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Welcome to the Winter 2020 issue of *Trojans Today*, *Trojans for Life*!

The late Summer and Fall of 2019-2020 were exciting seasons at Bishop Chatard High School. We welcomed over 160 new Trojans to our campus and celebrated student successes in our classrooms, on our athletic fields, and in our fine arts and extracurricular programs. And, for the first time in the nearly six-decade history of the school, we broke the lock that had been containing us geographically and expanded our campus!

In this issue, you will read about that campus expansion and what it means for the future of our North Deanery high school. On page 6, BCHS President Bill Sahm explains how the expansion, a culmination of over 10 years of work by the school's Board of Regents, administration and many generous donors, will enable improvements that will support a vital and robust high school campus for years to come.

While the visible enhancements are certainly worth celebrating, it is the behind-the-scenes work that occurs daily within the walls of this school that make the Bishop Chatard experience unique. The introduction this year of Seminars during the traditional home room period (read more on page 24) give students an additional opportunity to explore new interests that they might not otherwise have time in the school day to experience.

Stories about new leaders on our campus, including a former Harlem Globetrotter who is now helping to coach the Lady Trojans basketball team (see page 18), a new campus ministry director (page 22) and a new alumni director (page 10) are included. Bishop Chatard has an incredible team of faculty, staff, coaches and administrators who work daily with students to make BCHS the genuinely outstanding Catholic high school it is today. To see for yourself, please check out our new school video.

KELLY LUCAS

Director of Marketing & Communication

Enjoy!

WHAT MAKES BISHOP CHATARD THE TOP HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE AMONG ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS NORTH DEANERY FAMILIES?



Learn more about the school and hear why parents, students, teachers and school leaders say they are Trojans for Life.



Scan the QR Code or visit vimeo.com/385260642 to view Bishop Chatard's new school video!



BC WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2023

Bishop Chatard enthusiastically welcomed

165 FRESHMEN

to the Class of 2023!

54
young
men



46
young
women

Percentage that
achieved 1st Quarter
Honor Roll as freshmen

82%

13%

Percentage
participating
in Fall Play

CHILDREN OF BC ALUMNI: 19%

PERCENTAGE WHO ARE FIRST IN
THEIR FAMILY TO ATTEND BCHS: 49%

PERCENTAGE OF
CLASSMATES
FROM NORTH
DEANERY
SCHOOLS: 88%





Principal

JOE HANSEN

When I was first hired as the principal at Bishop Chatard High School, I was asked to speak at the monthly Dad's Day Breakfast. It was my first opportunity to communicate with parents, teachers and students after being named the new principal.

I am now in my third year as principal, and each day I feel blessed to be a part of the Bishop Chatard community. There is so much that I am grateful for including our teachers, support staff, leadership team and the constant support of our parents and alumni.

While I appreciate the support of the adults in the Bishop Chatard community, I am most grateful for our students. Their courage is inspiring, and their energy is contagious.

When I spoke at that Dad's Day Breakfast, I directed many of my comments specifically to the students who were in attendance. I told the students that I wanted to share a few of my core beliefs and give them a glimpse into what I stood for. I continue to share these beliefs with students each chance that I get.

HERE IS WHAT I SAID, AND CONTINUE TO BELIEVE:

1. "Students are not here for me. I am here for the students."

I am here to serve the students. Please do not hesitate to ask for my assistance, my time or my prayers as you progress through high school. Make no mistake, I want each and every one of you to achieve your dreams and reach your full potential!

2. "God is calling each of you to something great."

He is not calling you to be a bully, He is not calling you to be lazy, He is not calling you to be the most popular person on Instagram. God is calling you to greatness. Please listen and answer the call. I want to challenge every single student to spend just a few moments in silence each day. We live in a loud, chaotic world, full of distractions, and it is hard to hear God's voice with all of this noise. Make time to sit in silence, listen for God's voice, and He will lead you in the right direction.

3. "When you take one step toward God, He takes ten steps toward you."

I tell students this because I believe that sometimes adolescent kids do not feel worthy of God's love. This belief is false, and it is dangerous. God's love contains the power of forgiveness. High school kids can be capable of bad choices, yet I am fond of telling young students, "There are no bad kids, just bad choices."

4. "You don't have to be the best; you have to do your best."

My expectation is not that every student makes honor roll, or that every Senior gets accepted into an Ivy League school, or that every fine arts performance is flawless, or that every sports team wins a state title. If we as teachers, support staff, administration, parents and students always do our best, without being paralyzed by fear, Bishop Chatard will become the greatest school in the nation.

5. "When it comes to rules ... keep it simple."

Show reverence and honor for God at all times is the only rule you need to follow. This covers everything. Respecting parents, doing your homework, reverence at Mass, and how we treat others, etc. Making the effort to honor God at all times leads to success.

I wholeheartedly believe the above statements and I will continue to share these with the students at Bishop Chatard High School.




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The demolition of four houses adjacent to the Bishop Chatard campus and the parking lot being located in their place represent a milestone moment for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school. For the first time in over 50 years, the landlocked campus has grown, providing infrastructure for facilities that will contribute to the school's long-term viability.

In the Spring of 2009, Bishop Chatard purchased the first of seven houses that it has subsequently acquired throughout the past decade. Located south of the school buildings on the west side of Evanston Avenue, the northernmost four houses were leveled in the Fall of 2019 to make way for 100 additional parking spaces to serve the school. The parking lot will be paved and landscaped in the Spring of 2020.

It is an important step, according to Bishop Chatard President Bill Sahm, in a strategic plan that has been in place since the 2007-2008 school year to ensure sustainability for the school.

"It is first and foremost for the safety of our students," Mr. Sahm said, "so that they don't have to park and walk (from the southern end of campus) in the dark during the winter months." But beyond that, he explained that increasing on-campus parking by nearly 25 percent allows the school to host events it could not previously accommodate and plan for facilities that will serve the Bishop Chatard and entire North Deanery community.

In addition to the many events currently held on campus including grandparent Masses, the Annual Fund Dinner, Chatard-A-Bratton and others that attract a large number of guests, BCHS now has adequate parking to host CYO events that attract standing-room only crowds. The expansion in parking also enables Bishop Chatard athletics to host all home games on campus, even those against the school's biggest rivals – another "first" for the Trojans.

"The parking lot is so much more than a parking lot. It allowed us to move on to those other really important capital projects that have an impact on our school's ability to serve the needs of our students and the North Deanery community and enhance our long-term viability," Mr. Sahm added.

The campus expansion was a key element of Phase II of the school's 50th Anniversary Golden Opportunities Campaign. That phase will be completed this year with the addition of new 1,900-seat bleachers and a press box on the home side of the Bishop Chatard Athletic Stadium.

"Having the parking lot allows us to complete the stadium," Mr. Sahm said. "Without the parking, we'd have a difficult time getting approval from the city for putting additional (permanent) seats there." Additional parking was also a prerequisite for the addition of an on-campus dedicated performing arts center that would serve music and theatre programs throughout the North Deanery – a component of Phase III of the Golden Opportunities Campaign.

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The timeline followed for the purchase of homes, stadium construction and creation of parking was developed over 10 years ago and has been strategic, Mr. Sahm explained, all with an eye toward future growth of the school.

"From the time we decided to put the auxiliary gym where we put it, there was planning underway for the strategic capital needs of the school, long term," Mr. Sahm said. "The auxiliary gym and all of the modernizations to the cafeteria and corridors were done as part of the Foundations for Faith campaign. With the help of the Board of Regents and the administration, we determined our next priorities, which were to expand the campus and do all of the things in the 50th Anniversary Golden Opportunities Campaign."

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UNLOCKING BCHS

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It is important to note, Mr. Sahm added, that while the visible improvements achieved as a result of capital campaigns are a necessary part of the school's long-term success, the behind-the-scenes projects and programs funded are equally vital. Funding for endowments established to support teacher compensation and student assistance as well as dollars to upgrade technology needed for 21st Century learners are among the important initiatives that have been brought to fruition.

Bishop Chatard's president says he is looking forward to kicking off Phase III of the capital campaign and looks forward to growing the school's endowments, construction of a connector building that could include a new chapel, classrooms and administrative offices, and the addition of a dedicated performing arts center.

"Bishop Chatard would not be the school it is today without the many people who have dedicated time, talent and their financial resources over the years. These people have made it possible, and we thank you," Mr. Sahm said.



Donors to the 50th Anniversary Golden Opportunities Campaign joined President Bill Sahm in a ceremonial "ground filling" prior to a football game.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

1995

Nearly 35 years after opening its doors, Bishop Chatard's first Capital Campaign raised money to replace the school's windows, roof, bleachers and parking lot.

2000

"The Power, The Gift, The Glory" Capital Campaign provided funding for a 15,000 square foot fine arts addition to the school that included a media center, art rooms, music rooms, classrooms and an elevator and restroom to make the building handicap accessible.

2007

"Foundations for Faith" Capital Campaign raised money to complete a 20,000 square foot addition to the school including a new entrance, auxiliary gym, fitness center, sports medicine center and locker rooms. Sound and lighting equipment to enhance performing arts capabilities in the gymnasium, modernization of classrooms and science labs, classroom projectors, HVAC upgrades and the addition of the Trojan Tots pre-school and day care center were among other projects funded.

2012

Bishop Chatard's 50th Anniversary "Golden Opportunities" Capital Campaign was born out of a three-year strategic plan developed by the school's Board of Regents to ensure long-term fulfillment of the Bishop Chatard mission. In addition to funding campus expansion and raising dollars for the construction of an athletic stadium and other proposed school facilities, the three phases of this campaign are funding vital Tuition Assistance and Teacher Compensation endowments; provided for the installation of a robust wireless network, new servers and 21st Century technology for students and teachers; and funding other priorities that place Bishop Chatard on a path to long-term viability.



ANNUAL FUND

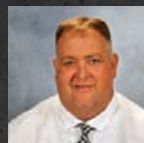
BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you to all who supported the 2019 Annual Fund Dinner and Achievement Awards recognition!

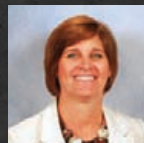
It was a great celebration of blessings and accomplishments. Bishop Chatard High School was pleased to host a record crowd of over 700 people, raising \$626,187 to support Catholic education. On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and administration of Bishop Chatard High School, thank you for your generosity.

A highlight of our school year at Bishop Chatard is the presentation of the annual Achievement Awards. This year, we presented awards to individuals who epitomize the mission and values of our archdiocesan North Deanery high school. Please join us in congratulating our Community Service Honoree, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department represented by officers Matt Jennings '94 and Jim Albin; Alumni Honoree Mike Dury '03; Volunteer Honoree Karen (Church) Winternheimer '86; and Faculty Honoree Beth (Heneghan) Brogan '86. Teacher Lisa Barnes also received Distinguished Teacher recognition.

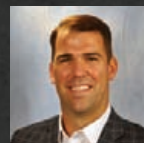
BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



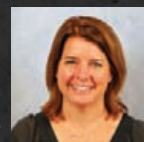
COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
Represented by IMPD officers Matt Jennings '94
and Jim Albin



VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Karen (Church) Winternheimer '86



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Mike Dury '03



FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Beth (Heneghan) Brogan '86



DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR RECOGNITION
Lisa Barnes



Alumni Coordinator

KELLY STUHLDTREHER

Meet Kelly Stuhldreher, new Trojan alumni coordinator

Hello Trojans! My name is Kelly Stuhldreher and I am very excited to be the new coordinator of Special Events and Alumni Relations here at Bishop Chatard High School. I grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and attended Hackett Catholic Central High School, a much smaller school compared to BCHS. After graduation, I made my way up to East Lansing and became a Michigan State Spartan. Go Green! I graduated with a degree in Global and Area Studies with a specialization in geography. While I was in school, I worked at the MSU Employee Assistance Program, and continued to work there as an Administrative Assistant for four years after I graduated. During my time there, I focused on improving the overall wellbeing of MSU faculty and staff, and strengthening my own resilience, leadership and problem-solving skills. I moved to Indianapolis this past Fall to begin a new adventure, and I am happy to say that BCHS is a part of it.

“I’VE ALWAYS FELT A CONNECTION TO THIS SCHOOL.” My dad, Mark Stuhldreher, graduated from BCHS in 1978. Seven of my dad’s brothers and sisters, along with a handful of cousins, have also all graduated from Bishop

Chatard. Even though I did not attend Bishop Chatard, I’ve always felt a connection to this school. I’m looking forward to working with students and alumni who also have a strong connection to BCHS, as well as those who might have fallen out of touch. My goal is to create an active and engaged alumni network.

One of the first ways I hope to do this is by strengthening our Alumni Board and engaging with representatives from each graduating class. With over 10,000 graduates, we will definitely need the help of alums from each class to reach out to their classmates! I will also work to expand our Alumni Career Lunch Program. Current students have so much to learn from former grads about what it’s like to live and work in the “real world.” Hearing the successes, and sometimes struggles, of former students will help today’s Trojans gain a realistic perspective of what to expect after graduation and how well Bishop Chatard prepares them for their future. My hope is to serve as a gateway between you and BCHS. Whether it be volunteering at one of our events, networking, or coming back to campus for a class reunion, I am here to connect you to the school and to one another.

As your new alumni coordinator, I’d love to hear from you. Please reach out to me at kstuhldreher@bishopchatard.org if you’d like to get involved or want to share your story. Current and prospective students will be able to learn exactly what it means to be a Trojan for Life. By sharing our stories and coming together, we can ensure that this community bond only grows stronger. I hope to foster a BCHS community that we can all be a part of for years to come!



A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN SUPPORT OF BCHS

The 2019 Annual Bishop Chatard High School Golf Outing was held Friday, Oct. 4, at Highland Country Club, a gorgeous Fall day to play 'a round' with friends and support BCHS. At the end of the day, over \$31,600 was raised for the Harv Sutton Fund for Tuition Assistance, enabling more young people to receive a Bishop Chatard education.

Thank you to all who joined us, along with the local businesses, organizations and individuals who showed their support for our archdiocesan North Deanery high school by sponsoring this event. #TrojansForLife!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
WOMEN'S 1ST PLACE
TEAM CHAMPIONS!**

Julia Kaercher '05
Megan Andress '03
Allison Roe '00
Molly Rago '05



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
MEN'S 1ST PLACE
TEAM CHAMPIONS!**

Chris Brown '09
Eric Hill '09
Michael Parsons '09
Sean Parsons '14



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The John and Cathy Wagner Family
The Wantuck Family, Class of '97
The Zehner Family: John, Lori, Kayla '17, Paige '20, Maci '24
Zimmerman Family, Patrick '02 & Luke '99
Zionsville Dentistry, Jay Leone '96

ALUMNI UPDATES

1979

JOHN BOSLER

John is a corporate accountant with Lowe's Home Improvement headquarters in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also an active volunteer at an area children's hospital where he facilitates games and activities for patients and their families.

1995

NICHELLE LEAVELL

Nichelle works with Experience, Strength, & Hope LLC, a mental health and addiction outpatient treatment agency.

2001

SARAH (MEYER) OVERPECK

Sarah was recently promoted to Director of High School Review at the NCAA. She now leads the team that reviews and collaborates with secondary schools, programs and courses to ensure Division I and II prospective student-athletes are on a path to meet academic initial eligibility requirements.

2003

BRENDAN MCKIERNAN

Brendan and his wife welcomed their second child, Cora, to the family in October 2019.

2005



WHITNEY (POPP) REH

Whitney and her husband, Kyle, welcomed Josie Marie to the family in August 2019. She joins big brother, Brooks.

2007



KELLY (GARDNER) WOHLER

Kelly and her husband, Andrew, welcomed Willa to the family in October 2019. She joined big brother, Michael. The Wohlers live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

CHAD GLESING

Chad graduated from Manchester University School of Pharmacy in May 2019, earning a Doctor of Pharmacy degree, Pharm.D. He is currently working as a pharmacist at a Kroger store in Elkhart.

2008



KATIE (CIRESI) & PAT O'BRIEN

Katie and Pat welcomed their third son to the family in September 2019.



BILL & ELLEN (ALERDING) KENNEDY

Bill & Ellen live in Indianapolis with their children Kate, Grace and Luke.



KAMILLA BENKO

Kamilla published *"Frozen 2: Forest of Shadows"* in October 2019. Kamilla worked with Disney on the novel which coincided with the much-anticipated release of the movie, *Frozen 2*.

2009



KALIE NOLL

Kalie married Dr. Adam Hicks in October 2019. Many Trojan alumni celebrated with Kalie, including groomsmen Connor Noll '07 and Collin Noll '16, and bridesmaids Kelly (Doyle) Noll '10, Katie Wessel '09, and Allison (Smith) Gardner '09. Also pictured are parents Jackie and Mike Noll.



BOBBY AKIN

Bobby married Ashley Darney in September 2019 at Union Station's Grand Hall in Indianapolis.

2010

JOSEPH PAUSZEK

Joseph earned his Ph.D. Summa Cum Laude from the University of Notre Dame. He is working as a human factors scientist at Exponent, Inc., a multi-disciplinary scientific consulting firm in Scottsdale, Arizona.



ZACH HARTLEY

Zach was named Young Professional of the Year by International Entertainment Buyers Association, the trade organization for live entertainment industry professionals. Zach joined Beverly Hills-based Paradigm Talent Agency in 2014, and today is a talent agent operating out of the agency's Nashville office and negotiating on behalf of entertainers including Blake Shelton, Foreigner, Grand Funk Railroad, Jesse McCartney, JOHNNYSWIM, Old Dominion and others.

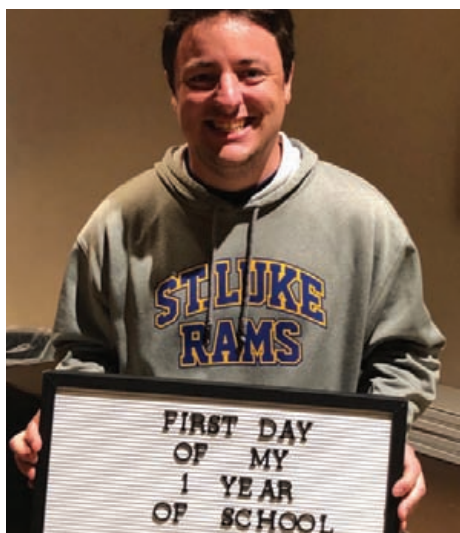


KATHLEEN WEAVER

Kathleen married Travis Carroll in June 2019 at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

ALUMNI UPDATES (CONTINUED)

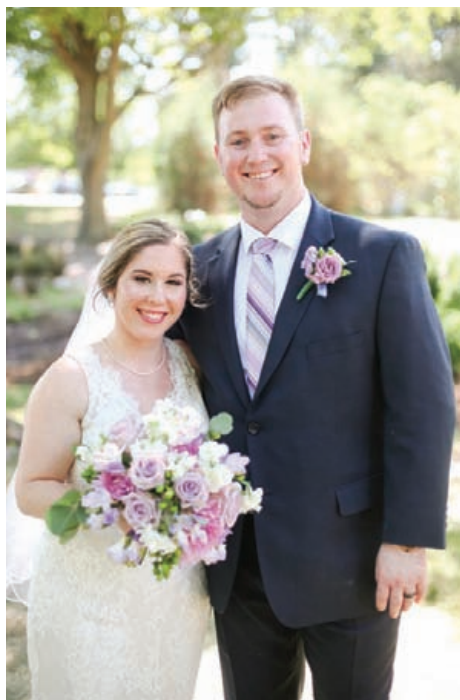
2012



ZACH BROWN

Zach is a 7th grade English language arts teacher at St. Luke Catholic School. He also serves as an assistant coach for the St. Luke cadet football team.

2011



EMILY CHANIGA

Emily married Luke Scifres in July 2019 at Marian University. Demi Abbett '11 served as maid of honor and Erin Chaniga '14 and Mary Najjar '12 were bridesmaids.



KATIE GOZDECKI

Katie married George Morrison in June 2019 at Christ the King Catholic Church.



KATIE BRADLEY

Katie is a 5th/6th grade science teacher at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School.



HEATHER O'BRIEN

Heather married Matt Hunt in October 2019.

2014



ALLYSON CARROLL

Allyson has moved to Denver, Colorado, to begin a tech consulting job at Hitachi Consulting.

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Alumni updates in this issue include submissions received through December 30, 2019.

2016



SAMUEL GUYMON

Samuel was named to the 2019 NAIA-Daktronics Scholar Athlete team following his junior year at Marian University as a member of the men's basketball team. The 2019 list features 179 student-athletes who achieved at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Sam appeared in 23 games for the Knights in 2018-2019 and helped Marian advance to the program's first-ever Fab Four appearance at the NAIA Men's Basketball DII National Championship Tournament.



2017

MARIA LINEHAN

Maria married Thomas Gomez in July 2019.



2018

MATTHEW COLLIER

Nuclear Machinist Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Collier is serving in the United States Navy where he has pursued Prototype training, working on a docked submarine to become qualified on the different aspects of the job.

In Memory

Bishop Chatard remembers and offers prayers for our beloved alumni who have passed away in recent months. The list below includes those whose obituaries were received by the Bishop Chatard Alumni Office since the Summer 2019 publication of 'Trojans Today.' This issue includes obituaries received through December 30, 2019.

CHRISTOPHER B. MORRISON '65

BARBARA (CUNNINGHAM) YOUNG '67

DEBORAH (GETZ) GERBERS '67

MARY BETH (OCONNELL) BREEDLOVE '69

ANNA MARIE HOUSE '69

SILAS H. JOHNSON '69

RON THOMPSON '74

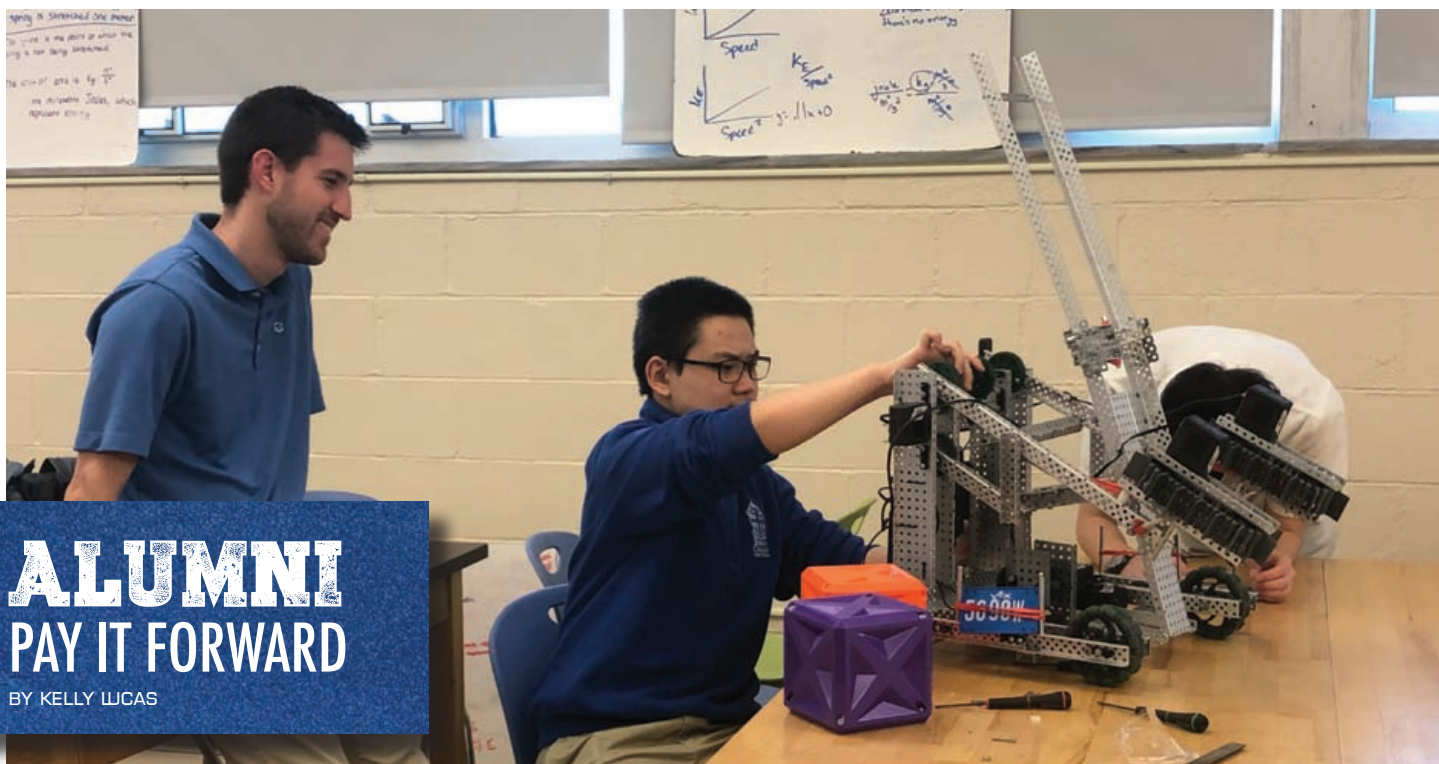
BRIAN J. HUFFINE '82

ERIN (MAZELIN) MCNAMARA '92



CLASS OF 2019 WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Bishop Chatard inducted 25 Class of 2019 graduates into its Athletic Wall of Fame in December 2019. The most recent class of Trojan inductees include: Beth Barnes, Volleyball & Track; Kate Bosley, Volleyball; Izzy Corns, Lacrosse; Katie Dietrick, Cross Country & Track; Oskar Eisgruber, Diving; Zack Evans, Wrestling; Will Freiburger, Lacrosse; Rebekkah Guess, Soccer & Track; Alysa Guffey, Tennis; Sydney Hamilton-Ragsdale, Track; Elizabeth Jacobson, Soccer; Audrey Jaeger, Track; Cierra Landers, Softball; Cooper Lewis, Basketball; Will Meyer, Football; Mark Nondorf, Football & Volleyball; Eric Osborn, Football; Colette Pauta, Lacrosse; Adam Pemberton, Track; Jack Phelps, Baseball; Ben Schrage, Golf; Ryan Seymour, Wrestling; Jackson Sherby, Rugby; David Whittemore, Football; and Claire Williams, Golf & Tennis.



ALUMNI PAY IT FORWARD

BY KELLY LUCAS

It is Bishop Chatard's mission to develop the "whole person." That is not just an aspirational goal – it is a commitment made in the school's mission statement. Fulfilling that mission, however, means offering a variety of diverse clubs, sports and enrichment opportunities that allow students to explore new interests, and that requires manpower. Thankfully, this is where many alumni step up.

Whether leading an initiative or providing needed backup, Bishop Chatard has a crew of dedicated alumni who continue to pay it forward, living out the mantra "Trojans for Life."

"It is our goal that the lives of those who walk our halls are positively changed during their time here, and our alumni are key to the short-and long-term success of that mission," BCHS Executive Vice President Tyler Mayer said. Because of the formative years they spent in these hallways, alumni understand better than anyone the importance of the Bishop Chatard experience and how it moves students from good to great, Mr. Mayer added.

Trojan alumni support BCHS in a number of ways. The school is blessed to have alumni who have returned as teachers, ready to educate a new generation of Trojans. Many moderate clubs and serve as coaches outside of the classroom.

Even more Bishop Chatard alumni volunteer their time and talent by assisting with class retreats, serving on committees, and helping to strategically direct and implement programs and fundraisers. Others share their insights regarding career exploration during Alumni Career Lunches; run camps that help introduce future Trojans to the opportunities offered at Bishop Chatard and, of course, coach teams and clubs.

Director of Campus Ministry Steven Patzke works with about 35 college-age alumni each year who serve as retreat team leaders during class retreats.

"They all talk about the positive experience they had (at high school retreats) and they want to keep doing it," Mr. Patzke said. "Doing this gives our alumni a chance, in their college lives, to keep talking about their faith and keep evaluating it."

Current students relate to young alumni leaders in a way they may not with other adults, Mr. Patzke explained. "The narrow age difference gives students the freedom to talk about things that they may not be comfortable talking about with teachers. This is a safe, protected space."

While retreat team leaders make a big sacrifice to volunteer, often stepping away from college for several days and staying up late to keep up with homework, Mr. Patzke said he thinks they find the time spent with high school friends and serving as mentors to students very worthwhile. "They tell me that it recharges them," he added.

Bishop Chatard's award-winning "Trobotics" team also benefits from two BC graduates who volunteer and provide professional expertise to the group. Eric Rohrbach '14, a materials engineer, and Joe Bormann '15, a software engineer, assist Robotics Coach Gary Pritts at after-school practices and competitions.

"Robotics requires a ton of time and individual attention," Mr. Pritts said. "We can run more hours of practice with three people and train our team better and more efficiently." He added that the skill set they bring from their careers and respective college work in the areas of mechanical engineering and computer science complement the work of the team.

Trojan alumni can be found on the sidelines of just about every men's and women's athletic team wearing the Bishop Chatard logo. From lacrosse to volleyball, football to basketball, former BC athletes share their talents with current student athletes.



The Trojan football team has a number of alumni serving as assistant coaches, and the majority have played within the last 10 years and been on state championship teams, according to Head Coach Rob Doyle.

"They relate to our kids in ways that others cannot," Coach Doyle said. "They have been through all the same trials and are great at guiding our guys through the toughest of times in the classroom and on the field."

Boys Basketball Head Coach Taylor Wayer '10 said he believes that "having coaches who have walked the same halls, gone through the same classes, and played in many of the same games gives a unique addition to the coach/player dynamic." He tells his players a story that involves one of his former teammates and current assistant coaches, Matt Ruffing '09, to demonstrate the "We vs. Me" mentality he works to instill in his team today.

"When we were in high school together, we were essentially the same position. We battled each other every day at practice, often fighting for the same minutes, but more importantly we were battling to make each other better," Coach Wayer said.

"We didn't take it easy on each other, we constantly were pushing each other to the next level, which isn't an easy thing to do. That built a stronger relationship on and off the court, and regardless of who got the playing time each game – and often times we were on the floor together – we were each other's biggest fan/supporter on the floor and on the bench."

Since they are both alumni, he added, the players see during every practice that living example of Trojan teamwork.

Teamwork is also on full display on the Bishop Chatard girls volleyball court.



Two alumni, Coach Jill Starlipper '81 and Ellen Schroeder '13, assist the team, sharing their experiences as a former head coach and a player.

"The involvement of our alumni has had a tremendous impact on our program," explained Head Coach Heather Lyon. "To be able to tell our players that Coach Ellen won a state championship as a player not too long ago, and Coach Jill Starlipper had a very successful run and a state championship win at the helm of the program is huge. It adds to the credibility of the staff and program, while also helping with the cohesion from past to present." Both women, Coach Lyon said, share their experience and wisdom willingly with current players and coaches.

Coach Schroeder, who is also a member of the BCHS faculty, still recalls the feelings and emotions of being a student athlete, and she said she uses that to better connect with and coach her players.

"I know the positive experience that I had as a Bishop Chatard student athlete ... and I hope that I am able to impart such fond, positive memories and fun experiences into the lives of the players I coach," she said. "I have such pride in getting to coach for Bishop Chatard, especially as an alum, so I hope that my pride and passion come through to my players."

Far Left: Eric Rorhbach '14 works with Trobatics team members during an after-school practice.

Top Left: Alumnus Nick Ford '19 served as a retreat team leader during a Fall 2019 senior retreat.

Top Right: Boys Basketball Coach Taylor Wayer '10 leads the team in a pre-game workout.

Bottom Right: Kyle Dietrick '08 (right) assists Football Head Coach Rob Doyle as a defensive coordinator.



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~ COACH DERICK GRANT

FORMER GLOBETROTTER SHARES TALENTS WITH TROJANS

SUBMITTED PHOTO

BY KELLY LUCAS

Basketball teaches many lessons. In addition to the athletic agility and skills one would expect, a number of life lessons valuable both on and off the court will be learned, says Bishop Chatard Girls Assistant Basketball Coach Derick Grant, if you are paying attention.

Coach Grant speaks from experience. When playing college basketball for The College of New Jersey, where he was named New Jersey Athletic Conference Player of the Year in his senior year, he had no way of knowing that he would soon be a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, one of the world’s most renowned basketball teams. He had many memorable experiences while playing for the Globetrotters, including being the first player in basketball history to sink a 4-point shot when the team unveiled its game-changing innovation on national television, but the biggest takeaway, he said, was learning the ‘power of influence.’

“To this day, when people tell me that they went to see the Globetrotters – it doesn’t matter whether they were 4 years old or 20 years old – everyone remembers that Globetrotters experience,” Grant explained. “I realized what this does for families, the memories it creates that they will never forget. ... This is somebody’s bucket list. As a member of that team, YOU are somebody’s bucket list.”

While he no longer plays basketball professionally, Grant said that he has carried the realization he had as a Globetrotter about the power of influence into his daily life. “You never know who is looking up to you and how much influence you have, so it is important that you value it and do good with it.”

Today, Coach Grant is teaching many of the life lessons learned, and maybe a few of the Globetrotters trademark skills, to aspiring female basketball players at Bishop Chatard. He also runs a basketball skills development and training program, and he speaks often to groups of young people about character development.

“Derick Grant has coached at different levels and is very knowledgeable about the game of basketball – he brings a lot of skill work to help with our practices and development,” Trojan Girls Basketball Head Coach Katie Fischer said.

Looking back, Grant recognizes that the life experiences he has had, and the personal connections made along the way, have led him to where he is today. Another life lesson learned: All of the dots are connected, and it is important to value everyone that you come into contact with because you never know what impact they will have on you, or you will have on them.



When he was just 7 years old, Grant went to a Harlem Globetrotters game where he got his first basketball. When the opportunity arose to try out for the team, he had to travel from New Jersey to Arlington High School in Indianapolis to demonstrate his skills. He was selected to play on the New York Nationals (now the Washington Generals), the Globetrotters regular on-court adversary. When he moved to the Globetrotters, he became the third player in history to make that jump.

"It was a very humbling experience for me," Grant recalled.

"When I do public speaking, especially to kids, I tell them that God sometimes humbles and molds you so that he can catapult you to take you where you need to go. At the time, when I was playing and losing to the Globetrotters every night, I thought to myself, 'I should be playing over there.' Now, retrospectively, I'm thankful for how it happened because it taught me a sense of humility," Grant added.

While being a Globetrotter looks like a lot of fun – and it is, the coach said – in many ways it was more challenging than traditional basketball, he added.

When he tried out for the team, Grant said he didn't know all of the tricks, but that didn't really matter. Athletes who make it to the tryout stage have the basketball skills to learn the tricks – what they were really looking at, he explained, was the player's character.

"Everyone thinks about the tricks but being a Globetrotter means being able to walk into a room and make people smile and feel good," Grant said. "We always say that we are ambassadors of goodwill. That plays into it just as much, if not more, than the physical aspects of the game."

Still, he had to learn the trademark Globetrotter moves, and that took patience.

After playing basketball for so many years, playing Globetrotter style felt almost backward, Grant recalls. Plays often started from a completely different place on the court than he was used to. Learning to do something he'd never done before on the fly was very challenging. "I practiced a lot at night in hotel rooms on the road."

Grant has all the 'big showy things' that come with being a Harlem Globetrotter, but his coaching style is very humble and gracious, kind and intelligent, Coach Fisher said. "He is so positive – the girls really like and respect him. He has an overall great presence."

Junior Moira McGinley began training with Coach Grant when she was in the fifth grade. The trust that he had in her as a player is what stuck with her as she trained and developed her skills.

"HE IS THE KIND OF COACH THAT DIDN'T JUST TEACH THE SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES OF BASKETBALL. INSTEAD, HE LOOKED FOR OPPORTUNITIES WHERE HE COULD TEACH THE MORE IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS SUCH AS HANDLING FAILURES, TRUSTING YOURSELF AND TEAMMATES, EMOTIONALLY DEALING WITH WINNING AND LOSING, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, ALWAYS BEING HUMBLE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HARD WORK."

~ JUNIOR MOIRA MCGINLEY

"His passion for the game of basketball is very contagious and makes practices more positive and enjoyable for everyone involved," Moira added. "He always has the goal of making basketball fun."

Still in his rookie year as a high school coach, Grant said that he is enjoying the challenge of being in a high school setting. "This is the generation that my son and daughter will look up to," he said. "I've loved the opportunity I've been given to help young people through the game of basketball – helping people who are coming after me."





RELIGIOUSLY PRACTICING AT 6:45 A.M. AS THE SUN RISES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.



RISING BEFORE DAWN BEFORE THEIR CLASSMATES ARE OUT OF BED TWICE A WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL ALL SEASON LONG TO TRAIN IN THE DARK TOGETHER.



ENDURING INTENSE WEIGHT ROOM CIRCUIT WORKOUTS AFTER GRUELING WORKOUTS IN OFTEN EXTREMELY HOT AND HUMID CONDITIONS.



FIGHTING THROUGH HORRENDOUS RACE CONDITIONS AT SEMI-STATE TO QUALIFY FOR THE STATE FINALS AS A TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2007.

The above examples provide a small glimpse of the steadfast determination and unbelievable heart of this year's state qualifying girls cross country team of freshmen Lily Cridge and Caroline Bell; sophomores Mary Bea Sowinski, Alex Gantz, and Mayan Stickel; junior Emily Loiselle, and senior Miranda Stickel. Alternates Fiona Hostettler, Deirdre Hostettler, Elaine Nickerson, Mara Foley, Libby Kolbus, and Maisie McMahon also contributed to the team's unrelenting resolve and consequent success throughout the season, which began at the team's annual camp at the end of July in Warren Dunes, Michigan.

While at camp, during the varsity team's goal-setting meeting around the campfire pit, the girls unanimously agreed that this season they wanted to raise the bar of expectations: They wanted to qualify for the IHSAA state finals as a team. The girls thought that they could have a special season but knew that nothing was going to be handed to them, especially in a non-class sport in which they would be competing against schools several times their size. They committed themselves to doing whatever it took to reach their dream goal of reaching the state finals.

Coming into the official season ranked a modest 48th in the state, the team opened the season by making a statement (and quickly debunking their pre-season ranking) by winning the Circle City Conference Championship meet.

By continuing to put in the work mentally and physically at practice, in all kinds of weather conditions, the girls maintained their winning ways during the regular season with impressive 1st place finishes at the Noblesville Hokum Kareem, the Bishop Chatard Invitational, and the Decatur Central Invite. In addition, the squad had top 3 finishes in very large and highly competitive fields at the All-Catholic meet

(2nd) and the Culver Academies Invitational (3rd). Another exciting highlight at the All-Catholic meet was Lily Cridge breaking the 5k girls school record, which she later lowered to 17:56.

As the early morning practice temperatures grew colder, the girls' progress did not cool off.

Hungry to avenge a close loss to Cathedral High School at the All-Catholic meet, the Lady Trojans won the city championship over the Lady Irish. A week later, the girls won the sectional championship, the team's first sectional championship since 2007.

Building on the momentum of sectionals, the girls held their own at an extremely competitive regional meet, placing 4th and thus advancing to semi-state: the last hurdle to be conquered to reach the team's ultimate goal of advancing to the state meet.

Race conditions at semi-state were exceptionally challenging – sideways rain with temperatures in the low 40's. However, when Coach Kinghorn addressed the team before the race, he helped them to realize that the conditions were actually an advantage to them: They were far tougher than the other teams in the competition, and, therefore, would assuredly persevere and overcome the arduous conditions better than their competitors would.

After lining up at the start line with their trademark inspirational words written on their legs, the girls embodied the values marked on their legs and raced their hearts out on a course in which it was at times difficult to even see straight due to the rain.

After the race, the girls, soaking wet and shivering, gathered together in nervous anticipation as they waited for the team scores to be announced. When they finally learned that they had qualified for the state finals, tears of joy ran down their faces as they realized that all of the countless hours of strenuous work had come to fruition in a state finals berth.

Feeling excited and nervous to be the first BCXC team in 12 years to reach the state finals, the team traveled to Terre Haute the following weekend for the IHSAA state championship meet.

The girls left nothing out on the rigorous state meet course and finished an extremely impressive 11th in the state of Indiana, capping off an historic season in Bishop Chatard cross country history.

BY MAURA DAY,
BCHS ENGLISH TEACHER & ASSISTANT CROSS COUNTRY COACH

TROJANS REIGN SUPREME

TEAM EARNS 14TH STATE TITLE;
MAINTAINS MOST FOOTBALL TITLES IN STATE.

BY PATRICK FELTS, SPORTS EDITOR, TROJAN MATTERS

For a state record 14th time in school history, the Bishop Chatard Trojans are IHSAA state football champions, winning the 2019 3A State Championship 34-3 over the Heritage Hills Patriots.

All season long, Heritage Hills had one of the top defenses in the state, giving up an average of just 6.9 points per game. BCHS shattered that average by putting up 34 points, more than Heritage Hills had allowed to any team all season.

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The Trojans had been similarly supreme during the 2019 season, coming into the final game 13-1 and with the top ranking in Class 3A. The Trojans finished the season winning its final 11 games.

The Trojans dominated their competition on the ground. The Trojans ran for 195 yards and three touchdowns, most of which came from the lethal senior running back duo of Daylen Taylor and Derion Gilbert. Gilbert said, “I have to give credit to my offensive line. Without them, we would not have been here. Daylen and I both run hard; we put our noses down and got all that we could.”

The Trojan passing game took a huge hit when senior wide receiver Andrew Sowinski suffered an injury in the first quarter that sidelined him for the rest of the game. Quarterback Kyle Cheek found other receivers and threw for a touchdown as well to Thomas Coleman (7-10, 69 yards)

Senior wide receiver Sam Richey said, “Andrew [Sowinski] is a key part of all of our passing plays, but Jack [Annee] stepped up and TC [Thomas Coleman] stepped up, and we were good.”

Chatard’s main goal on defense was stopping the run. Offensively, the Patriots were a run-first team all season. Senior defensive lineman George Assalley said, “We knew there was one thing to focus on for this game. They only threw the ball about 50 times all year, so shutting down the running game made them uncomfortable and helped us win this game.”

The championship is the first under Head Coach Rob Doyle in just his third season as varsity head coach. “Our kids did everything they could to get here. They were devastated last year when they didn’t finish. Those kids had a mission, and our senior class was awesome. This is a special group of guys and this is the funnest ride we could have had,” Coach Doyle said.

The 2019 title has been four years in the making for the Class of 2020. Gilbert called the win “bittersweet,” as it was the final game for the seniors in a Trojan uniform. With the 2019 win, every BCHS graduating class between 1998 and 2023 will have been in school for at least one football state championship. The 14 Trojan football championships are more than any other school in Indiana.

For the non-seniors, the championship is just the beginning. Junior defensive back Joe Calvert said, “We’re bringing it back next year. We want to go back to back.”



Campus Ministry Director

**STEVEN
PATZKE**



Members of the Class of 2023 planted a tree on campus to represent their connection to and growth at BCHS during their Freshmen Day of Reflection, led by Mr. Patzke.

Bishop Chatard welcomes **STEVEN PATZKE AS DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY**

As a native of the Chicago suburbs, it has been great to return to the Midwest after many years on the East Coast. Throughout my time in professional ministry there, I've seen a myriad of ways that young people assess their worth. Students often describe their achievements in high school based on their grades, sports titles, number of friends, or what they planned to pursue following graduation. In Campus Ministry, we measure the success of students based on who they become after they leave Bishop Chatard. GPA, number of Christian Service hours, or wins on the field cannot fully tell us how well we formed our young people. The real testament to the formation provided our students is found in how well they know the gifts God has given them and how they are going to use those gifts to respond to the world's greatest needs. This is no easy task! It all begins with how students encounter Christ each day at BCHS.

Since walking onto campus back in August, I have learned that our school's sense of community is second to none. Eager to know each and every Trojan, I posted in front of Door 5 greeting students several days a week. My routine consists of shaking their hands, giving them a smiling welcome, and wishing them a good day. All of this is done to let students know that they are members of this community, regardless of their struggles at home, in the classroom, or on the field. As they begin their day, students need to know Christ's example of making each person feel seen, known and valued from the moment they enter Bishop Chatard.



Campus Ministry director Steven Patzke talks with seniors at their Christian Awakening Retreat, the culmination of students' high school retreat experience.

In my personal life, I've found it to be incredibly important to take time for a retreat each year. It energizes my prayer and re-centers my life and the work I do. BCHS Trojans are incredibly fortunate that they have the opportunity to go on a retreat annually, too! Our dynamic retreat program takes students out of the classroom and gives them the chance to reflect on who they are and their relationship with others and God. I am so grateful for the time and experience of all the Campus Ministers who have helped make our retreat program what it is today. Each year, 95% of Trojans make a retreat with their peers. This number is off the charts compared to most schools! This says a lot about the culture here at BCHS – our students love our retreats and they take away a lot from each of their experiences. As we seek to expand our retreat program, we will be dreaming up ways for our students to participate in interclass retreats and retreats with other schools.

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When I was first out of school, I coordinated Christian service at an all-boys Catholic high school in the Bronx, NY. My office was in the most heavily trafficked corner of the building, so I put a bowl of candy on my desk with the hopes of having students come in. Soon enough, I had guys in my office every period to tell me about their lives and catch up. Accompanying students through the joys and upheavals of being a high schooler became one of my biggest joys in my professional life. While I don't have the bowl of candy on my desk anymore, Campus Ministry regularly has students from all walks of life stop by for advice, faith direction, support, or pastoral counseling. It is an incredible privilege to be journeying with our students as they navigate the beginning of their "young adult" years. In his first year, Pope Francis described the work of ministers as being like a field hospital – called to go to the front lines and encounter those who most need. With our new Campus Ministry offices now being located in the cafeteria, I've been able to visit students during lunch periods. This is our field hospital at school. It's where we get to meet the students who might not get involved in Campus Ministry or have not yet been invited to do so. As a result, students regularly make their way into our office with a desire to share a bit of who they are, knowing that they will be loved and respected.

As we look to the future in Bishop Chatard's Campus Ministry, we also look to our past. Jesus' ministry was centered on going to those on the margins. Our Christian Service Program is taking new shape beginning with the class of 2023. The new program will focus on building relationships with those at home, within their faith community, and on the margins. It integrates the theological scholarship happening in the classroom, with their faith, and vocation. As students serving in the local Indianapolis community, we are looking to develop a Christian Service Immersion Program for students to encounter and serve across the country.

We are building on a strong foundation in Campus Ministry at Bishop Chatard High School. As we continue many of the rich traditions that existed since the school was formed, we look to our future with hope and faith. It is my hope that we take our school's motto, "Festina Lente" (make haste slowly) seriously as we dream our next chapter. As our students grow and welcome new opportunities to enrich their faith, we will continue to put the time, prayer, and thoughtfulness into everything we do to make them lasting and reflective of who Christ calls us to be.

SEMINARS ENHANCE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED TO STUDENTS

BY MAUREEN MALARNEY '12

Bishop Chatard made some changes to its schedule this year by implementing student seminars. The goal of the seminar program has been to enhance both academic culture and the student experience by guiding student self-advocacy. Through different course offerings, club opportunities, enrichment activities and academic assistance, students and teachers have been given the ability to choose what they want to get out of this 30-minute "sweet spot" in their day.

The BCHS administrative staff began discussing modifications to the school schedule during the 2018-2019 school year. While the class structure was academically focused, school leaders felt that the time before and after school was not being fully utilized by students. This shift in the day-to-day schedule was created for the benefit of the students and to diversify the academic culture.

Seminars – the period of the day previously referred to as Home Room – vary in their focus depending on the day of the week. There are three types of seminar days, Seminar A is reserved for Mass and school speakers, Seminar B is for academic enrichment sessions, and Seminar C is a time for cultural, personal and lifestyle enrichment.

Seminar A is divided by grade level, giving students the opportunity to sit with their classmates and peers during Mass. Weekly Masses have been and continue to be an important part of the individual faith formation for students.

A Seminar B day is an academic day. It follows a traditional class structure and students are either enrolled in a course like digital citizenship, a structured content-based study session like AP or SAT help, credit recovery, or in ISTEP remediation sessions. Other options such as a traditional study hall are still available for students. Seminar B days are meant to help students academically in the way that will benefit them the most.

BCHS teacher, Kim Shaw assists students in her Seminar B course: Study Hall/Essential Skills: Grade 9-11. She tailored course guidelines in a way she felt would most benefit her students. "I needed something planned for this group of kids, and I wanted it to be something that they could utilize in every class," Mrs. Shaw said.

Mrs. Shaw explained that the students in her seminar are learning skills that will help them to be better students. They have focused on writing an appropriate email, reaching out to teachers in person for class help, and are gaining the confidence to be more proactive in their schoolwork. "The kids are more organized, and they come ready to work," she said.

Digital Applications and Responsibility courses are available to guide students in habits of trouble-shooting, critical thinking, personal brand building, and mindful media consumption so that they will be able to rise to the challenge of keeping up with the constantly shifting landscape in today's digital culture. BCHS teacher Anne Marie Gerritsen developed the courses.

"It is our intention that we help students deepen their understanding of how and why they use digital technology in their everyday lives, as well as how to leverage the available technology to their advantage," Mrs. Gerritsen explained.

Throughout the first semester, students explored topics including fact-checking, digital security, and how user interface design can play into the strength of our digital wellbeing.

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~ MRS. GERRITSEN

"One of my favorite products from this semester is a set of interviews about digital wellbeing," Mrs. Gerritsen said. "Students had to record themselves interviewing someone of a different generation about topics relating to balancing our lives on- and offline." She hopes that these topics will lead to continued conversations within the students' families.

A Seminar C day gives teachers and students an opportunity to experience activities that don't fit into a traditional school schedule. The concept of "learning by doing" comes into play and the intent is to develop soft skills and soft qualities like teamwork, independence, initiative, personal responsibility and life skills.

BCHS Vice Principal of Academics Ann Taylor said that Seminar C days are not only valuable for the students, they have been beneficial for the teachers and other adults in the building as well. She described Seminar C days as being a balanced purpose that students need. "Kids are under the stress of academic performance in school, but we wanted to let them know that it is okay to pause and to just be together," she said. "We had kids who we feel were underperforming in their classes, and I think that this has really circumvented all of that."

Both teachers and students helped come up with the different options for a Seminar C day. BCHS teacher Maureen Pappas and Academic Support Team member Michele McCarthy both came up with different but intriguing ways to embrace seminars. Mrs. McCarthy put together a blanket making club for her seminar while Mrs. Pappas organized a group called Pets and Wildlife for Students (P.A.W.S).

Mrs. McCarthy's group helped support an initiative being spearheaded at Christ the King – the donation of 100 blankets to Damar Services, an organization that provides services to a range of people living with behavioral and developmental disabilities.

THE ABC'S OF SEMINARS

"Each student was in charge of making their own blanket," she said. "What I have loved seeing from the students is that they get to see each other in a different light, and this gives students the chance to be a part of something that is bigger than themselves, which helps their confidence," she added. The group's next project may involve making baby blankets that would be donated as well.

After viewing all of the seminar choices as the 2019-2020 school year began, Mrs. Pappas noticed that there was no animal component. Working with animals all her life, she talked about how they have contributed significantly to who she is today, and she wanted to share that experience.

"I feel that seminars have given the students an outreach to an activity they may not have ever participated in. It can also give them a task to focus on besides academics to provide them with additional activities in their academic and highly technology driven world," she said.

Students involved in P.A.W.S participated in a service project called 'Wands for Wildlife,' – collecting mascara wands for use in cleaning wildlife after oil spills and other types of contamination – and this semester are sponsoring "Heaven after Hell," an animal rescue shelter. Mrs. Pappas said, "I feel that as being part of BCHS, giving back and service are a huge component for anyone." The group was also introduced to an arson police dog, therapy dog, pets from students, as well as honeybees and the essential need for their survival.

Seminars have given students an academic focus as well as provided them with a balance that they did not necessarily receive in a homeroom schedule. Senior Erik Bowes took to the idea of seminars. "I think they are a good idea that gives students more choices and more ways to spend their time at school," he said. "It's kind of a more organized homeroom time and I know what to expect."

Erik was one of many students appreciative of the range of options made available during the seminar sessions. Seminars present opportunities for students to learn a new skill, give back, meet new people and branch out. Not only has communication between teachers and students improved, but the different styles of learning have helped BCHS to maximize instructional time and student focused time.

"The success of seminars is a tribute to our teaching staff because teachers were willing to step out of the box and because they saw the potential in what it could be," Mrs. Taylor said. "They have embraced it and made it happen, and I think they've sensed the energy that the kids have for it."



Students participating in the blanket-making seminar presented their handiwork to Christ the King for donation to Damar Services.

SEMINAR A

Mass

School Speakers

SEMINAR B

Chemistry Support

Credit Recovery Courses

Digital Citizenship Courses

Band

Homework Coach/Study Hall

ACT/SAT Prep

ISTEP Remediation

Leadership Development

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test Prep

AP Class Support

Publications

SEMINAR C

Kickball Club

History of Rock and Roll Club

Lego Club

Investment Club

Yoga Club

Mindfulness Club

Euchre Club

Ballroom Dancing Club

Ping Pong Club

Meditation/Stress Management Club

Walking Club

Recycling Club

Pet and Wildlife for Students (P.A.W.S) Club

Outdoor Game Club: Corn Hole/Can Jam/Spike Ball

Blanket-Making Club

Improv Club

Student Council

Athletic Development Club

Philosophy Club

Model UN, Mock Trial, Academic World Quest



OUR MISSION

Bishop Chatard High School, a dynamic educational environment for young men and women with different life experiences, is directed to the success of each student, focused on the growth of the whole person, and modeled on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Bishop Chatard High School prepares students for a life-long commitment to

FAITH, LEARNING, LEADERSHIP & SERVICE.



The Complete Works of William Shakespeare

BCHS THEATRE PERFORMS
37 SHAKESPEAREAN PLAYS
IN UNDER TWO HOURS

BY GRAYSON CATES, BCHS STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



Crews get to work preparing the house – transforming the main gym into a theatre.

Students presented 4 performances of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) – billed as 37 Shakespearean plays in under two hours – was presented by Bishop Chatard Theatre in October.

Audience members enjoyed *Macbeth*, *Othello*, *The Tempest* and more, as long as they didn't blink.

"The show has to be fast pace if you want to get through all of Shakespeare's plays in a reasonable amount of time," said senior Henry Gramling, who played one of the show's three narrators and Hamlet.

He, along with seniors Jillian Hurley and Mary Horlander, quickly guided the audience through all of "the Bard's" plays, which is no easy task. With many different stories, the play required many different characters.

"It's a really fun ensemble cast show. It feels like everyone plays an important part," described senior Grace Timpe. She portrayed *Bottom* from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Brutus* from *Julius Caesar* and *Laertes* from *Hamlet*. Most actors double or triple up on roles in order to cover every character, which proves to be an extra challenge for those working backstage.

Sophomore and sound crew co-head Sara Borland explained, "Looking at all the different plays that are happening, we have to do more complex and faster microphone switches between characters." Since there are more cast members than microphones, actors must oftentimes yield their mics to other characters once they exit the stage.

At times, the show may be a challenge for the cast, crew and directors, but not for the audience.

For those who may be less acquainted with Shakespeare, Gramling said that "the scriptwriters did a good job of prioritizing the plays people are most familiar with."

"You can tell what's going on and not be confused by the Shakespearean language," said freshman Anna Erdosy, who plays Richard II and Friar Lawrence from *Romeo and Juliet*.

Over 80 students were involved in this production. Most would agree that the highlight of a show like this is the humor. "The narrators make it seem like they are coming up with things on the spot," said Borland, "so it's more entertaining and fun for both the crew and the audience."

Gramling agreed saying, "My favorite aspect of the show is how spontaneous and random it can be at points. Sometimes it feels like no one in the play knows what they are doing."



NEXT UP: GUYS & DOLLS WILL BE PRESENTED BY BISHOP CHATARD THEATRE MARCH 19 – 21.
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TROJANS COLLECT FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

Bishop Chatard students contributed over 15,000 canned and boxed goods to feed those in need during this year's annual Canned Food Drive. The food was loaded into trucks on the morning of November 14, destined for five Indy-area food pantries including the Officer David S. Moore Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, St. Augustine's Home, International Gateway Community Pantry and Catholic Charities Crisis Office.

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's BCHS Food Drive!



MIRANDA STICKEL NAMED NATIONAL HISPANIC SCHOLAR

Congratulations to Bishop Chatard senior Miranda Stickel on being named a National Hispanic Scholar by the CollegeBoard's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

Each year, the CollegeBoard's National Hispanic Recognition Program honors more than 7,000 academically outstanding Hispanic/Latino students. To be eligible, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino and achieve a minimum PSAT/NMSQT score for their region. Students with a cumulative junior year grade point average of 3.5 or higher are designated as Scholars.



BCHS WELCOMES NORTH DEANERY SINGERS

Bishop Chatard High School hosted the 2019 North Deanery Choral Festival on September 28.

Choral singers and music teachers from Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Simon and St. Matthew Catholic schools, along with choir members and teachers from Bishop Chatard High School, spent the day together offering their musical gifts, experiencing fellowship, making new friends and sharing a meal. At the end of the experience, they sang for parents and friends, sharing their God-given gifts with the community.

The Bishop Chatard Music Department, led by Director of Music Mark Duray thanks all who participated in this joyful celebration!



Hayden Redelman was recognized as a National Merit Semifinalist after Bishop Chatard's all-school Mass. He is pictured with BCHS President Bill Sahm; his mother Shellie Redelman; Vice President for Mission & Ministry, Deacon Rick Wagner and Principal Joe Hansen.

SENIOR HAYDEN REDELMAN NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Bishop Chatard High School congratulates senior Hayden Redelman on being named a semifinalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Hayden was recognized Sept. 12 before the BCHS student body following the weekly all-school Mass.

Hayden attended Christ the King School and is now a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Still in the midst of his college search, Hayden has applied to attend Bowdoin College, Kenyon College, the University of Notre Dame and several other post-secondary institutions. He plans to study government and English.

During his high school years, Hayden has remained active both inside and outside of the school community. At Bishop Chatard, he has been involved with Model UN, the Social Justice Club, Theatre Crew, Student Ambassadors, National Honor Society and is a member of the Volleyball team. Outside of Bishop Chatard, Hayden serves on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council, Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council, and is high school chair of We LIVE Inc., an organization to end youth violence.

Hayden was named a National Merit Semifinalist as a result of scores achieved on the PSAT test taken during his junior year at Bishop Chatard. He is now in the running to become a finalist in the National Merit Program and be considered for National Merit Scholarships in the spring.

Over 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last year, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were named using results of that test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

HAYDEN'S ADVICE FOR THOSE PREPARING TO TAKE THE PSAT?

"I think a lot of the time it's easy to lose a sense of the big picture - we don't take advantage of things that might, on the surface, seem small or irrelevant," Hayden said. "But, whether it's with the PSAT or an extracurricular or academics, little things can turn into big opportunities, into scholarships, leadership positions, or even just personal growth. Go all in on those opportunities. It'll pay off, even if it's not obvious at first."

STUDENT JOURNALISTS RECEIVE STATE AND NATIONAL AWARDS

Congratulations to BCHS student journalists, guided by Mrs. Tracy Luke, on earning statewide honors for their work in the 2018-2019 school year. The student newsmagazine, *Trojan Matters*, received top honors in the state in the student newspaper/magazine division. The *Citadel* yearbook was named a Hoosier Star finalist, one of the top four in the state in its division. The-Blueprint.org won first place for online/social media presence. Numerous other honors were received.

Trojan Matters has consistently earned Gold and Silver Medals from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association nationally and top honors in writing, design and photography from the Indiana High School Press Association. The awards for the previous school year are announced in October or November of each year.



2018/19 INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARDS:

HOOSIER STAR

1st place newspaper/magazine in the division

BEST ONLINE/SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

1st place

HOOSIER STAR FINALISTS

One of top four yearbooks in division

EDITORIAL WRITING

1st place – Kacee Haslett ('19)

NEWSWRITING

2nd place – Claire Williams ('19)

NEWS COVERAGE

2nd place – Janie Gleaves, Kacee Haslett ('19)

FEATURE WRITING

2nd place – Aidan Sullivan ('20)

FEATURE DESIGN

2nd place – Mary Borchers ('20)

SPORTS WRITING

3rd place – Janie Gleaves ('19)

SPORTS COVERAGE

3rd place – Patrick Felts ('20)

MULTI-PAGE DESIGN

3rd place – Carmen Sullivan ('19),
HM – Janie Gleaves ('19)

SPOT NEWS PHOTO

3rd place – Ashley Freiburger ('19)

YEARBOOK PAGE DESIGN

HM – Abby Stehlik ('19)

YEARBOOK FEATURE DESIGN

2nd place Reese Kaminski, Meghan Koers,
Katie Guymon ('20)

YEARBOOK CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS DESIGN

2nd place Reese Kaminski ('20), Abby Stehlik ('19)

YEARBOOK ALBUM

3rd place – Kate Bosely ('19), Molly Grant ('20)

YEARBOOK SPORTS

HM – Grace McGinley ('19), Dee Dee Caskey
('20), Libby Kolbus ('20)

YEARBOOK THEME

Honorable Mention

Learn more about Bishop Chatard student publications or access the latest Trojan Matters at <https://the-blueprint.org/trojanmatters/>.

2020 Camps

Summer infused with fun, faith and physical activity...

BISHOP CHATARD SUMMER CAMPS



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Bishop Chatard High School offers a variety of camps that encourage 1st through 8th grade students to explore new interests, challenge their imaginations and hone current skills. Athletic and enrichment camps appeal to students interested in theatre, technology, music, sports, community service, art and more. Half and full-day camps are available, or your child may bring a lunch and experience different camps in our morning and afternoon sessions.

Visit www.BishopChatard.org/camps to view the full camp roster! Early-bird and multiple camp discounts are available.



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Give like a **TROJAN**.

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TROJAN DAY OF GIVING

COMING SOON!
TROJAN DAY OF GIVING:
APRIL 21, 2020

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE OTHER SPRING 2020 BISHOP CHATARD EVENTS:

- CHATARD-A-BRATION: THE ROARING TWENTIES ~ FEBRUARY 15
- BCHS THEATRE PRESENTS 'GUYS & DOLLS' ~ MARCH 19 - 21
- EASTER EGG HUNT ~ APRIL 11

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