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FORWARD TO GREATER THINGS



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As you read this, Roger Bacon's 98th school year is underway. We started the year with 571 students, including a freshmen class of 145. Each year, the quality of students has increased as Roger Bacon continues to be the **most competitive** school in Cincinnati in terms of acceptance. Our reputation has grown as the **Catholic school of choice** – especially for those families looking for an unparalleled religious and academic experience in a safe and challenging environment.

There are big changes underway on our campus. The **Anne Nurre Heidt Atrium**, containing our **first dedicated chapel**, is under construction with an anticipated August 2026 completion date. Plans are underway to reclaim three classrooms during the summer of 2026 and to start construction on an expanded parking lot to provide on-campus parking for our students. Even in light of the campus improvements, **Roger Bacon is the only Catholic high school in Cincinnati which did not increase tuition for the current school year.** We respect the sacrifices that our families make to send their students to Roger Bacon and are committed to use the resources and gifts given to us by our supporters and alumni in an efficient and effective manner.

Roger Bacon is a school that is truly committed to providing a **student-centered** experience. Although we are in the midst of the most extensive and expensive building project in school history, we ensure tuition remains within reach for all of our families

without sacrificing a wide array of student opportunities in and out of the classroom. A cultural trip to Switzerland, Spain, and France; drama performances in Edinburgh, Scotland; music performances in Memphis, Tennessee, and an educational enrichment program at Stanford University are examples of the opportunities our students experienced this past summer beyond the walls of Roger Bacon. Annual pilgrimages to Assisi, Italy, and to the Franciscan missions in California provide students with life-changing experiences grounded in our dynamic, Franciscan charism. We have entered into an incredible agreement with Siena University which provides Roger Bacon graduates an **\$80,000 scholarship** – on top of financial aid and academic awards.

We invite all of our alumni and friends to visit Roger Bacon, meet our students, and experience firsthand the excitement on campus. Roger Bacon has a wonderful story to tell. As you read through the pages of this magazine, I hope you feel the energy and spirit of our school community. You should be proud of where we are and where we are going.

Please keep us in your prayers as we confidently move *"forward to greater things."*

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



Steve Schad, President



President's Thoughts



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Tradition

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Team State Championships

Roger Bacon has a proud history of strong athletic programs. Over the course of nearly the past 100 years, Roger Bacon has had **36 teams showcased at the highest level of competition with 10 teams bringing home the renowned state championship trophy**. For this edition we will take a closer look at the 5 most recent teams that will forever live in the history books, trophy cases, and banners in the Thomas J. Fogarty Center.



FRONT ROW: JAMIE GITTINGER, EMILY CEDDIA, HOLLY MORGAN, LAUREN SHEPPARD, JESSICA HOEH.
BACK ROW: COACH CARYL SCHAW, BRITTANY HOLDEN, ERYN SPEED, MARY BRUNNER, ERIN SWINDLING, BRITTANY HOLDEN, FRANNIE KNECHT, MAGGIE GOLLER, COACH ANNIE SCHROTH.

2001 Girls' Division II Volleyball State Champions

The Spartans rolled through sectional, district and regional competition without losing a set. Roger Bacon was victorious over North Bend Taylor (15-6, 15-1), Indian Hill (15-1, 15-4), and Purcell (15-1, 15-1) in the Sectional and beat Springfield Shawnee (15-3, 15-1) at Wright State University for the District Championship. The winning continued in Regional competition at Wilmington College where Plains Athens (15-3, 15-2) and Kettering Archbishop Alter (15-6, 15-8) fell in straight sets, returning the Spartans to the Final Four for the third consecutive year.

In the State Semifinal game, the Spartans took on 27-0 Millersburg West Holmes. A balanced Roger Bacon attack behind **Brittney Holden '03**, **Emily Withers '03** (5 kills apiece), **Jamie Gittinger '03** and **Maggie Goller '02** (4 kills apiece) led to a straight set 15-9, 15-5 victory. Setter Emily Withers added 20 assists and **Frannie Knecht '03** led the defense with 11 digs.

In the Championship match at Wright State, the Spartans shook off back-to-back Division II runner-up finishes to finally knock off two-time defending-champion Galion 15-8, 15-5. Coached by Caryl Schawe, the Spartans dominated Galion throughout the match. Brittney Holden led the Spartan attack with 12 kills and Emily Withers had 33 assists. The defense was spectacular as three Spartans had double-digit digs: Emily Withers (14), **Holly Morgan '03** (12) and Frannie Knecht (11). The team had 10 blocks, led by **Mary Brunner '03** with 4.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

29-1 RECORD
THREE CONSECUTIVE STATE FINAL APPEARANCES

FIRST VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN SCHOOL HISTORY

IN 2020, RANKED #8 IN THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER'S GREATEST ALL-TIME HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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1st Team All-State / All-City Player of the Year / First Team GGCL: Emily Withers

First Team All-City / First Team GGCL: Maggie Goller

First Team All-City / First Team GGCL: Brittney Holden

Second Team All-City / First Team GGCL: Jamie Gittinger

Iders of Giants

2002 Boys' Division II Basketball State Champions

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

**25-3 RECORD
GCL CHAMPION (13-1)**

**STATE TOURNAMENT RECORDS —
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY /
LOWEST POINT TOTAL BY
OPPONENT**

**THE SEASON IS MEMORIALIZED IN
A BOOK BY TONY MEALE TITLED
THE CHOSEN ONES.**

The Spartans roared by through Sectional competition unchallenged by defeating Bethel Tate (68-37), Western Brown (62-39) and Purcell (57-40). Roger Bacon captured the Regional championship in equally dominating fashion, beating Bishop Watterson 80-39 in the Regional Semifinals and Badin 61-47 for the Regional Championship.

In the State Semifinals, the Spartans took on Columbus Beechcroft. Roger Bacon jumped out to a 17-3 lead after the first quarter and were never challenged, winning 83-31. The 52-point margin of victory set a State Tournament record. The Spartans had a balanced scoring attack – five players scored in double figures: **Monty St. Clair '03** (18), **Josh Hausfeld '02** (15), **Beckham Wyrick '02** (12), **Frank Phillips '02** (11) and **Leonard Bush '03** (10). All told, thirteen Spartans made their way onto the court during the game. Of particular note, Roger Bacon **Principal Tim McCoy '02** played a busy 12 minutes in the contest – his scoring line was as follows: 0 for 2 from the field and 2-2 from the free throw line for a total of 2 points; 2 defensive rebounds, 1 personal foul, 3 assists and 2 turnovers.

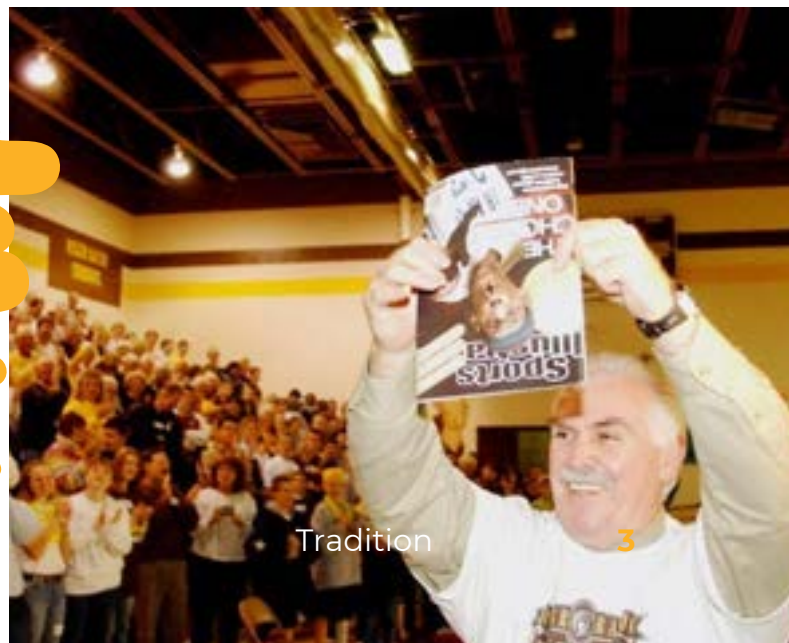


Roger Bacon took on 2-time defending State Champion Akron St. Vincent – St. Mary led by “The Chosen One,” LeBron James in the Championship game. Played before a sellout crowd (18,375 in attendance) at Value City Arena in Columbus, Roger Bacon avenged an earlier regular season loss by defeating Akron St. Vincent – St. Mary 71-63 to win the Division II State Championship. The game featured 7 ties and 15 lead changes. The Spartans were able to overcome a 32-point performance by LeBron James with their trademark balanced scoring attack led by Josh Hausfeld (23), Monty St. Clair (15), Beckham Wyrick (14) and Frank Phillips (13). The Spartans outrebounded their opponent 32-18, which included 13 offensive rebounds. Excellent shooting (53.1% for the game), free throws (16 of 24) and a gritty defense were keys to the game. ***With the victory, not only did the Spartans give LeBron James his only defeat by an Ohio high school in his career, the team is forever known as “The Team That Beat LeBron.”***

AWARDS

FIRST TEAM ALL-OHIO:
JOSH HAUSFELD

THIRD TEAM ALL-OHIO:
FRANK PHILLIPS



Built on the shou

2004 Girls' Division II Volleyball State Champions



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

27-2 RECORD

**GGCL LEAGUE
CHAMPIONS**

**DID NOT DROP A SET
DURING THE STATE
TOURNAMENT RUN**

*FIRST ROW: VICKI AUER, LAUREN SHEPPARD, ASHLEY MORGAN.
SECOND ROW: HEAD COACH CARYL SCHAWA, KATIE VEATCH, JAIME FREY, COACH KIM BOEHMER.
THIRD ROW: LAUREN NEWTON, ALYSSA CARLOTTA, HEATHER HAUSFELD, JESSY HOEH.*

Roger Bacon entered the State Tournament with a 20-2 regular season record. From Sectional through Regional competition, the Spartans did not drop a set and quickly dispatched Goshen (25-2, 25-12, 25-10), Purcell (25-15, 25-21, 25-15) [Sectional Championship], Springfield Shawnee (25-13, 25-8, 25-15) [District Championship], Chillicothe Unioto (25-9, 25-12, 25-11) and Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan (25-12, 25-22, 26-24) for the Regional Championship.

The Spartans met Copley in the State Semifinal match and emerged victorious in straight sets 25-10, 25-10, 25-17. **Katie Veatch '06** led Roger Bacon with a great, all-around game – 35 assists, 4 kills, 8 digs and 2 service aces. The front line logged 46 kills, led by **Jaime Frey '06** (11), **Jessica Hoeh '05** (10), and **Alyssa Carlotta '05** (9). **Lauren Sheppard '05** led the team with 12 digs.

Roger Bacon finished a 27-2 season with a dominant 3-set victory (25-9, 25-15, 26-24) over Millersburg West Holmes to earn the second State Championship for the volleyball program. Jessica Hoeh led the team with 12 kills. The all-around play of Katie Veatch (35 assists, 11 digs), Jaime Frey (9 kills, 3 service aces, 11 digs), and Alyssa Carlotta (7 kills, 7 digs) were key to the Spartan victory.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: HEATHER HAUSFELD AND LAUREN NEWTON
BEST ALL-AROUND: JESSICA HOEH
COACHES AWARD: KATIE VEATCH

COACH OF THE YEAR:
CARYL SCHAWA

**FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE / GGCL &
CITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR / FIRST
TEAM GGCL:** JESSY HOEH

**SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE / FIRST
TEAM ALL-CITY / FIRST TEAM GGCL:**
KATIE VEATCH

**SECOND TEAM ALL-CITY / FIRST
TEAM GGCL:** ALYSSA CARLOTTA

**SECOND TEAM ALL-CITY / SECOND
TEAM GGCL:** HEATHER HAUSFELD

SECOND TEAM GGCL: JAIME FREY

Leaders of Giants

2005 Girls' Division II Volleyball State Champions

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

**29-0 UNDEFEATED
SEASON**

**BACK-TO-BACK STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

**COACH CARYL SCHAWÉ
ACHIEVED HER 500TH
CAREER VICTORY**

**IN 2020, RANKED #6 IN THE
CINCINNATI ENQUIRER'S
GREATEST ALL-TIME HIGH
SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
TEAMS**



FIRST ROW: COURTNEY HAUSFELD, VICKI AUER, CARRIE PRICKEL. SECOND ROW: MANAGER ANNIE KATHMAN, JULIE BRUNSMAN, KELSEY ROSE, KATIE VEATCH, JAIME FREY, COACH ANDREA SCHWARTZ. THIRD ROW: ASSISTANT COACH JODY KIRCH, ALLI WILSON, KATIE WESTERFELD, HEATHER HAUSFELD, LAUREN NEWTON, HEAD COACH CARYL SCHAWÉ.

The Spartans entered the State Tournament on a roll and it continued through Sectional, District and Regional competition. Roger Bacon did not lose a set as they beat Wilmington (25-10, 25-11, 25-3) and North Bend Taylor (25-7, 25-20, 25-1) to win the Sectional Championship, Bellbrook (25-19, 25-16, 25-8) for the District Championship, and Washington Court House (25-17, 25-6, 25-16) and Kettering Archbishop Alter (25-18, 25-23, 25-16) to win the Regional Championship and a trip to state.

In the State Semifinal game, the Spartans took on 24-2 River View. Roger Bacon dominated the match, winning in straight sets 25-14, 25-15, 25-14. The offense was led by **Jaime Frey '06** (11 kills) and **Heather Hausfeld '06** (10 kills). Setter **Katie Veatch '06** had 32 assists and **Vicki Auer '06** and **Katie Westerfeld '07** anchored the defense with 17 and 12 digs respectively.

The Spartans finished off a perfect 29-0 season with a 4-set 25-12, 24-26, 25-21, 25-16 Championship match win over Walsh Jesuit. The match featured 20 tie scores and 10 lead changes. After splitting the first two sets, the Spartans took control behind the balanced attack orchestrated by setter Katie Veatch, who finished the match with 62 assists. The Spartans' front line had a big day with four players recording double-digit kills – Heather Hausfeld (20), Jaime Frey (17), Katie Westerfeld (12) and **Kelsey Rose '07** (11). The defense recorded 63 digs, led by Katie Westerfeld (18), Vicki Auer (14) and Jaime Frey (12).

AWARDS

**FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE / CITY & GGCL PLAYER OF
THE YEAR / FIRST TEAM GGCL: KATIE VEATCH**

**FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE / FIRST TEAM ALL-CITY /
FIRST TEAM GGCL: HEATHER HAUSFELD**

**THIRD TEAM ALL-STATE / FIRST TEAM ALL-CITY /
FIRST TEAM GGCL: JAMIE FREY**

**SECOND TEAM ALL-CITY / SECOND TEAM GGCL:
LAUREN NEWTON**

**SECOND TEAM ALL-CITY / SECOND TEAM GGCL:
KATIE WESTERFELD**

**DIVISION II STATE COACH OF THE
YEAR / CITY COACH OF THE
YEAR: CARYL SCHAWÉ**



2024 Girls' Division IV State Champions



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS:

25-4 RECORD

MVC CHAMPIONS

**HEAD COACH
ALYSSA FLADING '05 BECAME
THE FIRST COACH AT ROGER
BACON TO WIN A STATE TITLE
AS A PLAYER (2004) AND
HEAD COACH (2024).**

**NAMED A DISTRICT ALL-
ACADEMIC TEAM WITH A
3.948 TEAM GRADE POINT
AVERAGE**

FIRST ROW: ELIZABETH STROUBLE, CLAIRE MERKLE, AVA OTTO, ALLY HUGHES, CHLOE GARCILAZO, MARILYN HOFFMANN, BRENNNA HUBER, MANAGER GABBY BOSE, MANAGER ERIN PARE. SECOND ROW: TRAINER HAYLEE WOEBKENBERG, HEAD COACH ALYSSA FLADING, COACH NICK WILKING, CLAUDIA HOFFMANN, MACKENZIE SCHWARTZ, COACH ELLEN BEDINGHAUS HUGHES, RAEGAN WALLER, MARIAH GAINES, ETELLINA JACKSON, MORGAN SUNDERMAN, ADDISON SCHWARTZ, COACH BROOKLYN DECKER, BRITTNEY HOERNSCHEMEYER, COACH KASEY NIESEN, MANAGER BRADEN RICE.

The Spartans rolled through Sectional and District competition beating Clinton Massie 3-0, previously undefeated Taylor 3-1 and Eaton 3-0 for the district championship. In the district finals, the Spartans earned their 7th consecutive district title led by middle blocker **Raegan Waller '25** who had a dozen kills in the victory over Eaton.

The Regionals brought stiffer competition, but the Spartans responded with some of their best volleyball of the season. After a convincing 3-1 defeat of Mercy McAuley in the Regional Semifinals, the Spartans advanced to the finals to play the then number-one ranked team in the state, McNicholas. The match was no contest as the Spartans roared to a convincing straight-set win (25-12, 25-21, 26-24). The team dominated from the first point and set the tone for the match with a flawless first-set victory. Opposite hitter **Etellina Jackson '26** had a career highlight four blocks in the first set alone. The match was an all-out team effort to advance to the Final. Roger Bacon's dominance continued at the state level.

In the State Semifinal game, the Spartans took on number 7 ranked Vincent Warren who entered the game with a 23-2 record. The team rallied around injured **Mariah Gaines '25** and played a superb match, winning in straight sets 25-20, 25-22, and 25-9. Middle blocker **Morgan Sunderman '26** had two serving runs in the second and third sets that energized the team. Raegan Waller (12) and Etellina Jackson (11) led the teams in kills. **Ally Hughes '25** had 31 assists and **Elizabeth Strouble '27** led the defense with 11 digs.

In the Championship match, the Spartans earned their fourth State Championship in program history by sweeping number four-ranked Alliance Marlinton High School 25-22, 25-20, and 25-18 in straight sets. The Spartans were led in scoring by Raegan Waller and Etellina Jackson, each with 11 kills. Ally Hughes had 30 assists, Elizabeth Strouble finished with 13 digs and **Ava Otto '25** had a great, all-around game with 6 service aces, 8 digs, and 4 kills.

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Best Offensive Player – Mariah Gaines '25
Best Defensive Player – Elizabeth Strouble '27
Most Improved Player – Ava Otto '25
Spartan Spirit Award – Claire Merkle '25
Pride, Hustle, Desire Award –
Claudia Hoffmann '26
Scholar Athlete Award –
Mackenzie Schwartz '25

First Team All-State / Enquirer DIV Player of the Year / First Team All-District / First Team MVC:

Mariah Gaines

Second Team All-State / Second Team All-District / First Team All-City / MVC Player of the Year:

Ally Hughes

Honorable Mention All-State / First Team All-City / Second Team MVC:

Raegan Waller

Second Team All-City: Marilyn Hoffmann

Second Team All-City: Ava Otto

Second Team MVC: Elizabeth Strouble

Enquirer DIV Coach of the Year: Alyssa Flading

**WE ARE SO EXCITED TO
BEGIN ANOTHER
SCHOOL YEAR AT
ROGER BACON AND
WELCOME THE CLASS
OF 2029 TO OUR
HISTORIC HALLWAYS.**

Spread the Word

With more than **400 applications**, and an additional 200 plus inquiries and phone calls, admissions for this class was incredibly competitive. Our freshman class consists of **145 students** and has earned the distinction of having the *highest average HSPT scores* since we began tracking. This class comes from **50 different grade schools** throughout Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, and **46% of the class is considered legacy to Roger Bacon and/or OLA.**

There has never been a better time to be a Spartan, and we want to share some thoughts from the Class of 2029 as we begin another year at RB.



"As a fourth-generation legacy, I am honored to start my high school career at Roger Bacon. I look forward to being in the Assisi Scholars Program and continuing my volleyball career as a Spartan. I am also looking forward to meeting new people and facing all of the challenges academics and athletics will bring. Being able to continue my family's legacy is such an honor, knowing that I am among a long line of family members who attended Roger Bacon. I can't wait to leave a lasting impression over my next four years at Roger Bacon. Hail Spartans!"

- Emma McGraw '29 (JP11)

"I won't ever forget when I told my family that I had decided to attend Roger Bacon. I loved how my grandparents were more excited than I had ever seen them, and my grandma screamed in delight, instantly putting on an OLA shirt to take a picture with me. It feels great to be a legacy student at Roger Bacon, and I am excited to be the next in my family to go to Roger Bacon and play some of the same sports as my uncles did. Sports are likely what I look forward to the most at Roger Bacon, and I have already felt the sense of team unity practicing with the football team. I hope to play football with my younger cousin in my senior year as he will be an incoming freshman and get to share some of his first high school experiences with him at Roger Bacon. Hail Spartans!!"

- Ben Alderman '29 (St. Ignatius)



"I chose Roger Bacon because of the community. When I shadowed, everyone was so welcoming and accepting and I truly felt like I belonged. Not only the students, but I could sense each faculty member wants to better you so you can go forward to greater things. I am excited to continue the RB legacy, and so is my grandpa, **Mark McAllister class of '71**. He has been my biggest cheerleader in my high school decision and I feel honored to be able to continue what he always says were some of the best years of his life. I am looking forward to being in an environment where I can be challenged academically, grow spiritually, and encouraged to become the very best version of myself. I know that my time here will be special and can't wait to see what's ahead."

- Anna Massey '29 (Harrison Middle School)





Roger Bacon High School is proud to announce a new, exclusive partnership with Siena University in Loudonville, New York.

The partnership will strengthen the Franciscan bond between two institutions dedicated to academic excellence, service, and the holistic development of students. Through this unique collaboration, Roger Bacon students will gain priority access to Siena University admissions, an exclusive scholarship, and a variety of enrichment programs designed to prepare them for success in college and beyond. The partnership builds on both schools' shared Franciscan tradition, emphasizing values such as compassion, service to others, and lifelong learning.

"This partnership is a natural fit," said Roger Bacon Principal Tim McCoy. "Siena University shares our commitment to forming young men and women in the Franciscan educational model. That includes elite academics and shaping students with integrity, faith, and purpose. Our students will now have an even clearer pathway to a world-class education in a setting that aligns with their values." As an added financial incentive, any student from Roger Bacon that is enrolled full time and in good academic standing, but finds they are unable to graduate within four years, Siena University will cover 100% of the cost of remaining tuition until the degree is earned.



Highlights of the

- AUTOMATIC ADMISSION FOR ANY ROGER BACON STUDENT WITH A MINIMUM OF A 3.0 GPA.
- WAIVED SIENA UNIVERSITY COMMON APPLICATION FEES.
- AN EXCLUSIVE VIRTUAL INFORMATION AND INTERVIEW DAY FOR ROGER BACON STUDENTS.



Siena University's tuition and fees for 2026-27 are \$48,895, and the average merit and need-based aid awarded to students averages between \$30,000 - \$39,000.

"We believe we have a responsibility to help families make the cost of a high-quality education more manageable. This is one reason we not only keep our tuition affordable, but also made a point to not increase tuition this year. College costs have exploded. This exclusive agreement with Siena University will make the cost of our students' earning their college degree much more affordable and allow the students to do so in the Franciscan model at a special university." adds Roger Bacon President, Steve Schad.

Founded in 1937, Siena University is a private, coeducational liberal arts college with a proud Franciscan heritage, nationally recognized academic programs, and a welcoming campus community just outside Albany, New York. Like Roger Bacon High School, Siena is committed to educating the whole person — mind, body, and spirit. It was recently ranked 69th among all universities nationally by the Wall Street Journal based on student experience and post-graduation success and continually ranks among the top Catholic universities nationally.

Roger Bacon also has an existing agreement with St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure, New York, another Franciscan education partner. This agreement ensures a \$5,000 per year, \$20,000 four-year scholarship exclusively for Roger Bacon students.

new partnership include:

- **A GUARANTEED \$20,000 PER YEAR SCHOLARSHIP FOR EVERY ROGER BACON STUDENT, ON TOP OF ANY ADDITIONAL MERIT OR NEED-BASED AWARDS EARNED BY THE STUDENT.**
- **PERSONAL ADMISSIONS, GUIDANCE, AND ADVISING FOR ROGER BACON STUDENTS.**





Kneip Award

Congratulations to **Dave Gumm** on being the 2025 recipient of the Joseph A. Kneip Distinguished Service Award - the highest accolade given to a member of the Roger Bacon faculty and staff. Dave has been a member of the maintenance staff for 35 years. Congratulations, again, Dave on this honor!

Bacon Gives Back

On Friday, May 9, Roger Bacon students took to the streets of St. Bernard to put service learning into action.

Students grouped together to spread out among different sites around St. Bernard to spend a day growing as Franciscans in service to others. Members of the St. Bernard community asked for help with things such as yard work and cleaning, and the Spartans answered the call.

Special thanks goes to Mr. Rodriguez and Br. Joshua who worked to make this day successful and seamless! It was a memorable morning for Roger Bacon students and the St. Bernard community. It was a great reminder that "it is in giving that we receive."



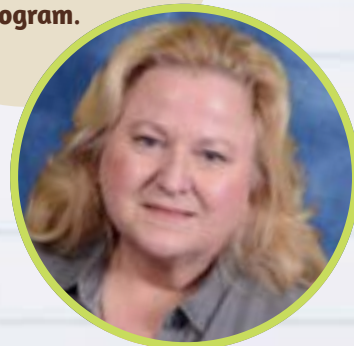
The Halls @ RB

Remembering Deb and Her Legacy

In May, Roger Bacon announced that our distinguished Assisi Scholar Program will henceforth be known as the **Dr. Deb Luebbe Assisi Scholar Program**.

The Assisi Scholars Program is designed to offer rigorous academic, spiritual and leadership growth while providing a challenging academic curriculum with two culminating experiences - an academic capstone presentation and a pilgrimage to Italy. **Dr. Deb Luebbe**, a longtime Roger Bacon faculty member, was instrumental in creating the Assisi Scholar program over fourteen years ago. The program was near and dear to

her; she poured her heart and soul into the creation, development and execution of the program - both academically and spiritually. As a result of her efforts and dedication, the program will now be known as the **Dr. Deb Luebbe Assisi Scholar Program**.



Student of the Year

In May, **Ben Powers '26** was honored as the Student of the Year with an award from the Exchange Club of Northwest Cincinnati. Ben was named Student of the Month for February. This placed him in a competition that culminated in April with a final presentation to the group. After his presentation, he was awarded the yearly honor and named Student of the Year! Congratulations, Ben!



Published Writer
Maggie McCormick '27 was recently chosen as a winner in the Young Writers USA Fright Club contest! Maggie's written submission "Leviathan" was one of 10 winners chosen from over 52,000 entries! Congratulations Maggie on this amazing accomplishment!



New Staff

Roger Bacon is excited to welcome five new teachers and staff to our faculty.

- **Isaac Vazquez Angeles** - World Languages
- **Stephanie Bellman** - Math
- **Br. Bradley Tuel, OFM** - Theology
- **Wendy Weller** - Intervention Specialist
- **Katherine Gill** - Theology



St. Clare Society Sends Student to Stanford

Over the summer, **Harper Mucillo '28** had the incredible opportunity to attend the **Intensive Law & Trial Program at Stanford University** through Roger Bacon's **St. Clare Society!** The St. Clare Society provides access for student enrichment through the pursuit of unique educational, cultural, and faith-based opportunities by eliminating any financial obstacles that may have otherwise restricted student access. Harper decided to explore the Intensive Law & Trial Program at Stanford because of her passion and curiosity for the law. The goal of the program is to provide students with academic and career insights into the field of law by allowing them to step into the roles of prosecution and defense legal teams to try a case in the courtroom.

BACON ARTS



From the Desk of the Theater Director...

Wow! What a summer it has been for the Drama Guild!

We were lucky enough to travel to the **Edinburgh Fringe Festival**—the largest theatre festival in the world. The Roger Bacon Drama Guild teamed up with Milford High School to write, direct, act, and produce their original show **140 at Vines Way**, a murder mystery that had audiences on the edge of their seats during its stateside run at Milford and in our **three SOLD-OUT performances** at the Fringe—no easy feat!

From October 2024 to August 2025, RBDG students dedicated themselves to creating this show and building a true ensemble with Milford. This experience was priceless. Students were not only exposed to some of the best theatre in the world, but they were also immersed in the same festival where Lin-Manuel Miranda first performed *In the Heights*, *Hamilton*, *Six*, and *Fleabag* was first shown.

The creativity flowing through the Fringe was immeasurable, and beyond the stage, our students had the chance to explore the beauty of Scotland. For many, this is an opportunity that even professional adult actors never get to experience. Watching our students' eyes open to new possibilities in theatre—whether in drama, puppetry, music, or playwriting—was unforgettable. Each student also had the chance to attend at least four shows of their choice, sparking their imaginations and allowing them to explore their craft in new ways. None of this would have been possible without our incredible donors and the generous support of Roger Bacon High School.

We are beyond grateful—and beyond excited—for what's next for RBDG. We'll see you on stage this season!

Mrs. Stuard-Neal



2025 Fall Play

Be sure to check out RBDG's next production when they produce "The Canterville Ghost" in November!





A Word from the Band Director...

RB3 had a great learning and cultural experience in Memphis this summer. It was a unique honor to be recognized by the **Association for Popular Music Education** at the national level and invited to participate in the Student Festival. RB's own rock band is the first high school group from Ohio to be represented at this conference. It shows the amazing work of our students and the unique opportunities provided by Roger Bacon. It was an amazing experience to learn and explore the rich musical history of Memphis, to watch and perform with bands and students in the genre from around the country, and to join in fellowship while traveling together.

Mr. Montgomery



SpARTan Wins BIG!

In June, Claire Evans '25 was awarded the **ARTEFFECT \$1,000 Spotlight Prize-Large Format** for her mixed-media artwork **Mary Anning: The Fossilist**, at the 10th Annual ARTEFFECT International Art Competition. Claire's award-winning piece honors Unsung Hero Mary Anning, an English paleontologist and fossil collector born in 1799. Congratulations, Claire!



A Stunning Success

The **2025 Fine Arts Festival** was a stunning success. From the various art works and performances - to everyone who came out to vote at the **Festival Gallery** and "RB's Got Talent!" - it was a wonderful week celebrating all the SpARTans at Roger Bacon. We had an amazing response across our socials with over 20,000 views and 900+ likes and interactions, making this one of the most well-received Fine Arts Festival EVER! Thank you for supporting our SpARTans!



Tradition

Thank you

to everyone who supported our Annual Fund Drive (AFD) last year! Because of your generosity, we were able to accomplish something remarkable: surpassing our financial

goal. We are extremely grateful for the alumni, parents, and friends who continue to make a Roger Bacon education possible for our students. This year - we have set our most ambitious goal yet:



\$750,000!

While we are proud of the dollars raised last year...

we fell just short of another critical measure of success:
the number of donors who participated.

WE NEED YOU!

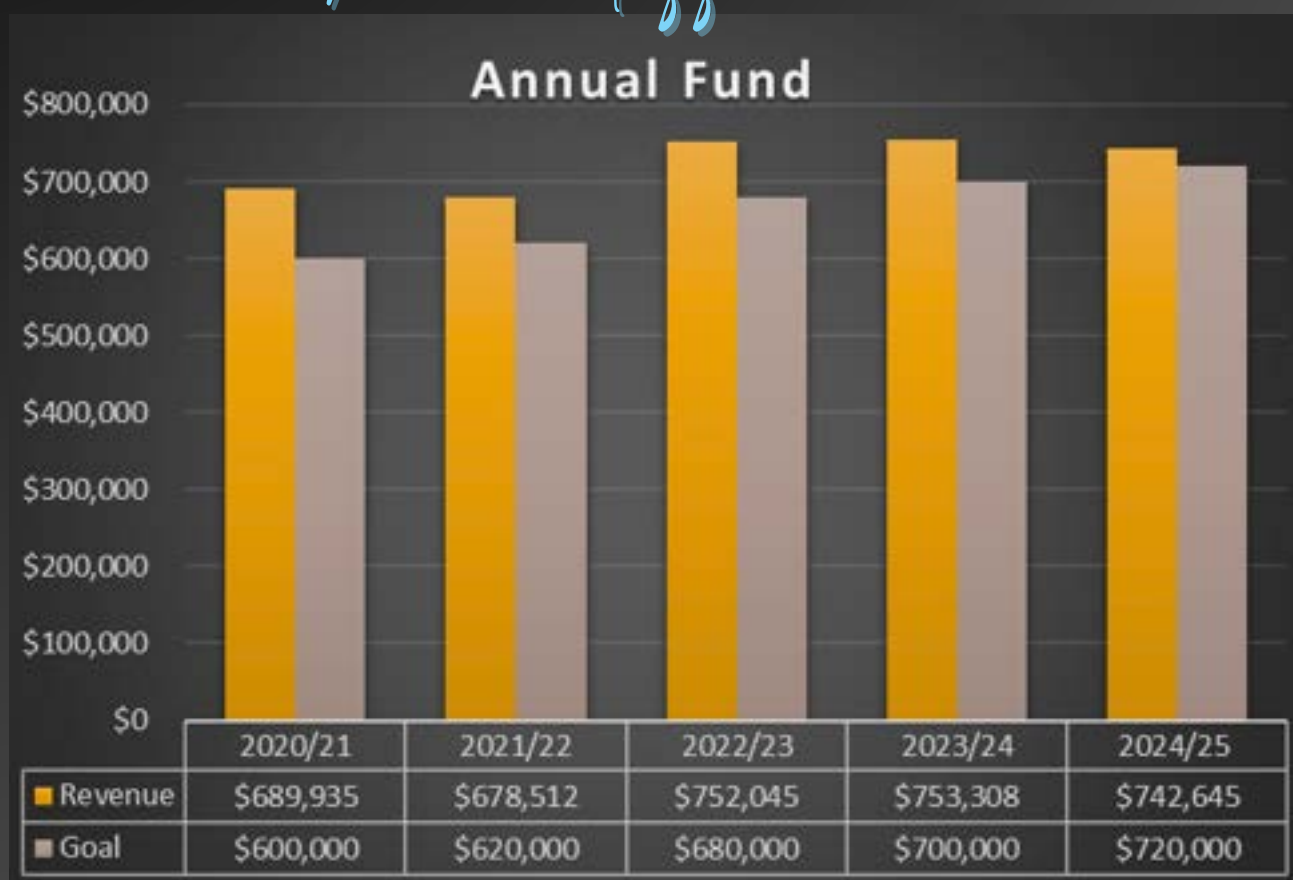
Increasing donor participation to the AFD is just as important as reaching our financial goal because it ensures the long-term sustainability of the AFD and strengthens our community of support.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE AFD IS SEPARATE FROM OUR *WE ARE THE GOOD SOIL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN*. WHILE THE CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS LONG-TERM FACILITY AND MISSION ENHANCEMENTS, **THE AFD HELPS BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN TUITION AND THE ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATING A ROGER BACON SPARTAN EVERY YEAR.**

Every gift - no matter the size -

We're proud to share that we did not raise tuition this school year, a decision made possible by the generosity of supporters like you.

makes a difference!



Giving has never been easier!

- Return a check in the enclosed envelope. No stamp needed; postage is on us!
- Scan the QR code or visit www.rogerbacon.org/giving/donate to give securely online
- Give via Venmo: @RogerBacon





CLASS OF

Congratulations to our newest Roger Bacon alumni, the Class of 2025. This class boasted **24 Assisi Scholars and one Nation Merit Commended Student. The 114 newest alumni are spread across 11 states and 39 schools and careers or job fields.**

Conor Andrews
Joan Appleby
Samuel Ater de Lemos
Brandon Auer
Kale Avila-Mejia
Drew Ballinger
Joshua Becker
Katherine Beyer
Gabriella Bose
Robert Brenner
Joseph Britton
Andrew Brokesh
Samantha Bunzendahl
Ava Carraher
Raelynn Cheshier
Owen Clare
Jaya Collier
Joshua Cook
Samuel Dalid
Maya DeStazio
Anthony Dirr
Max Doyle
Gabrielle Ernst
Jesse Eubanks, Jr.
Claire Evans
Brayden Fletcher
Mariah Gaines
Kaleb Gentry
Elijah Goecke
Skylar Groenemann
Carlie Grosser
Vincent Guyer
Leah Hackney
Devon Harland
Saryate Harris
William Hausfeld
Keira Hedrington
Morgan Heinrich
Caroline Hillebrand
Augusta Hoffman
Marilyn Hoffmann
Dylan Holmes
Macy Holt
Agatha Horstman

Melissa Howard
Raymond Huffman
Allyson Hughes
Grady Huneck
Laila James
Olga Jimenez Gonzalez
Aaliyah Johnson
Victor Johnson, II
Cameron Jones
Anna Kamphaus
Anna Kenny
Kayla Kilgore
Alisa King
Griffin Kleinfeldt
Rosella Knapke
Genevieve Ludwig
Vincent Lynch
William Mason
Jack Mayfield
Kaylee McClain
Ashlyn McIntyre
Margaret Meiners
Claire Merkle
Olivia Mollner
Landen Murphy
Zalman Myrick
Elizabeth Neal
JuneWind Needham
Ava Otto
Amya Parker
Caitlyne Plavsic
Jessica Powers
Lucy Rewwer
Braden Rice
Ava Richter
Brady Rickenbaugh
Myla Rodenberg
Javar Rodney
Caleb Rosenfeldt
Jessica Rottenberger
Ella Rutzke
Cory Sammons Jr
Kelsey Sander
Benjamin Schmidt
Mackenzie Schwartz

Walking across the stage as a new alumnus of Roger Bacon High School is an incredible accomplishment. For a select few graduates it was extra special, because their parents currently work at Roger Bacon and were able to hand them their diploma. Pictured on the next page are those graduates who were welcomed into the Roger Bacon alumni family by those most special in their life:

Brian Neal '90 and Elizabeth Neal '25
Jon Powers '90 and Jessica Powers '25
Rob Rickenbaugh '90 and Brady Rickenbaugh '25
Nick Rosenfeldt (English Department and Golf Coach) and **Caleb Rosenfeldt '25.**

Isabella Sebens
Joseph Snavelly
Jacob Snyder
Nevaeh Stark
Madison Stecher
Danielle Stenger
Amanda Strobe
Michael Thomas
DeAijah Thomas Turner
Brady Vargo
Christopher Ventura Perez
Zachary Vogler
Lillian Voss
Raegan Waller
Devin Walls
Matthias Wang
Mileydi Washington-Eubanks
Alexander Weigand
Nathan Weigand
Ethen Weimer
Gianna Williams
Jackson Wilp
Elizabeth Wilson
Lucas Wilson
Alayna Woodrum



2025



A BRAND NEW ATHLETICS WEBSITE



Roger Bacon Athletics is proud to unveil a redesigned athletics website created with the new partnership with Mascot Media, a recognized leader in athletic communications and digital engagement. The newly

launched platform will feature a fully responsive design, photo galleries, livestreaming capabilities, direct access to content through the eventual Roger Bacon Athletics mobile app, player and coach bios, and more! The project was developed in collaboration with Mascot Media over the past several months with a focus on streamlining user experience and elevating the department's overall brand identity. The move to Mascot Media also supports Roger Bacon's broader efforts to grow its digital reach within the Miami Valley Conference and across the region.



Check out our new Athletics website by scanning this code!



ROGER BACON ATHLETICS NOW PARTNERS WITH NIKE AND BSN



JUST DO IT.

Roger Bacon Athletics has entered a partnership with NIKE and BSN SPORTS, the largest direct distributor of sporting goods to school and league markets. They serve as the official provider of Roger Bacon Spartans' team apparel and equipment. BSN SPORTS will outfit Roger Bacon student-athletes, coaches, and staff in Nike products through this partnership. Roger Bacon student-athletes and the extended Spartan community, including Roger Bacon alumni, will also benefit from access to BSN SPORTS' line of Campus Branding products featuring exclusive Nike branding designs and customizable online fanwear shops for the Roger Bacon community.

Scan this code to check out RB's new BSN Sideline Store to order your Spartan fan gear today



20 ATHLETIC Spring

Baseball

1st Team MVC

Kyle Miller '26

2nd Team MVC

Ben Powers '25

Honorable Mention MVC

Caleb Rosenfeldt '25

Owen Stewart '26

Softball

1st Team MVC

Kendra Gee '26

Ally Hughes '25

Ella Schlegel '26

2nd Team MVC

Gabby Ernst '25

Addi Schwartz '27

Honorable Mention MVC

Erin Pare '26

Mackenzie Schwartz '25

1st Team All City

Ally Hughes '25

2nd Team All City

Addi Schwartz '27

Kendra Gee '26

Track and Field

All City Team

Rhys Jacobs '26

(300M Hurdles)

25 AWARDS All-Stars

Lacrosse

1st Team MVC

Lizzy Mumper '26

2nd Team MVC

Caroline Hildebrand '25

Olivia Mollner '25

Myla Rodenburg '25

Honorable Mention MVC

Maya DeStazio '25

Sammi Bunzendahl '25

1st Team All City

Lizzy Mumper '26

Boys' Volleyball

1st Team All City

Andrew Weigand '26

2nd Team All City

Alex Weigand '25

Honorable Mention All City

Nathan Weigand '26

1st Team All State

Andrew Weigand '26

SPARTANS AT THE NEXT LEVEL

Congratulations to the following Class of 2025 Spartans on committing this past spring to continue their athletic careers at the next level.

Caleb Rosenfeldt Earlham College - Baseball
Ethen Weimer New Hampshire Technical Institute - Baseball

Brandon Auer Mount St. Joseph University - Football

Sammi Bunzendahl Trine University - Lacrosse
Madison Stecher La Salle University - Swimming

Amya Parker Tusculum University - Soccer

Kat Beyer Northern Kentucky University - Cheerleading

Josh Cook Wittenberg University - Football

Mike Thomas Wittenberg University - Football

Sevyn Johnson Wittenberg University - Football



RB SOCCER CONTINUES TRADITION OF HONORING THEIR LEGENDS

The **23rd Annual Meg Gutzwiller Alumni Soccer Game** took place in July honoring the lives of **Meg Gutzwiller '00** and her father **John Gutzwiller '61**. Over 50 soccer alumni took the field at the Bron to take on the boys' and girls' varsity teams. As always, it was a great evening celebrating the excellence that is Roger Bacon Soccer.

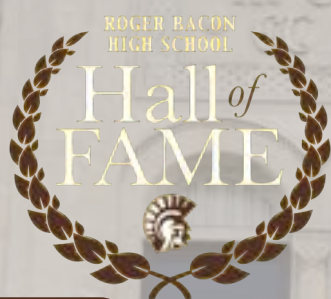


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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE OUTSTANDING
ATHLETES WHO WILL BE HONORED AT THE
ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH.**

**MORE INFORMATION ON THE EVENT WILL BE
ANNOUNCED FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.**



Class of 2025



Vernon Pellman '35



James Brockman '65



Daniel Endres '98



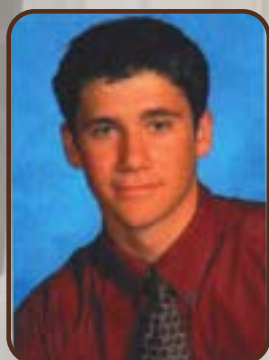
Mary Brunner '03



Sara Faller '05



Laura Brichler '06



Kurt Rocco '06



Katie Veatch '06

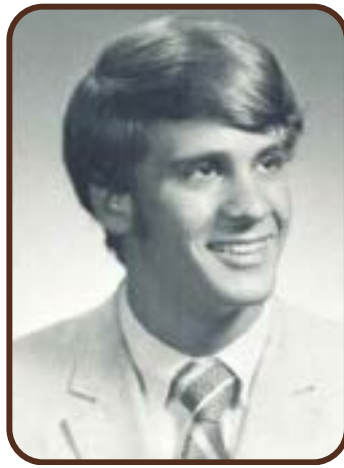


Josh Ungerbuehler '10



Spartan Award Recipient
Kelly (Rickenbaugh)
Marsh '91 †

Sticking true to her Franciscan values as an RB alumna, Kelly used her own personal tragedy after suffering a massive hemorrhagic stroke to help other people. She wrote a book with her husband about the experience that led to speaking events around the country to help stroke victims. She also started her foundation, One Stroke Forward, that helps many stroke survivors cover the costs associated with recovery.



Astrolabe Award Recipient
Mark Piepmeier '72

Mark has built upon the Franciscan traditions he learned as a student at RB and put them at the forefront of his life through his consistent service to others. He served on the Sharonville City Council, and then served six months in Iraq as a captain in the Army. While there he was awarded several medals. He has also served as a Chief Trial Council with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office for many years.



Amaranth Award Recipient
Sherrie Lakes '71

Sherrie is an Angel who has used her foundation of Christian principles and Franciscan ideals throughout her professional career, always putting the needs of her brothers and sisters in Arms first. She was an RN until she joined the Army in 1974 where she then served multiple tours in the Middle East. She worked her way up to colonel in the Army and is now retired.



Roger Bacon Award Recipient
Mose '81 and Barb DeMasi

For over 30 years, Mose and Barb Demasi have run "Helping Hands of Hope" which is their organization that focuses on providing hunger relief to working, struggling families in the greater Cincinnati Area during the Thanksgiving season. Last year, they provided food for 630 families!

2025 Alumni Awards Mass and Dinner

WHEN: NOVEMBER 1, 2025

WHERE: ROGER BACON HIGH SCHOOL

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

RESERVATIONS: IF INTERESTED IN PURCHASING
TICKETS TO ATTEND, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.ROGERBACON.ORG OR SCAN THE CODE BELOW



Scan this code to purchase
your tickets now!

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ALUMNI

Be Inspired...



"I did the Skyline 3-way challenge with extra cheese at the 2025 Flying Pig race (5k, 10k and half marathon plus the Fifty West Brewery Friday-night mile). The unique thing about this is that I powered walked all the races instead of running. This picture is from the 2021 Flying Pig Half Marathon.

Side note: I ran my first Boston Marathon in 1972 when I was a senior at RB."

-Russell McMahon '72

DID YOU RUN IN THE 2025 FLYING PIG? HAVE A DIFFERENT INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT? SEND YOUR STORY TO ALYSSA FLADING (AFLADING@ROGERBACON.ORG)



Fathers Jim and John Bok '53 were out to celebrate Fr. Jim's birthday. According to Fr. Jim:

"While out for manhattans with my big brother, some big guy walked up to our booth. He stopped and said, "Fr. Jim!"

So I looked up and the face looked familiar but no name came. He said,

'Mike Hayes class of 1981!' I

remembered him and that led to a delightful conversation. After dinner, my brother got some great news.

Dinner was paid for. It is great to be a Spartan!"

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

Coach Starkey had knee surgery recently and his former student/football player ended up being the one who performed the surgery -

Dr. Ron Auer '02!

Coach Starkey joked with the nurses that if the surgery didn't make him feel better that he was going to make Dr. Auer do sprints in the parking lot!

Fortunately, the surgery was a success and Coach Starkey's knee has never felt better. *"Ron was a tremendous student and football player at RB. He is also a wonderful husband, father and doctor - I am so proud of him!"*

Dr. Auer is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in Total Joint Replacement, Arthroscopy, and General Orthopedics.



NEWS

...Stay Connected



Congratulations to our Spartans graduating from colleges and universities all over the country. **Lilly Crigler '21** recently graduated from Arizona State University with her degree in History with minors in Classics, Criminology, and Criminal Justice, and a certificate in International Studies. She is headed to George Washington University to pursue her Master's degree in museums, history and culture. She was recently highlighted on ASU's website. Learn more about her research, specifically on the effects of Covid-19 by scanning the QR code.



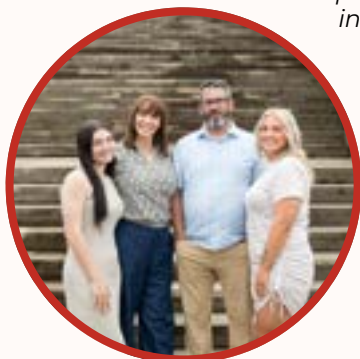
Spartan Sweethearts

Joe Korte (RB '64) and Barbara (Craig) Korte (Park Tudor, Indianapolis '67) celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 27th. They met in the infamous Pink Room of McMicken Hall at UC. They have had lots of adventures since then while living near the sunny Seattle.



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

"After 28 years as a health and PE teacher, I have entered the school administration realm as the Dean of Students at The Dayton Regional STEM School. I'm in charge of attendance, testing and discipline for over 800 students in grades 6-12."



-Melissa (Doddy) Curran
class of 1993

RB Alumni Association
Secretary

pictured L-R with her
family: daughter **Catie '23**
husband Jeremy, and
daughter **Emma '20**.



Spartan and Angel Meet-up

Pictured from Left to Right:
Marie (Schulte) Schoettmer - OLA
1946
Mary Ann (Garmann) Blom - OLA
1946
Paul Blom - RB 1943

All three of these alumni met up in Columbus, Ohio, to reminisce and reconnect. Some may remember "Garmann's Bakery" in St. Bernard. Mary Ann's family used to run the famous St. Bernard establishment! It was a wonderful afternoon with the old friends.

Alumni Business Spotlight



Katy Hanlon (Ernst) '07 was just named the Peggy Reggeri Award Winner at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Heart Institute for 2024.

The Peggy Reggeri Award was established in 2019 to recognize those who inspire others by way of their dedication and contributions to the mission and culture of the heart institute at Cincinnati Children's.

Mr. Abasi Key '93, Purcell Marian High School's CISE Student Advocate, was recently honored with a 2025 Impact Award by the Queen City Foundation at their Salute to Scholars event.

Mr. Key was recognized for his work at Purcell Marian and his Keyz 2 Life foundation. Since 1969, Queen City Foundation has assisted ambitious students in greater Cincinnati with academically rigorous programs, enrollment to local and national independent schools, and valuable scholarship support. Founded by Dr. John A. Ordway and Hon. Judge Robert L. Black, the Queen City Foundation prepares African American youth for lifelong success by providing access to expanded opportunities through scholarship resources, educational enrichment, leadership and social development, and mentorship.



Ben Leo '17 recently attained his doctorate in Political Science from the University of Kentucky. He currently works in Lexington at the Statehouse for Gov. Beshear's committee on education research.



Kaela (Ewing) Cook '08 is the proud owner of **Shop26 Men's Salon** - Cincinnati's one-stop shop for men and boys who like to relax and enjoy getting pampered.

At Shop 26, Kaela and her entire staff take pride in offering a comprehensive menu that includes detailed haircuts, precise beard trims, soothing beard washes, rejuvenating facials, expert body waxing, hot shaves, and luxurious manicure/pedicure treatments.

Kaela is the owner of Shop26 and has been in the men's grooming industry for over 15 years! She spent the first eight years of her career working for franchisee owners and in 2018, stepped out of that to work for herself as an independent contractor in a 10x10 suite which is where Shop26 was originally born. Fast forward to the summer of 2022 when she purchased and renovated the shop that is located in the heart of North College Hill, a place she also calls home with her two sons, Chase and Tyson.

Step into Shop 26, where grooming meets pampering, and let Kaela and her team elevate your self-care routine. Follow Kaela and the shop on Instagram or download their app to book an appointment today!

Instagram: @shop26menssalon

Download the Shop26 Men's Salon App:



DO YOU WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR SMALL BUSINESS IN THE NEXT MAGAZINE? E-MAIL NWILKING@ROGERBACON.ORG WITH YOUR INFORMATION.

Frank Philips '02 placed in University of Findlay's Hall of Fame

Congratulations to **Frank Philips '02** for being named to the University of Findlay's Hall of Fame. Frank had an impressive career as an Oiler. Read more about his accomplishments by scanning the QR code.



Dan Luken's '13 Spartan wedding attendees: L-R, **Gerry Flamm '61**, **Roy Bauer '78**, **Brian Neal '90**, **Amy Neal '93**, **Mark Hegner '80**, **Andy Kraemer '79**, **Mellen Moors-Dressing**, **Jim Albers '78**, **Sally Luken '14**, **Ted Alverson '85**, **Renae Koch Luken '17**, **Tony Luken '17**, **Dan Luken '13**, **Nick Luken '13**, **John Luken '79**, **Rick Luken '76**.

Spartan Sweethearts



"This summer, I (**Reiley Borges '20**) helped three Spartans buy their first homes! **Ethan Nye '18** and **Katelyn Barnes '19** as well as **Grace Nonnamaker '18** (seen below)."



Reiley Borges | Realtor
ERA Real Solutions Realty
(513) 477-6572
reileyrealestate@gmail.com



Not only did they buy a house this summer, but **Ethan Nye '18** and **Katelyn Barnes '19** also got engaged on January 31, 2025. The wedding is set for September 19, 2026. Ethan's sister, **Belle Nye '21** took their engagement photo on the steps of RB. Proud parents (**Terri Barnes '86** and **Tom Barnes '84**) are looking forward to the nuptials.

Sean Ballinger '90 and **Amy Palmer '92** tied the knot on August 9th; and in a beautiful and selfless gesture, Sean and Amy have chosen to forgo traditional wedding gifts and instead invite friends and family to support the *We Are the Good Soil* Capital Campaign at Roger Bacon High School.

Their commitment to Roger Bacon runs deep, not only as proud alumni, but also as parents to five Spartans: **Lindsay '20**, **Ally '19**, **Mallory '24**, **Drew '25**, and **Macy '25**.

Back in the Eternal City

Abigail Stewart '22 took the leap on a journey back to Rome, Italy, after her experience as an Assisi Scholar at Roger Bacon. Abby recently completed a 5-week study abroad program through Loyola University -Chicago. After receiving a prestigious scholarship, Abby decided

to head back to Italy for new experiences and friendships. Xavier University highlighted Abby's experience on the website; read more about her summer abroad by scanning the QR code.



Tradition

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Reunions & Gatherings

The Annual RB Alumni Association golf outing took place on June 13 at Glendale Golf Course. Thanks to all those who participated and helped run the event. The winner of the putt contest was **Kurt Juengling '86** shown above.

53



RB Class of 1953 had a small reunion! Pictured are **Dick Seitz, Jim Trageser, Jim Sicking, Fr. John Bok, Dick Doppes, Frank Haggerty, and Fritz Kurtz.**

59



The **OLA Class of 1959** met in September of last year for their **65th Reunion** and had a grand time together.

65

The **OLA Class of 1965** will have their **60th Reunion** on October 18th in the Fine Arts Center at Roger Bacon. Contact **Chris Boehm (Hendel)** (yorktownco1704@gmail.com).

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The **RB & OLA Classes of 1970** still meet monthly at St. Bernard Pub. Contact **Joe Kempe** (horatiojoek@gmail.com) for more information on their planned reunion.

71

The **RB Class of 1971** is in early planning stages for their **55th Reunion** next year. Contact **Alan Kalb** (alan1kalb@gmail.com) to help or for more information.

72



The **RB Class of 1972** meets monthly for lunch (3rd Wednesday) at Wiedemann at 12:30PM. This photo is from April 2025.

75

The **OLA Class of 1975** will have their **50th Reunion** on September 27th at Roger Bacon and Wiedemann's. For more information contact **Peggy Hermes (Teed)** (peggy_hermes@yahoo.com).

76

Early planning stages are underway for the **RB Class of 1976 50th Reunion** next year. Contact **Dan Ryan** (danryan757@gmail.com) to help or for more information.



The starting five from the **'82 Boys' Basketball State Championship team** had a reunion with Coach Callahan in August. Pictured: Coach **Robert Callahan**, **Bruce Knolle '82**, **Greg Schildmeyer '82**, **Rick Bierman '82**, **Mike Morrissey '82**, **Rob Niehoff '82**.

**CALLING ALL SPARTANS
AND ANGELS WHO
GRADUTATED IN YEARS ENDING
IN 1 OR 6:**

THIS NEXT YEAR COULD BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A REUNION. IF INTERESTED IN PLANNING AN EVENT FOR YOUR CLASS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO BREED@ROGERBACON.ORG TO GET STARTED!

80



The **RB Class of 1980** met at Roger Bacon in August and had a great turnout.

00

The **RB Class of 2000** is finalizing their planning for a **25th Reunion**, contact **Denise Ott (Gullette)** (dott@rogerbacon.org) for more information.

05

The **Class of 2005** is celebrating their **20th Reunion** on **October 3rd and 4th** meeting at RB Friday night for Homecoming parade and game and Saturday night at the St. Bernard Pub at 7PM. Contact **Robert Rice** at rrice1219@gmail.com with questions.

85

The **RB Class of 1985** is planning their **40th Reunion**. It is set for October 4th at Pebble Creek Golf Course. (7-11pm)



Some good friends took a trip to Alaska - **Tim Billingham RB '85**, **Kim Billingham Derrenkamp OLA '82**, **Patty Brockman Holbert OLA '82**, and **Donna Lawrence Berns '82**.

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The **RB Class of 2010** will have their **15th Reunion** on October 3rd at Wiedemann's at 8:30PM after the Homecoming game. Contact **Nick Wilking** for more information.

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The **Class of 2015** will have their **10th Reunion** on September 27th at Rhinegeist. Contact **Bobby Wilking** on Facebook for more information.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S **SPARTY BUS TOUR: FEBRUARY 28, 2026 -MARCH 2, 2026**. CONTACT THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



Born to Eternal Life

*The following members of the Roger Bacon family
have been born to eternal life. Please join us in
remembering them and their families in your prayers.*

Elizabeth (Meyer) Endres '42
Evelyn (Hemsath) Dreyer '44
Catherine (Kinsch) Brockman '44
LaVerne (Brookbank) Dittmer '45
Ruth (Boehm) Kenkel '46
John Haskamp '47
Shirley (Windholtz) Miller '48
Helen (Albrinck) Naber '48
Catherine (Hardewig) Reed '48
Elizabeth (Burger) Fehring '49
Patricia (Dignan) Houterloot '50
Mary (Pahren) Trischler '51
Rose (Seufert) Sicking '52
Mary (Stegeman) Walker '52
Shirley (Rolfes) Dearing '53
Edward Peddenpohl '54
Thomas Siebel '54
Justin Zaffiro '54
Marilyn (Meyer) Konkoly '55
Mary Ann (Piller) Mauntel '56
Charles Rasch '56
Marilyn (Hennessy) Capano '56
Eileen (Brenner) Meiser '57
Mary DeMaria '57
Richard Harmeyer '57
Janice (Kallmeyer) Kearns '57
Donald Vieth '58
Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Cowles '59
James Hulin '59
William Briede '60
Robert Henderson '60
Francis (Jamison) Wirmel '60
James Louis '60
Frederick Staley '60
Rosemary Drivers '61
Richard Ellensohn '61
William Ingersoll '63

Judy (Boehm) Doerger '64
John Schlegel '64
William Karaus '65
Martin Deuter '65
Michael Schildmeyer '66
Joseph Urk '66
Steve Durkee '67
Sharon Ries '67
John Wachter '67
William Bose '68
Linda (Day) Rohrer '68
John Ulm '68
Richard Zoz '69
Debora (Steinmetz) Ayers '73
Antionett (Baitz) Hanson '75
Paul Bushelman '75
Paul Eberhard '75
David Blaut '78
Thomas Woodall '81
James Swanton '82
Deborah (D'Avignon) Holt '93

RB Family

Kathleen Burke
Sharon Goodcase
Mary Heller
Thomas Hutchinson
John O'Connor
Araceli Beluan

If you're looking for a way to make a difference at Roger Bacon while also saving on taxes, consider making a gift through your IRA. This option—called a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**—is one of the simplest, most tax-efficient ways to give.

For Those 70½ & Older

- You can donate directly from your IRA (up to \$108,000 annually) to Roger Bacon without paying income tax on the gift.
- Starting at age 73, your gift can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- Because it lowers taxable income, a QCD may also reduce Medicare premiums and the portion of Social Security subject to tax.

For Those 59½ & Older

- Withdraw from your IRA without penalty and make a gift to Roger Bacon. If you itemize, you may also qualify for a charitable deduction.

For Any Age

- You can name Roger Bacon as a beneficiary of all or a percentage of your IRA—a powerful, tax-free way to leave a legacy.

Why Give Through Your IRA?

Your gift goes to work right away! You'll see the impact of your generosity in real time while strengthening the future of Roger Bacon. From our Annual Fund Drive to the Capital Campaign and beyond, your support through this tax-smart option strengthens every part of Roger Bacon—ensuring that future generations of Spartans benefit from a strong, affordable, Catholic Franciscan education.

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A Helpful Tip

Most IRA administrators don't notify us when you've included Roger Bacon in your plans. Please let us know so we can honor your intentions and thank you for your lasting support!

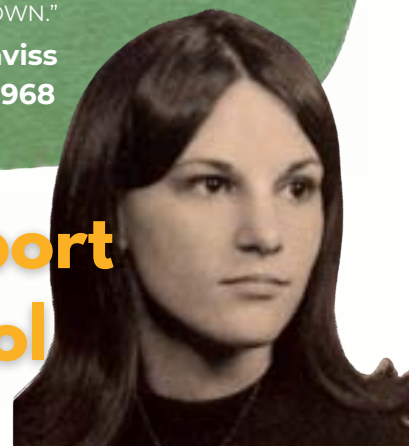
"I USED THE QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME TO GIVE TO ROGER BACON. THE MONEY GOES DIRECTLY FROM THE IRA TO THE SCHOOL AND DOES NOT CREATE ANY INCOME TAX LIABILITY. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO TAKE CARE OF SUBSTANTIAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS WHILE WE ARE ALIVE AND CAN WITNESS THE GOOD THAT IS BEING DONE. IF YOU ARE OVER 70 AND A HALF AND HAVE MORE IN AN IRA THAN YOU OR YOUR FAMILY NEED, CONSIDER THIS DIRECT GIFT TO ROGER BACON."

Dave Foley
RB - Class of 1965

"EVERYONE WANTS TO PAY LESS IN TAXES. I USE QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCD) FROM MY IRA TO SUPPORT ROGER BACON—MOST RECENTLY FOR THE WE ARE THE GOOD SOIL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. QCDs ARE A WONDERFUL WAY TO SEE YOUR GIFT MAKING AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT, AND THEY GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT DURING TAX SEASON WHEN YOU SEE BOTH YOUR FEDERAL AND STATE TAXABLE INCOME GO DOWN."

Linda (Stoll) Graviss
OLA - Class of 1968

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