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WELCOME TO THE WINTER ISSUE OF TROJANS TODAY, TROJANS *for Life*

From the time we learn to speak, most humans enjoy learning new words. We hear a word or phrase that has a ring to it, and our inclination is to immediately incorporate it into our vocabulary.

It will come as no surprise to most of us that "pandemic" has been named the 2020 Word of the Year. Oxford Dictionaries reported a surge in the word by 57,000 percent, making it the most used word in 2020. A close second: "social distancing." Who even knew what that meant pre-pandemic?

The way we talk and learn has been altered in the last year. As a high school, Bishop Chatard has had to pivot (another popular 2020 term) with the times. Learning has alternated between a virtual and hybrid schedule (there we go again), and we've looked for unique ways to invite people to visit BCHS from afar.

While safety protocols have prevented school leaders from physically hosting alumni, future Trojans, and parents for athletic and special events during the past year, we are always looking for ways to connect. When possible, we've hosted small or virtual gatherings. We also created a Virtual Tour that enables guests to stroll via their electronic device through our hallways, classrooms, gymnasiums and athletic fields. I invite you to check it out.

While taking our Virtual Tour, you will notice videos that you can play, infographics and slideshows to view, and other icons alerting you to pop-up pieces that you can 'click' to glimpse BCHS in action. You can move manually through the tour or use the navigation options in the upper right corner to visit specific locations under Community Areas, Classrooms or Athletic Facilities.

Until we can gather again in person, enjoy our Virtual Tour. Scan the QR Code to get started.

Kelly Lucas
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BILL SAHM
President

Dear Trojans,

I am writing to you early in the second semester of what could be termed the most challenging educational environment in recent memory. Our students, faculty and staff are back on campus implementing the hybrid model of education (half of the students at school, half at home learning synchronously – then switching every other day), a model that we implemented with great success over the first semester until we were required to shift to a full virtual method the last few weeks before Christmas.

Remarkably, our students performed at extremely high academic levels similar to “normal” times; our athletes were able to compete in all of their Fall sports seasons, and our performing artists were able to perform in concerts and the Fall play. None of it was “normal.” All of it was truly a gift from God working through the hearts and hands of our faculty, staff and administration and the support of our wonderful families and community.

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✚ Throughout the first semester we had just a handful of COVID cases and minimal close-contact quarantining. This is due to the protocols we put in place and God’s grace.
- ✚ On a perfect October morning, we hosted the 56th Living Rosary, continuing a tradition begun in 1964 when the first graduating class (1965) prayed this sacred prayer in the company of the entire student body, faculty, staff and parents. All of the seniors were able to participate with half of the underclassmen present and half watching from home due to the hybrid learning model. This sacred tradition was safely held in the newly completed stadium.
- ✚ Thanks to the work of our Campus Ministry department, we were able to celebrate Mass each week with half of one class of students present in the gym and the rest of the students participating virtually from their classrooms or from home. We were also able to safely complete all of the freshmen and sophomore retreats and will conduct the junior and senior retreats in the Spring semester.
- ✚ Over 200 students safely and quite remarkably performed in the Fall concerts and theater production.
- ✚ Over 350 student athletes were able to participate in Fall sports with minimal disruption from the virus. Our soccer and football teams were able to compete in the newly completed stadium, as well as numerous CYO teams. Thanks again to our generous benefactors who made this possible.
- ✚ The Fall season culminated in a record-setting 15th state championship for the football team with Senior Kyle Haslett receiving the IHSAA Blake Ress Mental Attitude Award.
- ✚ We celebrated the invaluable contributions of a few of our community members with the annual Achievement Awards, presented virtually this year to the following. Congratulations to all of the recipients and many thanks for their contributions to BCHS and the wider community.
 - Gary Pritts – Faculty and Staff Award
 - Kari Guymon – Volunteer Award
 - The Joe & Barb Krier Foundation – Alumni Award
 - Ed Sahm & Sahm’s Restaurants & Catering – Community Award.
- ✚ We began the school year with a cultural diversity awareness symposium for our faculty and staff. We then formed a Diversity Task Force comprised of teachers, parents and administrators to help us to continue to grow in our appreciation for the richness and blessing of the diversity that exists at Bishop Chatard and in our understanding of how to best serve all of our students. Read more about this on page 13.

As our mission demands, rising above the challenges presented by the pandemic, we will continue to put the formation of the whole person based on the person of Jesus Christ and teachings of His church at the center of our educational ministry. This includes maintaining our commitment to providing the highest quality education to anyone who desires a Bishop Chatard Catholic education regardless of their financial wherewithal or academic ability.

God bless all of you who pray for our students, families, faculty and staff; those of you who support us financially, and those who do the daily work of revealing the truth, beauty and goodness of our faith within the educational experience of our students.

God bless you,

Bill Sahm

Bill Sahm
President



BC TEACHERS: 'THEY MAKE ME MISS TEACHING'

JOE HANSEN

Principal

In the spring of 2020, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick announced that all of the state's teachers would be the "Teacher of the Year," in lieu of the annual contest that recognizes one teacher as the top educator. During her announcement Dr. McCormick stated, "The COVID-19 pandemic brought new complexities and challenges to schools with no advance warning. Teachers across our state have displayed a level of flexibility and commitment, underscoring the fact Hoosiers really are in this together."

Nowhere is this award more deserved than at Bishop Chatard High School. At Bishop Chatard, we have been "in this together" since school was ordered closed on March 13, 2020. Not surprisingly, our teachers have responded heroically. Our teachers had to quickly pivot and teach in an entirely different way and are still succeeding at a very high level and helping our students grow. Not a day goes by that I am not in awe of what our teachers have accomplished during this pandemic.

As a principal I do not have my own classroom, but I am not far removed from the art of teaching. I love teaching and I am continually inspired when I see passionate educators. The best compliment I can give teachers is that "they make me miss teaching." As I walk the halls of Bishop Chatard High School, and I do observations, this happens quite often.

What our teachers have accomplished has not gone unnoticed by our parents either. Last May, my inbox was flooded with positive parent feedback directed at our staff, and our stakeholder surveys overwhelmingly showed a high satisfaction with the work that was done. One parent sent an email and said,

"I AM IN AWE! WHAT YOU ACHIEVED THIS SPRING WAS STUNNING. I'M STILL IN DISBELIEF OF HOW WELL EACH OF YOU 'PIVOTED' IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE WAS YOUR ABILITY TO DELIVER ROBUST TOPICAL CONTENT AND STILL HOLD THE STUDENTS ACCOUNTABLE. IT IS OBVIOUS TO ME THAT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT AND THAT THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISHED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WAS IMPRESSIVE! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR MY CHILD ... AND ALL OF THE STUDENTS AT BCHS. THERE ARE NO ADEQUATE WORDS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE."

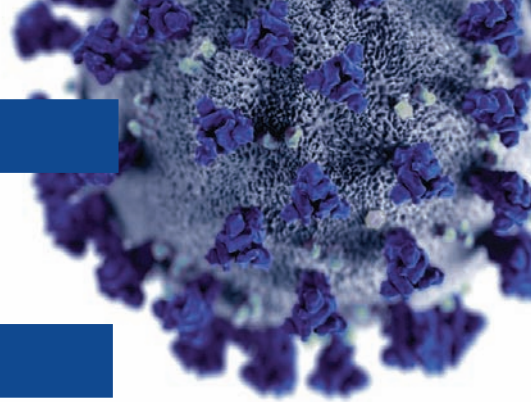
I agree with the above statement that, "There are no adequate words to express my gratitude." Join me in saluting our Bishop Chatard "Teachers of the Year" and thanking them for their continued courage during this unprecedented challenge.

May God always bless the teachers at Bishop Chatard and their ministry that they have been called to serve.



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CARE



IN THE TIME OF

COVID

By Kelly Lucas

The advent of COVID-19 brought with it a new definition of what it means to be a front-line worker. Whether delivering packages, preparing carryout meals, ensuring public safety or teaching our children, those who kept the world going while the rest of us quarantined earned renewed respect and appreciation in 2020.

Health care workers have, however, taken this to a new level. They had no choice but to run toward the fire. Stay home and stay safe was not an option. Bishop Chatard alumni who are among the doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and others caring for patients infected with the virus shared some of their experiences and insights concerning the importance of Personal Protective Equipment, stress and gratitude in a pandemic, and the lessons we'll take into the future.

Tara Coolbaugh '05, an RN in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Riley Children's Hospital, spent several months working as a traveling nurse in New York City at the height of the COVID pandemic's Spring surge.

"I would definitely say that it was as emotional and exhausting as portrayed (in the news)," she said. "What most people think of when they think about a hospital is normal medical units and ICUs. What I walked into was a large metropolitan hospital with 14 floors, and every single floor and unit had become an ICU."



REBECCA DOYLE '15

TARA COOLBAUGH '05

As the virus spread, the same was experienced in hospitals throughout the nation, including Indiana.

Ellen (Nunley) Ansty '91, a Patient Care Coordinator (charge nurse) at Indianapolis Community North Hospital, explained that her 48-bed inpatient surgical unit's role is typically to help patients recover to the point that they can have their needs met at home. In March, that unit became all-COVID for several weeks, and it continues to serve COVID patients. The magnitude of the change has had both physical and emotional impact on health care providers.

"These patients are sick and can turn on a dime," Ellen explained. "Just the other day, I had a 36-year-old COVID patient who quickly became very short of breath, oxygen went down, chest became heavy – he couldn't breathe and was very scared. I had to spend an hour in my patient's room in full PPE to be sure that all we needed to accomplish was accomplished."



"In those situations, you have to be sure that you are using PPE properly," Ellen added. "I haven't been through anything like this in 24 years of nursing."

The importance of PPE has been magnified during the pandemic. While medical personnel have always understood its necessity and are accustomed to wearing gowns, masks, goggles and other protective gear, the 2020 pandemic elevated protocols and challenged provider's stamina.

Rebecca Doyle '15 has worked as a Medical ICU nurse at Indianapolis Ascension St. Vincent/86th St. since graduating from Marian University in 2019. She got nearly a year of "normal" under her belt before her unit became a COVID ICU in March 2020.

"The pandemic brought a new level of intensity as far as how sick our patients are," Rebecca said. "It is a level of sickness that I had not experienced."

Like Ellen, Rebecca often found herself confined to the same COVID patient's room for an hour or more due to the level of care these patients require. PPE safety protocols have made going from room to room impossible.

"Even entering and exiting the room takes a few minutes ... there is a specific way we have to take it (PPE) off so as not to contaminate," Rebecca added.

Cokie (O'Brien) Scheidler '75, an Emergency Room RN at Indianapolis Methodist Hospital, explained that the time it takes to don off and on PPE has also led to nurses working in isolation. "We do really well helping each other, but you don't both go in the same isolation room unless a patient is critical and help is needed. It is hard to do everything in a day that you want to do and give the TLC that you want to give."

Fear of contracting the virus has led to moments that providers say would have been handled differently pre-2020.

"I responded to a code in the ICU to intubate a patient and walked out of the room to get an N95 mask when it was



pointed out to me that I only had a surgical mask," explained Dr. Jorge Llera '68, an Emergency Room doctor at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. "That would have never happened in the past."

Make no mistake, these providers are grateful to have adequate PPE and are not complaining. After working with COVID-19 patients in NYC at the height of the pandemic, Tara said the fact that she did not contract the virus proves how effective PPE is in preventing the spread.

The isolation health care personnel sometimes have to work in due to added safety protocols has, ironically, shown a light on the incredible teamwork that exists in many hospital units.

"It is nice to have people around me who understand what I'm going through, who I can share stories with," Rebecca said. "I know that I have people who I can rely on. These patients are too critical to be able to take care of alone. Seeing all the suffering we encounter, dealing with that together brings you closer."

"We work 12-hour shifts and there is a lot of anxiety and fear. Patients can go so quickly. It is hard, and you don't know it if you haven't lived it," Ellen added. "My family and friends have been very supportive, but many times I'll come home and call a co-worker just to talk."

Those on health care's front lines are charged not only with saving their patients' lives, many became the lifeline to family members when visitor restrictions meant family couldn't be at a loved one's bedside. The heartbreak heard in family members' voices when they had to say a virtual goodbye is something they won't soon forget.

"If I was ever in a position that I couldn't be with them (family) when they were very sick or dying, I'd be crushed. Many people were crushed this year in that way," Tara said.

When arriving in New York, Tara was surprised to discover that every unit in her hospital had about 30 iPads at its disposal. Doctors, while often overwhelmed by the challenges of working in an area outside of their specialty, were asked to Facetime for at least 10 minutes per day with the family of each patient. If the doctor could not do it on a given day, the nurse did it. It was a priority of the hospital, she explained, to be sure some Facetime was available to families.

That level of technology for family communication is not the norm in hospitals, but it sent a positive message about the importance health care facilities have placed on providing connection during the pandemic.

The emotional consequences of limited visitation are obvious – "no visitor" policies have resulted in many ER patients having to wait alone in their exam rooms with no support from family or friends – but these policies have impacted patient care too, providers say. Dr. Llera explained how "no visitor" policies, while necessary, sometimes limit a caregiver's ability to evaluate patients.

Those who accompany a patient to the ER often provide vital information on the patient's health status. Patients often minimize their symptoms, he explained, making input from family and friends very valuable to the medical staff.

While, thankfully, the COVID-19 vaccine is now being administered in hospitals, providing an added level of protection for front line health care personnel, it didn't come soon enough for Katie (Norton) Kennedy '02, a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner at Indianapolis Community Hospital East. Katie contracted COVID in the early days of the pandemic when PPE was in short supply and many hospitals were forced to have health care personnel reuse masks. While she said she was grateful that her symptoms were limited to achiness, a low-grade fever and a cough, working in a hospital setting and having experienced the disease gives her a unique perspective.

"I don't think that people understand the severity of the pandemic. That is one thing I've struggled with," Katie said. Seeing people continue to plan after-school gatherings and parties and play school sports is a concern. "Kids don't get this as often and sometimes aren't symptomatic, but they are carriers to people who can get it."

To that point, all agree.

"It is hard to explain to someone who doesn't see it, how critical these patients are," Rebecca explained. "It is true that some who get this have mild symptoms, but I've had patients who seem fine, maybe shortness of breath, and

within a couple of days they are in the ICU. There is no way to tell what the course of the disease will be in each person."

It is hurtful and shows a lack of empathy and compassion, Dr. Llera added, to hear people call COVID a hoax, refuse to wear a mask, or to say that it only affects older people. "Like everything in life, unless you know someone who has died or was hospitalized or has post-COVID syndrome, it does not affect you.

"This has been very difficult to deal with emotionally in the ER, and I can only imagine what it is for those working in ICUs who have much longer contact with patients." Dr. Llera, who has been an ER Specialist for over 40 years, said he cried about what he experienced at work for the first time during this past year.

Even with the pain that the pandemic caused, there will be lessons learned.

More effective ways to treat respiratory patients have been perfected during the pandemic, along with better ways to use telehealth. The collaboration between government and pharmaceutical companies resulting in the warp speed development of a vaccine is not something thought possible pre-pandemic. But even the basic lessons learned can have long-term impact.

"We have gotten better at hand washing, remembering to do that, and being more mindful of prevention," Katie said. "I hope society will hold onto that."

"I hope we will appreciate more the feeling of human touch," Cokie said. Dr. Llera echoed those sentiments, recognizing the loss of human touch as one of the saddest things about the pandemic.

While the need to social distance took away society's ability to physically connect, it did not eliminate the ability to show our support. Drive-by parades, catered meals to hospitals, GoFundMe pages and simple thank-you signs went a long way to show the men and women on health care's front lines that we appreciate their sacrifices.

"My shift is from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on 'National Nurses Day' my husband, sisters, brother, 90-year-old mother and others in my family were in my driveway at 5:20 in the morning holding signs ... that made me feel super special," Cokie recalled.

While working in NYC, Tara said she saw a level of professional appreciation that she had never before experienced.

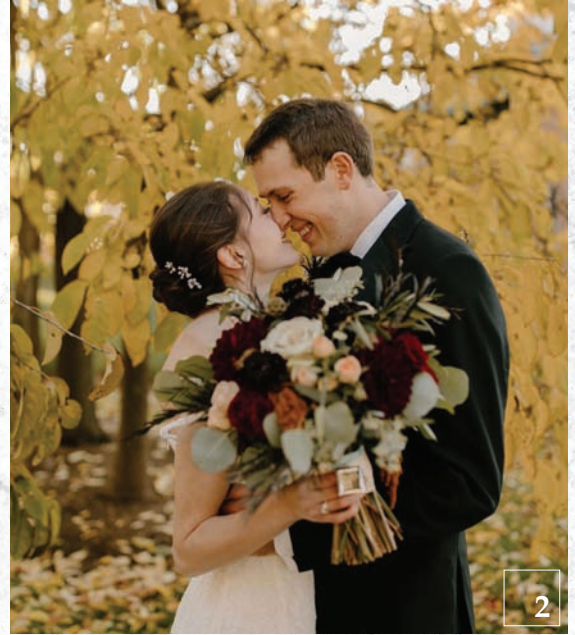
"From day one to three months in, if I was wearing scrubs and walking in the street, someone would stop me to say thank you. I walked 2 ½ miles to and from work every day, and there was one guy who was always at this pizza place near my apartment. Every time he saw me, he bought me a slice of pizza. It was what he said he could do to support what I was doing," she said.

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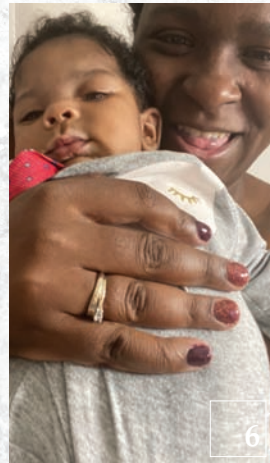
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WHEN THE WORLD RANG IN 2020, NOBODY WAS EXPECTING THE YEAR THAT WE EXPERIENCED. WHILE MANY EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND WE HAVE EXPERIENCED LOSS, COLLECTIVELY CELEBRATING THE GOOD MOMENTS BUOYED OUR SPIRITS.

WE ASKED BISHOP CHATARD FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI TO TELL US WHAT BROUGHT THEM JOY IN 2020. THE MOMENTS PROVIDED WERE AS DIVERSE AS OUR TROJAN FAMILY.

1 Visiting family, traveling west by car, sunflower festival and quilt show with friends, new granddaughter on the way, and youngest daughter's wedding in January ~ *Goyle Mass, math teacher*

2 COVID couldn't stop God's grace from making our wedding happen. I married Krista Chinchilla on Oct. 24, 2020! ~ *Steven Patzke, executive director of mission integration*

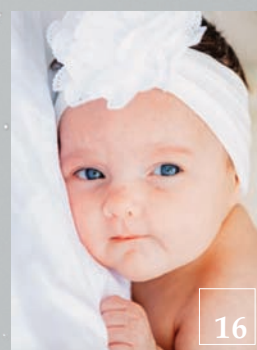
3 My son Sam was accepted to Bishop Brute College Seminary. The congratulations we've received from the BCHS community has been overwhelming! ~ *Joe Hansen, principal*

4 Fostering kittens brought me so much joy in 2020. I also volunteered on adoption day to help the kittens and cats find their forever home. ~ *Christine Millman '20*

5 Being a leader for Senior retreat in January. I was overwhelmed at the emotion, bonding and love these students had for each other. Life changing. ~ *Anne Harless, athletics assistant*

6 The birth of my 6th child, my daughter Gabriella Felicity. ~ *Katrina McGee '00*

7 I planted a vegetable garden for the first time. It was something I never realized I would enjoy, but found it to be very fulfilling! ~ *Tim Boyle, theology teacher*



8 Beating breast cancer. ~ Laura Gzibovskis, Trojan Tots teacher

9 Thanks to the support of the BCHS administration, staff, students, and families, BCHS Theatre was able to produce a fall play: Almost, Maine. BRAVO! ~ Holly Stults, theatre director

10 Welcoming a new little one into the world and becoming a family of four! We've cherished all of the wonderful family time 2020 brought us. ~ Marika Harrison, science teacher

11 To see the world through the eyes of my 2-year-old as we spent hours watching the construction of a trail in our neighborhood. ~ Katie Schaffner, math teacher

12 Becoming a Nana and spending time with one of my new favorite humans, Cecelia Grace. ~ Kelly Lucas, director of marketing & communications

13 Joining the Trojan family has brought me immense joy this year, especially working with so many awesome students and such a wonderful Campus Ministry team! ~ Joel Kelley, associate director of campus ministry

14 My high school friend challenged my daughter to a push-up contest. It was a simple reminder that our BCHS students are meeting their lifelong friends. ~ Pam Nixon, college counselor

15 My husband and I enjoyed watching our grandson Henry Scott play baseball this summer. Team sponsored by Bishop Chatard. ~ Joanne (Kelley) Scott '67

16 Our first grand baby "Poppy" was born in March ... she is lovingly called the "Pandemic Princess" ... she has brought so much love and joy! ~ Cathy Dolan, campus ministry administrative assistant

To appreciate my colleagues and students and reinforce why I am a teacher; passing on what I have learned in person not on a screen. ~ Greg Miller, history teacher

Mass outside in the parking lot at Christ the King Church every day in the summer! Nothing better! Father Todd is great! ~ Jenny Annee, associate director of enrollment

BLESSING BCHS: A PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the evening before school began at Bishop Chatard, Christ the King Pastor Father Todd Riebe and St. Pius X Pastor Father Jim Farrell led a Prayer Service and Eucharistic Procession around the BCHS campus. As the school community prepared for what many anticipated would be an unusual year, the North Deanery priests led those in attendance in a prayer to bless all North Deanery schools and the students, their families and faculty and staff who work so diligently to form the students entrusted to us.

The procession began on the front steps of BCHS and proceeded into the school building, through the parking lot and around the walking trail that encompasses the athletic fields. BCHS is grateful to Father Todd, Father Jim and all of the priests who give so graciously of their time to support the Archdiocese of Indianapolis school communities.



MR. GARY PRITTS
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THE JOE & BARB KRIER FOUNDATION
Alumni Honoree



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RESTAURANTS & CATERING**
Community Honoree



MRS. KARI GUYMON
Volunteer Honoree

BCHS HONORS 2020 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Bishop Chatard High School recognizes individuals or organizations each year that generously give their time and talent to our students, faculty and staff. Typically honored as part of the school's standing-room-only Annual Fund Dinner, our Achievement Award honorees were recognized virtually in 2020 due to the pandemic.

View this year's Virtual Annual Fund Dinner video at <https://vimeo.com/453685740>
Scan the QR Code to view this year's Virtual Annual Fund Dinner video, spotlighting the following groups and individuals who have been supporting the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school for many years. Congratulations to our 2020 Achievement Award honorees!



**VIEW THIS YEAR'S
VIRTUAL ANNUAL
FUND DINNER VIDEO**

BLACK STUDENT UNION

HOSTS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON RACE

By Corbin Hubert, Trojan Matters Editor

In early December, Bishop Chatard's Black Student Union hosted a roundtable discussion open to all students and staff members regarding uncomfortable topics about race.

The discussion lasted around an hour and was hosted by science teacher Mrs. Amanda Horan with student guests, seniors Osinachi Osuji, Dre Moore, Ethan Pratt, and Maia Schuster. Students were given the opportunity to express their feelings toward race-related issues in and out of the classroom.

"I FEEL LIKE IT WAS A MUCH-NEEDED DISCUSSION," SAID MOORE. "IT WAS REALLY INTERESTING TO GET A POINT OF VIEW FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE, ON HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON, AND HOW THEY COULD GET MORE INVOLVED IN THIS MOVEMENT."

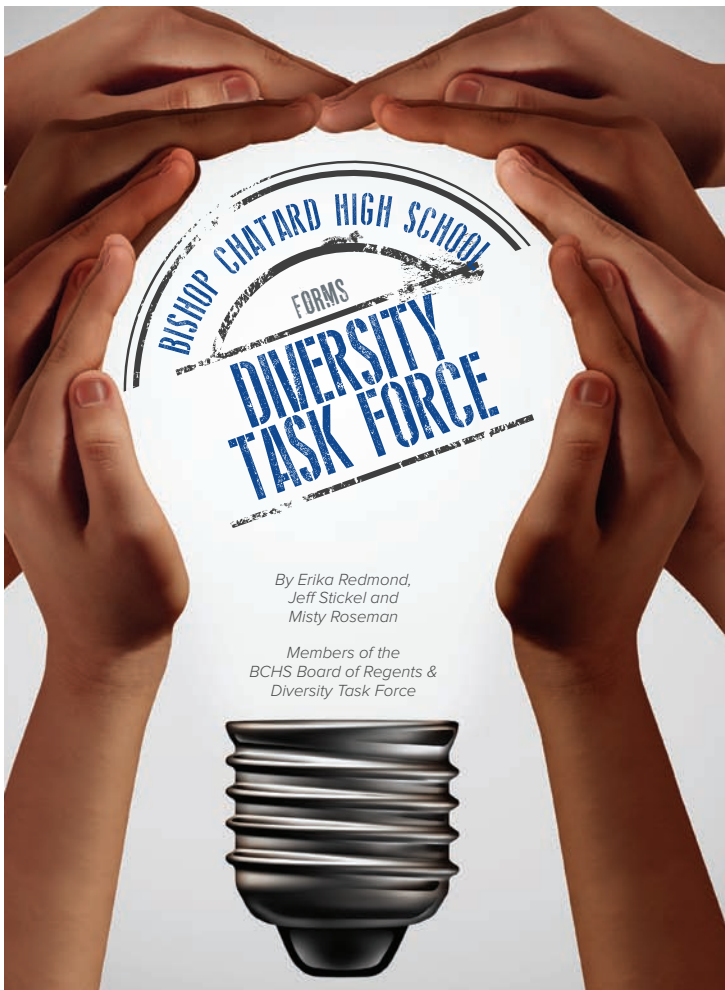
Change has to start somewhere, and the students think this discussion was the perfect place to start. "We wanted to get people involved and hear people's voices. We felt like this was a good way to start a movement at Chatard where we praise diversity and have everyone's opinion on the subject," said Pratt.

Osuji shared the same goal for this first discussion. "We really focused on getting the voice of people heard and Mrs. Horan did a great job moderating the event," said Osuji.

The Black Student Union would like to host more of these discussions in the future with gradually increasing community involvement. Along with discussions, there are videos that could be released following discussions. "We also want to make a series of quick videos on topics we didn't get to discuss," said Osuji.

The goal of these discussions is to have open and honest dialogue regarding race relations in America. "We really hope for people our age to be more open and to be better educated with the issues of today's society. We hope to change so that we can make people uncomfortable in order to grow as a group," said Pratt.

"WE JUST WANT TO REALLY FOCUS ON EDUCATING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ON THE TOPIC OF RACE," SAID OSUJI.



2020 was a year which brought many awakenings to our country. The death of George Floyd pushed our country and the world into an international dialogue regarding race and social injustice. All throughout our nation, many people and organizations began to listen more intently with open ears regarding the lived experiences of African Americans in an effort to effect change.

Bishop Chatard was no different in this movement. The BCHS administration expressed an interest in better understanding the BCHS climate and culture for our students of color. In the fall, the Diversity Task Force was created to spearhead this effort.

The Diversity Task Force is comprised of a group of administrators, teachers, board members, and parents. The mission of the Diversity Council is to ensure that the BCHS mission of educating the whole student was effectively hitting the mark for our students of color. In the early meetings, the Diversity Task Force identified its desired outcomes. The group discussed topics such as how to create a safe space for students to speak up, how to increase our diversity within our staff and student body, and the need to foster alumni engagement.

The Diversity Task Force is currently working to finalize its priorities. In an effort to do so, the Diversity Task Force has created and is issuing a survey to all students in an effort to better understand our strengths and areas of opportunity from the perspective of our greatest stakeholder group, our students. In addition to the survey, there will be a group of student leaders who will serve as a student advisory board to be the ongoing voice of the students for the Diversity Task Force.

We are hopeful and encouraged that The Diversity Task Force and the Student Advisory Body will be effective levers in helping Bishop Chatard to achieve its mission of educating the whole student.

ALUMNI UPDATES

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JOHN RYAN was named the Best Lawyers 2021 Indiana Health Care Lawyer of the Year. John is the president and managing partner of Indianapolis law firm Hall Render.

1996



SIA NYORKOR is an Emmy award-winning journalist currently working as an on-air reporter in Cleveland, Ohio.

2000



JOHN C. TURNER successfully defended his dissertation toward the Urban Education Studies PhD Program at the Indiana University School of Education at IUPUI. His dissertation was titled "Black Identity Development on a First Year Affinity Course for African American Males as a Two-Year Community College." John received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana State University and is a three-time TRIO Program Ronald E. McNair Scholar.

1993



ANNE (JENKINS) KRUCHTEN, an associate professor of biology at the College of St. Scholastica, recently published a scholarly article titled "A Curricular Bioinformatics Approach to Teaching Undergraduates to Analyze

Metagenomic Datasets Using R" in *Frontiers in Microbiology*. Anne holds a PhD in biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics from the University of Minnesota.

1997



PAUL MULLIN was elected by his colleagues to a two-year term as managing partner of Indianapolis law firm Lewis And Wilkins LLP. He and his family are members at St. Pius X parish.

2002



MARY (WAGNER) FUHS recently received \$439,000 from the National Institutes of Health to study early math skill development. Mary is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Dayton. The project builds on pilot research that provided evidence that the early ability to pay attention to numbers and not be distracted by size, color or shape predicts math achievement in preschoolers. Read the full story at <http://bit.ly/2LhMUA4>

1999

COURTNEY (CHESEBROUGH) WHISTLER became the owner of Binkley's Kitchen & Bar last year. During the pandemic, she has overseen cosmetic and physical renovations of the restaurant and navigated the switch to a carry-out and later limited in-person menu. Read about her professional undertaking at <http://bit.ly/2LgJfm3>

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received through January 15, 2021.*

2007

RACHEL (NEWKIRK) BARSELLA attained her Doctor of Nursing Practice as a family nurse practitioner from DePaul University, Chicago, in June 2020. Her study "Educational Tool Reduces Parental Stress at Home Post Pediatric Cardiac Surgery: A Pilot Study" has been published in the Progress in Pediatric Cardiology journal. She is now employed as a nurse practitioner in adult congenital heart disease at the University of Chicago.



2013



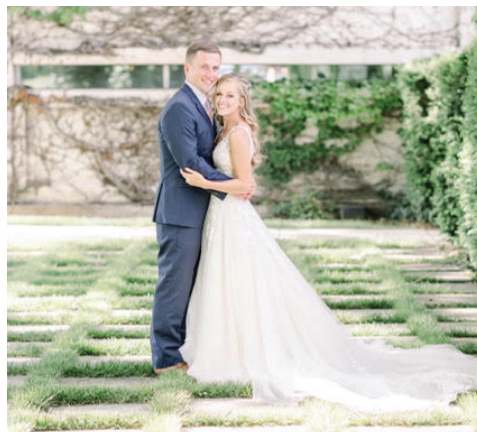
BECCA (FADALE) KENNEY married Patrick Kenney at St. Pius X Catholic Church on Oct. 10, 2020.

2009



MOLLY (MCGLINCHEY) CLAUSS welcomed Lyla Jade Clauss to the family in November 2020.

JENA (WALLANDER) GEMKOW married Benjamin Gemkow of La Grange Park, Illinois, on Aug. 1, 2020, at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in New Buffalo, Michigan.



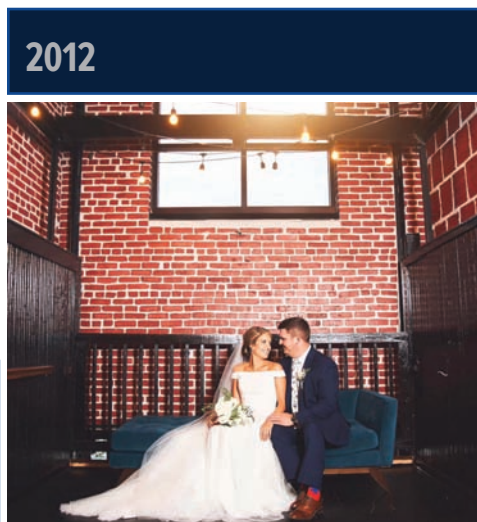
COLLEEN (TREESH) LAROSE married Kenny LaRose '11 on Dec. 11, 2020.

2010



LAUREN (PARAS) HAGAN welcomed Lily Marie Hagan to the family in November 2020.

NIKKI (KIRSCHNER) ROBBINS married Eric Robbins at the Inn at Irwin Gardens in Columbus, Indiana, on May 30, 2020.



MARYKATHERINE (CURTIN) DONOVAN married Tyler Donovan at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Oct. 2, 2020.

NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY?

Bishop Chatard would love to send you a Future Trojan onesie!

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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 2020 publication of "Trojans Today." This issue includes remembrances received through Jan. 31, 2020.

SISTER CATHY ANN ROBINSON '65

DEBBIE SUTTON '69

DENNIS FOLEY '70

DAVID THOMPSON '71

MARCUS CAIN '73

THOMAS JOHN WARNER '82

DAVID MICHAEL LONER '87

NICHOLAS DAVID MCGUINNESS '98

MATTHEW SUMMERS '08

DANIEL SCHROEDER '09

JACK SHOCKLEY '14



BISHOP CHATARD INDUCTED 31 CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES INTO ITS ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME THIS YEAR. WHILE THE PANDEMIC PREVENTED OUR TRADITIONAL CEREMONY, STAY TUNED FOR A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION OF THIS OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATION BY OUR 2020 GRADS.

THE MOST RECENT CLASS OF TROJAN INDUCTEES INCLUDE:

GEORGE ASSALLEY, FOOTBALL	CHARLIE JACOBA, CROSS COUNTRY	WYATT SCHRADER, FOOTBALL & RUGBY
REAGAN BEHRINGER, SOFTBALL	PATRICK MASTRIAN, FOOTBALL & BASEBALL	MAX SCHRAGE, FOOTBALL
DEEDEE CASKEY, SOFTBALL	SARAH MEEK, LACROSSE	JOSEPH SOLOMON, FOOTBALL
KYLE CHEEK, FOOTBALL	HOLLI PARKER, TRACK & SOCCER	SYDNEY SORENSON, TENNIS
ETHAN CLAPACS, CROSS COUNTRY	ERIKA PEMBERTON, LACROSSE	ANDREW SOWINSKI, BASEBALL & FOOTBALL
RUBY COUNTRYMAN, VOLLEYBALL	ANNA PRUITT, SOCCER & SOFTBALL	MIRANDA STICKEL, TRACK
AMELIA DESSAUER, TRACK	EDREECE REDMOND, BASKETBALL	DAYLEN TAYLOR, FOOTBALL
MARTIN DUFFY, LACROSSE	ABIGAIL REED, SOFTBALL	CAROLINE THOMPSON, SOFTBALL
MICHAEL DUFFY, LACROSSE	CURTIS RICHARDSON, TRACK	ABBY UNDERWOOD, SOCCER
GEORGE FORSEE, SOCCER	MAGGIE SCHAFFER, GOLF	GRACE UNDERWOOD, SOCCER
		ANNA WUENSCH, VOLLEYBALL



STEVEN PATZKE
Executive Director of
Mission Integration

TAKING DAD'S ADVICE: 'DON'T FORCE IT'

Growing up, I helped my dad with odd jobs around the house – unclogging drains, minor repairs and painting. When working with a hammer or drill, he would often tell me, “don’t force it.” Simply put, he did not want me stripping the screw or putting a hole in the wall because I felt as though sheer force would fix the problem. Rather, I needed to spend a little bit of extra time and work to get the job done right and well.

Many years later, I find myself applying my dad’s advice to a variety of parts of my life. Entering into this unprecedented school year, the Office of Mission and Ministry anticipated the challenges on the road ahead as opportunities for growth. The uncertainty brought on in March invited us not to force the “ways we’ve always done it” and allowed the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our programs, ministry and ingenuity. What we thought was going to be a year of fear and failure turned into a time of creativity, success and innovation.

We are fortunate to celebrate Mass each week as the Bishop Chatard community. Our mission is centered on taking God’s Word and our nourishment from the Eucharist into our every action. Since Mass is such an integral part of formation, making it accessible to our entire building was paramount. Our opening all-school liturgy allowed every teacher and student to participate in Mass from the gym to the classrooms via livestream. While we cannot gather fully in-person, we gather fully in spirit!

Our longest running school tradition, the Living Rosary, typically takes place in the gym with the senior class, their parents, and the entire school praying the Rosary together.



This year, we held the Living Rosary on Alumni Field for the first time to bring the entire Class of 2021 together for the first time since March! The entire school community and senior parents gathered for our first outdoor Living Rosary, which kept our tradition alive and well in reverence to the Virgin Mother.

Typically, our Sophomore Retreats are held at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa. Due to distance and bus restraints, we invited the CYO staff to come to Bishop Chatard and facilitate the retreat on our campus. Students participated in challenge courses and low-ropes activities that focused on teamwork and building the Body of Christ.

The week of Thanksgiving, Marion County mandated that schools go fully virtual the remainder of the semester. For many schools, this was a rough transition, but we were poised for something much smoother. Our office hit the ground running to offer a daily “Campus Ministry Power Hour.” Each lunch period of virtual learning, students gathered on Google Meet for a half an hour of faith formation and fun. Games, bible study and Mass brought the community together during a time when we could not be on campus. Wednesdays were an office favorite for the Power Hour. In the middle of the week, Campus Ministry would host “Cooking with Campus Ministry.” The time was spent teaching students to cook new foods, snacks, and desserts. Everyone had a blast with smiles and messy kitchens all around!

As we head into the second part of our “COVID year,” our Catholic identity will continue to be strengthened with our junior and senior retreats, Catholic Social Action Week, liturgies, and Christian Service. We will build upon the ways we have always done things with new life and perspective. Know of our prayers for our students, families, alumni and community partners this spring. Please pray for our ministry as we dream and create for God’s greater glory.

BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES 2021 NATIONAL MERIT HONOREES

Bishop Chatard High School is proud to announce that seniors Liam Murphy and Clay Williams have been named semifinalists, and Emily Loisel has been named a commended student, in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Liam, a member of St. Pius X Parish, hopes to pursue a career in mechanical or aerospace engineering. He is applying to Cornell, Vanderbilt, Yale and Purdue universities, as well as the University of Notre Dame. Liam has been a member of the cross country and track teams, and he has participated in the investment and math clubs, and student council. He said that his involvement in diverse extracurriculars has helped him try new things.

Clay, a member of Christ the King Parish, plans to pursue a career in computer engineering. He is applying to Massachusetts, Rose-Hulman and Georgia institutes of technology; Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Purdue and Saint Louis universities, and the universities of Cincinnati and Dayton.

Clay has also participated in a variety of extracurricular activities while attending BCHS including the track & field, cross country, soccer and bowling teams; the investment, trivia and Latin clubs, and he served as a member of the BCHS theatre tech crew. In different ways, each of these activities, he said, taught him the benefit of teamwork, camaraderie and lessons that translate into real life.

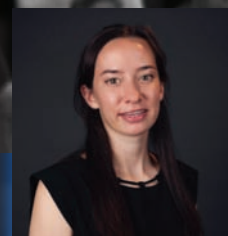
Liam and Clay each earned the National Merit Semifinalist honor as a result of scores achieved on the PSAT test taken during their junior year at Bishop Chatard. Both are



LIAM MURPHY



CLAY WILLIAMS



EMILY LOISEL

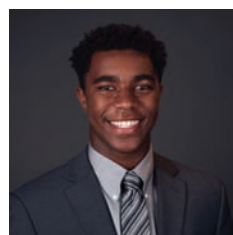
now in the running to become finalists in the National Merit Program and be considered for National Merit Scholarships. Emily earned the National Merit Commended Student honor also as a result of scores achieved on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Over 1.5 million students took the PSAT/NMSQT in October 2019, automatically entering the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. Of the 50,000 highest performers, 16,000 were named semifinalists and 34,000 were named commended students. This recognition also signals to colleges and universities a student's outstanding potential for academic success.

A member of Christ the King Parish, Emily has been actively involved in cross country, track and swimming, and she is a member of the choir. Through her extracurricular involvement, she said she has had many new experiences and made many new friends. She has also learned the value of perseverance, a trait that will help her when studying computer science in college and in her career.

Emily's advice for juniors who are serious about getting a good score on the PSAT is to make sure you are strong in the basics of math and English. All three seniors agree that it is important to relax when taking the test but go in with a mindset to do the best they can.

"A lower score will not necessarily have any negative effect, but if you do well, you can connect to lots of opportunities that are looking for bright young people who are up and coming in this country," Clay added.



KYLE HASLETT RECEIVES NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICA RECOGNITION

Senior Kyle Haslett earned recognition this year in the College Board's National African America Program. But the accolades for this accomplished senior didn't end there. Following the Trojans 3A Football State Championship, he was also named the 3A recipient of the IHSAA Blake Ress Mental Attitude Award, and in December he was named a Kiwanis Foundation of Indianapolis Academic MVP.

Kyle, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, has been involved in a number of club and athletic activities while at BCHS including football, Student Council and the improv team. "All three of these extracurriculars," Kyle said, "are truly central to helping grow my freshman self into who I am today."

The Jackie Robinson Foundation, which celebrates its namesake's legacy of excellence and impact, serves as an adviser for the College Board award.

"Jackie Robinson was a trailblazer and set an example of how to thrive in a white-dominated situation. Although I don't have to deal with the harshness he did, standardized testing is still a white-dominated situation, so it only fits that his legacy is represented. Making sure we take the chances we are given to prove we are on the same level as the rest is part of honoring that legacy," Kyle explained.

Like the National Merit awards, scores achieved on the PSAT are a qualifier for the National African America Program recognition. Kyle agreed with his classmates that it is wise to take the PSAT seriously and use it as preparation for the SAT. Kahn Academy, he said, is a great resource for practice.

Kyle added, "In the end, as my dad always says, all you really need is some sleep and confidence. You can do this."



MARGARET RUFFING

*Director of
Development*

A SAFE PLACE: BURIED IN GOD'S ARMS

There is a beautiful poem by St. Francis de Sales entitled *Be at Peace*, written some 400 years ago, but seems most appropriate for our day in time. In part, the poem states:

**DO NOT LOOK FORWARD IN FEAR
TO THE CHANGES IN LIFE;
RATHER LOOK TO THEM WITH FULL HOPE AS THEY ARISE.
HE WILL LEAD YOU SAFELY THROUGH ALL THINGS;
AND WHEN YOU CANNOT STAND IT,
GOD WILL BURY YOU IN HIS ARMS.
BE AT PEACE.**

The image of God holding you so close that 'He will bury you in his arms' is quite comforting. I hope you'll indulge me in sharing a few God-hugs that showed up through some challenges in fundraising this year.

As you know, our Annual Fund Drive kicks off in early Fall with hundreds of parents, alumni, grandparents and friends gathering to break bread, celebrate and raise roughly half of our annual fundraising goal of \$1.3 million. We love to join together, and we have long known that together we make a difference for our students and teachers. Forced to change our typical format for this event, more than a few anxious moments were shared. Working to replace that fear with hope, some ingenuity and creativity, we moved forward and were safely lead through it. Several families stepped up to host small dinners in their backyards. That has resulted in a fundraising effort that has equaled last year allowing us to accomplish our mission to take care of our students and teachers first and foremost!

Hoping against hope, we planned a first-ever outside Chatard-A-Bratton for all to enjoy, learning later that another shift was needed. A few more anxious moments surfaced knowing that virtual auctions are tough to pull off, and curb-side meal pick up, while becoming familiar, isn't exactly the style we hoped for. Just how successful could this be?

Remembering St. Francis's call to peace, we forged ahead and discovered more than a comforting embrace through the love and care of our families! Chatard-A-Bratton requires numerous volunteers and we hit the jackpot when our families agreed to help solicit sponsorships as part of the advisory committee, joined in to help on the auction committee, and the logistics committee pulled it all together. No longer able to host gift-gathering parties, our parents, stepped up and raised \$14,000 through an online campaign to provide four vacation trips and more for the auction! All a wonderful huge and comforting embrace! The event, with these twists, will go on in late February.

It is with immense gratitude that I share these small but mighty stories so you too can share in the loving embrace of our God during such a time as this. One of the most evident examples of a strong institution is the voluntary action in support of the goals of the institution. Bishop Chatard remains, and will continue to be, a strong institution because so many volunteers join with a dedicated staff to remain true to the school's mission to care for those in front of us by providing a Catholic education for all families that desire it.

There is always room and need for your gifts of time and treasure. Join us where and when you are able! I always enjoy talking with members of the Bishop Chatard community and can be reached at mruffing@bishopchatard.org or 317-251-1451, ext. 2242.



ALUMNUS PIVOTS TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE POST-COVID BUSINESS MODEL

By Maureen Malarney '12

For so many business owners, the past year has been a continuous balancing act. Many have had to respond with inventive pivots, pushing them into new spaces. When Larry Frutkin '96 came back to Indianapolis and brought the first ZIPS Dry Cleaners location to the city, it was no different. Entering a recession within the first 18 months of opening ZIPS was the last thing he expected to encounter, but the results have been successful.

In 2010, after being in Chicago for the majority of his professional life, Larry and his wife, Emma, moved to Indianapolis for three months. They returned to Chicago and realized that there was a major hole to be filled in the dry-cleaning business, one that hadn't been touched in about 50 years.

"Because we were in real estate and working together, flipping houses, we had moved 20 times in 12 years," Larry said. "We wanted to find a business where we could stop moving so much and establish some consistency."

They wanted to bring a new concept to Indianapolis, one that Larry called a "market disrupter," which is exactly what ZIPS Dry Cleaners is considered. After talking with ZIPS for about a year, Larry, Emma and their three boys decided to officially move to Indy. They opened their first ZIPS Dry Cleaners in 2018, signing on to open five stores in five years in the Indy area.

Founded in 1996, ZIPS Dry Cleaners is similar to dry cleaning businesses in Chicago that Larry was familiar with. ZIPS is known for its same-day, one-price business model, making the cost 60 percent less than competitors. It doesn't matter if the item is a dress, winter coat or a suit jacket, that price remains the same for each garment.

Incorporating eco-friendly practices and creating a price that is affordable are both important factors in the ZIPS business model.

“WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING OFF OF THE BUS WITH TRASH BAGS OF CLOTHES AND WE HAVE PEOPLE DRIVING UP IN BENTLEYS,” LARRY SAID. “WE CATER TO EVERYBODY OF ALL ETHNICITIES AND INCOME LEVELS.”

Recycling hangers, using biodegradable plastic bags and reducing water usage and waste productions are all ways that ZIPS is able to make a positive environmental impact.

Not long after they opened their third store in just 18 months, COVID-19 hit. Larry and Emma began to feel the effects almost immediately. “As soon as COVID-19 hit, business dropped about 85 percent overnight,” Larry said. ZIPS was deemed an essential business and was able to keep its doors open despite the major drop in business.

“We didn’t have to close our doors ever, but we did reorganize,” Larry said. “We never had to let anyone go because of COVID-19. We were able to keep people on because we pivoted to making face masks.” That reorganization led to the creation of Hoosier Face Masks, professionally sewn hand-made face masks.

After setting up a face mask plant in the back of one of their ZIPS locations, buying all the materials and elastic that they could find, and setting up an online platform, Larry and Emma were able to weather the storm.

“Over a three-month period, we sold about 10,000 masks,” Larry said. Customers included people all around the United States but mostly in Indianapolis, including Ben Davis High School.

Along with creating face masks, Larry and Emma decided to create a laundry delivery service, unique to their ZIPS locations. He personally began driving a ZIPS van throughout Indy picking up and dropping off clothes to customers for just \$7. “Our contactless delivery service is about 20 percent of our business,” Larry said.

They also added a wash-and-fold laundry service for just \$.99/lb., a feature that was designed to help people have one less item on their ‘to-do’ list.

“At first it was difficult getting people to get over the hurdle of sending your everyday laundry out to be cleaned,” he mentioned, “but then we asked people: ‘Do you pay someone to wash your car? Mow your lawn? Clean your house? Why are you still doing your own laundry?’”

“People still aren’t dressing up because they’re working from home and parents are doing e-learning with their kids going crazy, ourselves included,” Larry added. Even though customers are not dry-cleaning clothes like they were before COVID-19, they are taking advantage of the other services that these Indy locations provide.

Implementing these new business practices has allowed Larry and his ZIPS team to reach a customer that they otherwise may not have been able to acquire. The creativity, ingenuity and flexibility that was executed as a result of the pandemic will forever be a part of their business model. By creating these permanent business practices, they have been able to stay relevant and stay successful.

“We are optimistic about the future and we have been very lucky in being able to keep our team employed, our doors open, and we have been very successful at that,” Larry said. “We created a brand here in Indy and we are excited for the future, whatever that might be.”



The BCHS Spirit Shoppe is open on Wednesdays during all lunch periods to students and staff and during special events and some athletic contests. However, you can now shop 24/7 online! Shop our webstore and have items delivered free of charge to students at school, or your purchase can be shipped for a flat fee.



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**KELLY
STUHLBREHER**

*Coordinator of
Special Events &
Alumni Relations*

CONNECTING WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

A few months after accepting a new job as the Coordinator of Special Events and Alumni Relations at BCHS, I found myself in a tough situation. How do I connect with alumni and plan for our annual events in the midst of a global pandemic? I had to come up with a plan B, C and sometimes, D. Should we cancel? Can we postpone? If in-person events are out the window, how can I connect with alumni virtually? There were so many different questions left unanswered that it quickly became a bit daunting. Luckily, I had the great

privilege of working with a talented group of individuals who helped get the creative juices flowing and together we moved full steam ahead to connect with Trojan alumni and plan events, just with a little twist.

Looking back on this past year, two things come to mind that gave me a chance to connect and engage our alumni, but in opposite ways. The first was our Business Directory that created an opportunity to engage and support alumni digitally. The second was our end of year Christmas event that was a perfect chance to gather on campus, but in a COVID-friendly way.

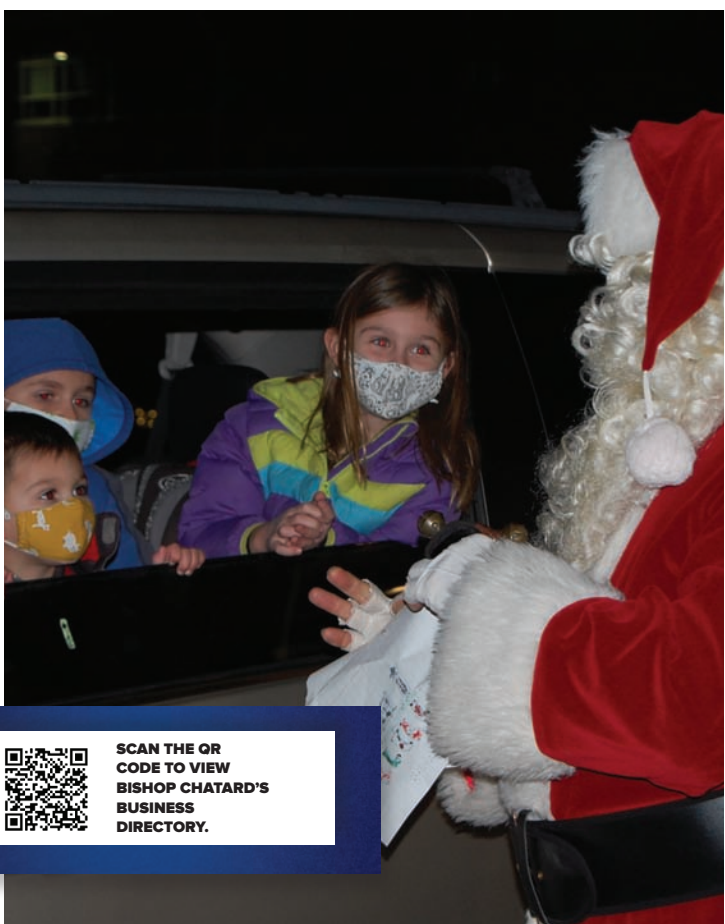
As the world shut down and doors began to close, it was apparent pretty early on that the possibilities of connecting with alumni in person in 2020 were diminishing. Surely there had to be something we could do to support our alumni and community while working from our makeshift home offices and social distancing. That's when the Business Directory came to light.

The directory was an opportunity to highlight alumni and BC community-owned businesses and a chance to help keep their doors open. Everything from restaurants and coffee shops to printing companies & landscaping services are listed in the directory. I often refer to this list when deciding what restaurant to order takeout from, and you should too! It's a good feeling knowing you're supporting those who support BCHS, and the people who have worked tirelessly this past year to keep business going. If you own a business and would like to be listed, please reach out, I would love to hear from you.

Another way I was able to connect with alumni, this time in person in a COVID-safe way, was at Christmas on Crittenden, Bishop Chatard's annual Christmas event that brings alumni and North Deanery families together to celebrate the holidays. It was a perfect opportunity to get alumni back on campus, even though we had to be socially distanced.

Due to tightened COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to hold an event where families could potentially mingle together. Instead, we did the next best thing and took it old school to create a socially distanced, Holiday Drive-Thru. Families were invited to crank the tunes and take a drive through our 'Holiday Lane' that was decked out in lights and Christmas inflatables, all while remaining safely inside their vehicles. Student Ambassadors lined the way spreading holiday cheer and Santa was waiting near the end to greet each family. While it was much different than previous years, the turnout was outstanding, with over 500 children of alumni and friends attending. The event created a much-needed, yet safe, family outing. Nothing beats the joy of seeing a child's face light up when they see Santa!

2020. What a year. A year that we will all likely remember for the rest of our lives. It was a year marked with extraordinary challenges and difficulties, but it was also a year filled with great resilience and perseverance. Due to the pandemic, there wasn't an option to continue business as usual and do things the way we had done in the past. Every aspect of the Trojan community was forced to step outside the box and find creative ways to reach, and surpass, the same goal in an entirely new way. And that's exactly what we did. My hope for the New Year is not just to return to a bit of 'normalcy,' but to continue creating deeper connections with alumni and the Trojan community.



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DIRECTORY.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS CONTINUE AT BCHS

A parade of cars, trucks and SUVs stretched down the street and around every corner surrounding Bishop Chatard High School on December 4, each filled with little ones anxiously awaiting their chance to see Santa Claus. The COVID-19 pandemic restricted Christmas on Crittenden visitors to their vehicles this year, but the drive-thru light show complete with Santa and the Grinch kept visitors entertained.

Each family attending was sent a special Letter to Santa that children could complete and hand deliver. While children couldn't sit on Santa's lap this year due to social distancing requirements, many waited anxiously to hand over their Christmas wish list. It was an evening filled with holiday cheer!

Bishop Chatard's annual Thanksgiving Service Project also continued, but with a slight pivot in 2020. While the number of volunteers who could be on site was restricted, when the call was made for volunteers and donations, organizers report that within 24 hours 95 percent of the food, money and manpower needs had been filled.

260 meals were prepared and delivered to Garfield Park Church and Victory Church in Fountain Square. From those locations, all meals were distributed to families and people in need. Thanks go to Steve & Therese Hartley and Mike & Jackie Noll, and their team of generous volunteers and donors, for orchestrating this important effort.

Students joined the cause, donating enough food to fill 10 pallets in this year's Canned Food Drive. Agencies helped by the food drive included St. Vincent de Paul, St. Augustine's Home, Officer David S. Moore Pantry, International Gateway Pantry and House of Victory Pantry.

The success of these efforts is a huge tribute to the giving nature of the BCHS community. Thank you to all who helped continue these holiday Trojan traditions.



BC GOLF OUTING



PLAYING 'A ROUND' IN SUPPORT OF BCHS!

Bishop Chatard held its Annual Golf Outing on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020 at Highland Country Club. An unusually chilly October morning that prompted a delayed start due to frost on the course gave way to a beautiful day. Thirty-four teams helped Bishop Chatard raise over \$49,000 in support of the Harv Sutton Fund for Tuition Assistance.

Thank you to all who joined us, along with the businesses, organizations and individuals who showed their support for our archdiocesan North Deanery high school by sponsoring this event. A special shout out goes to Golf Committee Chair Joe Ford '69 and committee members Bob Akin '09, Mike Dury '83, Bill Hurrell, Will Hurrell '04, Julia Kaercher '05, Kiernan Keating '89, Steve Koers, Bill Scheidler '76 and Mark Wenclewicz '98 for their work on this event.

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The Cathy & John
Wagner Family

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Jim Mahin
John Leonard
M.A.B. & Associates, Inc.,
Matt Berg '89
Noel-Smyser Engineering Corp.
R.P. Lux Company Inc.,
Commerical Real Estate
Services
Remax/Sergi
Rob Dietrick Company
The Leone Family
The McNelis Family
The Duffy Family - Martin,
Michael, Lauren Class
of 2020
CBMC, Inc Lighting Solutions -
Russ Miller
Huntington Bank
MMY Consulting, Inc. and
Monachino Family
The Jamie Pratt Family
Noll Landscape
Denis & Susan '66 McCusker
Terri McLaughlin
Northside Glass

Zimmerman Family, Partick '02
& Luke '99
S.A. Berg Co.
The Martin Family
The Godlevske Family
Commercial Finishing Corp.
McLaughlin & Associates
Matt McLaughlin '80,
Tracy Carroll Nondorf '80
Go Trojans - BC Class of 1969
Dury Investment Group
The Hurrell Family: Will,
Jen, Lucas, Jack
Kennedy Tank and
Manufacturing Co, Inc
The DiSalvo Group



BISHOP CHATARD WINS 15TH FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

By Grant Millman, Student Publication Sports Editor

For the second time in as many years, Bishop Chatard High School has won the IHSAA 3A State Football Championship. The 42-14 win over the Danville Warriors captures the 15th state title for the Trojans.

Unknowing of how the season would play out due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Chatard's season came to a close as they successfully defended their state title from last year. With the exception of a cancellation vs. Bloomington South, the Trojan football season was not significantly impacted by the coronavirus.

The Trojans entered the state championship game with a 12-1 record, their only loss coming at the hands of rival Cathedral, the 2020 5A state champions. Danville was undefeated heading into its clash with Chatard. They had won 12 games in a row, including a victory over 2A state champion Western Boone.

In a year unlike any other, Bishop Chatard comes away as champions. For the majority of the team, this is their second state championship.

"It's a super special feeling to know that all the hard work we put in has paid off," said senior linebacker Joe Calvert.

Chatard was led by junior running back Tommy Hannon, who rushed for 112 yards and three touchdowns. In addition to running the ball, Hannon displayed his kicking skills for the Trojans, going 6-6 on extra points. Also productive was junior quarterback Carter St. John, who threw for 174

yards and three touchdowns. St. John found his favorite target Thomas Coleman seven times for 88 yards and two touchdowns, in addition to throwing a touchdown to Noah Carter late in the third quarter.

Only giving up two touchdowns throughout the game, the Bishop Chatard defense was a stellar supporting cast to the powerful offense. Senior linebacker Zach Fillenwarth and junior linebacker Tanner Quackenbush led the Trojans with six tackles each. Joe Calvert added five tackles of his own, and Jack Annee and Matthew Coons each tallied four. Brady Kinnett had two pass breakups, one of which led to the game's only interception by Matthew Coons.

This state title for Bishop Chatard extends the state record for a second straight year. Because of this title, every student at Bishop Chatard High School since 1998 has seen their school win at least one football state title.

After losing many key players from last year's championship team, the new look Trojans had to step up into leadership roles to fill in for the graduating seniors a season ago. "I loved being in a leadership role this year and it was really fun leading my brothers to state," said Calvert, a leading tackler from last season who stepped up as a captain this year.

As for next season, Bishop Chatard will look to win a third straight state title, however they will face stiffer competition when they make the move up to 4A as a result of recent success. Although graduating 32 players from the class of 2021, the Trojans bring back starting quarterback Carter St. John and starting running back Tommy Hannon, as well as other starters from the junior class such as Jack Annee, Tanner Quackenbush, and Nick Babcock. Calvert believes the team will be just fine next season, claiming that "tradition never graduates."

BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2020-2021. A COMPLETE WRAPUP OF THE YEAR WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SUMMER ISSUE OF TROJANS TODAY.

ACADEMIC ALL STATE

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Nate Joven (IATCCC)
Liam Murphy (IATCCC)
Christopher Taylor –
Honorable Mention (IATCCC)
Owen Teed (IATCCC)
Andrew Thrasher –
Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Payten Bean (IATCCC)
Bella Duray (IATCCC & ICGSA)
Jackie Figura (IATCCC)
Mara Foley –
Honorable Mention (IATCCC)
Alex Gantz –
Honorable Mention (IATCCC)
Holly Horton (ICGSA)
Julia Knight (IATCCC & ICGSA)
Emily Loiselle (IATCCC & ICGSA)
Madison Loiselle (IATCCC)
Ella Grace Moore (IATCCC)
Elaine Nickerson (IATCCC & ICGSA)
Margaret Roth (IATCCC & ICGSA)
Anna Siler –
Honorable Mention (IATCCC)
Maggie Smith –
Honorable Mention (IATCCC)
Mary Bea Sowinski (IATCCC)

FOOTBALL

Owen Bruce (IFCA)
Joe Calvert (IFCA)
Noah Carter (IFCA)
Griffin Eckstein (IFCA)
Frank Felts (IFCA)
Zach Fillenwarth (IFCA)
Alex Harris (IFCA)

Kyle Haslett (IFCA)
Brady Kinnett (IFCA)
Ryan McGinnis (IFCA)
Trevor Meyer (IFCA)
Zach Nondorf (IFCA)
Joey Reynolds (IFCA)
Jackson Shaw (IFCA)
Will Starliper (IFCA)
Joey Thatcher (IFCA)

GIRLS GOLF

Renee Jessee –
Honorable Mention (ICGCA)
Moir McGINLEY –
Honorable Mention (ICGCA)
Lanie Tarowsky –
Honorable Mention (ICGCA)

BOYS SOCCER

George Gamble (ISCA)
Henry Gebke (ISCA)
Joe Mees (ISCA)
Mike Nash (ISCA)
Danny O'Gara (ISCA)
Nicholas Zink (ISCA)

GIRLS SOCCER

Grace Adams (ISCA)
Hannah Chapman –
Honorable Mention (ICGCA)
Chelsea DeVettori (ISCA)
Sheridan Gutzwiller –
Honorable Mention (ICGCA)
Ruby Mason (ISCA)
Mary Mastrian (ISCA)
Rory Pachciarz (ISCA)
Maia Schuster (ISCA)
Izzy Surinak (ISCA)

BOYS TENNIS

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE
(IHSTeCA)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Lucy Gin (ICGCA)
Ellen Keefe (ICGCA)
Colleen Lelle (ICGCA)
Abby Murray –
Honorable Mention (ICGCA)

ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Max Bourgeois: All Conference

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Lily Cridge: Conference
Champion, All City
Emily Loiselle: All Conference,
All City, All Sectional, All
Regional
Mayan Stickel: All Conference,
All City
Alex Gantz: All Conference, All
City

FOOTBALL

Brady Braun: All City(Coaches)
Joe Calvert: All Conference
Thomas Coleman: All
Conference, All City(Coaches),
All State (IFCA), SUPERTeam
(IndyStar)
Matthew Coons: All
Conference, All State (IFCA)
Brady Kinnett: All Conference,
All City(Coaches), All State
(IFCA)
Logan O'Brien: All Conference
Carter St. John: All Conference,
All City(Coaches), All State (IFCA)

Jack Woodcock: All
Conference, All City(Coaches),
All State (IFCA)

GIRLS GOLF

Nadia Brehm: All City, All
Conference
Renee Jessee: All City
Lanie Tarowsky: All City

BOYS SOCCER

Brady Armstrong: All
Conference
Danny Bardol: All City
(Coaches)
David Harless: All Conference,
All City (Coaches)
Will Johnson: All Conference
Alex Rodriguez: All Conference

GIRLS SOCCER

Grace Adams: All Conference,
All City (MCCGSA)
Brianna Buels: All Conference,
All City Tournament Team, All
City (MCCGSA), All District
(ISCA)
Chelsea DeVettori: All
Conference, All City
Tournament Team, All City
(MCCGSA)
Addison Duncan: All City
Tournament Team, All City
(MCCGSA)
Ruby Mason: All City
Tournament Team
Mary Mastrian: All City
Tournament Team
Maggie Ryan: All City
(MCCGSA)

BOYS SWIMMING

Max Bourgeois: City Champion
(500y Free, 100y Breast, 400y Free Relay)

Will Hasbrook: City Champion
(400y Free Relay)

Aaron Loisel: City Champion
(100y Fly, 400y Free Relay)

Jack Steadham: City Champion
(200y Free, 100y Back, 400y Free Relay)

GIRLS SWIMMING

Gabriella Herner: City Champion
(200y Free, 500y Free)

Grace Hurley: City Champion
(Diving)

Emily Loisel: City Champion
(50y Free, 100y Fly)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Samantha Ball: All City
Tournament Team

Melanie Jansen: All City
Tournament Team

Ellen Keefe: All Conference,
All City (MCCGSA)

Sara Kelly: All City (MCCGSA)

Abby Murray: All City (MCCGSA)

WRESTLING

Eli Bustamante: City Champion
(152 lbs.)

OTHER TROJAN RECOGNITION

Coach Dan Kinghorn: MCCGSA
City Cross Country Coach of
the Year

Congratulations to the BCHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team, 2021 City Champions. The Trojans won their battle against Heritage Christian 62-61 with a basket at the buzzer. Junior Izzy Davis made her only basket count as she hit a short foot jump shot at the buzzer. Zakia Rasheed, who had 28 points and 5 assists in the game, had the presence of mind & unselfishness to set Izzy up with a phenomenal assist! Great teamwork!!

THE TROJANS ADVANCED TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME WITH A WIN OVER CATHEDRAL, 57-50.



Congratulations to the Girls Swimming & Diving team on winning the team's first City Championship in 18 years! The boys team placed third in the meet, with only eight boys in attendance. Many individual races were won.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

- Jack Steadham: 100 Backstroke 59.17, 200 Freestyle 2:00.13
- Max Bourgeois: 500 Freestyle 5:16.49, 100 Breaststroke 1:05.99
- Aaron Loisel: 100 Butterfly 58.38
- Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay 3:43.11; Max B., Will Hasbrook, Aaron L., Jack S.
- Gabriella Herner: 200 Yard Freestyle 2:17.79, 500 Yard Freestyle 6:06.73
- Emily Loisel: 50 Freestyle 26.64, 100 Butterfly 1:05.61
- Grace Hurley: Diving 434.40

HONORING ORGANIZATIONS:

AVCA-American Volleyball
Coaches Association

IATCCC-Indiana Association of
Track & Cross Country Coaches

IBCA-Indiana Basketball
Coaches Association

IBVCA-Indiana Boys Volleyball
Coaches Association

ICGSA-Indiana Coaches of Girls
Sports Association

IFCA-Indiana Football Coaches
Association

IHSBCA-Indiana High School
Baseball Coaches Association

IHSB-Indiana High School
Bowling

IHSGCA-Indiana High School
Golf Coaches Association

IHSSCA-Indiana High School
Swimming Coaches Association

IHSLA-Indiana High School
Lacrosse Association (Boys)

IHSTeCA-Indiana High School
Tennis Coaches Association

IHSVCA-Indiana High School
Volleyball Coaches Association

IHSWCA-Indiana High School
Wrestling Coaches Association

INGLA-Indiana Girls Lacrosse
Association

ISCA-Indiana Soccer Coaches
Association

ISHSHA-Indiana State High
School Hockey Association

IWCA-Indiana Wrestling Coaches
Association

NISCAA-National Interscholastic
Swimming Coaches Association
of America

RI-Rugby Indiana

USCA-United Soccer Coaches
of America

USL-USLacrosse (Girls)

almost, MAINE

BC THEATRE STAGES 'ALMOST, MAINE' AMID PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

By Maddie Barbar, Blueprint Editor

The abrupt end to the 2020 spring musical production "Guys and Dolls" had BC theatre feeling disappointed. However, against all odds, the theatre program put on a fall play. Theatre director Ms. Holly Stults, with the help of technical director Mr. Troy Cockrum, decided on the modern play, "Almost, Maine" for the fall performance, which ran November 19 – 21, 2020.

"Almost, Maine" is a play by John Cariani composed of nine short plays that explore love, loss, and friendship in a mystical remote town known as "Almost, Maine." The nine short plays have allowed for many BCHS students to take part in the production.

While performing on stage, students did not have to wear a mask. However, the actors had their masks the entire time backstage, and the crew always kept their masks on as well. As for the safety of the audience, families/groups were seated six feet apart from one another and had to reserve advance tickets. Tickets could also be purchased for online streaming of the performance.

The set of Almost, Maine is a mystical and snowy scene. The BCHS set and lighting crew added to the mysterious and romantic themes. Blue and green lights flickered across the stage to depict the Northern Lights. It fit the isolated and other-worldly location of the small town. The set, lighting, and sounds take the viewer to a different place and time.

Junior Julia Horlander said that her favorite part of the production is the cast numbers, "All of the stories together gives us each a chance to be a main character."

Freshman Megan Kramer also felt that, "The production is really fun and we all have an equal amount of lines and significance." Due to the dynamic of this production, only a limited number of cast members are on stage for each scene, making it easier for rehearsals to handle COVID restrictions.

While limited rehearsal time can be an obstacle, Freshman Marguerite Bourgeois said, "It is a collective effort, and as a cast we have been able to pull all of this together."

In the play program, Director Ms. Stults described the setting and themes of "Almost, Maine" as, "surrounded by the glow of the northern lights, hearts get broken and heal; knees get bruised and mended; relationships end; and new love is discovered." The play displays the theme of how different stories can somehow all

connect. For these characters, that connection is through the town of Almost, Maine. Some of the characters are new to town, some have been there forever, they all find themselves pulled back to Almost and the captivating view of the Northern Lights.

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PRINCIPAL JOE HANSEN NOMINATED FOR NCEA LEAD. LEARN. PROCLAIM. AWARD

Bishop Chatard Principal Joe Hansen has been named by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as its 2021 National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award nominee.

According to Interim Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mary McCoy, each year the Office of Catholic Schools nominates one outstanding principal from the archdiocese for this honor. This prestigious honor is granted to professionals who exemplify commitment to Catholic education and formation and who live out the mission of Catholic schools through true servant leadership.

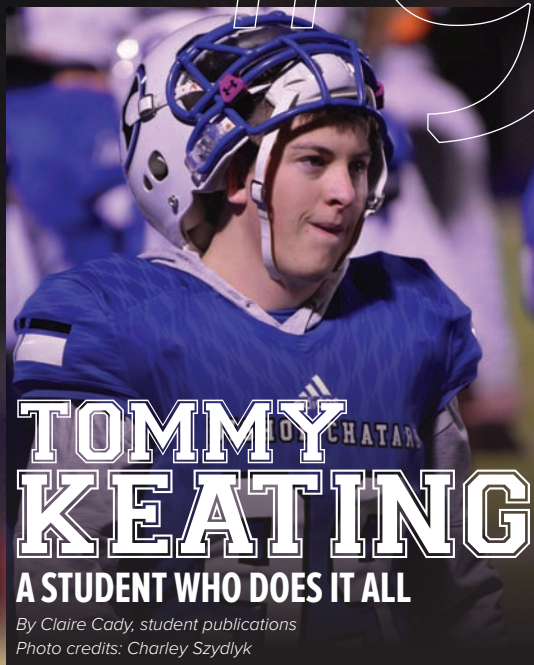
Mr. Hansen has served the archdiocese for the past 17 years. He is currently in his fourth year as principal of Bishop Chatard, and prior to that he served as principal of St. Roch Elementary School on the southside of Indianapolis for 13 years. Mr. Hansen has a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University and a Master of Educational Science degree from Butler University. He is also a veteran who served in the United States Air Force.

"Joe Hansen exemplifies faith in action through his service as a Catholic school principal and as a caring, compassionate member of the Catholic community," Superintendent McCoy said in a letter to parish pastors and school administrators. "He uses his God-given gifts to bring young people closer to the heart of Jesus through his words and actions."

Bishop Chatard President Bill Sahm added, "Of the 60-plus schools in our archdiocese, it is quite an honor for our beloved principal, Mr. Joe Hansen, to be selected to represent the archdiocese for this prestigious award. Mr. Hansen's leadership is truly inspirational, igniting and uniting students, parents, faculty and staff alike."

Mr. Hansen is married to Gina and has three sons, Sam, Tommy and Luke. His oldest, Sam, is currently a seminarian at Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary.

Bishop Chatard is proud to join Superintendent McCoy and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in recognizing Mr. Hansen for his commitment to Catholic education.



TOMMY KEATING

A STUDENT WHO DOES IT ALL

By Claire Cady, student publications
Photo credits: Charley Szydlyk

17-year-old Tommy Keating is no ordinary junior at Bishop Chatard. When school lets out, Tommy participates in many activities such as the football team, playing instruments and helping out at Conner Prairie. When in school, he enjoys learning about history and playing the guitar and piano. On top of that, Tommy is the nicest kid you'll ever meet, and he is a great role model to all.

Tommy has always lived in Indiana. He went to St. Pius grade school and Allisonville Elementary. He has three siblings: Molly, Ryan and Brady. He has always enjoyed playing football and has also played basketball and baseball in grade school.

If there's one thing Tommy could do in his lifetime, it would be to be president of the United States. Tommy has a deep love for history. He especially loves Abe Lincoln. When not participating in all of his other activities, he uses his free time to watch history videos. "I love to watch anything about Abe Lincoln or the presidency," shared Tommy. He also loves the Constitution. When he gets older, Tommy wants to move to Springfield, Illinois, because that's where Abe Lincoln is from. He also likes to wear a top hat like Abe Lincoln did.

Tommy plays football at Bishop Chatard. His position is defense, and he got the opportunity to play in some JV games this year. When not playing football, he takes time to volunteer at Conner Prairie. His first desire to volunteer was last year (2019), however, his parents didn't allow him to. "I

wanted to work there last year because I love the houses and all that stuff," Tommy said.

That Christmas, he did work at the Indiana State Museum. He dressed up as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. "Kids would walk up to me and take pictures because I couldn't talk," Keating said. Since he cannot drive, he gets help from his parents and his grandmother.

This year, he dressed up as the headless horsemen. He wanted to ride the horse, but there was an age requirement for that. Instead, kids just came up and took pictures in his booth. This Christmas, he continued to work at the state museum in addition to volunteering at Conner Prairie. He wishes to dress up like people back in the olden days with top hats and their sort of clothes.

Balancing all that plus playing on the football team and school is a fulltime job, but Tommy claims it's easy. Director of Academic Support Mrs. Brogan, who works with Tommy on his schoolwork, says:

"I THINK IT'S PRETTY AMAZING THAT AS A JUNIOR TOMMY HAS COMPLETED SO MUCH VOLUNTEER WORK ALONGSIDE DOING SCHOOLWORK AND PLAYING ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM."

He truly proves that nothing is a task if you enjoy doing it.

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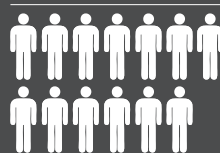
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averaging nearly \$135,000 per student.

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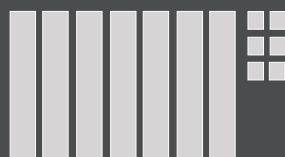


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STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO

74%

2020 GRADUATES WHO EARNED
ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMAS



76% SENIORS WHO
GRADUATED IN 2020 WITH
EARNED COLLEGE CREDIT

100%

GRADUATION RATE

**BISHOP CHATARD'S ACADEMIC
PROGRAM BUILDS STRONG
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WEAKNESSES ARE CHALLENGED,
STRENGTHS ARE SUPPORTED,
AND YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN
ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER
NEW INTERESTS.**

18%

Students Served
by Academic
Support Program

95%

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