTBALL

2ND TEAM

Sam Mumper '21

Sammi Hoffman '22

HONORABLE MENTION

Meredith Gullette '21

Grace Wilking '21

TRACK & FIELD

1ST TEAM

Jahmal Hutsell '22

Corey Kiner '21

Nijal Mooney '21

Kyle Guyer '22

2ND TEAM

Alex Lewis '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Alex Lewis '21

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

2ND TEAM

Charlie Strunc '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Nick Hughes '22

ALL-CITY ALL-STARS

BASEBALL

1ST TEAM

Evan Webb '21

Jake Tschida '22

2ND TEAM

Ryan Hallau '21

Connor Meyer '21

George Janzen '22

CO-ED ALL-STARS

BASEBALL

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tim McCoy '02

1ST TEAM

Evan Webb '21

Jake Tschida '22

2ND TEAM

Ryan Hallau '21

Connor Meyer '21

George Janzen '22

HONORABLE MENTION

Luke Wagner '22

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

2ND TEAM

Charlie Strunc '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Nick Hughes '22

SOFTBALL

1ST TEAM

Meredith Gullette '21

2ND TEAM

Sam Mumper '21

Grace Wilking '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Sammi Hoffman '22

TRACK & FIELD

FIELD EVENTS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sara Whitton '21

1ST TEAM

Sara Whitton '21

Jahmal Hutsell '22

Grace Kamphaus '23

2ND TEAM

Sara Whitton '21

Alex Lewis '21

Corey Kiner '21

Kyle Guyer '22

Jahmal Hutsell '22

Nijal Mooney '21

THIRD TEAM

Nijal Mooney '21

Mia Huber '23

Jahmal Hutsell '22

Alex Lewis '21

Grace Kamphaus '23

Congratulations to our 5 Spartans who advanced to the **STATE TRACK & FIELD** meet this spring! Pictured below is *Alex Lewis '21, Jahmal Hutsell '22, Corey Kiner '21, Kyle Guyer '22 and Nijal Mooney '21.*



THIRTEEN ALUMNI RB STUDENT-ATHLETES (pictured left) are continuing their academic and athletic talents to the next level. Nationally, only 7% of high school athletes move on to play in college, and only 1.5% nationally move to the Division I level. About 10.3% of this year's student athletes move to the collegiate level, with 2.3% doing so at Division 1 universities.

Ollie Boeres - **SOCCER**
University of Findlay

Clarissa Craig - **BASKETBALL**
University of Cincinnati

Mason Cromer - **BASKETBALL**
Ohio Northern University

Denis Haase - **SOCCER**
Thomas More University

Ryan Hallau - **FOOTBALL**
Ashland University

Danny Hudepohl - **FOOTBALL**
Iowa Western Community College

Corey Kiner - **FOOTBALL**
Louisiana State University

Kendall McWhorter - **BASKETBALL**
Mt. St. Joseph University

Connor Meyer - **BASEBALL**
Penn State Greater Allegheny

Nijal Mooney - **FOOTBALL**
University of Findlay

Kylee Shepherd - **BASKETBALL**
Providence University

Evan Webb - **FOOTBALL**
Mt. St. Joseph University

Grace Wilking - **VOLLEYBALL**
Mt. St. Joseph University





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Back & Better than Ever

After a two-year hiatus (due to stadium construction in 2019 and pandemic restrictions in 2020) the Roger Bacon Athletic Department was excited to bring back the annual **MEG GUTZWILLER '00 ALUMNI SOCCER GAME** to Bron Bacevich Stadium on Friday, July 30th. This game celebrates the life of **Meg Gutzwiller '00** and serves as a fundraiser for our boys and girls soccer programs. It was the 18th year the Athletic Department hosted this amazing event. The support of our alums and friends was incredible and the alumni squads won both matchups. Much thanks to the Gutzwiller family and friends for volunteering. Mark your calendars for next year- July 29, 2022!



2021 ATHLETIC SIGNINGS & AWARDS

GCLC Winter All-Stars

ALL-STATE ALL-STARS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1ST TEAM

Clarissa Craig '21

3RD TEAM

Kylee Sheppard '21

DISTRICT ALL-STARS

BOYS BASKETBALL

2ND TEAM

Marjoni Tate Jr '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Mason Cromer '21

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Clarissa Craig '21

1ST TEAM

Clarissa Craig '21

Kylee Sheppard '21

2ND TEAM

Krystin McWhorter '23

ALL-CITY ALL-STARS

BOYS BASKETBALL

HONORABLE MENTION

Marjoni Tate Jr '21

Mason Cromer '21

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Clarissa Craig '21

1ST TEAM

Clarissa Craig '21

Kylee Sheppard '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Sammi Hoffman '22

WRESTLING

2ND TEAM

Nolan Wall '22

HONORABLE MENTION

Abdel Morales '23

Ethan Smith '24

Joe Kenny '22

Jake Lawwill '22

Richard Allen '23

Sam Schildmeyer '24

Jason Waight '22

BOWLING

2ND TEAM

Alexis Burgess '21

Belle Nye '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Michael Burgess '21

CO-ED ALL-STARS

BOYS BASKETBALL

1ST TEAM

Marjoni Tate Jr '21

2ND TEAM

Mason Cromer '21

HONORABLE MENTION

Jacob Goyette '22

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Clarissa Craig '21

1ST TEAM

Clarissa Craig '21

Kylee Sheppard '21

2ND TEAM

Sammi Hoffman '22

HONORABLE MENTION

Krystin McWhorter '23

SWIMMING

1ST TEAM

Sam Stahl '23

3RD TEAM

Rory Murphy '21

Grace Hoffman '23

Riley Finan '22

Alaina Finan '22

Natalie Borgert '21

WRESTLING

1ST TEAM

Ethan Smith '24

Nolan Wall '22

2ND TEAM

Jason Waight '22

Abdel Morales '23

3RD TEAM

Jake Lawwill '22

BOWLING

1ST TEAM

Belle Nye '21

Alexis Burgess '21

2ND TEAM

Lily Crigler '21

Abbie Schneider '21

3RD TEAM

Philip Bachman '21

Michael Burgess '21

Ian DeNome '21

Congratulations to **Rory Murphy '21** and **Natalie Borgert '21** (pictured far left) who earned the prestigious honor of being named **ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS BY THE NATIONAL INTERSCHOASTIC SWIM COACHES ASSOCIATION (NISCA)**. Over 354,000 students are involved in high school aquatics, with only 2% of these participants being recognized with the distinction of Academic All-American. Criteria for this honor includes a recipient holding a minimum grade point average of 3.75 on a 4 point scale, or 93.7500% of the grade scale used by the school without rounding up. Rory is attending Miami University studying marketing and international business. Natalie is attending the University of Cincinnati, studying business as well.



Congrats to **Jake Tschida '22** who broke the school record for career triples in a baseball season after he hit 9 this season! In addition, he also hit 4 homeruns!



Clarissa Craig '21 set the **ALL-TIME CAREER POINTS RECORD** at Roger Bacon on Monday night, February 22, 2021, for the girls' basketball team. She earned 1,231 points and passed **Kelly Brenner's '20** record (who had 1,222 points). Clarissa also holds the program record for rebounds (670) and is second in career blocks (117). She signed with the University of Cincinnati and was voted District 16 Player of the Year by coaches. She was named Division II Player of the Year and the Southwest District's Division II Player of the Year. Clarissa averaged 17.5 points and 8.9 rebounds per game and led the conference in field goal percentage and blocks, leading RB to a 14-6 record and a district finals appearance.



PROUD OF THESE SPARTANS inaugural

This year the Roger Bacon girl's lacrosse team were finally able to enjoy their inaugural season after the 2020 season was interrupted by COVID-19.

The Spartans showed great improvement throughout the season under the leadership of **Coach Joe Pieper**, and matched the first victories in school history, defeating Dixie Heights both at Bron Bacevich Memorial Stadium, as well as on the road at their place. Principal Steve Schad said "They are laying the foundation for our program. Very proud of these Spartans!"

The Spartans were led by lone senior **Olivia Hoffman '21** and great contributions from a strong group of girls including **Lily Middendorf, Parker Cribbs, McKenzie Kroeger, Emma Rogers, Ellie Rickenbaugh, Kenzie Healy, Gabrielle Niederhausen, Vivian Borgert, Nani Distler, Bernadette Peck, Riley Kennedy, Anna Perkins, Katie Byrd, Elise Schellingerhout, Erika Borges, Maya Mollner, Megan Borges, Ellie Tennant, and Grace Charles.**



The 2019 baseball team finished the season with an 18-10 record and brought home the first district championship in 23 years AND the first regional championship in 51 years. That regional championship also provided one of the greatest and most unforgettable moments in school history as seniors **Jake Speed, Chris McDaniel** and **Dylan Polk** hurried back to Roger Bacon right after the game for their graduation ceremony. The seniors made it back just in time wearing their regional championship shirts and hoisting the regional championship trophy. Shoutout to head coach, **Tim McCoy '02**, on organizing this evening!



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fifties

After graduation from RB in 1958, **DR. JOHN CISE** studied Physics and Math at Xavier University and graduated in 1962. His interest in Physics continued at Cuyahoga Community College where he taught from 1964-1972. John was also a visiting Scholar at Cambridge University in England (Department of History and Philosophy of Physics) in 1988. He credits Roger Bacon High School for "doing a good job with me" and notes that his favorite teachers at RB were Fr. Lucian (Chemistry) and Fr. Peters (Math).

When John was offered a job at Cuyahoga Community College (Cleveland, Ohio) with a salary of \$6,000 a year (twice what he was making as a high school teacher) he decided to stay in



the education business because he liked teaching. He taught physics because it was fun; he was always curious and also enjoyed explaining things. Eventually, Dr. Cise, at 32 years old, became the initial founding Dean of Science and Math at Austin Community College (ACC), and held this position for about 10 years followed by 37 years as a Professor of Physics, before he returned to his love of teaching. John earned a MS in Physics at the University of Akron and a PhD at the University of Texas at Austin. He has also given about 20 lectures at national meetings on his *New York Times* physics applications web site:

<http://CisePhysics.homestead.com/files/NYTCisePhysics.pdf>

John retired at age 79 and plans to stay physically fit and mentally active in his retirement.

104TH BIRTHDAY

STILL PLAYING MUSIC!



HELEN LISTERMANN GARTNER, OLA CLASS OF 1935, celebrated her 104th birthday on Friday, March 26, 2021! She married **LEONARD C. GARTNER, RB CLASS OF 1933** (who is deceased). At OLA, Helen was the drum major of the 70-piece OLA band in her senior year. Currently, Helen lives in Finneytown.



In June, The Cincinnati Police Department held two promotional ceremonies. Police Chief Eliot Isaac administered the oath of office to three new sergeants and Chief Isaac administered the oath of office to four individuals. **CAPTAIN STEPHEN SAUNDERS '85** was one of this group. Steve earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Dayton, and a master's degree in Human Resources Development from Xavier University. Captain Saunders is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and served eight years in the U.S. Army Reserve. Steve joined the Cincinnati Police Department in 1990. He has worked in Districts Five, Four, One, and Central Business Section, the Police Academy, Internal Investigations Section, Recruitment and Background Squad, and is currently CPD's Public Information Officer. Captain Saunders was a member of the Mountain Bike Patrol, Honor Guard, and SWAT.

PICTURED ABOVE: With family... Jake Saunders, Captain Steve Saunders, Kim Saunders and Brie Saunders.

60 sixties

BOB THINNES '80 (pictured below left) was appointed earlier this year as the sole person with security responsibilities at the new Coroner and Crime Lab of Hamilton County, which hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 3, 2021. He has been on the *Crime Stopper Board since 1989 and was named Crime Stopper of the Year in 2005*. In 2015 Bob received the *UC Health/University of Cincinnati Martin Luther King Award* for countless hours of volunteering. (Dr. Amy Acton also received the same award this year.) In 2019 Bob was presented with the *Global Criscuolli Award* chosen from 32,000 security managers who have received the ASIS International's (American Society for Industrial Security) highest award.

Bob also worked on the field of the Cincinnati Bengals for ten years as a media security supervisor and also provided executive security on the field with the Disney Team at the Super Bowl in 2012. This year he attended opening day on May 27th for the Florence Y ALL's minor league baseball team on the outfield wall in a Velcro outfit. If he catches a home team homerun ball he will donate half of the \$8110 he wins to *Crime Stoppers*. In his free time Bob enjoys volunteering, golfing and walking the Blue Ash Summit Park Tower at lunch daily (all 216 steps), Most of all he loves spending time with his wife, daughter and granddaughter!



Friends and fellow classmates of Ron Schutte '69 attended Ron's recent wedding this summer on June 21. Those long-time friends include: *Dave Mages '69, Steve Zinser '69, Dave Ulrich '69 (St. X), Dan Crawford '69, Joe Hinnenkamp '69 and Mike Belanger '70.*



i don't think so

KRIS DAVIES BARNHORST '69 was in the midst of summer boredom amid COVID-19 concerns when she saw a contest advertised on local Fox 19 with a chance to win a 2-year lease

on a new car. All she had to do is shoot a short, creative video impersonating Performance Kings Honda general manager Andy French and his "I Don't Think So" tag line from the dealer

commercials. It seemed like a perfect cure for the COVID blues. So with her sister, Lorie Vogeles, she shot and submitted her video.

A few weeks later, Kris and Lorie were surprised to be selected as one of three finalist to appear on the Fox 19 morning show on August 13 (2020) to recreate their best impersonation. Even more surprising – THEY WON!

Kris, though, didn't need a new car, and had a better idea on how to put this prize to good use. Her niece and God child, **KELLY RICKENBAUGH MARSH '91**, had turned her own obstacle, a massive stroke in 2009, into a positive. Kelly's foundation, *One Stroke Forward*, helps young stroke survivors with financial assistance for necessary equipment and recovery resources. Ms. Barnhorst approached general manager Andy French and asked if he would be willing to donate the value of the 2-year lease (over \$8,000) to *One Stroke Forward* rather

than give her the car. Mr. French was blown away by the gesture, not only agreeing to the donation to *One Stroke Forward*, but he also committed to the annual sponsorship of the *One Stroke Forward* golf outing.

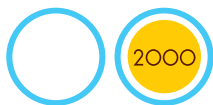


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To learn more about Kelly and One Stroke Forward visit www.onestrokeforward.com

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When **MICHAEL WESTRICH '01** is not writing, he works as an intelligence officer in the United States Air Force. After six years of active duty service, he transitioned to the Air Force Reserve. He



worked as a procurement professional at Caterpillar for eight years, then left Caterpillar in 2019 to pursue his dream of writing novels. Although illness accelerated his decision to leave industry and focus full-time on writing, this dream has stirred within him since attending St. Clement School and Roger Bacon High School. Michael's debut novel, titled *Cornerstone: The King* was released in the fall of 2021. His pseudonym as an author is Michael Paul. For more information see his website: www.michaelpaulauthor.com



JOHN MOOSE '95

worked his way through Miami University at the Help Desk and earned a BS in Microbiology. After graduation, he was hired by MU on the strength of his work in information technology. He then worked a number of years for an international marketing firm. Most recently, he began working as a product manager at Lendkey, a company that develops applications to assist banks and institutional investors in matching up lenders and investors. John's wife, **VENUS FASCE MOOSE '96**, earned degrees from Xavier University, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Kentucky (Masters in Library Science). Until the birth of their twin girls, Venus worked as a librarian developing programs for the Kenton County Public Library. She now works with preschoolers in Madeira and is an active volunteer with Girl Scouts and the KHCC (Kenwood Hills Cabanna Club). Believe it or not, John and Venus found each other, not at Roger Bacon, but virtually a decade later!



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

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

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

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

ROGER BACON HALL OF FAME

CONGRATS TO OUR 5 INDUCTEES



JOE MEISTER '07 and **CHELSEA HOFFMANN MEISTER '09** are pleased to welcome their second child, William Anthony Meister. J.R. is ecstatic to be a big brother!



BRANDON DAVIS-PEARL '11 and **DARYL TAYLOR '11** are not only classmates but are also official business owners together. "We have a long road ahead of us but we're ready to get started! We also want to say thank you to many people who've supported us on this venture and made this journey possible." #TaylorDavisTruckingLLC #blackownedbusiness #businessowners #newwave



it lit a spark in me

FROM SAIGON TO CINCINNATI:
ROGER BACON GRAD
CELEBRATES FIRST ART EXHIBIT

by Rob Rickenbaugh '90



This past May 14th the Caza Sikes Gallery in Cincinnati unveiled its newest exhibit, one dedicated to local artist and 1986 BACON GRADUATE HIEP NGUYEN. This exhibit,

titled "From Saigon to Cincinnati: The Works of Hiep Van Nguyen" featured over 50 pieces from Hiep, including water color and acrylic examples.

Those who attended Roger Bacon in the 1980s and 90s were familiar with the story of the Nguyen family, which immigrated to the U.S. following the fall of Southern Vietnam in 1975. The family created a long legacy at Roger Bacon, with Hiep and his siblings, and now a new generation. Roger Bacon alums include **HONG '88**, **MAI '91**, **HOA '91**, **MARTHA '94**, **SANDI '96**, **PETE '97**, and **LINDA '98**. The tradition continues with Hiep's niece **BELLA (HONG) DEVAULT** will graduating in 2022, and his nephew **ETHAN (MARTHA) BUCKEY** is in the class of 2024.

Hiep was always a student enamored with the arts, from film to literature to European impressionists. He was able to hone his artistic talent at Roger Bacon, where his paintings became something of a collector item, with teachers and classmates alike cherishing these works. According to Hiep:

"The person that influenced me most to paint was my art teacher at Roger Bacon, Mr. Edward Dauterich. He saw

something in me my freshman year, a hint of creativity or whatever it was that he saw, it lit a spark in me. He lectured, guided and shaped me to become a painter, to love and to be creative artistically contributing a little of my own beauty, however humble and ordinary it may be to share with the world. To Edward Dauterich, I will always be grateful for his belief in a boy who had a passion for being creative but not able to live it out until he unlocked the doors to the beauty that is art."

Hiep made his artistic pursuits a lifelong endeavor, yet he had chosen not to exhibit his works until just recently. As Hiep explains "This past year, when our world was scourged with a pandemic, in my isolation and quarantine, I chose to paint, to create beauty in a not so beautiful world and

I painted some of the most beautiful paintings I've ever done in my life. I share my creations with friends and family posting my work on social media in hope that it would bring a smile or a feeling of happiness to those

who see my paintings. I wanted my artwork to lift up their spirits as it does mine and in the end, it's all that important to me."

Caza Sikes was thrilled to celebrate Hiep's works. "One can find similarities in a long line of famed Vietnamese-born impressionists, such as Le Pho (1917-2001) and Vu Cao Dam (1908-2000), whose vibrant and loose renderings seem to express a longing for a heightened aesthetic pursuit and a shunning of the mundane."

The Caza Sikes Gallery, located in historic Oakley, is a venture between brothers and Roger Bacon Alums Will '98, Grayson '01 and Evan '06 Sikes.



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CRAIG MCGEE JR. '17 enjoyed one of the most decorated careers in Rose-Hulman men's basketball history. He was the first 4-time all-conference selection, earned 1st team NABC All-District honors in 2020 and captured 2nd team D3 hoops.com All-Region accolades in both 2020 and 2021. Craig was also named HCAC Player of the Year in 2020; D3hoops.com Great Lakes Region Rookie of the Year in 2018, and HCAC Freshman of the Year in 2018.

He was the first player in Rose-Hulman men's basketball history to achieve career totals of 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 500 assists. He is the career school record holder with 522 assists and ranks No. 14 in school history with 1,282 career points.

In addition to his basketball career, Craig was a Dean's List honoree, a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and also a club member of Catalyst, RoseBud, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Cybersecurity there.

In his basketball career at RB, Craig ranked 9th all-time in scoring and the only RB player to play in three state tournament *Final Fours* and was the 2017 Conference Player of the Year. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and the Assisi Scholar Program.

In addition, Craig received The Ruel Fox Burns Blanket, an award presented to the Rose-Hulman engineering department's top senior male and female athletes. This blanket has been presented to outstanding engineer student-athletes since 1968.



DOWN TO EARTH

VEGGIES & LIVE MUSIC



ZOE NIENABER '23 and **ANDY GORMAN '06** posed for a picture at the Deerfield Farmer's Market this summer. Zoe spent the summer making music at local farmers' markets. Andy is the owner of Cincy Urban Farm and the organizer of the Deerfield Farmer's Market.



CLARK WILHOITE '17

stopped by campus before his big move to New York. Clark received a Division 1 football scholarship to Western Carolina University, and recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in communication with a concentration in broadcasting and a minor in sports management. He gained experience through his internship as a Production Assistant at ESPN and is excited to join CBS Sports as a researcher. Clark will be working with the #1 team of Jim Nantz and Tony Romo on NFL games.

Principal Steve Shad was the least bit surprised hearing about Clark's accomplishments and new role. "Clark is an impressive guy – not just because he towers over me! He is mature, goal-oriented, articulate, and driven. And, because of that, he is going to be extremely successful at whatever he does."

ASHLEY DEBURGER-JOHNSON '15

married Brady Johnson on May 28, 2021. The reception was held at the Madison Event Center in Covington, KY. Her wedding party included RB classmates **ABBI STEELE '15**, **BECCA DEBURGER '15** and **CAITLIN RIEMAN '15**. "My wedding day was rainy but absolutely perfect" said Ashley. Prior to her wedding, Ashley graduated with a Masters' in Education Administration. (Her twin sister Becca is now a Physician's Assistant.) Ashley and Brady reside in Brown County, OH.



While visiting family in Cincinnati this winter, **JAMES THOMPSON '20** returned to the RB campus to visit. James is a student and football player at the University of Wisconsin. His first priority was to visit President Tom Burke and Principal Steve Schad.



a kind, familiar face

MEMORIES OF ED TEMPEL '82 (ROGER BACON EMPLOYEE)

by RB teacher & yearbook moderator Kelly Krebs



In May we unexpectedly lost one of

our family members. **ED TEMPEL '82**, a custodian at Roger Bacon for almost 24 years, passed away. Ed loved Roger Bacon and was a faithful Spartan.

Yearbook moderator and English teacher **KELLY KREBS '08** wrote about

Ed. "The RB family lost one of their own, Ed Tempel, this year. He passed away on May 7, 2021, and his loss was immediately felt by the RB community. A kind, familiar face, Ed has been a staple at RB since his time spent here as a student, class of 1982. As a member of staff he always checked in on the faculty and students of Roger Bacon. He always knew what everyone taught, what they were working on, or even something that would bring a chuckle or smile. On a

personal note, Ed came into my classroom every day after school and frequently asked me how the yearbook was progressing."

"Ed Tempel was an outstanding human being, and a central part of what Roger Bacon is all about. He was humble, kind and selfless. Our school was made infinitely better by his presence. Rest in peace, Ed. You were the real thing and now he belongs to the angels..." said Nick Rosenfeldt, English teacher at RB

Michelle Peters (Guidance office)

said "Ed was a big Cincinnati Reds fan and was a season ticket holder for many years. He also knew I am a huge Fiona fan and would always stop by my office and ask me 'How's Fiona?' "I will miss that."



"Thank you for remembering the little things, Ed. You will be greatly missed. Thank you for your kindness, compassion and care. Roger Bacon High School will not be the same without

you. Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!" wrote Kelly.



I'm thankful that I got to know you over these past four years. Everything you did for the students at Roger Bacon will not be forgotten Rest In Peace Mr.T

Tweet from Corey Kiner
@CoreyKiner

ALUMNI EVEN

Reunions & Gatherings

51 "The **OLA CLASS OF 1951** has experienced a very long history of class reunions. For many years we co-celebrated special gatherings with the men of Roger Bacon 1951. Since our 50th reunion the ladies of OLA '51 have gathered each year for lunch and have had our class pictures posted in the *Tradition* magazine. The last gathering in 2018 was celebrated in the Roger Bacon cafeteria for lunch with the student body. A group of ladies of '51 are still meeting frequently for lunches—this fine group of ladies have renamed themselves the 'Ooh La Las!' (OLA). We have also managed to stay connected and supportive to Roger Bacon High School by buying a brick and also a theater seat in the Fine Arts Center. To recognize our **70th Reunion** this year a large cash donation was donated to the OLA Scholarship Fund. Thank you to the Alumni Association for helping us to remember our special OLA school days!" wrote **Mark Kay Moorman Fischer '51**.

55 This year the men of **RB '55** celebrated their **66th Reunion** on September 25, 2021, at the Montgomery Inn (in Montgomery) for a special Mass and dinner. Thanks to **Tony Novello** and **Ken Schneider** for organizing this event for their classmates.



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

58 The men of **RB '58** were happy to gather once again (since the start of the pandemic) at Pompilios in Newport, KY (their favorite gathering location). Contact **Jim Murphy** for information at 513.237.0173 or merf2@fuse.net.



61 The **CLASS OF 1961** celebrated their **60th Reunion** at Roger Bacon on Saturday, September 18, 2021. The reunion was held in the Fine Arts Center and included a reception, dinner and live entertainment. Thanks to organizers **Barry Strasser**, **Jim Royston** and **Dick (Dutch) Schultz** and to **Dolores Mason** for her musical entertainment. The men will continue to meet each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Back Porch Saloon (4th Friday of each month). Contact **Tom Whisner** at tjwhisner2@gmail or 513.284.2754 for more information.



62 A group of men from the classes of **RB '62** and **RB '63** continue to meet monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at Crossroads Sports Bar (4790 Cheviot Road in White Oak) at noon. Contact **Joe Karaus '62** at 513.237.7033 or jrkaraus@gmail.com for more information.

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

65 The men of **RB '65** are happy to resume their lunch gatherings at the Back Porch Saloon. They did celebrate a delayed **55th Reunion** on October 8, at the Wiedemann Brewery, followed by attendance at the football game as a group.





68 The men from the **RB CLASS OF 1968** (pictured above) were also happy to resume their lunch gatherings at the Back Porch Saloon on May 10, 2021. Contact **Rick Sollmann** for more information at 513.641.1313.

69 Several ladies from the **OLA CLASS OF '69** decided to celebrate their special 70th birthdays together in Asheville, NC, and Hilton Head, SC, where they rented a home. They also visited Savannah, Georgia, and shopped on the River Walk and ate at Paula Dean's sons' restaurant. Pictured below is from their day spent in Savannah. PICTURED l to r: **Janice Lynch Maupin, Jeanne Schildmeyer Custis, Elaine Heaton Applegate, Linda Kelsey Corcoran, JoAnn Norton Ballinger, Kris Davies Barnhorst, Sharon Connolly Finger** (Immaculate Conception Academy '69) and **Janet Bedinghaus Terry**. This trip followed a long few months of quarantine which made it that much more fun and relaxing!



69 The **OLA CLASS OF '69** started meeting as a class again in June. Since attendance was up, they decided to continue meeting every quarter. The next gathering is planned for December 9th (second Thursday of the month every quarter). Contact **Joann Ballinger** at Imbjab@fuse.net for location and time.



69 The **GUYS OF '69** enjoyed a "Summer Happy Hour" at Third Eye Brewery in Sharonville on June 17, 2021. A great time was had by all according to organizer **Steve Zinser**.



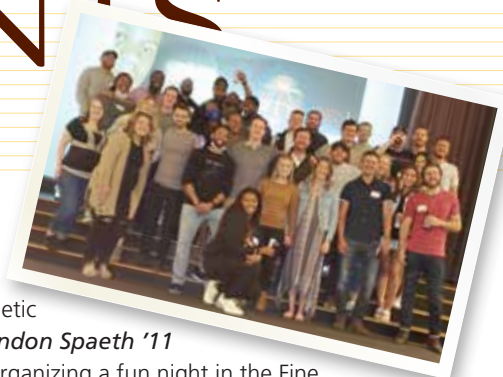
70 The **OLA & RB CLASS OF 1970** Reunion Committee (**Karen Stegman Hake, Kathy Stegman Stark, Art Hermes, Ralph Henke** and **Joe Kempe**) had their **51st Reunion** at Roger Bacon on Saturday, October 9, 2021, in the Fine Arts Center (old gym). More details will be forthcoming. The reunion committee decided to also gather on May 17th for a golf outing at Glenview Golf course, which was rained out. Not "missing a beat" the organizers and RB/OLA classmates met at The St. Bernard Pub for food and drinks and lots of fun together

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

75 **Peggy Teed Hermes** led the way for an **OLA '75 CLASS Reunion** at Pebble Creek Golf Club on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Reunions & Gatherings



81 The ladies of **OLA 1981** celebrated their **40th Reunion** on September 11, 2021, at the Wiedemann Brewery. Thanks to the leadership of **Jackie Markus Cohn** and **Kathy Jo Webster** for bringing their classmates together for this special celebration.

82 The **RB CLASS OF 1982** is planning a **40th Reunion** for the weekend of June 10 and June 11, 2022. Location(s) still to be determined. As in past reunions, the agenda is likely a STAG Event for Friday Night June 10th and a COUPLES Event for Saturday Night June 11th. For more information contact **Brian "Chip" Eve** at beve@fuse.net or 513.253.5959.

NOTE TO FACULTY & STAFF OF 1982: Save the Friday Date (6/10) to join the class of 1982 in 2022!

06 **SAVE THE DATE!** **Annie Kathman Karle** and **Jay Kearney** are planning a **CLASS Reunion** for the **RB CLASS OF '06** on the Roger Bacon campus (Fine Arts Center) on Saturday, November 27. For more information contact **Annie Kathman Karle** at akarle@rogerbacon.org or **Jay Kearney** at kearnejj@gmail.com.

11 Assistant Athletic **Director Brandon Spaeth '11** led the way organizing a fun night in the Fine Arts Center for the **RB CLASS OF 2011** to celebrate their **10th Reunion** together on campus.

RICE FAMILY GATHERING

In June, members of the Rice family gathered to celebrate a future Spartan's graduation from John Paul II. **Braden Rice '25** joined the Roger Bacon family this fall.

PICTURED : **Braden Rice '25** is kneeling. Front row - **Don Schnieder '58, Katie Combs/Hughes '98, Brooke Starkey/Rice '05, Kristin Combs/Rice '05, Julie Rice '09, Emily Combs '08, Brandon Vanover '06, Lindsay Pettit/Combs '03, Jason Combs '04.** Back Row - **Rob Combs '80, Thomas Rice '05, Rich Combs '80, Chris Speed '88, Bill Rice '79, Robert Rice '05.**



Bacon & Legs

Steve Zinser '69 has a great suggestion... come sing with the **DELTA KINGS**, a barbershop group in Cincinnati who have been singing for almost 80 years! This group rehearses in St. Bernard every Monday evening. The group of 25 men enjoy singing and spending time together. If you are interested or have questions call **Steve** at 513.575.2524 or e-mail at Mr.ZinserRox@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who made our **EVENING FOR EXCELLENCE** a success on April 24th! Thank you for your generosity and support. A HUGE THANK YOU to **Wanda Hill** for "pulling it all together" and organizing a wonderful event! **SAVE THIS DATE** for **EFE 2022** on Saturday, April 30, 2022.



alumni golf outing

by Mark Bollmer '86

The annual golf outing brought golfers (188), friends and family together for another successful event in 2021. The rain held off and we enjoyed one of the most successful fundraisers in years! About \$16,000 was raised, which will help several well-deserved students at RB.

The winning team was *Drew Scherpenberg '01, Doug Scherpenberg '05, Ben Asbach '01 and Mark Reno* (pictured below right). Only two skins were awarded to Team *Lee Groh '09* and Team *Curly (Kyle) Koester '11*.

The “Scherpies Grill” was “manned” by *Kelly Schulkers, Nikki Smith, Heather Schulkers* and *Liz Lawwill* (pictured right). As always, RB alums helped with the rest: *Eric Schulkers '91, Sue Huerkamp '72, Ed Noe '69, Rick Sollmann '68, Kathy Clark '67, Pam Feichtner '71, Darlene Bollmer '87, Matt Vollmar, Kate Blanton '94* and “The Voice” *Jim Clark '68*! The Buffalo Wings & Rings Putting Contest and The Holy Grail Chipping Contest were two successful new additions to the golf outing this year. Special thanks and appreciation to our main sponsors: Jake Sweeney, Wiedemann’s Brewery, Wyoming Air, Cowboy Cones, UC Bearcats, Chick-Fil-A (Oakley), Cincinnati Bengals and Group Sales. In addition, I’d like to thank the classes of *1985, 1987* and *1988* for the large class donations made for this event.

The “Gift Basket Alumni Challenge” posted on Facebook netted outstanding baskets from the classes of *1967, 1968, 1971, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1994, 1999* and *2007*! Due to the large support and success of this year’s event, we plan on continuing this challenge for the 2022 Roger Bacon Alumni Golf Outing to be held on June 24, 2022. We appreciate you coming out for such a Great Day last Friday. The tournament made over \$15,000 for Tuition Grants to Students in need!

THANK YOU FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND FRATERNITY present at this year’s event. *Hail Spartans!*

first friday mass

Thank you to the loyalty of our **FIRST FRIDAY** “regulars” who supported and attended First Friday Mass in different locations on campus and endured disruptions to the normal Mass schedule this past school year. Special thanks to *Fr. Fred Link, OFM*, and *Deacon Homoele '69* for the special Masses and humorous dialogues following Mass and to *Br. Gene Mayer, OFM*, for setting the altar. Much appreciation to *Steve Zinser '69* and *Jim Meyer '69* for providing music to make this Mass extra special. *Principal Steve Schad* and *Advancement Director Brandon Cowans* — your presence at this event is always special and your positive reports about RB are enjoyed by all!

We look forward to celebrating First Friday Mass with our RB/OLA Family and friends in this 2021-22 school year! Mass will be scheduled for the first Friday of each month in the RB Fine Arts Center at 8:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts and great conversations are provided following each Mass. Questions can be directed to *Sue Huerkamp* at 513.641.1313 in the Advancement Office.



THE RB/OLA ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY 2ND
THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
(AUGUST THROUGH MAY) IN THE
ITC (INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY
CENTER) AT 6:30 PM. CONSIDER
JOINING A GREAT GROUP OF ALUMS
AND ENJOYING THE SOCIAL
ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

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making connections

by Tom Burke '69

This is the second article in a series designed to highlight the unique environment in which our Roger Bacon family connects in a welcoming and impactful way. As we march forward, we all must work together to accomplish our Franciscan mission to impact young lives and prepare them to make a difference in this world and the lives of others.

THE DAY THE WORLD CAME TO TOWN

Having just remembered the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001, I began reading, *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede. This book chronicles one of the greatest stories which occurred that day many miles away from the streets of New York. When the United States made the historic decision to close its airspace and land all air traffic as soon as possible, thirty-eight jetliners from all over the world bound for the United States were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland, a small island town in Canada. The citizens of this small community of about 10,000 people were suddenly called upon to care for thousands of distraught travelers arriving from all parts of the world. The towns people had no idea how many planes people would arrive, what they would need or how long they might stay. Their task was daunting to say the least.

What happened in Gander over the next five days was a lesson in all that is good in humanity. The towns people opened their community, their homes, and most importantly, opened their hearts to about 7,000 people from around the world from very diverse backgrounds, each with very unique needs. They created a warm and welcoming environment in which their visitors felt loved and part of the Newfoundland family. Both the towns people and the plane people were significantly impacted by the bond which was created during their stay.

THE ROGER BACON STORY

The incredible story that happened in Gander is repeated regularly in the halls of Roger Bacon. Each year a new group of freshmen encounter a warm and welcoming environment in which students can develop their confidence, feel valued

and become a vital part of the Spartan family. Senior Leaders take it upon themselves to welcome our new Spartans and to quickly assimilate them into our Franciscan values and culture. Over the next four years a transformation takes place in which our young students become compassionate leaders, confident in their own value and committed to making a significant difference in the lives of others. While I could continue to describe this transition from my own point of view, it might be more helpful to hear it in the words of some of our current students.



Jocelyn Carraher '22

Braden Pinyard '24 was recently selected as one of the "Faces of RB." He has become one of the "big men on campus" despite being one of the smaller kids at RB. When asked what he loves most about RB, without hesitation he responded "I love that people here see you for who you are, and that you don't have to be anything other than yourself." He looks fondly at a friendship he developed in his freshman year with Corey Kiner, then Ohio Mr. Football and now LSU running back. Only at Roger Bacon can you have such friendships develop.

Jocelyn Carraher '22 was attracted to the school by the word on the street about the sense of family exhibited here. She said, "I love the sense of community. I just don't think you see anything quite like this at other schools. It is authentic here, and personalized, and it is something that stays with you after you graduate."

As evidence that the sense of family we cultivate is long-lasting, Eli Fulton, a 2017 graduate of RB recently visited my office. He remains committed to becoming a doctor and believes his experience at RB prepared him for this vocation. As we talked, he told me he wants to come back to RB someday and give back for the valuable experience he received. I was quite impressed with his resolve to help others in memory of those who helped him.

BUILT ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

Recently Steve Schad, our Principal/CEO, addressed a reunion of the Roger Bacon Class of 1955. He reminded them that our school is built on the shoulders of giants. We are the special place we are today because of the values and support passed

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT ROGER BACON

Pray for our students, faculty & staff

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

*Practice “Being Franciscan”
modeling our Franciscan values*

Attend alumni events & activities

Volunteer your time & special talents

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

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

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

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

Donate items of value

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

on by all the graduates of Roger Bacon and OLA who continue to invest in the Franciscan education and experience we are providing.

One example is *Charlie* and *Kathy Schwegman* who wanted to invest in what we are doing. Initially, they included Roger Bacon in a planned gift, but decided to start paying back now. They created a scholarship called the ‘Earth Angel Fund’ to assist kids who find themselves facing adversity due to a tragic circumstance. Their first gift assisted a student whose mom suddenly passed away, and his grandmother stated that his mom’s only wish was that he could finish at Roger Bacon. His grandmother was so impacted by the generosity of the anonymous gift, she gave me a note to give them calling them her earth angels. Since that time, they have generously given to help our students who find themselves in dire circumstances.

Roger Bacon has, is and will continue to do special things to make a mark on this world. There are many ways you can help to continue this tradition for the next 100 years of our existence. Most importantly, continue to pray for us and love your school.



Braden Pinyard '24

The **AMANDA WATKINS DUNN '96/ BOBBI WEDDLE ANNUAL MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** was held this year on August 13th and 14th at the Knotty Pine in White Oak. Last year over \$16,000 was raised to help a family in need (the Menninger family). Austin Menninger is a three-year-old battling heart failure. His parents were presented with a check in the amount of \$13,000 raised at the Tournament. The remaining \$3,000 was donated to RBHS for a scholarships in Mandy's name. Event information can be found at www.awdmemorialfund.com or on Facebook at *Amanda Watkins Dunn '96 Memorial Fund*.

The annual **ALUMNI AWARDS MASS & DINNER** was held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, in the RB Fine Arts Center. This year we honored *Ed Noe '69, Lori Thamann Dattilo '72, Lisa Mulligan Wolf '88* and *Br. Gene Mayer, OFM* (pictured right). This event is sponsored by the Alumni Association.



congratulations

TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Edward Alander
Benjamin Alexander
Karina Aulis
Felipe Avalos Jr
Philip Bachman+
Claire Baker
Nathanial Barlow-Siegel
Ella Baur+*
Justin Becker
Carissa Beierle#
Carson Block
Oliver Boeres
Malina Bombela
Sierra Booker
Natalie Borgert+
Shianna Brown
Sydney Brown
Alexis Burgess
Michael Burgess II
Daniel Cartuyvelles#
Anna Clevidence
Griselda Coazon-Perez
Clarissa Craig
Lucas Crider
Elizabeth Crigler+
Mason Cromer
Ian DeNome#
William Driscoll
Leonard Dwyer III
Lauren Fitzsimmons+*
Patrick Flannery II
Kevin Frederick#
Ava Fredette
Thérèse Fredette
Olivia Gastélum
Chloe Goller
DeAira Grant#
Kaitlyn Grantmaier+
Dylan Griffiths
Victoria Gruenwald+*
Meredith Gullette
Denis Haase#
John Hackney
Gregory Ryan Hallau
Molly Hamilton*

Megan Hauser#
Ethan Hausfeld
Jalyn Hedrington
Jersi Helphinstine
Wesley Henderson
Nicholas Hepp~
Ethan Herzog~
Paige Hodge#
Olivia Hodges
Olivia Hoffmann
Claire Hogshead+
Grace Hogshead+*
Gabrielle Hopkins*
Mia Huckleberry
Daniel Hudepohl Jr
Elizabeth Humphries-
Wheeler~#
Jeannate' Ingram
Jacob Johannes
Kaycee Johannes
Kaylee Johannes
Malakai Johnson
Eniyah Jolly
Manjinder Kaur
Erin Kennedy
Emma Keuffer
Corey Kiner
Tyler Kirchgessner~
Austin Klems
Anna Kowalski+
Grace Kramer~
Noah Lane
John Lehmann
Alexandria Lewis+#
Roymer Lopez-Gomez
Connor Lowry
Jayla Marshall
Jordan Martin
Kendall McWhorter
Grace Metz#
Tanner Metz
Connor Meyer
Aurora Middendorf
Nijal Mooney
Samantha Mumper+*

Rory Murphy*
Serenity Murphy
Isabelle Nye+
Terrence O'Hara Jr
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Joseph Palermo#
Michael Peck
Broderick Perkins
Benjamin Powers
John Rewwer#
Shelby Rosser
Aleia Samuels
Cory Schaefer
Calocera Schildmeyer+*
Abigail Schneider*^
Kylee Sheppard
Maleah Sherman
Christopher Shipley
Gabrielle Smiley
Spencer Smith
Rachel Spohr
Charles Strunc+
Liam Sunderman
Tyler Sunderman
Courage Tarley
Marjoni Tate Jr
Adam Trigg-Holdman
Donald Vieth
Jacob Wall
Mary Walls
Evan Webb+*
Endia White+*
Sara Whitton
Grace Wilking#
Madeline Williams
Bill Wima
Alexander Wolf

+ Assisi Scholar

Hoxworth Recognition

~ International Thespian
Honor Society

^ National Art Honor Society

* National Honor Society





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.*

Ferd Clemen '31	Joseph C. Rees '52	David R. Bolser '65	RB FAMILY
Pauline Clemen '33	John (Jack) Schwietert '52	Jerry Huhn '65	Elizabeth Neville Bosse
Joseph (Buddy) Castelli '38	Marlene Nies Humbert '53	Richard Mason '65	Ellen Brewster
Rosella (Sally) Hollmann Walsh '38	Carolyn Macke Molloy '53	Nancy Niesen Nash '65	Dan Cottingham
Alvin Meyer, Sr. '39	Frank J. Pohlkamp '53	Dennis G. Rebennack '65	Margaret DiegmueLLer
Charlotte Ann Bischoff Overby '50	Charlotte Brinkman Ungruhe '53	Edward C. Schulz '65	Mary Pat Eckhoff
Ruth Koehler '42	Phil C. Collins '54	Theodore (Ted) Shimkowiak '65	Fr. Neri Greskoviak, OFM
Thomas W. Tombragel '42	Helen Wedding Alexander '55	Richard Brausch '66	Virginia Mae (Ginny) Hennard
William N. Bates '44	Thomas Freeman '55	Gail Bittner Nurre '66	William W. Holt
John Corcoran '44	James L. Geraci '55	Steven Bruser '67	Herman Joseph Koehling
Margaret Moehringer DiegmueLLer '44	Paul Gerke '55	Frances (Fran) Perry Sieverman '67	Marguerite (Marge) Bushelman Luken
Catherine McHugh Denier '45	William Hickerton '55	Robert Wanstrath '67	LaVerne Merkle
Margaret Dam Kessen '45	Ralph Hungler '55	Donald Weaver '67	Mary Jane (Toni) Schildmeyer
Mary Jane Fey Ulm '45	Carolyn Heitzman Schwab '55	Tommy DePue '68	Fr. Jim VanVurst, OFM
Betty Von Wahlde '45	Carole Fulton Struhlfreyer '55	James R. Ruebusch '69	Mary Jane Westendorf
Alvin Meyer, Sr. '46	Robert Weil '55	Reverend Timothy S. Bunch '70	Annabell Pies WhyLe
Jane Beck Sansalone '46	Jim Eckhoff '57	Cindy Carrelli Richardson '70	
Catherine Scherpenberg '46	Thomas J. Stark '57	Michael Avery Sullivan '72	
Patricia Shelton Kneueven '47	William Fitzpatrick '58	Kathy Donohoue '73	
Joan DeMaria Becker Burdette '48	Deanna (Dee) Ziegler '58	Sarah Patricia (Patty) Cornish Zimmerman '74	
Joseph R. Hollmann '48	Jerome (Jerry) Forrester '59	Virginia L. Mattson '75	
Lois Sparks Knolle '48	Raymond Hentschel '59	Timothy McKenzie '79	
Virginia Fiorino Requarth '48	Carole McDevitt Kirby '59	Robert Lysaght '82	
Joseph C. Stein '48	John Patrick Schoenharl '59	Edward J. Tempel '82	
Hilda Huntelman Felix '50	Barry Behrmann '60	Richard Stark '83	
James Lichtenberg '50	Donald Robert Buehler '60	Daniel G. Weidner '83	
Dorothy Scherpenberg '50	David Imsande '60	John P. Abell '97	
Joseph W. Carlotta '51	Mary Jo Tyree Finke '61	Richard K. Feichtner '98	
Thomas E. Kellison '51	Bernard Krull '61	Quentin Jolly '05	
Harold J. Nordeman '51	Clarence Vonderhaar '61	Nicholas Shooner '15	
Robert Rakel '51	Kenneth Workman '62		
Edwin A. Strotman '51	Gary Bien '63		
Ralph Westendorf '51	Dennis Duke '63		
Irvin J. Arszman '52	Robert J. Mueller '63		
Carl F. Hattler '52	Carolyn Kast Binzer '64		
Dr. William P. Hauser, PhD '52	Bernard (BJ) Bertke '64		
George R. McMahon '52	Rosemarie Von Hagel Matlack '64		

CORRECTION: *In the winter
edition of Tradition magazine Will
Cottingham was listed as deceased.
It should have read Dan Cottingham.*

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R O G E R B A C O N

Sports Stag

Mark your calendars for *January 20th, 2022,*

for the return of the *Sports Stag!*

We are excited to present this year's

Tom Roebel Good Fellowship Award to **TONY PIKE**

and the Bron Bacevich Award to **TOM GAMBLE.**

Tickets available online at RogerBacon.org/stag

DOORS OPEN: 6:00pm

VIP RECEPTION: 6:00 - 7:30pm

SOCIAL: 6:00 - 7:30m

DINNER: 7:30pm

PROGRAM: 8:00 - 10:00pm

Must be 21 or older to attend



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