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When I started as the Principal of Roger Bacon eleven years ago, I knew I was joining a school community with a rich history. Roger Bacon High School and Our Lady of Angels High School, both of which opened in 1928, trace their origins to the establishment of an archdiocesan school system by Archbishop John T. McNicholas. Since that time, Roger Bacon and OLA have carved a unique and exciting niche in the rich history of Catholic education in Cincinnati.

Over the last few years, to my dismay, I could not find an authoritative and comprehensive written history of either school. While there are yearbooks, school newspapers and magazines; photographs and a wide variety of other source documents, there is no one location or document where all the information is consolidated into a coherent and complete history.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of both schools in 2028, we will feature a series of articles in the *Tradition* magazine which will attempt to capture the histories of the schools and the people and events which make them special. It will not be a chronological retelling of the events of the first 100 years. Rather, we will try to provide a historical perspective with a flair for the interesting and unique. We hope you will find the articles both informative and entertaining.

As we continue to research our shared history, it has become obvious that *Roger Bacon and Our Lady of Angels were built on the shoulders of giants*. We hope that we can capture the stories of those giants and the impact they had and continue to have on our Spartan family. This effort has truly been a labor of love. We hope you enjoy the articles as much as we enjoy putting them together.

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.”* Please keep us in your prayers.

*God bless you, and God bless Roger Bacon.*



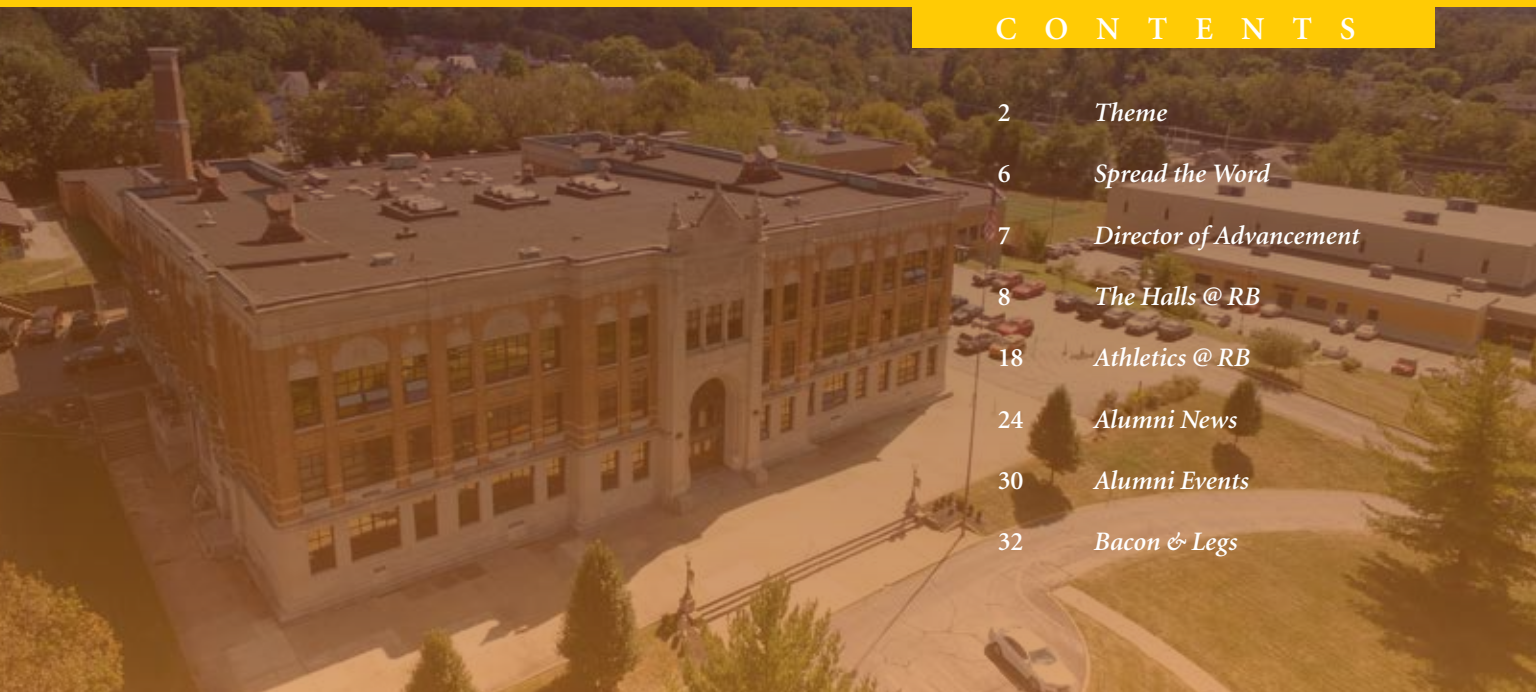
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*“With all my heart I hope that the Roger Bacon High School will have a challenging spirit; that it will analyze carefully everything that it attempts in the field of education, that it will set and maintain high standards and have an extraordinary measure of success.”*

ARCHBISHOP JOHN T. MCNICHOLAS, O.P. - 1929

# *Built on the Shou*

On July 5, 1926, Archbishop John T. McNicholas extended a formal invitation to the Very Reverend Edmund Klein, OFM, Provincial Minister of the Cincinnati Province of Franciscans to “prepare for and to open as soon as possible a Boys’ High School.” On July 8, 1926, the Franciscan Minister Provincial “decided to comply with the wishes of Your Grace to conduct a high school for boys in Cincinnati for the Franciscan parishes and those neighboring parishes that wish to join in with us.” Archbishop McNicholas formally announced a new program amounting to the establishment of a centralized archdiocesan high school system on July 11, 1927. The program made parishes in Cincinnati “tributary” to one of the boys and to one of the girls’ central high schools.

*“Our high schools must lay foundations, which will give us, not men and women who have assembled numberless facts, but men and women who have been trained to think.”*

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#### ORIGINAL BOYS' CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOLS:

- *St. Xavier Classical High School.* Founded in 1831; run by the Jesuit Fathers as a private high school.
- *Elder High School.* Opened in 1922 as a coed school staffed by diocesan priests; became boys-only in 1927 when girls were transferred to Seton High School.
- *Purcell High School.* Opened in 1928; run by the Brothers of Mary; boys transferred from St. Mary High School.
- *Roger Bacon High School.* Opened in 1928; sponsored by Franciscan Fathers of the Cincinnati Province.

#### ORIGINAL GIRLS' CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOLS:

- *St. Mary High School.* Opened in 1908 staffed by diocesan priests; became girls only in 1927 when boys were transferred to Purcell High School; renamed Marian High School in 1963 and run by the Sisters of Charity; merged with Purcell High School in 1981.
- *Seton High School.* Founded as Mount St. Vincent Academy in 1854 run by the Sisters of Charity; renamed Elizabeth Ann Seton High School in 1927 with the arrival of girls from Elder High School.
- *Regina High School.* Founded in 1928 by Sisters of the Precious Blood; closed in 1977 and students went to Marian High School, Mount Notre Dame or OLA.
- *Our Lady of Angels High School.* Founded in 1928 and run by the Oldenburg Sisters of St. Francis; closed in 1984 when Roger Bacon became coed.

# Iders of Giants

ROGER BACON'S FIRST SCHOLASTIC YEAR, BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1928, WAS SPENT IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS. WHILE THE SCHOOL WAS BEING FINISHED, CLASSES WERE HELD IN THE NORTH WING OF ST. CLEMENT SCHOOL, A REAR BUILDING ON THE SAME PREMISES AND THE "WEATHER-BEATEN" WITTE MANSION ON THE SITE OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.



REAR BUILDING



WITTE MANSION



ST. CLEMENT SCHOOL

305 STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR CLASS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1928.  
THE ENROLLMENT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Seniors: 16	Juniors: 36	Sophomores: 57	Freshmen: 196
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When Roger Bacon started in September 1928, the seniors, juniors, and sophomores came from St. George High School. The freshmen came from the following *twenty-eight parishes* which were assigned to Roger Bacon High School:

*Students were not obligated to pay for tuition – parishes pledged to provide for this expense.*

1928

St. Aloysius (Elmwood)  
St. Andrew  
Annunciation  
Assumption  
St. Augustine  
St. Bernard  
St. Bonaventure

St. Boniface  
St. Charles  
St. Clare  
St. Clement (St. Bernard)  
St. Francis of Assisi  
St. George  
Holy Name

St. James (Wyoming)  
St. John the Baptist  
St. Joseph of Nazareth  
St. Joseph Orphanage  
St. Margaret Mary (North College Hill)  
St. Michael (Sharonville)  
St. Monica

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (Reading)  
St. Patrick  
Sts. Peter and Paul (Reading)  
St. Pius  
Sacred Heart  
St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (Mt. Airy)  
St. Thomas

# Built on the Shou

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE SCHOOL DECIDED THAT ROGER BACON  
SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN THREE MAJOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS –  
FOOTBALL (FALL), BASKETBALL (WINTER) AND BASEBALL (SPRING).  
COACH EDDY BURNS, A FORMER ST. XAVIER ATHLETE, COACHED ALL THREE TEAMS.



**FOOTBALL.** Roger Bacon finished the first season 1-4-1. The first football game was played against Hamilton Catholic on Friday, September 28, 1928. Roger Bacon fell 31-0. The first victory was the following week, Friday, October 5, 1928, when Roger Bacon defeated the cadets from Ohio Military Institute 12-6. **Robert Ruberg '31** scored the first Spartan touchdown. Sixteen members of the team, headed by **Captain Emil "Skeets" Calme, '29** were awarded varsity letters at the football banquet.





**BASKETBALL.** *Roger Bacon's first game was a home game on Friday, December 13, 1928. Played at St. Clement's Auditorium, the Spartans defeated Western Hills 20-18. **Alphonse Humbert '30** scored the first points for Roger Bacon and was the leading Spartan scorer with 10. The team finished the first year with a record of 8-11. At the annual basketball banquet, nine players were awarded varsity letters.*



**BASEBALL.** *The first game played was a 10-3 defeat at the hands of the Woodward Bulldogs. Freshman **Matthew "Matza" Thernes '32** picked up the first win in Roger Bacon history with a complete game, 9-strikeout 6-0 victory over Western Hills. Thernes followed up this effort with a complete game 3-2 victory over Purcell, the first league win for Roger Bacon.*

# Iders of Giants

**SEPTEMBER 16, 1929.** *Roger Bacon began its second scholastic year with an enrollment of 461 students. The second year saw upperclassmen (sophomores through seniors) start the year in the new high school. Freshmen started classes at St. Clement School.*

**OCTOBER 21, 1929.** *Freshmen moved into the new high school, occupying the 3rd floor.*

**OCTOBER 26, 1929.** *Roger Bacon High School was formally dedicated. Most Reverend Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., D.D., officiated at the dedication ceremony.*

*The next article will highlight the early years of*  
**OUR LADY OF ANGLES HIGH SCHOOL.**

# Spread the Word CLASS of 2026

Legacy Students  
\* Freshman Honors Program Students

by Christine Ochs-Naderer, Director of Admission

Another admissions season is coming to a close, and another new class of students is preparing to become Roger Bacon's newest Spartans! The Class of 2026 is a special one—these young men and women have overcome the challenges of the past few years to excel in their grade schools and make their mark as Future Spartans.

The Class of 2026 is made up of 137 young men and women from 32 different elementary schools from all over Cincinnati. 91% attended Catholic elementary schools, and about half of them are legacy. This balance of legacy and non-legacy students shows just how strong Roger Bacon's influence and reputation has become. Not only are familiar families continuing to send their children to Roger Bacon, but new families have heard the good news coming from our school and are excited to start a new tradition themselves.

Pictured below: The Ungerbuehler and Merkle families tailgate together in Spartan Village prior to the Homecoming game.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| ☞ Boden Accurso           | ☞ Simone Grant            | Jamere Mitchell            |
| ☞ Ronday Allen            | ☞ Gabrielle Greer         | Nicholas Montgomery        |
| ☞ Cole Andrews            | ☞ Kylee Grueter           | * ☞ Elizabeth Mumper       |
| ☞ Eleanor Arnold          | ☞ Joshua Hamilton         | ☞ Eleanor Murphy           |
| ☞ Francine Arreaga-Ortiz  | ☞ Dimitri Hamilton        | ☞ Shane Myers              |
| * ☞ Gabriel Ater de Lemos | ☞ Lilith Hargis           | ☞ Kehaulani Newman         |
| ☞ William Barlow-Siegel   | ☞ De'Ziara Harvill        | ☞ Carter Newton            |
| ☞ Langston Barnes         | ☞ Samantha Hicks          | ☞ Cheryl Nguyen            |
| ☞ Christopher Baverman    | ☞ Brittney Hoernschemeyer | ☞ Joshua Nienaber          |
| ☞ Theodore Borgert 4th    | ☞ Max Hoffmann            | * ☞ Chase Obert            |
| ☞ Samuel Bova             | * ☞ Claudia Hoffmann      | ☞ Stephanie Oppong         |
| ☞ Margaret Boyle          | * ☞ Noble Honkomp         | ☞ Erin Pare                |
| ☞ Caden Broenner          | ☞ Zurri Hudson            | ☞ Baylee Plavsic           |
| ☞ Christian Byrd          | ☞ Florence Iheme          | * ☞ Benjamin Powers        |
| ☞ Sofia Carraher          | ☞ David Itodo             | ☞ Larenz Pritchett         |
| ☞ Ian Childress           | ☞ Etellina Jackson        | * ☞ Roscoe Putnam          |
| ☞ Colin Clark             | ☞ Rhys Jacobs             | ☞ Audrey Raleigh           |
| ☞ Joseph Coleman          | ☞ Braylinn Jamison        | ☞ Alexis Recker            |
| ☞ Paxtyn Collins          | ☞ Jimmy Jax               | * ☞ Reese Reilly           |
| ☞ Joselin Craven          | ☞ Jason Juelg             | ☞ Torrance Richmond        |
| * ☞ Luca DeFranco         | ☞ Joseph Kamphaus         | ☞ Adriana Roberts          |
| ☞ Carson Dillon           | ☞ Mark Kasselman          | ☞ Antonisha Roberts        |
| ☞ Melanie DiMenna         | ☞ Aubrey Keuffer          | ☞ Isabella Roman           |
| ☞ Carlee Doty             | * ☞ Jean-marie Kipkosgei  | * ☞ Dylan Ruehl            |
| ☞ Aaron Ervin             | ☞ Cecilia Klinczar        | ☞ Brady Sand               |
| ☞ Alex Ervin              | ☞ Althea Korfhagen        | ☞ Erick Sandoval           |
| ☞ Jordan Evans            | ☞ Charlotte Kosse         | * ☞ Adriana Scanlon        |
| ☞ Ashley Faulkner         | * ☞ Nathan Kowalski       | ☞ Ava Schildmeyer          |
| ☞ Chloe Feazell           | * ☞ Ryan Krajewski        | ☞ Madison Schildmeyer      |
| ☞ Caleb Fulton            | ☞ De'Ari Lewis            | ☞ Ella Schlegel            |
| ☞ Bradley Gagnon          | ☞ Ethan Lewis             | ☞ Andrew Schneider         |
| ☞ Aliya Gapultos          | ☞ Josiah Lowery           | * ☞ Collin Schulte         |
| * ☞ Chloe Garcilazo       | ☞ Chloe Ludlum            | ☞ Mitchell Sehlhorst       |
| ☞ Kendra Gee              | ☞ Mina Mader              | ☞ Madison Sheppard         |
| ☞ Trevor Geraci           | ☞ Brodie Maringer         | ☞ Griffin Siry             |
| ☞ De'vion Gipson          | ☞ Kyrach Mays             | ☞ Brayden Smart            |
| ☞ Chase Gleason           | * ☞ Jacquelyn Merz        | ☞ Owen Smith               |
| ☞ Seth Goecke             | ☞ Eli Meyer               | * ☞ Eric Smith             |
| ☞ Jeffrey Gowans          | ☞ Kyle Miller             | ☞ William Soto             |
|                           |                           | ☞ Ja'Leah Spencer-Williams |
|                           |                           | ☞ Alexis Stegeman          |
|                           |                           | ☞ Lucy Stenger             |
|                           |                           | ☞ Christopher Stephens     |
|                           |                           | * ☞ Owen Stewart           |
|                           |                           | * ☞ Charlotte Strouble     |
|                           |                           | ☞ Mikhaila Sturgeon        |
|                           |                           | ☞ Morgan Sunderman         |
|                           |                           | ☞ Terrance Todd            |
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# Sacrifice. Love. Provide.

by Brandon Cowans, Director of Advancement

**Built on the shoulders of giants.** As we approach our 100th anniversary and plan for our future, it is a phrase that holds significant meaning. It is a testament to those that came before us and the profound influences that made us who we are today: the iconic teacher that devoted his or her life to inspire students; the legendary coach that built a powerhouse program; the friar or sister that provided spiritual guidance (or for some, discipline). It is also the over 24,000 alumni who walked these hallowed halls creating a tradition that is carried on today.

We were approached a few months ago by two families, unrelated, wanting to honor the biggest, most profound influences in their lives – their parents. Their stories fit perfectly with this theme. Parents truly are those everyday heroes who sacrifice, love, and provide the foundation for the rest of our lives.

## THE WILLARD “RED” AND MARY STOLL FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Willard “Red” and Mary Stoll’s life was their family. The parents of ten children (including five sons who attended Roger Bacon; Ken, Mike, Chris, Jim, and Steve,



along with son-in-law Mike Kelsey, whom Red and Mary loved like their own), they lived in a 1000 square foot house in South Fairmont where everyone was always welcome. It was THE place to be. That cramped but lively home, filled with laughter, love, parental wisdom, and the presence of the Lord made that little house feel like a mansion. It was the center of the Stoll Family universe.

Their faith and Catholic education were extremely important to them. Through sacrifice and hard work, Red and Mary sent each of their children, from kindergarten through high school, to a Catholic school. Red was a milkman for over 45 years. Mary was a stay-at-home mom until the youngest child was in his teens, then became a school cafeteria employee in the Cincinnati School District. Their strong work ethic and commitment to give back to the community was instilled in their children.

After the passing of Red and Mary’s son in-law, Ed Doyle, Dennis and Lois Doyle contacted the Stoll Family. Ed, Dennis’ brother had so much love and respect for Red, Mary, and the Stoll Family that Dennis and Lois wanted to honor them by creating a scholarship in their name. Dennis and Lois, like the Stolls, are incredible advocates and supporters of Catholic education. They established the Dennis and Lois Doyle Foundation Seedling Program. The foundation “plants seeds” in the name of other families as a vehicle to which they can contribute to, build, and grow an endowment. “For those of us who are able, we need to pay it forward...we stood on the shoulders of others, if others stand on our shoulders, they will in turn pay it forward and future generations will benefit” says Dennis.

## THE DONALD A. MILLER ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Donald Miller graduated from Roger Bacon in 1946. He married his wife, Shirley ’48 OLA in 1950 and had eight children, including three sons who attended Roger Bacon (Dave ’71, Richard ’80 and Dan ’84). Their devoted son-in-law, Joe Sanders ’77, also attended RB.



Donald Miller died in 2019 following almost 70 years of marriage to Shirley. According to his son, Rick, Don was an extraordinarily kind and compassionate man and would direct that kindness to everyone, without exception. Compassion. It is a value that we cherish at Roger Bacon. It is one of the sixteen Franciscan values that we emphasize to our students. It is integral to our mission statement, “*Rooted in the Franciscan values of holiness and learning, self-discipline and compassion, Roger Bacon is a Catholic high school which develops the hearts, minds and bodies of its young men and women in a caring and challenging environment.*” And, it is a characteristic that the world most definitely needs more of, now more than ever.

The Stoll and Miller names and their legacies of hard work, devotion to family, and kindness will live on forever at Roger Bacon.

## A VERY ACTIVE PROGRAM

Fifteen students take on the leadership role of **COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARD** members each year. They oversee, facilitate, and encourage service throughout our school community. Programming includes Shantytown, the Freshman Service Retreat, and much more.

**TRASH OTR** is a monthly project on a Sunday during the school year that aims in beautifying Over The Rhine, ending with lunch at Findlay Market.

**SOW LOVE** is a monthly project during the academic school year. Students take the time to decorate posters with art, quotes and words of encouragement. These posters are hung on the walls of school, in hopes to offer love and a sense of community and comfort to students who walk the halls of RB.

## THE HALLS @ RB

**WRITING HOPE** is a project held once a month during the school year. Spartans write letters to our friends at the Archbishop Leibold Home in a pen pal system. This project gives the opportunity for students to write to the elderly about their Roger Bacon life. The men and women at Archbishop Leibold Home have the opportunity to write back to our students, talking about their life and favorite memories as a high school student.

**ST. ANTHONY KITCHEN** is a monthly project where students volunteer at St. Anthony Kitchen to assist in serving meals and cleaning up.

**ASSIST-A-FAMILY** is an annual service project that the whole school takes part in during the holidays. Each flex room creates a giving tree that has ornaments with names of our brothers and sisters in the community and what they need, such as shampoo or toothbrushes. Money donated goes toward purchasing \$10 Kroger gift cards.

**ST. CLEMENT FOOD PANTRY** is a monthly service project offered to students of RB. Spartans come together to load boxes with food and essential items to give to members of the community around them.

**CHEMOPAX** is a project designed for students to decorate white paper bags with drawings and inspirational quotes or phrases for patients undergoing Chemotherapy, aiming to bring light and joy. The bags are donated to Christ Hospital where they are filled with snacks and given to cancer patients.

**RB FARM FRENZY** takes place on two scheduled dates during the school year on a Saturday. This project aims to emphasize caring for creation through hands on work.







*"Like St. Francis, who reached out to those forgotten and overlooked, Roger Bacon students reached out to place our Christian faith in action."*



## 200 YEARS OF FAITH

In order to **CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF FAITH IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI**, religious communities, along with their friends, supporters and partners in ministry, and area schools and parishes, all came together for service to others. The official archdiocesan day of service was Oct. 9, but outreach efforts are also encouraged before and after that date.

Because the day of service coincided with Death Penalty Abolition Week for Ohio faith communities, Oct. 8-17, the SJB friars asked others to join them in a letter writing campaign to Ohio legislators, encouraging them to support HB 183 and SB 103 to abolish the death penalty. Hand written letters were sent because they are more likely to be reviewed by elected officials.

Students and staff dedicated the whole week to service, according to **Fr. Roger Lopez**. "This helped us reflect on our presence in southern Ohio, especially as Franciscans. Like St. Francis, who reached out to those forgotten and overlooked, Roger Bacon students reached out to place our Christian faith in action."

The schedule included:

**MONDAY, OCT. 4:** Solemnity of St. Francis with the whole day celebrating Franciscan life.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 5:** Bingo with the residents at St. Paul/Archbishop Leibold Home for the Aged and Infirm.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6:** "Sow Love" - Students created cards of gratitude and encouragement for the archdiocese sponsored ministries of St. Rita School for the Deaf and Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 7:** "Coffee with Christ" - Before school started, students gathered to reflect on the importance of faith and service.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 8:** "Freshmen Service Day" - Ninth grade students traveled to Over-the-Rhine to work with non-profit organizations and discover the importance of reflecting on service.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 10:** "Trash OTR" - Students gathered for Eucharist at St. Francis Seraph Church, followed by beautifying the neighborhood. Afterwards, all who were involved enjoyed lunch at Findlay Market.





At the **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOME-COMING WEEK DRIVE**, RB filled 10 barrels with food and personal care items and collected over \$140 in cash donations. What a great way to show our Spartan Pride and put our faith into action! Pictured left to right: *Elise Schellingherhaut '23, Daphne McCabe '24, Katharine Placke '24, Ava Alexander '23, and Eli Dalessandro '23.*



Every year RB recognizes and celebrates the **YEARS OF DEDICATION AND LOYALTY** to Roger Bacon HS from our faculty and staff members. This year 17 employees were recognized before the student body gathered in the Fogarty Center.

# THE HALLS @ RB



## Not Wearing It! Then Donate It!

RB's **SVDP CONFERENCE (ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)** continues their dedication to setting up the annual **RB THRIFT STORE** donations of gently used uniform items and spirit wear. Spirit wear can be donated and brought to the main office. Pictured below left to right: *Zoe Nienaber '23, Daphne McCabe '24, Katharine Placke '24, Mariah Henderson '24.*



	RB/OLA	Total years of Catholic Education
<i>Johanna Becker</i>	10	23
<i>Sarah Bergmann</i>	5	5
<i>Tom Bill</i>	5	24
<i>Tom Burke</i>	10	10
<i>Brandon Cowans</i>	13	15
<i>Wanda Hill</i>	5	22
<i>Sue Huerkamp</i>	15	15
<i>Dave Kathman</i>	8	15
<i>Br. Gene Mayer, OFM</i>	30	30
<i>Walt McBride</i>	13	20
<i>Jon Powers</i>	30	30
<i>Kate Romolo</i>	10	15
<i>Pam Rosfeld</i>	25	30
<i>Sara Russell</i>	20	20
<i>Jessica Smith</i>	3	10
<i>Rick Sollmann</i>	20	20
<i>Dan Stark</i>	10	10





## Now You're 18

Please welcome **Liz Farmer-Newton '99** to the **ADVANCEMENT OFFICE**. Liz is our new Advancement Coordinator and will be taking over for Chris Newton. Chris and her husband Tim moved to their home on Norris Lake (Tennessee). Chris not only played a vital role in our office, but also helped coach both the girls and boys volleyball programs for years. We are grateful for all the time and commitment she has given our school and students. Liz is a member of the Class of '99; her husband Matt is a graduate from the Class of 2000, and their son Carter will be a freshman next year. Liz has spent over 20 years in customer service and banking with PNC.



The Guidance Department once again hosted the “in-person” **Career Day program**. Over 30 presenters (ten who are RB alums) representing a wide variety of career fields were invited including many Alums. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors attended three 15-minute career sessions, which they chose in advance of the event. A variety of professions were included such as Manufacturing, Robotics, Attorneys, Cyber Security, Marketing Specialist, Sports Broadcasting, Electrical Engineering, Dietician, Psychiatry, Statistician, Video Production, etc. were just a few of the many choices our students could attend.

The seniors attended the presentation “Now You're 18”, conducted by a member of the Cincinnati Bar Association. We have been doing this presentation for the seniors

for many years, and the student feedback is very positive!” said Guidance Director **Pam Rosfeld**.



## Blood Everywhere...

Roger Bacon students and staff once again rolled up their sleeves, literally, to give the gift of life during our annual **HOXWORTH BLOOD DRIVE**. Thanks to the dozens of students and staff who answered the call.





Roger Bacon HS is excited to announce our **SCHOLASTICS ART & WRITING COMPETITION '22 WINNERS**: 23 students won a combined 58 silver medals and honorable mention awards. This included 8 gold medals, the highest distinction awarded. The students who were awarded a Gold Medal had artwork sent to New York City for national judging (in March).

**GOLD MEDAL WINNERS:** *Isabell Ernst, Abigail Browning, Leah Gentry, Clare Wiley, Kara Lally, Sophia Barlow-Siegel and Morgan Moeller*

**ADDITIONAL ARTISTS RECOGNIZED:** *Ava Alexander, Jordyn Broenner, Abigail Browning, Jacob Burdette, Keilah Cianciolo, Sarah Dirr, Alex Dougoud, Isabell Ernst, Leah Gentry, Rylie Hungler, Joe Kenny, Lily Middendorf, Jordyn Petrey, Cecila Rice, Gracie Smart, Sophia Barlow-Siegel, Kara Lally, Maya Lee, Clare Wiley, Morgan Moeller, Charlie Peters, Emma Rutemueller, and Connor Stager*



# THE HALLS @ RB

## ONE OF THE TOP HIGHLIGHTS OF MY CAREER

**“NOW IS THE TIME TO SEIZE THE DAY!”** This musical hit was a huge success at RB. The Drama Guild brought the real-life underdog story of the New York Newsies based on the fan-favorite film. **NEWSIES** was one of the largest student productions in years, with over 60 students involved, one of the biggest casts put to stage, sell-out crowds, super catchy songs, 6 separate dance numbers, and over 1,000 actual newspapers as props. With a show like this, we all felt like “Kings of New York!”

*Tom Burke '69* said “I am at a loss for words to describe my sense of pride and gratitude for every single person involved with the production of *Newsies*. Despite the technical difficulty of this show, our young women and men hit a home run with this production. For me, being involved with this group will be one of the top highlights of my career at Roger Bacon. They faced so much adversity with the onslaught of an illness that cancelled the Saturday night show and forced two shows on Sunday when there were key players still much less than 100%. They constantly displayed great teamwork and a “never say die” attitude. A special thanks to the seniors who elevated our program over the last four years. Thanks also to *Joe Montgomery, Gina Cerimele-Mechley* and *Meri Kues* for their leadership.”



## NO BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON

The **2021 CHRISTMAS CONCERT** featured performances by Concert Band, the RB Chorale, Chamber Choir, and RB3; including songs with all four ensembles combined. A big round of applause to our SpARTan performers. There’s no better way to celebrate the season than with music!



## MAKING OUR WORLD MORE BEAUTIFUL!

**ARTISTS OF THE WEEK** for the months of February, March and April:

*Colin Doyle '22* - Chorale, Drama Guild (6 shows), Guitar

*Clare Wiley '22* - Visual Arts, Photography, Drawing & Painting, Studio Portfolio

*Abigail Browning '23* - Visual Arts, Photography, Studio Portfolio

*Riley Finan '22* - Visual Arts, Intro, Drawing & Painting, Graphic Design, Studio Portfolio

*Ladaisia Ruberg '22* - Visual Arts, Photography, Drawing & Painting, Drama Guild (3 shows)

*Justin Dinh '22* - Chorale, Drama Guild (3 shows)

*Ryan Grider '22* - Drama Guild, Drama Guild (6 shows), Sound & Crew Head

*Alyssa Grantmaier '23* - Visual Arts, Intro Drawing & Painting, Studio Portfolio

*Corinne Crow '22* - Visual Arts Intro, Photo, Studio Portfolio, Drama Guild (2 shows)

*Ava Destazio '22* - Drama Guild "Newsies" (goon, photographer, A Newsie)



## ROCK LIVES AT BACON

**"RB'S GOT TALENT!"** is the annual talent show event for our school. It includes multiple rounds of performance where teacher coaches select teams, work up their acts, and then the audience and student body vote for their favorites to move on. This year's finals saw 8 acts perform from a range of talents including singing, dancing, and performing. Congrats to our winning group **THE UNDERCLASSMEN** – a student run rock band of *Casey Lanser '24*, *Cameron Schildmeyer '24*, *Ray Huffman '25* and *Joanie Appleby '25* all underclassmen.



## REVIEWS IN THE TOP 10

**THE CAPPIES OF CINCINNATI** finished their review season. Our RB Cappie's Critics team just reviewed a total of 6 productions during the season by joining other local thespians and seeing area high school shows and then writing critical, journalistic reviews. Juniors *Grace Hoffmann* (left) and *Zoe Nienaber* (right) each had reviews chosen as one of the Top 10. Congrats to our students for their participation in theatre and writing!







Congratulations to seniors **Cammy Niesen, Nathan Drago** and **Jocelyn Carraher** (pictured left) for being named **"COMMENDED STUDENTS"** by the National Merit Scholarship Program. These three students finished in the top 3% nationally out of 1.5 million students that took the PSAT/NMSQT. All three are part of our Assisi Scholars honors program, and took the pilgrimage to Italy with their classmates this spring. Hail Spartans!



The **RB DRAMA GUILD'S** production of "Newsies" earned a total of **12 CAPPIE AWARD NOMINATIONS** – including Best Song and Best Musical! As a result, the cast and staff were invited to perform on the Aronoff stage the night of the Cappie Awards Gala in downtown Cincinnati on May 25th. Family and friends were also welcome to attend this special event



Congratulations to freshman **Brady Rickenbaugh '24** for earning a rare perfect score in winning the **OUTSTANDING ATTORNEY AWARD AT MOCK TRIAL** for Roger Bacon. The **OHIO CENTER FOR LAW RELATED EDUCATION** gives this award based on the attorney who best impressed the Judges during their trial and achieved the best attorney score between both teams.



## THE HALLS @ RB

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### RB Students March to DC

Once again, our Roger Bacon students were invited to attend the annual **MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON DC** this year. The three-day trip took place on January 20-23, 2022, and all grade levels could apply. Thanks to **Joe Pieper** for organizing this very special trip for our students.



## New Alumni Role

When it was discovered that St. Francis High School, a Franciscan boys' school in the Los Angeles area, would be pilgrimaging in Italy the same week as our RB Assisi Scholars, *Principal Schad* connected with the campus chaplain, Fr. Chris, and made a **FRIENDLY SUPER BOWL WAGER!** The winning school would be treated to gelato when both schools are in Assisi, and the losing school must wear their rival's jersey. "We thought Fr. Chris would look great wearing Number 9!" Unfortunately, the Bengals jersey was not worn. Steve wore the Los Angeles Rams jersey in Assisi!



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The ladies in the front office enjoy a little **"HOCUS POCUS"** during the Halloween season.



Roger Bacon High School is proud to announce that *Brandon Spaeth, RB Class of 2011*, will be joining the **Alumni and Advancement Office** as the **Director of Alumni Engagement and Marketing** effective July 1, 2022. He will be working alongside Sue Huerkamp (OLA Class of 1972) overseeing alumni relations as the school approaches its 100th anniversary in 2028. Roger Bacon Advancement Director, Brandon Cowans, is excited about the new addition to the Advancement Office. "Brandon is going to be a great addition to the team. He is energetic, creative, and passionate about Roger Bacon. His experience in building relationships and marketing will be invaluable as we carve out new ways to engage our alumni and *move forward to greater things.*"

Many will know Brandon from his last seven years as the school's Assistant Athletic Director. In addition to extensive behind-the-scenes work, Brandon managed the Roger Bacon Athletics social media channels, spearheading the effort to celebrate the successes of the school, its programs, and the individual achievements of student athletes. Brandon is responsible for many of the clever social media edits of college-bound Spartan athletes. He is seen by many as the "go-to-person" at sporting events and created countless trusted relationships with parents, alumni, students, and community members.

Brandon credits his professional growth to his coworkers, in particular Roger Bacon's Athletic Director, Steve Rossi. "Steve couldn't have been a better mentor and leader for me during my young professional career. He trusted and allowed me to do some unique things that were fun for our student athletes and coaches. His style of leadership has done wonders for me and our department!"



"I am very eager and excited to engage with our amazing alumni that play such a vital role in what we are able to do at Roger Bacon," said Brandon Spaeth. "Our plans for the future are exciting and I can't wait to get started next school year!"



# A ONE-OF-A-KIND HONORS PROGRAM

*What if an honors program was about more than AP classes and ACT scores?*

This was one of the questions **Principal Steve Schad** asked when he arrived at Roger Bacon High School in 2010. Roger Bacon is the only Franciscan high school in Cincinnati, and prides itself on a small, diverse, co-educational, family-like environment. Utilizing St. Francis of Assisi's emphasis on love, compassion and inclusion, Roger Bacon has embraced its rich Franciscan tradition since 1928 to not only prepare students with exceptional academics, but also to develop their hearts, bodies, and souls. Mr. Schad wanted an honors program truly unique to Roger Bacon - one that would not only speak to the heart of its Franciscan values, but also to the heart of the students. With this, the **ASSISI SCHOLARS PROGRAM** was born.

## THE HALLS @ RB

The Assisi Scholars Program at Roger Bacon is designed for sophomore to senior honors-level students, offering the rigorous academic development that one expects from an honors program, preparing students committed to academic success with a diverse and challenging curriculum. This includes the unique AP Capstone™ Diploma Program, allowing students to set themselves apart in the college application process and to develop key academic skills they







# ASSISI Scholars Program

by Rob Rickenbaugh  
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will use in college and beyond. There is also a focus on developing strong leadership and spiritual growth, as students are immersed in the values of St. Francis, St. Clare, and Friar Roger Bacon – the 13th century Franciscan scientist for which the school is named.

The reward for students who commit to this program is life-changing – *an all-expense paid pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, Italy*. This is a true pilgrimage where students walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare with their classmates, while visiting historical sites such as the tomb of St. Francis and the Sanctuary at La Verna, and celebrating Mass together at the Basilica of St. Francis.

While the students in this program achieve all of the expected academic accolades – high AP test scores, college course credits, exceptional ACT/SAT scores and tens of millions in college scholarship dollars - it is the pilgrimage that often becomes the most impactful experience.

"There were certainly benefits academically, such as the ACT prep, which helped me get even greater financial awards for college," says **Charles Strunc**, a John Paul II Elementary School alumnus and 2021 graduate of Roger Bacon. "However, the experiences I had in Assisi, with some of the best people I have ever met and had the honor of spending that week with are what made this program and trip so meaningful. I had encounters that breathed new life into my spirituality, taking my faith in God from 'no way' to a 'what if.' This significance cannot be overstated. I had conversations that snowballed into revelations and observations about myself and the world and people around me. It lit a fire within me to be the best person that I can be, and I have been striving for that at (college) every day. I truly believe these changes that I have made in my life since August never would have happened without the trip, and I am forever grateful for it."

**Grace Hogshead**, a St. Ignatius Elementary School alumnus and Roger Bacon's 2021 salutatorian shares, "The program prepared me to succeed academically in the college arena. I took a variety of advanced-level courses that prepared me for the rigor of college, and allowed me to meet a vast majority of general education requirements before stepping foot on campus. The pilgrimage was a chance for students to fully immerse themselves in Franciscan culture in one of the most beautiful places in the world. Learning about our Franciscan culture and growing in my own faith in a place of so much religious significance is an indescribable experience."

It is this long-view perspective of what an honors program should be that **Mr. Schad** is most proud of. "Roger Bacon is a small school, and your child is not just a number," Mr. Schad emphasizes. "We get to know them personally. The Assisi program is also about more than numbers. What seeds can we plant in the hearts of these students that will take root long after the AP exams and ACT scores have faded? That is what this program is all about, as we send these students, in the words of Roger Bacon, 'Forward to greater things.'"



The Class of 2022 Assisi Scholars (listed below) participated in their pilgrimage April 18-26.

**Dylan Cianciolo, Jocelyn Carraher, Dylan Rolfert, Corinne Crowe, Ellie Rickenbaugh, Morgan Snyder, Abigail Stewart, Cammy Niesen, Nathan Drago, Evan Powers, Ariel Swanson, Jessica Mumper, Riley Finan, Kellen Finan, Alaina Finan, Brooklyn Myers, Andrew Neal, Abigail Chittum and Justin Dinh.**





One of these guys, *Dylan Rolfert '22*, (pictured left in middle) went four for four (4 for 4) on field goals at the football game against Purcell Marian on October 8, 2021, including a clutch 46-yarder. It was not quite a school record though, as *BJ Sander '99* once kicked a 60-yarder vs. Alter (2nd longest FG in OHSAA history). Before this year's football season ended Dylan passed BJ in career kicking points to move into 2nd all time in school history. *Nick Lindner '11* still stands atop in first place with 154 total kicking points!

#### CAREER KICKING POINTS:

1. Nick Lindner '11 - 154 pts
2. Dylan Rolfert '22 - 136 pts
3. B.J. Sander '99 - 135 pts

Dylan was honored as a **"THAT'S MY BOY" AWARD** finalist at the **55TH ANNUAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS BANQUET** (hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the National Football Federation) for his incredible efforts on the field and in the classroom! Dylan has a 3.7 GPA and is enrolled in all honors classes at RB and currently ranks "Top Ten in his class." On the football field, Dylan was named **SPECIAL TEAMS POY** in the Miami Valley Conference and earned 1st team All-League & District and was 2nd Team All State! At RB, he is involved in numerous community outreach projects and much more.



*Nathan Drago '22*, member of the RB boys' 2021 soccer team, had **273 SAVES** during the regular season which named him seventh in the country! He is also ranked in the **TOP FIVE STUDENTS ACADEMICALLY** in his class of 2022!



Congratulations to *Sammi Hoffman '22* who is now a member of the **"CENTURY CLUB"** in career 3P FG's made with 102! That ranks her 4th all-time athlete in program history!



## ATHLETICS @ RB



### Our Students are Awesome!

A most unusual situation began during the 2021 football season. At the end of the games RB students brought trash bags and cleaned the after-game litter without being asked. Based on the Franciscan values (printed on the tau crosses displayed in every classroom), our students put their faith to action. At one game, the opposing team pitched in to help, too! A few of those evenings were very cold but it didn't seem to matter. This new clean-up tradition also carried over to the winter sports in Fogarty Center.



"There must be something special about a '3-peat' this year—the RB football team '3-peat' as league champs and RB football team as the '3-peat' winner of the **2021 COACHES CHALLENGE** at Clovernook Country Club this fall!" said head RB football coach **Mike Blaut**. This event is sponsored by the Northwest Exchange, Magnified Giving and Nate's Toy Box charities. All money raised benefits these three charities. Every year in the fall Clovernook Country Club sponsors this worthy event and Moeller, St. Xavier, LaSalle, Colerain, Northwest and Roger Bacon high schools compete for "the cup" said Coach Blaut. This is the third year in a row RB brought home the hardware! Pictured below l to r: **Bill Lammert '53, Skip Schoettmer '65, and Bernie Bacevich '59.**



Congrats to RB seniors **Alaina Finan '22** and **Brooklyn Myers '22**, both named **ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS** by the (NISCA), an honor earned by only 2% high school swimmers!

#### DISTRICT QUALIFIERS

**200 FREE & 500 FREE**  
Ryan Grider '22

**50 FREE & 100 FREE**  
Alex Hinsey '22

**500 FREE (alternate)**  
Emmett Breda '23

**200 IM & 100 BREASTSTROKE**  
Jonathan Reilly '24

**200 FREE RELAY**  
Emmett Breda '23  
Ryan Grider '22  
Jonathan Reilly '24  
Alex Hinsey '22

**400 FREE RELAY**  
Emmett Breda '23  
Ryan Grider '22  
Jonathan Reilly '24  
Alex Hinsey '22

**200 FREE & 500 FREE**  
Brooklyn Myers '22

**100 BUTTERFLY**  
Alaina Finan '22

**200 FREE (alternate) & 500 FREE**  
Grace Hoffmann '23

**200 IM**  
Lily Moore '24

**500 FREE & 100 BACKSTROKE**  
Madison Stecher '25

**200 FREE RELAY**  
Brooklyn Myers '22  
Lily Moore '24  
Madison Stecher '25  
Vivian Borgert '23

**400 FREE RELAY**  
Madison Stecher '25  
Vivian Borgert '23  
Lily Moore '24  
Brooklyn Myers '22



# SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE seamlessly

The Roger Bacon Athletic Department is proud to announce that **David Olson** will be joining the Athletic Department as the Assistant Athletic Director starting next school year. David has worked with the athletic department during the 2021-2022 school year as our graduate assistant while he finishes up his Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati.

He is a 2017 graduate of Milford High School and has his Bachelor's Degree in Sports Administration from the University of Cincinnati. He has been familiar with Roger Bacon for plenty of years as he has interned prior to this school year and also served as PA Announcer for football and basketball games over the last 5 years. David also interned at Loveland, Milford, and Ankeny Centennial (Iowa) athletic departments as well.

"I'm extremely blessed to have the opportunity to join the athletic department full time. Roger Bacon has allowed me to grow as a man and an administrator.



The staff and community make it such a special place.

The staff and community make it such a special place. I'm excited to get to work and continue to make Roger Bacon one of the top athletic programs in the city and the state. I also want to thank Steve Rossi for this opportunity! He's pushed me to become a better worker and has given me a lot of creative freedom in my current role," says Olson.

Rossi states, "We are thrilled to promote David Olson to Assistant Athletic Director. David has grown in his role as our graduate assistant this year and we are excited for him to take on this new role.

David has a wide skill set that will serve him well in this role." He will take the place of **Brandon Spaeth '11** who has served as Assistant Athletic Director for the past 7 years. Spaeth will begin a new role as Director of Alumni Engagement & Marketing effective July 1, 2022.

Spaeth adds, "Words can't express how excited I am for David and the athletic department. David has been a great asset for us this year and will transition into the full time role seamlessly. I truly believe he will be able to help take the department to new and exciting heights.



*The Spartan boys' basketball team was victorious against Summit Country Day in a big basketball game (February 22, 2022). At halftime, we honored our 1982 and 2002 state champions (pictured below). "Roger Bacon is built on the shoulders of giants! We were honored and humbled to have them with us tonight! Forward to greater things!" said Assistant Athletic Director Brandon Spaeth.*



## ATHLETICS @ RB



## Nothing Short of a Blessing!

Roger Bacon High School has hired **Grayson Rhoades** as the **NEW BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH**, to begin with the 2022-23 season. Coach Rhoades was an assistant to head coach Brian Neal, who announced in November that this season, his 17th leading the program, will be his last. Rhoades has been with the program since 2014. He joined the Roger Bacon staff as an intervention specialist in 2019, and was recently promoted to Department Chair of Intervention Services.

"Grayson's knowledge, energy, and passion will allow him to be successful here at Roger Bacon. I know it has been a goal of Grayson's to be head coach, and I'm happy to be able to give him that chance here," says Roger Bacon Athletic Director **Steve Rossi**.



After a yearlong hiatus, the **51ST ROGER BACON SPORTS STAG** made its return on January 20th, 2022. Five Spartans made their way into the Hall of Fame and Tom Gamble was honored with the Bron Bacevich Award and Tony Pike was the recipient of the Tom Roebel Good Fellowship Award. Our 1982 and 2002 boys basketball state championship teams also joined and celebrated their 40th and 20th anniversaries. ESPN was here the whole week filming for a special documentary on the "Team That Beat LeBron" that debuted in mid-March.



BIG shout-out to **Steve Rossi** on receiving his **2020 OIAAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD** at the state AD conference! We appreciate all you have done for RB and most importantly our student athletes & coaches!



## ANOTHER GREAT BASKETBALL STORY FROM THE PAST...

*Basketball's "Scintillating Spartans"-  
GCL and City Title Champs-Won 23,  
Lost 1 (from the 1951 Troubadour)*

Many of the city's coaches and observers expressed the opinion that the 1950-51 Bacon basketball team was perhaps the finest team the city (Cincinnati) had ever had. The Spartans were ear-marked as State Champs (but that honor was not to be realized. Their speed, their lightning-like passing attack and their deadly accuracy from the floor is proved by the fact they they averaged 61 points per game for the season, while defensively holding the opposition to 39 points per game. Bacon rooters will always look back to the '51 team as the CHAMPS.



*From the 1951 Troubadour yearbook:*

*Perhaps the best all-around guard Bacon ever had is Lou Vonderbrink.*

*The genius of Bacon's team and one of the most natural forwards this city has ever seen is Captain Bill Lammert.*

*The big center, Charlie Hoffman, was great in rebounding and more spectacular in his pot shots.*

*Bacon's "Sixth Man," was Jim Sicking—Great things are expected of him before he graduates.*

*Bacon's set-shot artist was Mort Cowgell. Mort had a knack for dropping them in without touching the rim.*

*The speedster and ball-snatcher was Don Paul, who was terrific on his floor work.*



## INCREDIBLY BLESSED

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*Coach Brian Neal '90 stepped down after this 2021-22 season as boys' head basketball coach. He had a 236-161 career record at RB entering his 17th season as head coach and has the most coaching wins in program history. He served as an assistant coach under the late Bill Brewer for the 2002 state title team. This season will also mark the 20th anniversary of the 2002 state championship victory over LeBron James and Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary high school 71-63 (Division II state final at Value City Arena in Columbus, OH).*

*"I have been a part of the Roger Bacon High School basketball program every day since I was 14 years old" said Brian. "I am now almost 50; in that time I have grown from being a student, to an alum, to a coach and a teacher." In that time he has been able to watch hundreds of young student-athletes mature into leaders, forge friendship bonds that last a lifetime and learn the sacrifices it takes to fulfill their potential. "I have been incredibly blessed to be the head coach of a successful program; any success attached to my name is only*



*Information from WCPO.com*

*possible because of the dedication of the players and coaches I have been blessed to work with" said Brian.*

*He is the son of RB's iconic marching band and music director Wes Neal. Brian grew in the hallways of RB and met his wife, Dr. Amy Neal '93. He was also a basketball player and after graduation he was hired to work with the RB girls' program under head coach Tom Singleton while also teaching Math. During the 1994 season that team finished as the D-II state runner-up, and in 1995 earned a 28-0 record, claiming the D-II state championship. Brian then moved back over to the boys' side with Coach Bill Brewer as an assistant coach.*

*Brian plans to continue his roles as Chair of the Math Department and teacher at RB. He has a son (Andrew) who was a senior guard for the Spartans this year and a daughter Libby, who is a freshman at RB. On Saturday, February 12 the home game against McNicholas was renamed "Coach Neal Night" to celebrate and honor the historic career Brian leaves behind.*

*Thank you for 17 years of coaching excellence for our students, our school and our school community, Brian!*





Our RB **BOWLING TEAM** (pictured left) enjoyed their last round of bowling together on Senior Night. Pictured l to r: *Caralyn Vollmar, Diamond Henderson, Ben Obringer, Emma Lynch, Abby Stewart, Jordyn Broenner.*

Congrats to *Gus Kleinfledt '23* and *John Kenny '23* for qualifying for the district tournament.



The **GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM** defeated the Badin Rams on November 6th to claim their 8th overall Regional Championship to advance to the Final Four. Head coach *Alyssa Carlotta Flading '05* became the 2nd Spartan coach to play in a state final four. Alyssa said "I am so proud of this team and what we do day in and day out at practice. They deserve this—every player I've coached over the past 10 years also has a major part in this win!"



The girls earned the title of **STATE RUNNER UPS**, an incredible achievement for an incredible group of young ladies who fought to the very last point. They trailed 0-2 and never gave up, but fell just short in the fifth set. *Sammi Hoffman '22*, a senior setter on the team ended her DII state final game with 38 assists, 16 digs and five aces in five sets against Gilmour Academy. In the state semifinal against Bishop Hartley, she also had 46 assists, nine digs and four aces.



## ATHLETICS @ RB



Positivity, Guidance  
and Kindness

The **BACON GOLFERS** had good reason to be proud of their season. Special thanks to the families who provided transportation and snacks/water when needed and for the great communication and assistance. Thanks to coaches **Nick Rosenfeldt** and **Dan Stark '67** who brought a great spirit of positivity, guidance and kindness to our golfers. Pictured below l to r: **Coach Rosenfeldt, Peppe Mechley '23, Ryan Zestermann '24, Andy Alexander '23, Nicco Hill '23, Maya Mollner '23, Bernadette Peck '23.**



**Cammy Niesen '22** was awarded the following titles for her **VOLLEYBALL CAREER AT RB**: All League, All District, All State and All-American! She earned a spot on the 2021 AVCA Second Team All-American list after her stellar senior year performance on the court. Off the court, Cammy also claimed a spot on the 2021 AVCA Best and Brightest First Team (awarded to student athletes who achieve a 3.7 Unweighted GPA or 4.2 Weighted GPA). Cammy currently holds a 3.99 GPA in our Assisi Scholars program and ranks 2nd in the class of 2022. Her "Ole Miss" (Mississippi) commitment amassed career stats that crushed every single school record:

361 games played (next closest has 286)  
1,820 digs (next closest has 1,040)  
181 aces (next closest has 163)

She has racked up Player of the Year honors and has been named to numerous All-Star teams including:

4x First Team All-League  
2x Player of the Year (League)  
4x First Team All-District  
2x Player of the Year (All-District)  
3x All State

Cammy has helped lead the Spartans to four straight 20+ win seasons, four straight district championships, three league championships and the 2021 State Runner Up title. She has also been a part of 92 wins in her career and just 17 losses.

92-17 record wins  
23 wins per season (84.4%)  
3 League championships  
4 District championships  
3 Time Regional runner up  
1 Regional championship  
2021 State Runner Up



# HALLOFFAME next level

**Congratulations to the following men who entered the 2022 ROGER BACON MEN'S HALL OF FAME in January! Pictured l to r: Bob Salt '65, Ron Henke '74, Tommy Kramer '86, Tommy Watkins '98, Bro. Gene Mayer.**



**Congratulations to the following women who entered the 2022 ROGER BACON WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME in March! Pictured l to r: Heather Bellegia Ernst '93, Ashley Queen-Janning Manfra '02, Lisa Bock Crawford '99, Carrie Nelson Hawkins '95, and Mary Jet Ritter '76 (Caryl Schawe Award).**



An additional award was introduced at the Women's Hall of Fame event... **THE CARYL SCHAWA AWARD!** Coach Schawe is a staple to Roger Bacon Athletics and to high school girls volleyball in the state of Ohio! Her 579 career wins rank 11th all-time in OHSAA history. She helped lead the Spartans to 3 state championships during her time at RB and laid the foundation & winning tradition our girls volleyball team still carries today! This award will honor a female recipient who best exhibits the same characteristics that Coach Schawe emphasized for over 25 years: an exceptional work ethic, self-motivation, culture builder, and active involvement in the school community. This award will be a constant award presented to an individual at the annual Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony.

**Mary Jet Ritter '76** (pictured above far right) was named the inaugural winner of the **CARYL SCHAWA AWARD!** She won 4 state volleyball championships during her time leading the Seton Saints and racked up 240 wins during her career with an astonishing 87% winning percentage. Anyone who knows Cincinnati Volleyball knows Mary Jett Ritter! Caryl coached **Alyssa Flading '05** and Mary is Alyssa's aunt (all in the family). Caryl, Mary and Alyssa have combined for a whopping 1,004 coaching wins in their careers. Caryl and Mary have seven combined State Championships.



# ALUMNI NEWS

*Be Inspired. Stay Connected*

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*A large group of family and friends gathered to celebrate ROSE M. BUTZ THAMANN BIEDERMAN'S 93rd birthday on August 8, 2021. Rose Marie, class of OLA '46, has seven children: Ken Thamann, the late Tom Thamann, Barbara Kourtoubus, Suzanne T. Murphy, Mark Thamann and Ruth and Martha Biederman. Rose Marie is blessed with many grandchildren. She resides in Finneytown with her daughter, Barbara. Wishing Rose Marie a wonderful 94th year!*

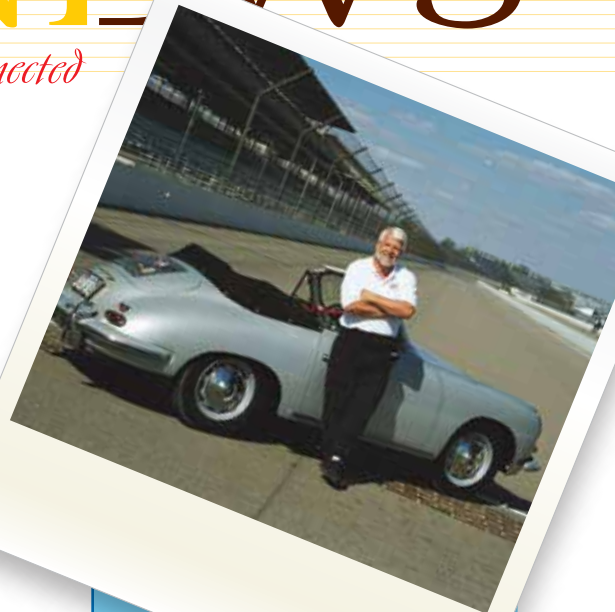


BASEBALL IN NOVEMBER

## EVERYONE SURVIVED



**DAVE FOSSALUZZA '69, MIKE HEIM '74, and MIKE DAY '70** enjoyed playing in a baseball tournament for men 65 and older in Fort Myers, FL in November. A great time was had by all and everyone survived!



**DAN METZ '59**

continues to do consulting work in vehicle dynamics and accident reconstruction, while attempting to "semi-retire." Between consulting assignments throughout the United States, Dan enjoys bicycle riding and racing, furniture making and big game hunting trips. When in the Cincinnati metro area, he visits Roger Bacon pals from the class of 1959 and enjoys going through the halls of Roger Bacon while reminiscing about a high school experience that ended more than 60 years ago. "The changes in the physical plants are impressive (the Fine Arts Center, Bacevich Stadium and so much more) but I am even more impressed by the students I've seen attending Bacon these days" says Dan. Although he retired from his career as a professor at the University of Illinois many years ago, the fine students attending Bacon these days make him get the itch to do some teaching again!



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](mailto:shuerkamp@rogerbacon.org) or 513.641.1313.

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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.

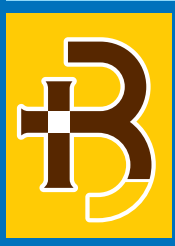


**BOB WANDSTRATT '62** writes "I have dual citizenship (USA and Australia). When I took out Australian citizenship in the early 1980's, I legally changed my name from Robert Anthony Wandstrat, to Bob Wandstraat; that being the spelling of my surname four generations ago when my ancestors immigrated. Since leaving RB in 1962, I've worked as a journalist for *The Cincinnati Post & Times Star*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The South China Morning Post* (in Hong Kong) and *Radio New Zealand*, as well as lecturing in journalism at The University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia) and the Manukau Institute of Technology (in Auckland, New Zealand). I finished my career as a journalist with the *Pacific Island Radio Network* in Auckland, New Zealand, where I met my wife of 20 years. We just moved in February from Auckland to Dunedin where our 18-year-old son is starting at the University of Otago."

**DEACON JOHN HOMOELLE '69** was recently chosen by Archbishop Schnurr to coordinate the archdiocesan response in preparation for the October 2023 World Synod of Bishops regarding synodality in the Catholic Church. He recently coordinated a meeting (with about 150 people) at his home parish St. Ignatius of Loyola. Eventually, John will hold about 14 similar sessions throughout the archdiocese. When he completes his report he will confer with Archbishop Schnurr, who will send it on to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is divided into 12 regions. Each region will then synthesize the 12 documents into 12 regions, which will eventually produce a new document and eventually these will be sent to Rome in the fall. These national documents will help shape the synod's working document that will be sent to the world's bishops for their response via their episcopal conference.

## 50 years practicing law

On May 6, 2022, **ANTHONY (TONY) GERTZ '63** celebrated 50 years of practicing law – congratulations Tony! He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Thomas More College, with a



double major in history/political science and accounting. He completed his legal studies at Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, and also holds a

Master's degree in Theology from the Athenaeum of Ohio.

After obtaining his Ohio license to practice law in 1972, Tony opened his law practice at the Pike Street location in Reading. He is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. His areas of practice include probate administration, estate planning, trusts, Wills, real estate, and criminal defense.

Tony has donated countless hours in public service to the City of Reading

over the years, having served as Mayor for 12 years, and in the positions of Council-at-Large, City Treasurer, City Service Director, and Councilman for Ward Two.

He is a member of many religious, civic, and charitable organizations, including the Ohio State Bar Association, the Cincinnati Bar Association, the St. Thomas More Law Society of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, the Reading Republican Club, the Reading Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion

Post #69, and the Reading Eagles Aerie #1095. In the past, he served on the boards of two Catholic educational entities: the Tuition Assistance Program for Catholic Education and the Sts. Peter & Paul Academy. He has been a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Catholic parish since birth.

Tony and his wife, Mary Jane, reside in Reading and are the proud parents

of five children, fifteen grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.





# ALUMNI NEWS

*Be Inspired. Stay Connected*

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**DR. TIMOTHY FREEMAN '73** sadly lost his battle with cancer in February, 2022. At the time he was serving as a primary care physician for UC Health, not far from Roger Bacon. He also was an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine for the College of Medicine. Inspired by his innovative work with patients stricken with developmental disabilities, these two entities will insure that his mission will live on.

This past January the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and UC Health established the Timothy Freeman, MD Center for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, to honor Dr. Freeman and the life he dedicated to helping others. "Additionally, he taught, mentored and inspired hundreds of other physicians during his career. His incredible passion in treating people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and improving their health and quality of life has been truly remarkable, and we are thrilled to honor him in this way" said Drs. Andrew T. Filak, Jr., (MD and Senior

Vice President for Health Affairs) and Christian R. Homes, (Professor and Dean of the College of Medicine).

As Dr. Freeman noted shortly before losing his battle to cancer, echoing the Franciscan values he lived at Roger Bacon, "My practice is a community. I see my patients through times of happiness, sorrow and struggles. The relationships make life worthwhile, and I make sure my patients know I care about them. That's why I'm in this profession. You have to genuinely care."



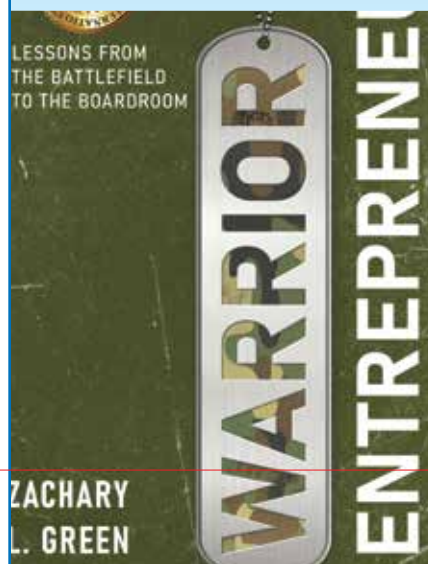
## A HEALTHY BABY BOY 10TH GRANDCHILD



**DR. ADAM CLARK '93** and his wife Becky welcomed the birth of their second son, Aaron James Clark on January 8, 2022. (Aaron is the 10th grandchild of **JIM '68** and **KATHI '67 CLARK**.) Adam and Becky reside in Washington D.C. where he works for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and she is a physician in the U.S. Army.



**ZACHARY GREEN '91** recently published a book entitled, *Warrior Entrepreneur: Lessons from the Battlefield to the Boardroom*. It is currently available on Amazon Kindle Unlimited, but should be out as an e-book and paperback soon. Zac indicates that a good portion of the book refers to his lessons learned as a Roger Bacon Spartan, a United States Marine, firefighter and successful entrepreneur. He hopes to donate a few hundred copies of his book to Roger Bacon and come back for a presentation to the student body about lessons he learned growing to adulthood. Currently, Zach lives on Hilton Head Island, SC.





**DICK GELHAUS '73** *has polycystic kidney disease and is in end stage renal failure. He's been on dialysis for almost 3 years and is on the national kidney transplant list waiting for a deceased donor but would love to find a living donor. If you've ever considered "sharing your spare" and would like to find out more, please contact the donor coordinator Bre Bronson 513.585.1427 at the Christ Hospital transplant team and specifically mention Dick's name.*

While vacationing and celebrating birthdays in Florida with his St. Bernard buddies, **STEVE ASBACH '77** managed to add a "hole in one" at Windswept Dunes Golf Course (Freeport) to his itinerary! "Thanks to **RICK SPEED '77** hitting his 9 iron short, I used an 8 iron, and as luck would have it, the ball went in the hole" said Steve. The foursome included Rick Speed, **JIM RICE '75**, **JIM PULSKAMP '75** and Steve Asbach. The men stayed at the home of **JUDY '75** and Jim Rice in early December to celebrate their birthdays together.



In January, **OFFICER RON HAUSFELD '80** announced his retirement from the St. Bernard Police Force. His last day was Feb 25, 2022. Ron started with the St. Bernard Police in 1989. Ron was the department's unofficial schedule keeper. He has been on dayshift for many years now and will be missed by residents and co-workers. Ron kept everyone safe, always had a smile on his face, and was willing to help anyone in need. The RB family wishes him and his lovely wife Mary Beth the best in the next chapter of their lives.



## on my radar screen

In the fall of 2021, **TIMOTHY J. KRUTHAAPT '70** was one of two men ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Prior



to his ordination Tim had been serving as a deacon. As a deacon, he was able to assist priests in administrative and congregational duties. He could read the Gospel, distribute

Holy Communion, deliver homilies, administer Baptism and witness marriage, but he could not give absolution for sins, anoint the sick or celebrate Mass. "Becoming a priest was not something on my radar screen" said Tim. "It developed slowly." (Tim was twenty years older than the average man being ordained in the United States in 2021.)



with the help of a loving and supportive family.

He remained involved in the church and balanced the demands of his job as a postal inspector in Washington, DC, along with his parental duties. His son Alex, now 27, returned from Iraq in April (2021) after serving a year with the U.S. Army Reserves as a psychological analyst. Alex admits life will be a little different with his father's attention divided between his congregation and his family.

*"Life experience is not necessarily the only gifts I bring" said Tim. "I can identify with a number of things in the world, like the frenetic pace, because I lived through that reality. But it is from the Holy Spirit that I will also be able to serve. I love the Greensburg*

*Diocese and my home parish of St. Pius X Church in Mt. Pleasant."*

As a native of Cincinnati, Tim embraced the Roman Catholic faith his entire life. As a young married man, his faith was put to the test when his wife, Jane, was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease while she was eight months pregnant. She died when their son, Alex, was 16 months old. Tim raised his son as a single parent

Tim's mother, Janet Kruthaupt, 86, said she was "thrilled to death" that her son was a priest. "He once served as an altar boy, but now I have to remember to call him Fr. Tim!"

*(Reporter Richard Robbins contributed to this story.)*



# ALUMNIEWS

*Be Inspired. Stay Connected*



When **ANNA MITCHELL '02** graduated from Ohio University with a focus on print journalism she had no real interest in broadcasting. In her first couple of weeks at OU as a freshman Anna's older sister encouraged her to volunteer at the local NPR affiliate (they employed students) and she ended up working there for all four years. In her senior year she came to the realization that she was better at radio and enjoyed it, too.



Since December 2008, Anna has been a valued member of the Sacred Heart Radio team. She believes that God had a plan in place for her there. "There is a lot of real journalism happening, but it's not the 'gotcha journalism' that many of us have come to expect from secular coverage of the Church. We understand that because we have a vested interest in the Church, we have to seek the truth and hold authorities accountable when necessary."

Anna and her husband Will are proud parents to Roma, Tommy, Freddie and another born this spring. The family splits time between Old St. Mary's and St. Gertrude parishes.



Local developer and home renovator

**TAYLOR GRUENWALD '12** turned her childhood home in St. Bernard into a modernized rental property. After she graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in city and regional planning she has accumulated more than 480,000 followers on TikTok, where she posts tutorials and updates on her renovation project. "It's been quite an adventure! I always envisioned myself getting into this type of work, so I'm basically living out my dreams right now" said Taylor. "It is really rewarding to contribute to the revitalization of my hometown and city, no matter the scale."

ZACHARY KUHLMAN '19

## CELEBRATING NAVY'S BIG WIN



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**KAELYNN SPEED '19** was recently featured in a news story by Cincinnati WKRC. In 2019 she donated her stem cells after matching with a 5-month-old baby boy. Typically, there is a slim chance of becoming anyone's match. However, Kaelynn received a call in a matter of weeks after her cheek swab. It was something she was not expecting: a call to save the life of a baby who was just diagnosed with leukemia. Mads (the baby) was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and needed a bone marrow or stem cell transplant to survive.

Kaelynn had just started nursing school at Wright State University (in 2019) where a bone marrow "drive" was taking place. "I stopped by the nursing school for a 10-minute break one day and the "swab" took place." In a matter of weeks Kaelynn found out that she was a 10/10 perfect match for Mads. She was determined to go through the process to help baby Mads. The process is called Peripheral Stem Cell Donation, which is similar to a blood transfusion.

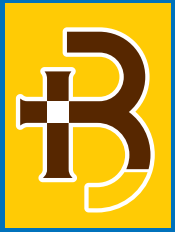
Finally, in 2020 the stem cell donor center (DKMS) set up a video call so Kaelynn could meet Mads and his parents for the first time. "For me, this was a simple act of kindness. I had what I could give and was ready to give it. I think the world needs to be more like that" said Kaelynn.

Mads is now almost three years old. He is in remission and doing well. Kaelynn has developed a special bond with Mads' family and they are hoping to meet in person one day.



## comedian. writer. painter.

**KELLY SIRK COLLETTE '04** was recently chosen to be an artist in residence at Acadia National Park in 2022 through the National Parks program of the United States of



America. As an artist in residence she is given free housing inside the national park to create works of art inspired by her experiences, which will be on display in the park for visitors to view.

*Kelly says "I am very proud of this opportunity of which I credit Mr. Ed Dauterich (former RB art teacher) as a huge advocate and inspiration to my journey. I never thought I was capable while attending school at RB but Mr. Dauterich would always push me. He saw something in me that helped me to see something in myself."*

Kelly is a comedian, a writer, and a painter. She's most known for her standup comedy, having been featured

on CMT, DryBar, Pandora, Sirius XM and NPR. She's performed at prestigious comedy festivals across the country like *San Francisco Sketchfest*, *Limestone Comedy Festival* and the *Lucille Ball Comedy Festival*.

She has had articles published for *Bust Magazine* and *Ladyspike Media*. Her two stage plays have been produced at local theaters receiving national attention. Kelly has also been a featured storyteller for *USA Today's* storytelling series.

While new to the art world, her paintings have been displayed at local art galleries and featured at *Fuse Festival*. Her goal for the artist residency in Acadia is to combine both art and writing into a printed zine and comedy show about her experience in the park. She hopes to capture both the transformative and significant moments, as well as the humorous anecdotes, that come from experiencing life outside of one's comfort zone.





# ALUMNI EVEN

## Reunions & Gatherings

**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** will continue to meet at Pompilio's in Newport, KY. Contact **Jim Murphy** for information at 513.237.0173.

**59** The ladies of **OLA '59** enjoyed lunch together at the Wiedemann Brewery on November 4th. There were lots of laughs and "serious" conversations! Thanks to **Kay Eilerman** for organizing this wonderful day.

PICTURED (l to r): **Lois Listermann Elsbrock, Barb Meyer Zimmer, Gerri Smith Ortman, Julie Gartner Michel, Kay Meyer Eilerman, Joyce Huy Behrmann, Margie Huy Lampe, Donna Schappacher Lippincott, Maria Taravella Woosley, Mary Ann Baringhaus Luebbering, Christina Klocke, Kitty Ryan Zech, Joyce Norton Dudley.**



**60** The **RB CLASS OF 1960** will finally have a chance to celebrate their **60th Reunion** which was cancelled due to the pandemic. **Seton Staley** and **Chuck Helmes** have reserved the date of October 15, 2022, at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Invitations have been mailed. For additional information contact **Seton** at 513.295.5782 (fsstaleyjr@hotmail.com) or **Chuck** at 513.939.0678.

**62** The ladies of **OLA '62** planned a **60th Reunion** at Clovernook Country Club in April. For more information about future gatherings please contact **Carole Armbruster Mahon** at 513.574.738 or carolmeehan@fuse.net.

**62** The men 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 jkaraus@gmail.com.

**65** The ladies of **OLA '65** will continue to gather for lunch, if possible. Call **Christina Boehm** for information at 513.407.1704.

**65** The men of **RB '65** continue to meet for lunch monthly at the Back Porch Saloon on the first Wednesday of the month. In the fall of '22 the men met at Wiedemann Brewery in St. Bernard and in January about 12 men attended lunch at the Back Porch Saloon. Thanks to **Skip Schoettmer** for organizing these gatherings.

PICTURED (l to r): **Jim Brigger, Rick Schmalz, Rusty Brinkman, Nick Munafo, Skip Schoettmer, Jim Brockman, Paul Hennessey, Tom Vollmer, Dave Oakley, Earl Leonhardt, Gerry Goeppinger, Gary Hilsinger.**



**67** **Kathy Santoro Clark '67** has arranged for the **OLA '67** ladies to celebrate a 55th class reunion in the Roger Bacon Fine Arts Center on Saturday, June 11. More information will be forthcoming. Contact **Kathy** at 513.253.5959.

**68** The **RB CLASS OF '68** is happy to meet for lunch again at the Back Porch Saloon. Contact **Rick Sollmann** for future dates at 513.641.1313.



**70** Thanks to *Pat Gilkey Frey* for organizing a memorable 50th class reunion for the ladies of **OLA '70** at Pebble Creek Golf Club. The ladies enjoyed happy hour and dinner together sharing many good memories of that special school on Bertus Avenue. The ladies also enjoyed a "combined reunion" with the **RB MEN OF '70** in the Fine Arts center in October. Thanks to *Art Hermes*, *Ralph Henke* and *Joe Kempe* for organizing that special evening and continuing the class celebration/reunion with a Christmas party at the St. Bernard Pub in December.

**75** The ladies of **OLA '75** celebrated a special *Reunion* dinner at Pebble Creek Golf Club on Saturday, October 16. On Friday night, October 15th, husbands were invited to join their wives for a gathering at the Wiedemann Brewery. Thanks to *Peggy Teed Hermes* for organizing a memorable weekend for her classmates.



**71** If anyone is interested in organizing a "**50th + 2**" **OLA CLASS OF 1971** *Reunion*, please e-mail *Debby Rothan Bosch* at [dbosch93@yahoo.com](mailto:dbosch93@yahoo.com) to start planning for a special gathering.

**77** A reunion committee is planning a special **45th** *Reunion* for the ladies of **OLA '77** at the Wiedemann Brewery on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Special thanks to *Peg Foley* and the reunion committee. Questions can be directed to *Peg* at 937.207.1163 or *Lisa Cullum* at 513.582.2248.

**72** An **OLA/RB '72** 50th *Reunion* was held at Pebble Creek Golf Club on Saturday, June 4, 2022. However, each class will also gather separately. Thanks to *Mike Lack* for organizing this combined reunion. Contact *Mike* at [cincisweemer@gmail.com](mailto:cincisweemer@gmail.com) or 513.254.1847.

**80** *Ruth Voss Ward '80* offered to host a special **41st** *Reunion* for the "80's ladies" at her home with the help of classmate *Terri Heglin '80*. Terry delivered the OLA 3-D block letters to Ruth's home for a fun photo/memory for her classmates. Thanks to Ruth and Terri!

**72** The ladies of **OLA '72** met Friday evening, June 3, for a stag gathering at Wiedemann Brewery starting at 4:00 pm. on the deck. Contact *Sue Hinnenkamp Huerkamp* for OLA '72 stag information at 513.254.4639.

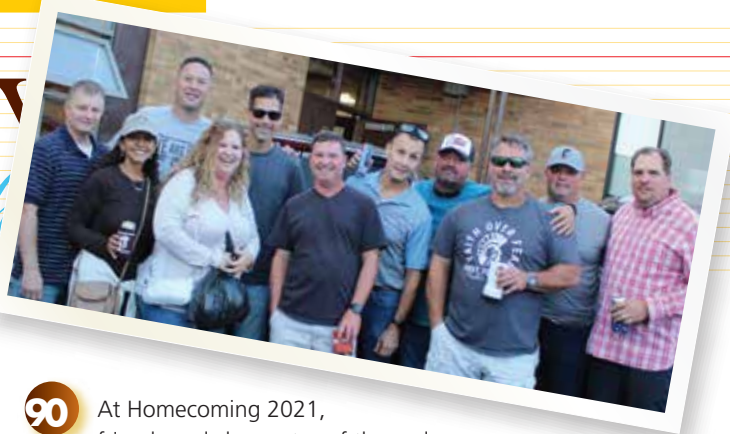
**72** The men of **RB '72** held a stag reunion on Sunday afternoon, June 5th at Wiedemann Brewery from 4:00-7:00 pm. They reserved the lower section called "The Beer Garden".





# ALUMNI

## Reunions & Gatherings



**82** Brian Eve '82 is planning a **40th Reunion** on the weekend of June 10 and 11. Friday night will be a stag event and Saturday will include spouses. For more information contact **Brian (Chip)** at [beve@fuse.net](mailto:beve@fuse.net) or 513.253.5959. Reminder to RB Faculty and Staff of 1982: Save the Friday Night (June 10) to join the class of 1982 in 2022!

**90** At Homecoming 2021, friends and classmates of the early **90's** (pictured above) joined together to celebrate this special event at RB.

## F R I E N D S F O R E V E R



"FRIENDS FOREVER" FROM SEVERAL RB CLASSES (1998 - 2002) HAVE FREQUENT "REUNIONS" TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## Bacon & Legs

Save this date for the **ALUMNI AWARDS MASS & DINNER** on **NOVEMBER 5, 2022**

Save this date for the **ALUMNI GOLF OUTING** on **JUNE 24, 2022**



**VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST** was celebrated in the Fogarty Center last November with a great attendance once again. The RB Student Senate sat with our guests to share stories and to enjoy breakfast together.



## spartan social

The **SPARTAN SOCIAL** (pictured right) was held in October, 2021, in the Fine Arts Center, organized by *Eric Schulkers*. Great night for Spartans of all ages to celebrate together!

## scholarship golf outing

The **2ND ANNUAL PAUL "DUTCH" SCHILDMEYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING** took place on Friday, May 13th at Glenview Golf Course. This scholarship fund was created after Paul's passing on in August, 2020 and benefits two RB multi-sport Juniors, one male and one female going into their senior year. A '56 grad of Roger Bacon, Dutch was President of the Greater Catholic League (GCL) for 33 years, overseeing the GCL's expansion and transition into one of the greatest high school athletic conferences in the United States.

## first friday mass

We look forward to celebrating **FIRST FRIDAY MASS** with our RB/OLA Family! Mass will be scheduled for the first Friday of each month (weather permitting except the month of July) 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.

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!

## awards mass & dinner

At the **2021 ALUMNI AWARDS MASS & DINNER** in November we honored and presented special awards to the following: *Br. Gene Mayer, OFM* (Roger Bacon Award), *Lisa Mulligan Wolf '88* (Spartan Award), *Lori Thamann Datillo '72* (Amaranth Award), and *Ed Noe '69* (Astrolabe Award).



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.

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



# making connections

by Tom Burke '69

*This is the third article in a series designed to highlight the unique environment in which our Roger Bacon diverse family of students, faculty and staff connect in a warm and welcoming environment, in which everyone feels valued and a special part of the Spartan family. Our theme is Roger Bacon is built on the shoulders of Giants and this article focuses on one such giant and his lasting impact on the future of our school.*

## THE SHOULDERS OF A CINCINNATI GIANT AND FRIEND: DR. RALPH LUEBBE

In 2012, a steering committee of faculty and staff members were tasked with creating a program that combined the highest level of academics with leadership opportunities, innovation, and spiritual growth. They designed something that was unique to Roger Bacon – a program that not only encompassed the highest academic standards, but also championed our Franciscan charism. The result was the Assisi Scholar Program, a selective four-year curriculum that culminates in a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy, where our students walk in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. With the success of the Assisi Scholar Program, the school has been looking to expand opportunities for all students to grow, learn, and live our Franciscan values.

We are excited to announce that Roger Bacon High School was blessed with a \$1,000,000 gift from the Ralph A. Luebbe Foundation to invest in our students and enhance pilgrimage and educational opportunities. Ralph Luebbe was a life-long resident of Cincinnati and a successful entrepreneur. A humble man who loved to travel, “Uncle Ralph” would prefer to be best known for his love of Catholic education and the many students who benefited from his financial generosity. He often said: “This is not my money. It is God’s money, and I want to give it back.” A foundation managed by his family is fulfilling that wish. The Luebbe Foundation proudly supports Catholic education throughout Cincinnati.

This generous donation is the start of a permanently endowed program which will explore opportunities throughout the

United States and internationally to reinforce and nurture our Catholic faith and Franciscan charism. Additionally, program resources will be used to broaden student educational enrichment outside of the classroom. It is our hope, and the hope of the Ralph Luebbe Foundation, that others see the value of investing in our young men and women, and join in supporting this worthy endeavor as we move “*forward to greater things.*”

## THE MAKING OF A NEW GENERATION OF GIANTS



Ralph Luebbe

Every time I think I have seen the last **MIRACLE** I will see at Roger Bacon, our amazing students surprise me with another illustration of what is possible when good people work together to make a difference. Over the past weekend our drama guild accepted the challenge to perform the technically challenging Broadway musical, *Newsies*. The three evening performances on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and the matinee performance on Sunday afternoon were going to be the culmination of over three months of preparation by over 60 diverse students in the cast and crew.

Saturday evening, a few hours before the scheduled performance, approximately 15 members of the cast and crew became sick, and others were getting sick as we discussed exactly how to handle the situation. The Saturday

performance was being reviewed that evening by the Cappie program, drama students from other schools who review the performance and nominate individuals and elements of the production for a Cappie (equivalent to the Oscars for high school drama programs). After discussing our options, reluctantly the decision was to cancel the Saturday evening performance and reschedule with two performances on Sunday. Overnight several students ended up in Emergency Rooms getting IV’s for dehydration.

What happened on Sunday was remarkable. Most of the victims of the illness were back, but it was obvious they were not at 100%. I observed both performances from backstage and watched some of the most impressive teamwork I have

## 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*

*Visit our campus to see for yourself  
what everyone is talking about*

*Attend sporting events & extracurriculars*

*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*

seen in my entire career. People filling in for each other, consoling still hurting students and doing whatever was necessary to see that the show went on brilliantly. The entire cast, crew and directors were **TRUE SPARTANS** in every sense of the word. I don't know if I have ever been more proud of a group of our kids.

### WE NEED YOUR SHOULDERS

Folks, as we reflect on our past, relish in the miracles of the present and dream big about the possibilities of the future, we need your shoulders to build on for years to come. First and foremost, continue to pray for us as we navigate the difficult challenges of developing the hearts and minds of young people today. Secondly, if possible, stay involved with **YOUR** school and love the Franciscan education being provided our students. Finally, consider investing your time, talent and treasure to the extent possible to help us continue our mission today. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done and will do in the future.



## what a celebration

THE ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION WITH FRESHMAN GRANDCHILDREN WAS A BIG SUCCESS AND WELL ATTENDED. GRANDPARENTS WERE INVITED FOR A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, MASS AND A SOCIAL AFTERWARDS.





# 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.*

Mary R. Boehm '40	Paul W. Holthaus '55	Ronald William Rakel '65
Rose Marie Finke Foltzer '43	Ann Royston Kimes '55	Ronald Rakes '65
Ruth Sagel Huser '43	Richard Stephen "Dick" Moser '55	Dennis G. Rebennach '65
Mildred Stock Noonan '44	Carolyn Heitzman Schwab '55	Richard Brausch '66
Jerry Trefzger '44	Shirley Hardewig Stall '55	Steven Bruser '67
Joseph H. Rohling '48	Carole Fulton Struhlfreyer '55	Timothy Paul Detzel '67
Carl Rosenbaum '48	Myra Bach Teuschler '55	Charles "Mike" Hardewig '67
Thomas Kellison '51	David C. Armbruster '57	George J. Brass '68
Thomas J. Koenig '51	Richard "Dick" Goedde '57	Christine Wheeler Kuntz '68
Raymond Nichting '51	Thomas J. Stark '57	Herbert C. Gelhaus '69
Jean Rom '51	Judy Zurenko DeLaet '58	Mary Elizabeth Dickhaus Lohring '69
Thomas F. Tasset '51	Robert J. Hadden, Jr. '58	Herbert C. Gelhaus '70
Irvin Arszman '52	Ronald J. Metzler '58	Kevin A. Flannery '72
Mary R. Backus '52	Mary Kay Mitsch Schehr '58	David Kelly '72
Jean M. Beiting '52	Judith Morath Bunthoff '59	Dr. Timothy Freeman '73
Nora J. Cummings '52	Roberta Lindemann Cint '59	Patty Walsh Loreto '74
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**CORRECTION:** In the last edition  
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**Nordeman '51** was listed as deceased.  
We are glad to say that was a mistake!

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