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Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

We all have wonderful memories of being read to when we were little and, for many of us, of reading stories to our own children. The Giving Tree, I'll Love You Forever, The Velveteen Rabbit and others intrigued us while teaching us valuable lessons about love and family. As we mature, we develop our own preferences in the books we choose to read as well as the movies or plays we attend but one factor remains consistent: we can learn from stories as varied as the "Parable of the Prodigal Son," *Left to Tell*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and *Ghandhi* to name a few.

In this issue, you will read about some of our alumni who are storytellers. While they have different goals and use a variety of techniques, their work is characterized by their commitment to excellence, their desire to impact their audience, and their ability to teach us a lesson. I hope you enjoy reading about them as much as I did.

I also hope you like the articles about our renovated Medical Center and classrooms that I mentioned in the last *Eagle Review*. Look for your picture if you attended our Eagle Auction or some of our alumni events. Catch up on the news about your classmates. In short, enjoy the stories we are telling about your alma mater!

All of us at Bishop Watterson hope you and your family have a grace-filled Lent and joyous Easter.



Sincerely,

Marian Hutson  
Principal



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# Storytellers

It is human nature to love a good story which can touch our hearts, tug at our emotions, inspire us to dream, teach us an important lesson, or give us a bird's-eye view of human nature at its best or its worst. True stories can be especially meaningful because we know someone actually lived through the experience while fiction can help us escape from the realities of life. Jesus himself was a consummate story teller using parables to teach important moral and spiritual lessons that have been passed down for two thousand years.

With the invention of the printing press, stories became more plentiful and accessible to the masses. Today, with social media, the internet, movies and television, stories are everywhere.

In this issue of the Eagle Review we feature some alumni who tell us stories in a variety of forms. We hope you enjoy our stories about them!



Feature



## From the Little Theatre to the Red Carpet

### Swartz Producing *Star Wars* Movies

With countless hours of production work and the red carpet premiere behind him for *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, Co-Producer John Swartz '02 talked the manager of a theater in London's Leicester Square into letting him slip in and watch a late-night showing of the movie with a general audience.

"It was our second-to-last day of production on *Rogue One* and I had to be on set early the next morning, but I didn't want to miss my chance to see the movie with an audience that was experiencing it for the first time," Swartz said. "Two days before that we had the London premiere and I watched *The Force Awakens* with the cast and crew from the film. Many of us had been wrapped up in making the next movie for so long that it reminded

everyone how exciting it is to be working together on stories that mean so much to so many people."

#### LOCAL ROOTS

His journey to *Star Wars* began in the Little Theatre at Bishop Watterson, with involvement in the dramas and musicals all four years.

Jim Silcott, current principal at Trinity School who was a BWHS Assistant Principal and also the musical director from 2000-2005, recalled seeing a lot of talent in Swartz.

"John's so talented musically and technically," said Silcott. "I've always felt both as a teacher and now as a principal that you've got to let people spread their wings. Sometimes you just have to get out of people's way and that's how I was with John. He was the type of student who never took advantage of that. The best thing about working with a young man like John is that he's brilliant and you get the credit for it!"

Swartz's parents, John and Donna (Paquette), are 1977 graduates of Bishop Watterson. He has three siblings who also graduated from BWHS: Matthew '05, Daniel '07 and Maria '10.

High school is a time to explore and discover God-given talents and Swartz poured his self-discovery efforts into not only theater work but also marching band, jazz band and concert choir. "John was fearless," said BWHS Band Director Mike Renzi, who taught Swartz how to play the saxophone starting in fourth grade and continuing through his senior year of high school. "He would try anything musically."

"In high school I always loved the arts and entertainment but it took a great deal of experimentation to figure out what it was that I enjoyed the most and was the most rewarding," he said. "While I really liked being on stage and performing with the band, I ultimately got the most satisfaction from the behind-the-scenes work that I did. Towards the end of my time at Watterson, I also developed a

real love of movies, and started looking into what filmmaking was all about. It is an amazing mix of different art forms and artists, and also takes good business sense - I love using both my left brain and right brain, and producing a film involves a lot of both."

#### THE COLLEGE YEARS

Swartz delved into filmmaking at Ohio University, making short films, working at the student television station and filling various positions on shows at WOUB-TV, the PBS station affiliated with OU's Scripps College of Communication.

"I did every job possible and it was through these opportunities that I found my way to producing and telling stories on the screen," Swartz said. "I found people of similar mind and we all started working together and the more projects we made, the more confident I became that producing movies was going to be my path."

He and some friends began making short films and commercials just for the experience.

"Our short films were about anything and everything that popped into our heads," he said. "We picked stories we didn't have the experience to tell! But finding your way is what makes filmmaking fun; you get to discover new things about the process with every project because each has its own unique challenges. And you always have to find a way to make it happen. I was excited to realize that it works the same way in the professional world."

As a sophomore at OU, Swartz and his friends entered a 48-hour filmmaking contest in which teams had to pull a topic out of a hat (their team had to make a "bomb diffusion musical") and had two days to turn in the finished project. Unfortunately - or maybe fortunately - the team turned their project in late so it was disqualified. But there was something about it that showed promise, so they submitted it to MTV's Best Film on Campus contest and won. With the win came a trip to the Sundance Film Festival and an internship in Los Angeles at MTV Films for Swartz.

"I was a little scared to go intern in LA because I felt that everything I wanted to do with my life hinged on my liking this one city," he said. "But I really took to it. I loved the internship and it gave me new-found focus for my last year of college."

#### THE WEST COAST CALLS

Upon graduation from OU, Swartz moved back to LA and was quickly hired at MTV Films. Two years later, that job helped him get an interview to be an assistant to famed movie producer Kathleen Kennedy, who hired Swartz the same day she interviewed him.

"Her films were a big part of what got me into making movies in the first place - the *Indiana Jones* series, *Jurassic Park*, the *Back to the Future* series and so many others," said Swartz. "I was excited about what the job could mean for me and how much I could learn from someone like that. It was an amazing experience working for someone with both brilliant creative and business sense. Kathy has been an incredibly generous mentor as well; she brought me into meetings, let me in on her business calls. After my first few months I felt like I had graduated from a whole new film school."

Swartz worked as one of Kennedy's assistants for *The Adventures of Tintin*, *War Horse* and *Lincoln*, all award-winning movies.

"Kathy is involved with so many aspects of the business and works with the highest level of talent out there - it's given me the opportunity to work with directors like Steven Spielberg, JJ Abrams, Peter Jackson, visual effects geniuses like John Knoll, writers like Lawrence Kasdan and Tony Kushner and so many other individuals at the top of their creative game."

He considers Oscar-winning production designer Rick Carter another important mentor.

"Rick is so brilliant and inspiring that getting to work with him makes you want to step back and look at your own work and make sure it's at that same high level as his own. He's also taught me that

everyone has their own way to find an idea and express who they are, and one of the most important jobs on a film for anyone is helping to bring out the best work in others."

When George Lucas asked Kennedy to run Lucasfilm, it became another opportunity for Swartz to learn and grow in the filmmaking business.

"When Kathy took over Lucasfilm she asked if I would come with her and I had to say yes," said Swartz. "I loved *Star Wars* as a kid. *Star Wars* movies were really important films in inspiring me to go into entertainment."

And which of the *Star Wars* movies is his favorite? "*The Empire Strikes Back* - it takes themes and characters from the original *Star Wars* movie and takes them in unexpected and really exciting new directions. It's soulful and emotional and beautifully bridges the story between *Star Wars* and *Return of the Jedi*."

"A big reason that it's so special to work on a film like *Star Wars* is because everyone is so excited to be a part of it. And it attracts a very talented cast and crew, which means you are learning the highest standards for every aspect of the production while surrounded by really inspiring people with really great ideas."

#### WORLD TRAVELER

Swartz has traveled all over the world for work and is now living in London, where

he and his wife, Kristen, moved in 2015 to work on *Rogue One*, the stand-alone *Star Wars* movie due out in December 2016.

"I love living in London, more for the people than the city, though I love the city as well," he said. "I've made many great friends after three films here and so it is always a pleasure to be in England and be able to spend time with many of them either socially or through work."

#### A LOVE FOR COLLABORATION

Swartz said his love of creating things with other people goes back to his days at Watterson.

"It was that creative collaboration in the arts that made me want to continue after Watterson; first through college and then in the professional world. It has led me where I am today, in the editing rooms of the next *Star Wars* movie."

Back in the theater in Leicester Square on opening night, the audience reaction was confirmation that he's on the right path. Or, in *Star Wars* terminology, the Force is with Swartz.

"I love what I do so on most days, it doesn't feel like work. I love being a part of this collaboration and working together to bring a director's vision to the screen. And while it has been really exciting - and surreal - to see my name at the end credits of the film, I just hope that people have enjoyed the stories I've been able to share a small part in telling."



Swartz played Tony in the musical *West Side Story* in 2001, here in a scene with science teacher Tom Tuohy.

Photo courtesy Tom Tuohy



## Billman's Sports Production Dreams Now a Reality at ESPN

It was like a scene from a comedy, that moment at a picnic when a kid yells something and everyone and everything – even the dog, the water from the hose, the hamburger being flipped in the air – freezes.

Andy Billman '98 and his family were at a picnic with his ESPN colleagues and his son yelled, "I HATE SPORTS!"

Most people would be mortified but Billman took it all in stride, appreciating the irony of his own background, a kid who loved sports but wasn't a gifted athlete.

"My oldest, Jackson, loves animals. He loves Legos. I didn't. My thinking is, just be happy," Billman said. Billman and wife Cara have three boys: Jackson, 9, Cameron, 6, and Carson, 2.

Billman knew as a middle schooler that he wanted to go into sports television, so it's not much of a surprise that Jackson was well aware of his own interest and unapologetic for not having the same interest as his dad.

"I love sports; however, I realized quickly as a kid that I was not as athletic as some others," he said. "As a freshman at Bishop Watterson I tried out for soccer and got cut. I liked basketball but got to the point when I realized that even if I made a team I wouldn't start."

He also realized that he needed plenty of experience in order to break into the sports TV industry, so he put a lot of time and effort into Eaglewatch during his time at BWHS.

"I was actually lucky enough that they kind of let me go free reign during my senior year and I learned a lot about storytelling," Billman said. "It was an experience you can't beat. Eaglewatch was my first litmus test. I would hear people laughing in the hallway, so it gave me confidence to keep going. People were very kind to me about it and that really helped me build my confidence."



Andy Billman '98 conducts an interview for an ESPN 30 for 30 show.

By the time he arrived at the University of Toledo he felt sure he could make it into sports TV. He majored in communications and minored in sociology and while at Toledo he added to his sports experience by working at the Sports Information office.

"I learned from that experience that I don't want to know how we get there, just tell me the stats," Billman said. "I did that for two years but learned that I didn't want to go into that field."

While a freshman in college, Billman had the good fortune of meeting a high-level producer from ESPN at a family wedding in San Francisco and he jumped on the opportunity.

"I told him I'm really into this industry and would like to work at ESPN and asked if I could hit him up in three years and he said yes," said Billman.

In the meantime, Billman built his resume by working with the student newspaper, a sports radio talk show, the school TV show and even doing play-by-play of Toledo high school football games.

"No matter where I was, I wanted to get more experience," he said. "The one thing I learned at Watterson that helped me at Toledo was that you have to work hard to get good to great results. At Watterson

you cannot slack off and do well.

"People undervalue Watterson when they're students there," said Billman. "I was not the model student. I'm sure Sister Mary Hope wanted to kill me some days but the thing is, once I got to college and heard other students talking about how much work college was, I didn't think the same way."

After graduating from the University of Toledo in 2002, Billman got the shot he was hoping for: an interview to work as a production assistant on ESPN's SportsCenter.

"I remember driving my Honda Accord in the snow to Bristol, Connecticut," Billman recalled. "In the interview, all the guy asked me was sports questions. He wanted to know how knowledgeable I was about sports, things like name the last 10



Heisman winners and tell me all about them, my prediction for the teams in the NBA playoffs, who did I like next year in baseball, golf, tennis, you name it. Even though I knew a lot I really knew nothing about what I was getting into."

"Even back in high school Andy was very knowledgeable," said BWHS teacher, boys basketball coach and Dean of Boys Vince Lombardo. "It was obvious he enjoyed gym class and I enjoyed talking about sports with him when he was in my class."

Billman got the ESPN job and had six months to prove his worth.

"My first three or four months were awful. I was terrible," he said. "I was having a hard time adapting to the speed and the environment. Moving from Ohio to the east coast was culture shock. Everybody talks fast and moves fast. I was in hell. I thought I should be picking up on this and began to suspect I might not make it."

The troubles began to pile up for him.

"I had to do a highlight and it went horribly wrong," he said. "Highlights need to be turned around really quickly. A game might wrap up at 2:07 and the highlights are due at 2:10. That is SportsCenter. You have no time. They want it now. But then I did the first-ever highlight of Carmelo Anthony of Syracuse and I started having more confidence. I was right on the edge of being kept or let go. I was let go."

Because of his strong finish, he was given the opportunity to be a production assistant for the ESPY Awards, which was a better fit. He impressed the leadership at ESPN Original Entertainment, where he worked for five years on the ESPYs, Playmakers (2003), Tilt (2005) and the end-of-year reels.

Since 2009 Billman has been a producer for ESPN's 30 for 30 documentaries, including "Youngstown Boys" about the interconnected stories of former Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel and running back Maurice Claret.

"I grew up in Columbus, but I was not an OSU fan," Billman said. "When I got that project it was good that I wasn't a fan because I could be neutral. It was one of the times that I knew the story. I know Columbus and the Ohio State fan base. Still, there were times when I learned things I never knew before."

He is now directing a 30 for 30 that will air this spring.

With his work telling sports stories in documentaries that will be archived for future generations of sports fans, Billman knows the importance of accuracy in his story telling. Mastery of the facts is essential and something he got plenty of practice with at BWHS.

"There is no BSing at that school," he said. "If you don't know your stuff you will not only get exposed but you will get embarrassed. If you have really high aspirations, you have to work hard and have yourself organized."



< The Billman family gathered at a Cleveland Indians game, left to right, front row—Andy's sons Cameron and Jackson; back row—Andy's dad, Tom, brother Benji, Andy and his wife Cara carrying Carson.

**College:** Syracuse 2006 (Newspaper Journalism)

**Current Job:** Features Writer, Columbus Dispatch

**First Job Out of College:** 3 years as Health Reporter, Casper (Wyoming) Star Tribune

**Personal:** Married to Austin Ward, who was a sportswriter at the Casper Star Tribune

**Next Step:** Austin took a job covering the University of Tennessee for the Knoxville News-Sentinel so Allison freelanced for the same paper

**Back to Columbus:** Austin took a job with ESPN covering Ohio State football just as the features job opened at the Dispatch.

**Writes About:** Just about anything . . . yodeling, couples including their dog in the wedding ceremony, organ donation, postpartum depression, central Ohio seasonal beers, a coat charity for kids, adult coloring, domino competitions, the proliferation of braids in women's hair . . . to name a few.

**How Does She Find Topics?** "It's a lot of reading, talking to people in the community, looking at the bulletin board at Panera, picking up magazines. I hear story ideas from my parents' friends. It takes a lot of talking to people and knowing what we've done before and knowing what makes a good story. It needs to be something unique. Trends make great stories. I look for what's going on, what's going to get people talking (the whole water cooler mentality), people who have done amazing things or who have sad stories. A story about anything that helps people isn't the most fun to do but they help people."

**Favorite Stories:** "One of my favorites from when I worked in Wyoming was about a local teenager who had two liver transplants which was unique in that community and the community rallied around her and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. In Knoxville I did a story about a family of 19 kids. Here in Columbus some of my favorites would be stories about the mommy wars, a 19-year-old musher from Newark and one about a balloon artist."

**Toughest Interviews:** "The sad stories are the most challenging. Even though I was a health reporter at a small paper in Wyoming, I had to pitch in where I could. I did a story once about a woman who had lost a daughter in her 20s and I started crying with her because I was also in my 20s."

**Hidden Talent:** Allison is a member of the Columbus Curling Club. Austin wanted to try curling during the 2014 Olympic Games and now they curl in two different leagues and even travel to tournaments. "It's a conversation stopper! A lot of people don't do it, especially around here. We curl with a lot of people from Canada and Montreal. It's a fun sport because you can do it at any age and I have no athletic ability at all. My husband is very athletic. He's so competitive whereas I'm just having a good time!"

**Surprise, Surprise:** "I live a mile from Watterson and a mile from my parents. It's amazing how life came full circle."



## Aguirre Dreams Up Stories For Children On Tv, In Books



Jorge Aguirre '87 at a book signing event.

Jorge Aguirre '87 knew he wanted to be a filmmaker when he graduated from college but he got detoured on the way there. Fortunately he found his way back and now is the creator of a new Disney Junior show, *Goldie & Bear*.

"When I graduated from Ohio State I knew I wanted to make films, to do something creative, but I had no idea how you find those jobs. I knew what I wanted to do but I just didn't know how to get to it," said Aguirre from his New Jersey home. "I joined Pastors for Peace and drove from Indianapolis to Managua, Nicaragua to Colombia where my parents were from. While I was there I had an epiphany that I should be a lawyer."

So Aguirre studied, scored high on the LSAT and made it into Georgetown University Law School.

"Sometimes epiphanies are wrong," he said. "I knew the first day at Georgetown that I was in the wrong place."

But he stuck it out and finished the first year of law school. During that time he attended a Congressional hearing at which producer/director Jonathan

Demme was speaking, which rekindled his interest in filmmaking.

"I sort of tracked his assistant out of the meeting and through some persistence I ended up working for Demme in New York City," said Aguirre. "When that job ended, I accidentally found a job in payroll and on the financial side of movies. It paid well and allowed me to write on the side."

***"To write for kids, I think it helps to be young at heart and having kids certainly helps. A cute puppy might work, too."***

Aguirre wanted to get out of number crunching and into a more creative role and so he quit movie accounting and hustled his way into producing episodes of *History Detectives* for PBS. After 9/11 Aguirre and wife Carla Gutierrez moved to Los Angeles where he continued to write and eventually landed a job on a well-known children's show.

"I got more and more experience and I knew somebody who knew somebody who got me my first writing job on *Go Diego Go!* and *Dora the Explorer*," he said. "I learned a lot about having to rewrite material while I worked on those shows. When you write professionally you're always asking, 'Is this the best story and is this the best way to tell the story?' You end up writing and rewriting and rewriting."

Aguirre's online bio says he has written for "Everything from the most popular children's shows to documentaries about Romanian exorcisms."

Aguirre has two boys, ages 8 and 5, which he said adds to his inspiration when writing for children.

In addition to writing for *Go Diego Go!*, Aguirre wrote for *Martha Speaks*, *Handy Manny* and other shows. He has published two children's graphic novels: *Giants Beware* and *Dragons Beware* with illustrator Rafael Rosado, a friend from their days at Ohio State. John Novak '87 is one of Aguirre's closest and oldest friends and colors his graphic novels.

"It amazes my wife that some of my closest friends are from high school," says Aguirre, who was involved in the literary magazine and newspaper at BWHS in addition to the drama and musical. "I had the only non-singing, non-dancing role because I cannot sing, and I cannot dance!" said Aguirre. "A lot of my friends were doing the plays and they were a lot of fun."

Aguirre said, looking back, that a fifth-grade teacher at St. Andrew first told him he could write, but Miss Charlene Fix's English classes at Bishop Watterson were an important stepping stone in his path. "Miss Fix wrote poetry and she would talk about her writing process in class. She was the first adult I ever met who wrote. She made writing seem like a thing I could actually do." He and BWHS classmate Julia Hess, upon hearing that Fix was reading her poetry in New York City, attended the reading and reconnected with their former teacher.

"In high school, Miss Fix really inspired

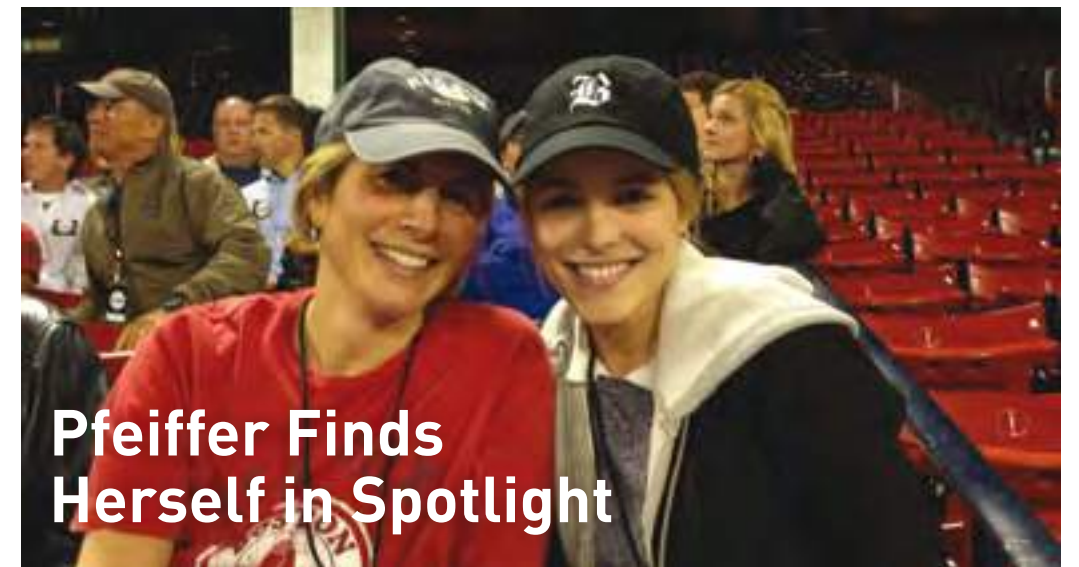
me to take my writing to the next level," he said. "You learn a lot about drafts and rewriting at Watterson."

"Deadlines are the main thing which makes me stop rewriting. When you have to send a book to the printers or a script to the animators then it is no longer yours anymore. I'm almost never content. Even final versions of our books I reread and think, 'Gosh I wish I'd written a different line there.'"

After getting experience writing for television shows and discovering that he enjoyed the process, Aguirre decided he wanted to have his own show, so he went through the steps involved in pitching his idea, *Goldie & Bear*, and Disney Junior accepted it. The premise of the show, geared toward the youngest TV viewers, is that Goldilocks, after breaking into Bear's house and breaking his chair and eating his porridge, has become best friends with Bear. The pilot was successful so Disney gave the green light and the show appeared nationally in November 2015. Aguirre produced the first season and wrote many of the episodes.

"In my business, you don't get to take too many victory laps," he said. "You enjoy it for a moment and then you have to start the next thing right away. I've been very happy about the first season of *Goldie & Bear*. It just began and the ratings are good. But when you write for a living you're either writing or hustling for your next writing job."

Aguirre will continue to enjoy the journey of a writer, with its twists turns and hopefully not too many inevitable detours.



Sacha Pfeiffer '89 and Academy Award nominated actress, Rachel McAdams Photo courtesy of Sacha Pfeiffer.

For a local news reporter in Boston, Sacha Pfeiffer '89 has quite the travel schedule these days. That's because the Pulitzer winner has been on the movie awards circuit celebrating the success of the movie *Spotlight*, which is about the investigative and reporting work of her and a team of colleagues at the Boston Globe. The movie won the Critics Choice Award for Best Picture, Best Acting Ensemble and Best Original Screenplay. The movie also won Best Picture at the 2016 Academy Awards.

Pfeiffer was a member of the Globe's Spotlight team that was assigned to investigate an allegation of one priest molesting numerous boys in Boston in 2001. What the team uncovered was a much bigger story involving a pattern of abuse and cover-up by the local church in Boston and how various segments of the community looked the other way.

The movie's focus is the journalists who investigated and told the story.

In *Spotlight*, Pfeiffer is portrayed by Rachel McAdams, who has been nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for this role. The movie's cast is star-studded, including Michael Keaton, Mark Ruffalo, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery, Brian d'Arcy James and Stanley Tucci.

Pfeiffer told the Today Show she never thought a movie could be made out of the team's story based on what investigative journalism really is day-to-day.

"It's looking through documents, typing on your computer, talking on your phone," she said. "We thought they could never make an interesting movie about our daily lives and I was also worried that once the Hollywood machine has the license to potentially fictionalize your life that may not be a good thing. But I think in the end we feel like they did a nice job of being pretty true to what our jobs are."

McAdams told the Today Show that she did her own investigative research to play Pfeiffer in the movie.

"I stalked her, kind of," McAdams said on the Today Show, adding that there is, "pressure to get someone's story right and to be as authentic as possible and as honest as possible, especially when it's based on the truth, so there were equal parts excitement and anxiety about it. We spoke for about an hour and a half the first time we talked and she was just so gracious."

No detail was left unturned.

"The first phone call was an hour and a half and then it was walks and dinners and constant text messages and emails to ask questions," added Pfeiffer. "It was everything from what I wore to the color of my bag to what I thought to did I cook dinner with my husband? It was almost like everything physical and psychological and it was amazing to watch her do that much research because most people don't get to see how hard they work to be as good as they are and we got to see that."





## Thompson Records History

Riding along in an armored vehicle, Emily Weisner '01 Thompson probably never expected to go from conducting oral histories for the Robert E. Lee Memorial in Liberia to compiling a book of letters to Santa Claus but she has, and with some interesting assignments for the National Park Service (NPS) along the way.

An Anthropology and American Studies double major at the University of Notre Dame and a graduate of American University with a Masters in Public History, Thompson gravitated toward working with history in all its forms. The NPS, which employs numerous historians, was a perfect fit.

Her first assignment, at the Robert E. Lee Memorial, involved creating digital and physical exhibits which took her to Liberia for a week to conduct oral histories intended to further understanding of the intricacies of slavery at Arlington House and to give a voice to some of the enslaved workers from there. She followed that with stints as a Lead Park Ranger at the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a Public Information Officer at the George Washington Memorial Parkway and as the Inaugural Assistant in 2008-2009. The Presidential Inauguration is a multi-agency effort and the NPS is involved since the inauguration itself takes place on NPS land.

In 2010 Thompson spent time in 11 national park sites along the border in Arizona and Texas, preparing a comprehensive report about the impact of illegal immigration and drug smuggling on cultural and natural resources.

"This took me to some really beautiful places in the southwest, including Big Ben National Park, Padre Island National Seashore, Saguaro National Park and Organ Pipe Cactus National Memorial," she said. "Many of these parks are in remote locations and some areas of the parks, particularly at Organ Pipe, were not entirely safe due to the amount of drug smuggling. It was at Organ Pipe that we had to travel with a couple of armed Law Enforcement Rangers when we ventured into certain areas."

Thompson's husband, Kendell, works for the NPS as Superintendent at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. After the detail in the southwest, Thompson took a job with the Chief Historian's Office in Washington, D.C. that allowed her to work remotely planning the 50th Anniversary of the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial.

After the anniversary, Thompson shifted her focus from Lincoln to Santa, accepting the position of Director of the Santa Claus Museum. Much of her career has been the application of history to

real life—telling humanity's story, in a sense—and her latest post continues this tradition.

As the director of the museum and village, she oversees not only the running of the museum, but also Santa's Elves. Santa Claus, Indiana has a long history of receiving letters to Santa Claus himself, and back in 1914, the town's postmaster, James Martin, began answering them, eventually enlisting others to help. The tradition grew, and in 1976, the nonprofit Santa's Elves Inc. was formalized. Today, Santa's Elves of Santa Claus, Indiana answer more than 15,000 letters a year, and all sent before December 21 are guaranteed an answer. The service is free, run by volunteers, and the museum runs on donations.

In December 2014, the Indiana University Press approached the museum with the idea of putting together a book of favorite letters to Santa. Thompson and the museum were thrilled with the idea, and immediately set to work. Typically, letters are shredded to maintain privacy. But the ones with a special appeal are kept, and the archives of letters stretch back a century in what Thompson calls a "cool, unbroken chain of tradition." The wishes change, but Santa Claus, it seems, does not. History comes alive in this collection of letters, not just for Thompson, but for the reader as well.

*Letters to Santa Claus*, released Fall 2015, contains scans of the Elves' favorite letters all the way back to the 1930s. There are letters from children during the Great Depression, during World War II, and during 9/11, which Thompson says "look into a larger history."

So what do Thompson's kids think of all this talk of Santa Claus?

At two years old and nearly one year old, respectively, Elliott and Maisie are a little too young to write letters to Santa. Rest assured, however, that when the time comes, Elliott and Maisie will be writing their letters—and Santa's Elves of Santa Claus, Indiana will respond.

**Contributed by Maddi Rasor '13**

< **Emily Weisner '01 Thompson** is the director of the Santa Claus Museum in Santa Claus, Indiana.



Making friends with a koala in Cairns, Australia.

## Blankenship a Familiar Face for Eagle Sports Teams

Over the past 15 years, Aaron Blankenship '93 has covered many of the most intriguing stories in high school and collegiate athletics in Columbus, including a weekly rundown of Bishop Watterson sports for *ThisWeek*. Now a freelance journalist, Blankenship sat down with senior Brandon Heath to talk about telling those stories.



Blankenship swimming with dolphins in Honduras.

**Q:** Why did you want to become a sports journalist?

**A:** "I sort of fell into it. I didn't know what to do. When I left Watterson, a lot of people said I should write because I was a really good writer so I explored a lot of options, took some classes and I went and did several types of articles for The Lantern at Ohio State. My sports articles stood out to the head of The Lantern who used to work for the Dispatch in the sports department and he said, 'Hey, you should consider pursuing this.' He gave me a part-time job with the Dispatch. So I fell into it. I was lucky."

**Q:** Was there anyone or anything that influenced you while you were at Bishop Watterson? How has Watterson influenced you throughout your career?

**A:** "You don't truly appreciate Watterson while you're here, because you wear the uniform and all of your public school friends would be wearing nicer clothes, but there is this discipline that is instilled in you. I was an average student, but I learned to work hard at grades, and I finally got it by the time I was a senior here, and then I cruised through Ohio State. I had an easier time being Magna Cum Laude at OSU than getting good grades here. That says a lot about the education here. Actually sitting here in Sister Mary Hope's old classroom, I can remember getting a very poor score on one of her pop quizzes and I learned a lot from that to be more prepared, because I remember, she gave me a second chance. She said, 'You know, you did really bad at this, so just prepare yourself.' And I'll never forget that lesson."

**Q:** What is it like to cover your own high school, considering that you have to stay unbiased as a writer?

**A:** "When I came back and started covering Watterson for the first time I couldn't believe how many teachers were still here and how many recognized me. Matt McGowan came up to me

and he said, 'I taught you how to type,' and I couldn't do this job if I didn't learn how to type. People were more relaxed around me, and more trusting of me here, because you have to build your name, and that's the hardest thing. Ironically, my first year, I covered both Watterson and DeSales. At DeSales I couldn't even get into the building. They're like, 'Oh, let's get security.' You do become very detached the longer you are a sports journalist. You break things down statistically in your mind. I got to know a lot of the coaches here. I was very happy for Vince Lombardo when he won his state basketball championship. He's a great guy and a great coach. And Scott Manahan and Janet Baird, they're all great coaches. They can coach anywhere in the nation and be successful. But all three are also great people, and you're really happy for them. You don't root for them at the games, but you're happy to see them get the trophy at the end of the day because they deserve it."

**Q:** What is the most rewarding part of your job?

**A:** "For me, it's when you meet a really good person. This may be the only feature story they ever get, and I want them to show it to their kids and their grandkids someday. And when you work really hard at it, and you feel really good about it, and then you run into that person again, or they call you saying they had tears in their eyes reading it, that makes you feel good. I've written stories about people in the NFL, where my story was the first of many that they've had written, but they've kept those because, at the time, that might have been it for them. That is more satisfying than any other part, more than going to a game, or winning awards; it's seeing the impact it's had on people's lives."

**Fun Fact:** Aaron has been to more than 40 countries, including most recently the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon rain forest. His favorite trip was to Tanzania in east Africa, sleeping in Serengeti National Park and waking to the tent shaking because 12 giraffes were eating from a tree by the tent.



# Building a Healthy Future

## Gift of Remodeled Classrooms Celebrated



Donors gathered to for a blessing of the six remodeled classrooms at Bishop Watterson. Left to right: Principal Marian Hutson, James Pickett, Jacqueline Pickett, Scott Pickett, Mike Kenney '93, Don Kenney Jr. '89, Nick King '93, Dr. Mary Ann Abrams, Mike Abrams, Kate Griffin '19, Carolyn Griffin, Joe Griffin and Sarah Griffin '15

While the students were on summer break and the 61-year-old building sat empty in 2015, six classrooms in junior hall were renovated, a gift to BWHS from several dedicated alumni, current parents and even folks new to the BWHS community.

Mike Kenney and Nick King, alumni from the class of 1993, continued their generous support started two years ago by renovating classrooms and also replacing the entry doors and all of the windows on the north side of the building along Cooke Road.

Kenney and King, who own Preferred Living, a real estate development company, began their charitable involvement at

BWHS in 2013 by dedicating their entire executive team to remodeling a classroom to resemble a modern-day business environment. In 2014 they remodeled two classrooms, transforming them from the original 1950s style to a modern design. This year the project grew to six classrooms.

***“We want to create an environment that people want to be in, to increase their experience, to create energy and excitement, to think differently and to see different opportunities and explore them.”***

**– Mike Kenney '93**

Current parents and others not even connected to Bishop Watterson saw the effects of Kenney and King's work and joined in the mission by financially supporting the project.

When Joe and Carolyn Griffin saw the changes and heard from daughter Sarah '15 that having class in one of the re-vamped classrooms made a difference in her learning, they wanted to get involved. “With Mike and Nick already completing the business center and two classrooms, we weren't sure if they needed oth-

ers to help modernize other classrooms,” said Joe Griffin. “From our first meeting they welcomed our gift and allowed us to add room 200 to their construction schedule. We definitely had a shared vision and felt that our

investment was in very good hands as they have such a passion for the school and the classroom renovation project.”

Mike and Dr. Mary Ann Abrams, inspired by the business center, took the vision

in the direction of medicine. Mary Ann is a doctor in Ambulatory Pediatrics at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Mike is President of the Ohio Hospital Association, so their perspective resulted in room 206 not only being renovated but also including medical equipment, courtesy of Mount Carmel Health System.

“We want to inspire high school students to be interested in the health profession and, more importantly, in their own health,” said Mr. Abrams. “It's really going to be a unique asset at a high school to have a homegrown lab for experiential health care. We want students to become curious about their own health and the things that impact whether they're healthy and how healthy they are.”

Students and staff appreciate the renovations not just from an aesthetic standpoint but also in terms of heating and cooling. During the 2012-13 school year, electrical circuits were overloaded during periods of hot weather as window-unit air conditioners worked on overload attempting to deal with the heat built up in the school. The result was occasional power outages in parts of the building, requiring staff trips to re-set the power.

Each refurbished classroom now has new heating and cooling equipment in addition to new flooring, lighting, smart boards, televisions, clocks and ergonomic desks. The classrooms are equipped to keep up with technology as well.

“Mike and Nick showed me what they were doing at Watterson and I knew immediately that it was something I wanted to be a part of,” said Scott Pickett, a local real estate developer who sponsored the conversion of room 208. “The students wholeheartedly deserve this opportunity and I'm just thankful I was able to help.”

Cheryl and Luis Stauffer of Crimson Design sponsored a renewal of a staff work room and Kenney and King also provided a new HVAC system for an office area in the same hallway.



The medical classroom gives students hands-on experience with equipment found in a doctor's office.



Students in Human Biology and Honors Human Anatomy and Physiology were trained in CPR.

“New desks, flooring, lighting, SMART boards, cabinets and the like may appear to be mere cosmetic changes, but they are much more than that,” said Sister Mary Hope Sieron, a 35-year BWHS faculty member who teaches Advanced Placement English in room 200. “The renovation of classrooms enhances the academic atmosphere because the students and faculty walk into a professional setting that sets a tone of high expectation.”

Kenney and King's efforts go beyond physical construction to assisting Ms. Hutson and Business Department Chair Sheri Cook in further developing the business curriculum.

“Marian and Sheri felt that an increase in business awareness for pre-college

students was a necessity moving forward,” King said. “Bishop Watterson has become an extraordinary example of how to improve on what was already a high-level educational experience.”

Kenney and King provided support in the development of Real Estate and Finance and Innovation and Entrepreneurship class curriculums and make a habit of visiting the classes each semester to talk to the students.

“When I hear from Sheri Cook that all of the business classes are full with a waiting list to start each year, I know we're on the right track,” said Mike Kenney.

Everyone who has participated in the classroom renovation projects wants Bishop Watterson to continue to thrive.

“Private education is a competitive business and prospective families want a good learning environment for their children,” said Carolyn Griffin. “God has blessed our family in so many ways. Our hope is that others might consider this type of gift and want to participate in speeding up the remodeling. It is a gift that will last a long time and have a positive effect on so many.”

Don Kenney Jr. '89 donated to the transformation of room 204.

The remodeling work over the past few years is valued at more than \$1.5 million and the donors clearly believe Bishop Watterson's students and staff are worth the investment.

“The curriculum and the people here at Bishop Watterson make a difference,” said King. “Watterson is great. You have people who care and are here for more than a pay check. Some of the teachers here now were here when Mike and I were in high school and Principal Marian Hutson's ability to lead everyone and bring efforts to fruition is impressive.”



## Nine Named Merit/Commended Scholars

Nine Bishop Watterson High School seniors have been named National Merit or Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation based on their scores on the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). John Markiewicz was named National Merit Scholar Semifinalist and eight others were named Commended Scholars.



**NATIONAL MERIT**  
Left to right--First row: John Markiewicz, Alex Proca, Erin O'Brien, Lily Kreber, Samwise Parkinson; Second row: Joel Silleck, Kira Keaslov, Claire DiOrio, David Szolosi.

## Three Teachers Retired in 2015



Ginny O'Connor, Lori Alkire, Jane Jacquemin-Clark

Three teachers with a combined 116 years at Bishop Watterson retired in 2015: Lori Alkire, Jane Jacquemin-Clark, and Ginny O'Connor.

**Ginny O'Connor's** teaching career spanned 44 years, with 43 of them at Bishop Watterson. She taught every math class except Geometry and served as Assistant Principal and Dean of Girls. Ms. O'Connor spent countless hours coaching, having started the Eagles volleyball program in 1974 and coaching through the 1994 season. She was also head softball coach, assistant basketball coach and Girls Athletic Director.

**Lori Alkire** taught Accelerated and regular Geometry and Algebra II/Trig as well as Algebra I for 35 years. In addition, she coached freshman and JV softball for eight years and served as official scorekeeper for boys basketball for five years.

**Jane Jacquemin-Clark**, spent 38 years teaching sophomore,

junior and senior theology at BWHS. In addition, she served as the Director of Mentoring and an advisor to the Appalachia Mission Trip (25 years), campus ministry events, bible study groups, faith formation/spirituality groups, the St. Joseph of Arimathea Society, and the Human Rights Club. She also served as Coordinator for the Serra Club.

Mrs. J-C, as she is known in the BWHS community, plans to focus her energy on the non-profit founded by her and husband Kevin, Hope Hollow. Hope Hollow is a place of lodging for cancer patients and their families and friends who come to Columbus for treatment.

## THE JANE JACQUEMIN-CLARK SCHOLARSHIP

In January Mrs. J-C was honored at an all-school Mass with the announcement of a scholarship in her name. The scholarship was initiated by the Guertin family who expressed gratitude for the care and kindness Mrs. J-C showed toward their daughter, Kate '12 when she was a student at BWHS. A list of other scholarships can be found on at [bishopwatterson.com](http://bishopwatterson.com).



Left to right: Sue Guertin, Jane Jacquemin-Clarke, Kate Guertin '12 and Dr. Michael Guertin.



### NATIONAL MERIT TREE LIGHTING

Our scholars were given the honor of lighting the official Clintonville Christmas Tree and those who were not on a mission trip represented the group. Left to right – John Markiewicz, Joel Silleck, Alex Proca, Erin O'Brien.



### IN THEIR SHOES

The football team held a first-ever Moms' Practice last summer which involved warm-ups, position practices and then a cookout.

## Food Drive Creativity

Boots & Beards returned to Bishop Watterson for the second year in a row, with students donating \$1,160 for local charities. For about a month before the Christmas break, students who purchased a wristband for \$20 were given permission to wear BWHS sweatshirts, grow beards (for boys) or wear boots (for girls).

In addition, each of the four classes (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) and the staff conducted three collections to help local charities. Seniors collected for the St. Francis Center, juniors for JOIN, sophomores for Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, freshmen for Holy Family Soup Kitchen and staff for Hope Hollow. The class bringing in the most items on a given collection Friday received a casual dress day on the following Monday. A total of 15,605 items/dollars were collected, with the seniors winning weeks one and three and the freshman winning week two.

## 2015 Spiers Awards



Clockwise from top: 2015 Spiers Award Recipients Oliver Schroeder, Claire Jenkins, Meghan Connors, and Elena Ritchey.

Each fall during homecoming week Bishop Watterson recognizes students with significant service to their communities with the Monsignor Spiers Service Awards. This year's four winners amassed a total of 2,665 hours from freshman year through September of this their senior year.

Each of these students, chosen by a selection committee, has performed at least 500 hours of service and took the time to complete a lengthy application. In making its decision, the selection committee considered not only the number of hours of service performed by students but also the longevity and quality of service performed. The committee also reviewed a student's involvement in activities at both Bishop Watterson and in the greater Columbus community. Finally, the committee considered how a student exhibited leadership in engaging others in service activities.

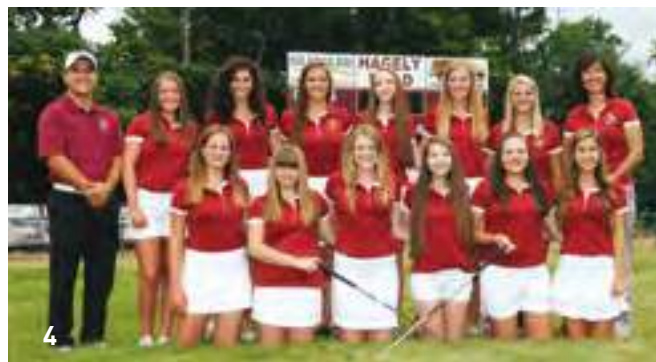


### BOOTS & BEARDS

Left to right – Claire Kudika, Kyle Bauer, DJ Brown, Shannon Boyne, Brenna Kenney, Sarah Jonesco, Matt Clarke, Jacob Erney, and Michael Carmody.



Athletics



**BASEBALL**

(1-2) The baseball team played in the state final four at Huntington Park in 2015. The team was also the CCL, District and Regional Champions.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

(3) Central Catholic League (CCL) Champions

**GIRLS GOLF**

(4) Mid-Ohio Girls Golf League (MOGGL) Co-Champions

**GIRLS SOCCER**

(5) CCL Champions

**GIRLS TENNIS**

(6) CCL Champions

(7) Sophomore Claire Ghidotti qualified for the state singles tournament.

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

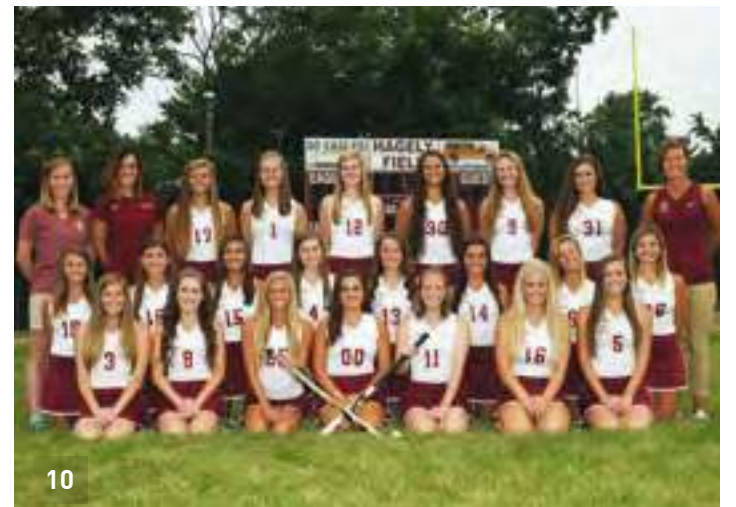
(8) Senior Max McClelland qualified for boys cross country regionals.

**FOOTBALL**

(9) State Playoffs

**FIELD HOCKEY**

(10) State qualifier runner-up



**Class of 2016 Begins College Athletic Commitments**



Left to right-- Caroline Leitch, volleyball, Niagara University, St. Brigid School and Parish; Abigail Marshall, field hockey, Miami University, Genoa Baptist Church; Nick Melaragno, lacrosse, Mount Saint Mary's University, St. Andrew School and Parish; Hannah Hammon, rowing, West Virginia University, St. Brendan School and Parish.



Left to right-- Matt Pardi, soccer, Ohio Dominican University, St. Michael School and Parish; Abby Demboski, soccer, University of Toledo, St. Brigid School and Parish; Christian Kroger, baseball, Ohio Wesleyan University, St. Andrew School and Parish; Second row: Dylan Murphy, football, Lafayette College, St. Brendan School and Parish; Michael Schweitzer, football, Ashland University, St. Brigid School and Parish.





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## ALUMNI EVENTS

### LEGENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT:

(1) Bill Davis '82, Ron Benjamin '87, Jeff Fugitt, Mike Kroger

### ALUMNI HOOPS TOURNEY:

More than 130 participated in our annual Ron Shay Alumni Basketball Tournament, which has become a fun holiday tradition. Wings, pizza, and refreshments were served in Dominican Hall following the games.

(2) Team 1991 won the Division I bracket (1958-1991)

(3) Team 2003 won the Division II bracket (2002-2005)

(4) Team 2009 won the Division III bracket (2006 and up)

### BACKYARD SHINDIG:

(5) English teachers Sister Mary Hope Sieron and Mike Roark at the ticket table.

(6) Left to right, Front row – Joe Yonadi, Maureen Amorose, Dick Amorose '58; Back row – Gloria Yonadi '64, Mike Rea '62, Carol Judy Stewart '64

(7) Sarah Pomeroy '08, Jeremy Herman '08, Catherine Walsh '09 Herman

### MEN'S NIGHT:

More than 150 gathered at St. Andrew to celebrate the legacy of Msgr. Ken Grimes, with proceeds going to his named scholarship fund.

(8) Left to right, Front row – Doug Pardi '75, Mark Pardi '76, Paul Pardi, John Pardi '79, Chuck Pardi '73; Back row – Wally Theado '01, Dave Pardi '83, Don Pardi '83, Paul Pardi '01, Wally Theado '70, Alex Theado '04.

(9) Senator Jim Hughes, Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien, guest speaker and retired major league pitcher Kent Mercker, and Alumni Director, Scott Manahan.

### EAGLE DEACONS

(10) Deacons of the Diocese of Columbus with ties to Bishop Watterson, left to right: BWHS theology teacher Deacon Frank Iannarino, Deacon Jeffrey Fortkamp '88, Deacon Don Poirier '70, Deacon Chris Campbell '77, Deacon Larry Koebel '62, Deacon Tom Barford '61, and theology teacher Deacon Byron Phillips. Not pictured are Deacon Bill Reid '66 and Deacon Dan Swartz '07.

### REUNION TIME

(11) The classes of 1960 and 1961 held a reunion at the alma mater last summer.

HALFTIME GATHERING (12) Alumni gathered at the Halftime Tavern for an all-classes mixer. Left to right, Brandon Brown '93, Vince Lombardo, Erik Schmelmer '02, Scott Jacquemin '97, Ryan Clark '97, Brian Flanagan '94, and Mike Flanagan '91.



Alumni Updates

**1960**

Michael Kreamer is retired and resides in Novato, Calif. with his wife, Maureen Vernes, who is a registered nurse.

Orv Lyons retired after 44 years as VP with Motorists Life Insurance Company. He volunteers as a concierge at the James Cancer Hospital. He has two daughters: Wendy Swary and Amy Frazer and he resides in Westerville. His favorite saying is "73 is the new 53 years old."

**1961**

Suzanne Hill Cole is semi-retired, but still works at Carolina Girl N Guy. She resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C. with her husband Dale.

**1963**

Sr. Rosemary Loomis, OP, has been selected by the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children, INC., to receive the Father Ken Czillinger Award. The award is presented in recognition of a professional who has "demonstrated extraordinary understanding of the mental health needs of survivors of homicide victims and who has offered exceptional assistance in supporting the mental health of survivors." The award will be presented in Las Vegas at the Annual National Conference on August 1.

**1967**

Joyce Good Henderson is an author, writing coach, and publisher with Celtic Loom Books.

She spoke at the Dublin Irish Festival on writing Celtic fiction and was on hand to autograph her four Celtic novels. She resides in Palm Bay, Fla. with her husband Phil.



**1975**

Charley Moses was recognized at the 10th annual Alumni in Government Luncheon at The Ohio State University, receiving the Distinguished Service Award for 2015.

**1975**

Mary Gaskill-Shipley and her husband Ralph are both professors of Radiology at the University of Cincinnati. She also currently serves as the Section Chief of the Division of Neuro-radiology.

Patrick Burns is self-employed and resides in Delaware, Ohio.

Sam Dixon is currently the Assistant Basketball Coach for the Northwestern University Women's Basketball team.

**1977**

Regina Merullo-Bickar is a realtor with RE/MAX Achievers. She resides in Hilliard with her husband Edwin "Eddy."

**1980**

Deanna Wolfe is a Senior Network Contractor with Cigna Healthcare. She resides in Roswell, Ga. and has three children: Thomas, Drew, and Mary Kate.

**1981**

Jean Hamilton Fitzpatrick makes her home in Middletown, Ohio.

**1983**

Mike Bray resides in Westerville, Ohio. He works as sales manager for BTG and is married to Lori Pavlak.

**1985**

Mike Albers is the Chief Operating Officer at SFI of TN/AR & Wrayco, LLC. He lives in Memphis, Tenn. with his wife Lisa Fleming Albers. He has two children: Lauren and Madison.



**1984**

George Cleary was named the 2015 Contractor of the Year from NARI of Central Ohio. He and daughter Molly '15 also had the opportunity to volunteer at an orphanage in Malawi, Africa.

**1986**

Lynn Shape Alexander Ellis is a teacher and resides in Thornton, Colo.

Gregg Gallant lives in Fishers, Ind.

**1993**

Devin Slegeski is a teacher at Sarasota County Schools. He resides in Sarasota, Fla. with his wife Jennifer.

**1995**

Bryon Kane is a business owner of Kane and Company. He resides in Clintonville with his wife Leigh Yee and is the proud father of James, age 2 and newborn twins Benjamin Noble and Georgia Leigh.

Steve Tribbie lives in Columbus and is employed at the State of Ohio, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

Chris Luckett resides in Washington, D.C.

Gaven Jones is a high school Social Studies teacher at Olentangy Local Schools. He resides in Powell with his wife Kathryn Silvia Jones and his son Brady, age 3.

Amy Cissell Boland is a Psychologist at Amy M. Boland, Ph.D., NCSP. She is married to Daniel Boland and lives in Grove City, Ohio. She has a daughter, Maggie, age 11.

**1999**

Angela Colasante DiNovo is the Managing Director for The Learning Spectrum. She is married to Andrew J. DiNovo '97 and they are parents to Alexander, age 5, Mara, age 3, and Vincent, age 1. They reside in Columbus.

Michael Enright is a science teacher at BWHS.

**2001**

Patricia Keenan resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**2002**

Jeffrey Pollack is a Project Architect with Perkins+Will. He is married to Reva Alvian and makes his home in Dallas, Texas

**2003**

Kelly Lombardo Matthews, is the Italian teacher at BWHS.

Christina Malagisi Amweg is a 2nd grade teacher at St. Mathew School. She makes her home in Gahanna with her husband Jeremy and their three sons: Anthony Willis, age 3, Leonardo Joseph, age 1, and Michael Jeremy, born 8/27/15.

Rachael Wilshire is the Lead Pre-K teacher at Ascension Lutheran Preschool. She lives in Gahanna and has a daughter Natalie, age 10.



**2006**

Anthony Zych is a graphic designer for the Columbus Blue Jackets. He has made a splash with commemorative posters for each home game this season which have been a big hit with hockey fans. Zych also designed an NFL playoff poster for NBC.

**2006**

Alexandra "Ali" Ristas Albertson works as a Manager of Business Operations, Nursing at Riverside Methodist Hospital. She resides in Columbus with her new husband, Jon.

**2007**

Heather Weekley is a Senior Content Specialist in the Marketing & Public Relations Department at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She resides in Columbus and is on the board of the Bishop Watterson Alumni Association.



**2007**

Dan Swartz, a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Columbus in his fourth year of graduate theological study and formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum, was commissioned into the United States Navy Chaplain Corps in the rank of Ensign in January 2015. He will be ordained to the priesthood in May 2016.



**2009**

Andy Winters is interim coach of Capital University's men's basketball team.



**2011**

Brad McCurdy has been nominated for the prestigious Cliff Harris Award at Ohio Dominican University. Brad was a member of the 2010 Bishop Watterson State Championship football team.



Bishop Watterson graduates Margaret Masty '11, Vince O'Brien '87, and Erika Ralston '11, have chosen careers in athletic training. All three have earned degrees in Athletic Training from The Ohio State University. Vince graduated from OSU in 1991 and is currently the men's basketball trainer at Ohio State. Margaret and Erika graduated from OSU in 2015.

**2008**

Sarah Pomeroy is an associate attorney at Jones Day Law Firm in Washington, D.C.

**2011**

Michael Pomeroy is a management consultant to financial services industry clients at Ernst and Young. He resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Paige Meachum's designs were featured on the runway during New York's Fashion Week.



## Weddings

Tommy Horstman '04 and Jessica Schoenberger '06 were married on June 6, 2015 at St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin.

Bobby Hogan '06 and Kate Liston '06 were married at St. Patrick's Church in Columbus on August 1, 2015.



Eric M. Farmwald '11 and Lindsey Kowal were married at Hilliard Church of the Nazarene on October 10, 2015.

Brad Kernan '06 married Sarah Brown on October 10, 2015 at St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin.

Megan Stafford '06 married Tyler Culvahouse on October 17, 2016 at St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin.

Catherine Walsh '09 and Jeremy Herman '08 were married on October 24, 2015 at St. Michael Church in Worthington.



Gregory Cunningham '08 and Colleen Bauer '08 were married on July 18, 2015 at St. Agatha Church. The couple resides in Clintonville.



Kelly Lombardo '03 married Josh Matthews on December 12, 2015 at St. Brigid of Kildare Church in Dublin.

Ali Ristas '06 and Jon Alberston were married on December 5, 2015 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Columbus.

Marcy Trinidad '02 and Jay Forker '05 were married on January 30, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Church in Columbus, Ohio.



### New Arrivals

Angela Colasante '99 DiNovo and husband Andrew '97 welcomed baby Vincent on January 8, 2015. He joins Alexander, age 5, and Mara, age 3.

Steve Devlin '96 and his wife Alicia welcomed Blake Michael on April 21, 2015. He joins siblings Alayna, age 6, and Brooks, age 4.

Christina Malagisi '03 Amweg and her husband Jeremy welcomed son Michael Jeremy on August 27, 2015.

Kevin Mong '11 and Rachel Bray welcomed Mikky Isadore Mong on October 4, 2015.

Sarah Ryser '00 Salvatori and Michael Salvatori welcomed baby Matthew Phillip Salvatori on November 11, 2015.

Bryon Kane '93 and his wife Leigh had twins Benjamin Noble and Georgia Leigh on November 22, 2015. The twins join brother James, age 2.

Vince '04 and Ashley Eckel welcomed Eliana Grace Eckel on December 27, 2015. She joins big brother Gianni, age 2.

Jacqueline Eckel '06 deVlugt and husband Seth welcomed Brooks Reiner deVlugt on December 29, 2015.

Annie McCune '06 Dye and husband Nathan Dye welcomed baby girl Rooney Hollis on December 30, 2015.

Hadley Rose Maag was born to Jameson D Maag '05 and his wife Heather Graham Maag on January 10, 2016.

Ashley Luckscheiter '06 Parsley and husband Jesse welcomed their first baby, Jackson Wade on January 30, 2016.

Elizabeth Wilson '04 Pastorek and her husband Brent welcomed Nicholas Wilson Pastorek on February 1, 2016.

### Send us your updates!

Go to [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com), click on "Alumni," then "Alumni Information Form" to give us updated contact information, including email addresses.



### Saying Goodbye

**1960**  
Thomas B. Kirk  
January 3, 2016

**1962**  
Victor Chris Casasanta, Jr.  
May 24, 2015

**1963**  
John H. Erion Jr.  
September 2, 2015

Thomas Wittkopf  
May 28, 2015

**1964**  
Stephen M. Egelhoff  
November 8, 2015

**1976**  
Diana Rose Valentino  
Coleman  
November 29, 2015

**1983**  
Cliff C. Ryan  
March 28, 2015

**1993**  
Maria H. Vermes Matko  
September 18, 2015

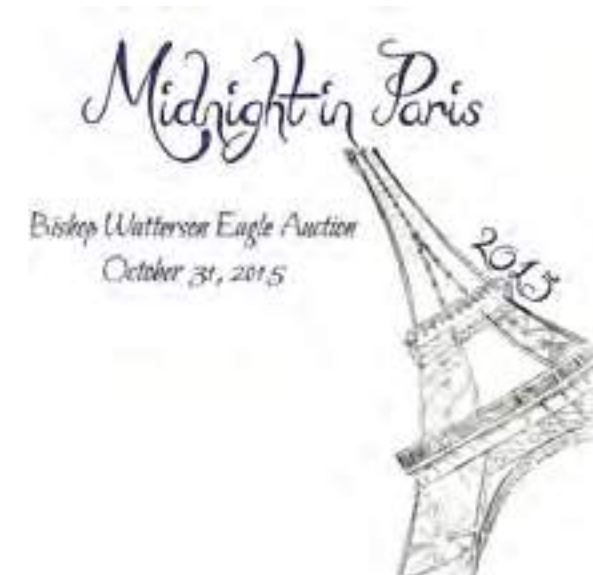
**1997**  
Jeffrey Cygan  
January 21, 2016

**2015**  
Matthew Froehle  
July 20, 2015

### Former Bishop Watterson Staff

Peg Wuelfing  
November 1, 2015

### Eagle Auction



**1.** Principal Marian Hutson, left, thanks event chair Mary Beth DeSantis and committee members Nancy McEwan and Jennie Statzar.

**2.** We are grateful for volunteers who make the Eagle Auction run efficiently. Among them were Janet McKew, Nicole Kraft, Renee Erney and Beth Laming.

**3.** Juliet and Romano Klepec check out the silent auction items.

**4.** BWHS Website Coordinator Lynn Holden '73 Winters, Italian teacher Kelly Lombardo '03 Matthews and St. Brigid Vice-Principal and mother of five BWHS alums Cindy Lombardo.

**5.** Taking advantage of the photo op are Michael O'Sullivan, Gene Fu & Dan Dowler.

**6.** Mike and Doreen Finissi with Principal Marian Hutson

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**2015 BWHS Athletic Hall of Fame**, left to right, Front row: Alumni Director Scott Manahan, Principal Marian Hutson, John Mahaney, Dr. Elaine Binkley '03; Back row: Al Washington, Sr., Dorian Washington, Simba Hodari '97, Phil Anglim '77, John Motil '68

## 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame

The third class to enter the Bishop Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame consists of individuals who distinguished themselves either on the field of play or through their dedication to the athletic program as a coach or administrator. The six 2015 inductees, who joined the 20 individuals inducted in 2013 and 2014, were recognized with a halftime ceremony at a home football game, a Mass at Our Lady of Peace and a brunch and induction ceremony at Bishop Watterson.

**Phil Anglim '77** (Powell, Ohio): Football 1974-76, Wrestling 1974-77

**Dr. Elaine Binkley '03** (Iowa City, Iowa): Cross Country 1999-02, Track & Field 2000-03

**Simba Hodari '97** (Arlington, Va.): Football 1994-96, Baseball 1996-97

**John Mahaney** (Columbus, Ohio): Bishop Watterson's #1 Fan, 1980-present

**John Motil '68** (West Bloomfield, Mich.): Football 1965-67, Baseball 1967-68, Basketball 1967-68

**Al Washington '02** (Watertown, Mass.): Football 1998-01, Wrestling 1998, Track & Field 1999-02.



Al Washington stopped by after his season coaching college football was complete.



**2015 Homecoming Hall of Fame honoree Ginny O'Connor**

## Homecoming Hall of Fame 2015

Ginny O'Connor's first year of teaching in Chillicothe 44 years ago didn't go all that well, she told students at the Homecoming Assembly. In fact, she quit and went home. But then she got a call from Bishop Watterson Principal Msgr. Grimes who needed a math teacher. He asked her if she would help him out by teaching for a year and since she had learned from her parents at an early age that you help when asked, she agreed. Forty-three years later she retired from Bishop Watterson after serving in numerous capacities: dean of girls, assistant principal, head softball coach, girls athletic director, assistant basketball coach and head coach for the girls volleyball program, which she started. This dedication led to Ms. O'Connor being inducted to the Homecoming Hall of Fame for 2015.

"Because of my different jobs, each day was so different, I never knew what to expect. It might be a teacher who needed a test run off, or a student who needed math help, or a discipline problem. I always felt that my job here was to be of service to others," Ms. O'Connor told the students.

*"When I walked in to school and saw 'Christ is the reason for this school,' I felt at home and I thanked God that I could teach here. I have been so blessed and so are you for being a student here."*



## IF I GIVE TO WATTERSON, WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

From time to time during the school year when those of us in the Bishop Watterson High School Development Department are doing our job of raising funds for the school, we get asked, "Where does the money go?"

At Bishop Watterson, especially over the past couple of years, we have worked to educate our alumni, parents and friends about the fundraising process. With articles in the magazine, in our communication regarding the annual fund and on an individual basis when we meet with people, we have tried to answer all of those questions and be totally transparent regarding where the philanthropic funds go.

Within the Development Department, the only official fundraising entity of the school, there are three components of fundraising strategy:

- 1) **ANNUAL GIVING**
- 2) **MAJOR GIFTS**
- 3) **PLANNED GIVING**

### Annual Giving Purpose:

Annual giving is comprised of the Annual Eagle Fund, the direct mail initiative that seeks unrestricted funds that support the operating budget; the Eagle Auction, a BWHS community event with a goal of raising funds for a special project (like the elevator, for example) or for tuition assistance, depending on the needs of the school at the time of the auction, as determined by the principal; Men's Night, another

BWHS community event from which proceeds go directly to the Msgr. Grimes Scholarship Fund for tuition assistance; restricted gifts to tuition assistance, for that school year; and restricted gifts to individual endowed scholarship funds.

Bishop Watterson is like the majority of other Catholic schools in the United States which operate with a funding "gap" which is the difference between the tuition collected and the actual cost of educating a student. At Bishop Watterson High School, most unrestricted giving goes to bridge that gap.

### Major Gifts Purpose:

The purpose of major gifts at Bishop Watterson is to fund capital needs such as new building, facilities renovation and expansion, major technology upgrades, and endowment. They are called major gifts because they are larger amounts (\$10,000+) committed over a period of time, usually five years.

Major gifts are traditionally sought during capital campaigns or special capital funding initiatives. Recently at Bishop Watterson major gifts funded the renovation of the locker room and nine new classrooms (see article on page 12).

### Planned Giving Purpose:

A planned gift is defined as any major gift, made during a person's lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. Planned gifts can-

not build buildings or increase the annual fund (in the short term) but when realized, they can substantially increase an endowment and are, therefore, an excellent method of providing future income to the school via the endowment.

### Gifts to athletics and other specific purposes:

Gifts that are restricted by the donor to a specific purpose such as athletics, the band, etc., and are given via the Bishop Watterson staff person responsible for that program will go directly to that program. We encourage all philanthropic gifts, regardless of the purpose, to be given through the Development Department. However, if that doesn't happen, please inform the Development Department of the gift so that it can be recorded and you can receive a tax receipt.

Bishop Watterson High School is grateful for the generosity of everyone who has made or continues to make a donation. Your donations will help us to meet our operating-related, mission-critical needs and allow us to continue to provide affordable Catholic education to the young people of Columbus and the surrounding areas.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Steinbauer '01 in the Bishop Watterson Development Department, (614) 545-2140 or [rysteinb@cdeducation.org](mailto:rysteinb@cdeducation.org).





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### Reflecting gifts to Bishop Watterson High School received from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

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Msgr. John Cody  
March Madness/  
Table Tennis Tournament

### March 12

Mothers' Club Style Show

### March 27

Easter

### April 10

Monsignor Ken Grimes  
Men's Night

### April 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24

Spring Musical  
*Bye, Bye Birdie!*

### May 13

Alumni Class  
Representatives Breakfast

### May 28

Graduation

### June 17

Mike Crisp Annual  
Backyard Shindig

### August 26 – 28

Athletic Hall of Fame  
Weekend

### September 11

Legends Golf Classic

### September 16

Homecoming

### September 23

Eagle Auction

## REUNIONS

### August 5

Class of 1976–40<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
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### September 23

Class of 1966–50<sup>th</sup> Reunion



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