A Passion to Heal: Alumni Turn Care Into a Career

Bishop Watterson Students Help The Community

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Dear Parents, Alumni and Friends,

I hope that the joy of the Easter season permeates your lives and that spring is truly a time of new life, especially after the long winter we have experienced! This school year has progressed very rapidly and we are already planning for the next one.

Some of the most memorable New Testament stories involve Jesus healing the sick in both body and soul. We all know about the blind and lame who could see and walk, the lepers who were made clean, and Lazarus who was raised from the dead because of their encounters with Christ. This issue of our newsletter focuses on several of our alumni who have followed the examples of both Christ and Saint Luke through their careers in the medical field. I am sure you will agree that while their credentials are impressive their dedication to the patients they serve is even more so. They truly care about both body and soul.

We are confident that our current students also care about others because of their willingness to coordinate and participate in food and clothing drives, the Dress for Success project, raising funds for the Christine Wilson Burn Center, and other projects that may sound familiar to you.

I also want to share some exciting news with you concerning our commitment to preparing our students for future careers in which they can continue to serve others while achieving professional success. We are enhancing our science curriculum so that it will include a focus on medical, public and community health areas in an experiential learning environment. Our plans include the renovation of several classrooms so the students can engage in hands-on learning activities. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting new endeavor in our next newsletter which will feature photos of our students in action!

May God continue to bless you and all those you love.

Sincerely,

Marian Hutson
Principal
Three Bishop Watterson seniors completed a six-week program at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital last summer. The program, entitled Mechanisms of Human Health and Disease, is geared toward high-achieving incoming seniors with a passion for science. Students were selected for the program through a blind review process of applications and essays by a panel of researchers and physicians.

Congratulations to (left to right) seniors Bridget Geyer, Gino Dettorre and Marissa Wierzbicki, who were among a group of just 27 students selected for the program. Each completed an independent project in molecular pathophysiology. Dettorre graduated as top student in the program, securing an internship at The Research Institute during this school year. Wierzbicki finished fourth, qualifying her to receive dedicated mentorship and to participate in the program in 2015 as a teaching assistant.

St. Luke, the Beloved Physician

We discovered that many Bishop Watterson graduates found their calling in medicine, from nursing to physical therapy to doctors of every specialty, treating patients from coast to coast. A few of them are featured in this issue of the Eagle Review. We ask that St. Luke, patron saint of physicians and surgeons, watch over all of our alumni who found the passion to heal.

St. Luke, writer of the gospel and Acts of the Apostles, was a disciple of St. Paul and is believed to have been born a Greek and Gentile slave. Families at the time usually had a slave trained in medicine to care for them so it fits when St. Paul refers to him in Colossians 4:14 as, “Luke, the beloved physician.” Four other saints from the early years of the church also refer to St. Luke as a physician.

Luke’s gospel, which includes miracles and parables not found in the other gospels such as the Prodigal Son and the Annunciation, gives a sense that he saw hope in God’s mercy for all.

Philanthropic Business Club

Bishop Watterson’s Business Club presented a check for $3,000 to the Christine Wilson Burn Unit of Nationwide Children’s Hospital at the Respect Life Mass in October. Business Club raised the money through bake sales, Sunday with Santa and its first-ever 5K race in June. Also at the Mass, Tim and Pam Wilson, who presented the Christine Wilson Foundation’s annual scholarship to an incoming freshman, spoke of the love Christine ’01 had for Bishop Watterson, and her appreciation for her BWHS education. In addition, BWHS Student Council sponsored a new-and-gently-used book drive for Children’s Hospital.
If a football stadium goes silent during a game, something is terribly wrong. Most often when it happens a player has sustained a frightening injury but during the Bishop Watterson game at Bishop Hartley in the Fall of 2012, it was referee Julius Palazzo who just dropped to the ground. Dr. Doug DiOrio ’86 sprinted from the Bishop Watterson sidelines and began CPR while the crowd went silent. A moment later, the stadium began to pray, out loud.

DiOrio was on the sidelines doing what he normally does at athletic events—watching for injuries.

“I am always watching the field for injuries and I saw him go down,” said DiOrio. “Nobody was near him and he fell straight forward. I just happened to be standing on the same yard line Julius was on. He was obviously in trouble.”

The EMT squad joined him right away. “I heard Doug yell, ‘Clear!’” BWHS Athletic Director Mike Roark recalled. “It was amazing. He had one shock and he opened his eyes and he was back with us,” DiOrio remembered. “It was quite miraculous how quickly he came back and returned to us. When someone has a heart attack in the field they only survive 15 percent of the time.”

DiOrio, who practices both family and sports medicine, credits the spontaneous prayer on both the Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley sides of the field.

“I truly believe there was divine intervention that brought him back,” DiOrio said.

Palazzo, who knew DiOrio from Diocesan sports, said he remembers exactly when he went down. “We had just finished a play and were getting ready for another play. I was standing there as a ref, blew my whistle and everything got fuzzy,” said Palazzo. “I am very thankful to Doug and the others. I feel so blessed that I came through prayer or trying to resuscitate me – I’m so thankful every day.”

It was a blessing for Palazzo that DiOrio was standing where he was at the very moment he was needed. DiOrio has been a blessing for numerous student-athletes at Bishop Watterson since he began volunteering as team doctor in 1995. For these 19 years he has been visible on the sidelines of every football game but his work has impacted even more athletes.

The Guza family has sent three very athletic boys through Bishop Watterson: Matt ’08 and twins Mark and Michael ’14. The Guzas participated in cross country, soccer, tennis, track, and wrestling.

“Dr. DiOrio has been phenomenal!” said mom Nancy Guza, a nurse herself. “He understands the urgency to return to the field, mat or court, but balances that with safety and healing. He is realistic in his expectations of returning to play, which is appreciated.”

Guza said Matt once hurt his ankle in wrestling and the family followed up with Dr. DiOrio, who caught a misdiagnosed fracture.

“Dr. DiOrio treated Mark for a variety of injuries, including a hamstring injury, a fractured fibula and a concussion,” said Guza. “After his concussion last year, Mark continued to have headaches which we attributed to the head injury; however, Dr. DiOrio realized the headaches were not from the concussion but from a neck strain. He manipulated Mark’s neck and the headaches disappeared.”

Athletic Director Roark tells the story of a time when his own knee was hurting and Dr. DiOrio was treating him.

“We were at a baseball game and my knee had really flared up so Doug and I went behind the dugout and he gave me an injection in the knee just as a parent came around the corner,” Roark said. “When asked what he was doing, without hesitation Doug said, ‘I’m helping the people who help your kids.’”

Celebrating the boys basketball team’s 2013 State Championship: Dr. Doug DiOrio ’86, son Joey ’14 who was a member of the team, daughter Claire ’16, son Johnny ’21 and wife Dr. Mary DiOrio. Photo courtesy of Ed Geraghty.
DiOrio, who currently runs and plays tennis to stay in shape, admits he loves being involved in sports and the competition that comes with them. He has run the Columbus and Chicago marathons as well as some half marathons. He has also done triathlons. One of his biggest athletic accomplishments was as a walk-on for the Notre Dame football team in the Lou Holtz era. In fact, DiOrio is mentioned in two of Holtz’s books.

DiOrio graduated from Bishop Watterson in 1986 and headed to the University of Notre Dame with the Joyce Scholarship.

“On a visit, I went to the football office and said I’d like to walk on,” recalled DiOrio, who was a member of the 1988 National Championship team as a junior free safety. “I came home and sent films and they reviewed them and invited me to walk on in the fall. When you talk about things that shape how you do things in your life, that was one of them for me. Lou Holtz was a great influence. He talked about work ethic, how to put a winning team together, and how to have success. Outside of my parents, the experience of playing football at Notre Dame for Lou Holtz was probably the most influential thing in my life.”

DiOrio left Bishop Watterson thinking he would probably go into biomedical engineering but graduated from Notre Dame with a B.S. in biology. By the time he entered medical school at Ohio State, he was certain he wanted to get involved with sports medicine.

“In sports medicine we get people back on the playing field faster, and getting people back to doing what they enjoy is gratifying.” Besides sports medicine, DiOrio is board-certified in family medicine and integrative and holistic medicine with a special interest in medical acupuncture and manipulation.

Jodi Gibbs, a Physician Assistant for OhioHealth Breast and Cancer Surgeons, refers breast cancer patients dealing with post-surgery and treatment issues to DiOrio for procedures like acupuncture, massage therapy and nutrition services.

“Dr. DiOrio has headed up an integrative medicine program at OhioHealth to help meet the needs of patients,” Gibbs said. “I continue to get positive feedback from patients who have seen him and I am so thankful to him for taking the time to provide a program that meets so many needs of those who have gone through and are going through a life-changing journey.”

After office hours, DiOrio is in the BWHS training room once a week, checking on his student patients.

“He sees kids in our training room which gives them the opportunity to see a physician without having to go to a doctor’s office. It’s more immediate care instead of waiting a week or two,” said BWHS Trainer Erick Boucher. “He donates all of this time and never asks for anything. He enjoys doing it. He likes to be here for the kids and helping Watterson.”

“People think of the team doctor as the football doctor,” DiOrio said. “I love seeing all of the kids in all of the sports.”

DiOrio’s son Joey ’14 played on the basketball teams that won the state championship in ’13 and finished runner-up in ’14. Joey also ran cross country and played baseball. His daughter, Claire ’16 runs cross country and track for the Eagles and Johnny ’21 is a sixth grader at St. Timothy. His wife, Mary, also an M.D., was recently named Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Health.

“I started in 1995 at Watterson because I like to help, but now it’s fun to have my kids here,” he said. “Watterson really prepared me for college academically and as a family, a community. That is something I wanted to stay involved in. I wanted to give back.”

According to folks in the BWHS community, he has done more than treat injuries.

“Dr. DiOrio would often be seen at the cross country meets stretching and massaging leg muscles of the injured runners,” said Guza. “From diagnosis of an injury to treatment and physical therapy, he considers a variety of treatment options, including acupuncture. Bishop Watterson is blessed to have him as a team physician.”

“I love my personal interactions and relationships I can build with people. I receive personal gratification from making people healthier.”
Connecting is Key for Morrison

We hear a lot these days about balance, particularly work-life balance. For many of us, on the surface it means being where we need to be when we need to be there and squeezing in some down time to do it all over again. For Laura Morrison, M.D. ’88, finding balance is even more important as she works with people coming to terms with challenges of life. Connecting with patients and doctors is critical to helping the patients heal and the doctors learn.

Morrison splits her time between seeing patients and the business of creating and running a palliative care fellowship program at Yale School of Medicine. For over a year now she has been an Associate Professor of Medicine in Geriatrics, Associate Clinical Professor of Nursing, Director of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Education and Director of the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship.

It’s a challenge to keep up with all of the exciting projects and responsibilities but for Morrison the path is motivating and rewarding.

“It’s a fantastic opportunity and I feel very fortunate every day to be able to create this program at Yale with my colleagues,” Morrison said. “Bishop Watterson provided me with a really strong, consistent base. I worked hard there and I received excellent preparation for college. Watterson really required and drew out that continued hard work.”

Morrison graduated from Bishop Watterson sensing she was headed toward medicine. A captain of the Eagles swim team, she went on to swim for Oberlin College, and then to Case Western Reserve for medical school, internship and residency.

“I headed toward palliative care at the end of my residency because I was drawn even more into the patient-physician relationship,” she said. “I found the rotations with HIV and oncology patients to be particularly meaningful in the sense of having difficult things to discuss. This area of challenging but more meaningful conversations is one place where I felt drawn to make a contribution. It’s certainly not appealing to all health care providers. It’s more intimate.”

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people of any age with serious illnesses of any stage. With the goal of improving the quality of life for the patient and family, the focus of palliative care is to provide relief of pain, stress and other symptoms associated with a serious illness.

“Palliative care is not just end-of-life care. It is for anyone with a serious illness, even early in the course. Some of our patients recover,” said Morrison. “The first time I had the opportunity to learn about palliative care, it was a revelatory experience. It was like, ‘Wow! This is what matters to me!’ My strengths seemed to line up with it. There is an opportunity in almost every situation to help make things better, whether just sitting with a family, relieving a symptom, or helping someone define the legacy they hope to leave.”

After her residency at Case Western, Morrison did a two-year fellowship in Geriatrics-Palliative Care at Baylor College of Medicine and worked at Baylor in that field for 11 years, until Yale drew her away in 2013 to create its new palliative care education program.

During her years at Baylor, Morrison became part of a strong network of local and national palliative care specialists through her work as a clinician and educator.

“These colleagues provide incredible peer mentoring and camaraderie. We have opportunities to collaborate on presentations, committees and projects to move the field forward. It’s that supportive,” she said. “Not only is the important work with our patients and their families what drives all of us, but our connections with each other are meaningful. We need to nurture our own resiliency in the midst of loss to keep doing the work. It’s an amazing experience and one of the things I really appreciate most now.”

In her new position, Morrison splits her time between taking care of patients in the hospital and teaching.

“This was the perfect opportunity for me to put into practice everything I’ve been learning and developing,” she said. “My first task was to start a hospice and palliative medicine fellowship program which is perfect for me because I had been doing a lot of educational work in Houston and on a national level, defining what fellows must learn in their training. We have our first two Yale fellows this year and I’m having a great time creating things as we go!”

On a typical day in the hospital, she is consulted on six to eight new patients, has an interdisciplinary meeting that involves a team of social workers, chaplain, nurse practitioners, physician assistant, and fellows or other learners. Patients and families are supported in whatever needs they have – sometimes just checking in, managing complex symptoms or revisiting “goals of care.”

On other days, Morrison might be planning the fellowship curriculum, mentoring trainees on academic projects, teaching communication skills to other learners, writing for publication, participating on conference calls, or serving as a backup doctor to see patients.
“I occasionally hear from patients, their family members, or even colleagues that I seem to be in the right field where my gifts are being put to good use. That’s always reassuring,” she said. “Palliative care allows me to blend the latest rigorous science around management of many serious illnesses with this focus on quality of life and interpersonal and communication involvement.”

Looking back at her career path, Morrison says there was no light guiding her toward palliative care specifically, but she was always heading in that direction.

Even in high school, Morrison's service experiences were preparing her for her future career.

“I think one of the best parts of Watterson is the service requirement,” she said. “A lot of my service time was spent at Whetstone Convalescence Center. I visited different residents there on a regular basis and I think that, along with the positive relationships I had with my grandparents, led me to the focus of being a doctor in the geriatrics direction.”

Another less obvious factor was the sense of community she felt in high school. In fact, she is the godmother of current BWHS students Katlyn and Shannon Lynch, whose parents, Jill Smiley ’88 and Jeffrey Lynch ’88 were classmates.

“High school in general is hard for most kids,” said Morrison, whose parents still live in Columbus. “What I remember the most is the sense of community at Watterson with daily morning prayer and the close-knit feel. It was quite meaningful to me to hear about celebrations and losses in the community. I remember going to two or three funerals and celebrating the success of sports teams. Even though I didn’t come from a feeder school and have the specific sense of community the Catholic schools create, I really appreciated the sense of community the whole time I was there.”

Simmers Finds His Stride in Study of Artery Tissue

When he graduated from Bishop Watterson, Phillip Simmers planned to go into physical therapy, but two degrees later, he has had two papers published in the Journal of Tissue Engineering.

“I had no idea I was going to do biomedical engineering,” said Simmers. “The only thing I knew was that I was going to the University of Cincinnati. My dad went there and I was raised a Bearcat so I always knew I was going there, just as I knew I was going to Watterson.”

He discovered Biomedical Engineering by chance.

“I was going to go into physical therapy but my dad gave me an article about biomedical engineering. I loved anatomy and Doc Eberst's physics class. This encompasses all of the things I love.” He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati in 2012, then earned a Masters in Biomedical Engineering from Cleveland State University in May 2014. His thesis – “Nitric Oxide Stimulates Matrix Synthesis and Deposition by Adult Human Smooth Muscle Cells Within Biometric Cocultures” – was also presented at the Tissue Engineering & Regenerative Medicine International Society Conference in late 2014. In addition, his first professional article, “Nitric Oxide Stimulates Matrix Synthesis and Deposition by Adult Human Aortic Smooth Muscle Cells Within Three-Dimensional Cocultures,” was recently published in Tissue Engineering Part A.

“Our main goal with the study was not to provide an alternative treatment, but to provide baseline studies in an innovative manner so that future studies can take our study and move forward to find new treatments for aneurysms,” Simmers said. “With tissue engineering, we are looking at ways to deliver a drug through a microfluidic device that would rebuild the structure of the artery using the original tissue to heal it.”

At age 26, Simmers is currently the lead consultant on a project with Proctor and Gamble, and pursuing a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering at Cincinnati.

“A lot of people already know that Watterson is one of the best prep schools in central Ohio. They demand a lot out of you,” Simmers said. “A high school student might not realize that Bishop Watterson demanding a lot out of you prepares you for the real world. Even a lot of the feeder schools are demanding, too. That's what's great about Watterson … that it prepares you for life.”
Bigley Battles Burns

Andrea Bigley ’89 and Sparky the Fire Dog are buds. In her position as Burn Program Manager for The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Bigley and Sparky spend a lot of time in the community talking about fire prevention. Sparky wants to teach everyone how to avoid causing fires and Bigley’s mission is to prevent burns.

Bigley did not start off in this specialized position. After graduating from Mount Carmel College of Nursing in 1997, she spent the early years of her career as a sort of nomadic nurse. She would take contracted assignments of several months long as a travel nurse and the result is that she had the opportunity to see areas of the country she might not otherwise have visited.

“It was kind of fun because as a travel nurse you can go to different places and some of your travel expenses and living arrangements are covered,” she said.

It was during a stint in Arizona that she was introduced to burn nursing.

“When a person goes into the hospital for a procedure or surgery, they are in a couple of days and then leave. Even with a trauma the person is in intensive care and then leaves,” Bigley said. “Burn units are specialized. A person stays in the unit for a long time. As a nurse you get to know the patients and families. You see their progression and you get to see them move on and then you get to see them in the outpatient clinic.”

Bigley said she enjoyed her assignment in a burn unit more than she enjoyed the hot Arizona desert, so when the position opened at OSU and it included clinical education, she made the leap and came home to Columbus.

The transition back to Columbus has gone smoothly for her and daughter Rachel, who is a sophomore at BWHS this year.

“We moved in the middle of eighth grade, so Rachel went to Our Lady of Peace for six months and it was a great transition,” Bigley said. “I think the program is very caring. They bent over backwards to include her, all the way to the parents. There was a lot more communication because it’s a community and not just a school.”

As Burn Program Manager, she oversees the entire program, including patient care, specialized care, resources and outpatient care in addition to prevention outreach and communication. She also manages the burn fund that helps patients pay for garments they have to wear for a year or two and things not covered by insurance such as compression materials that can positively impact body movement.

Bigley spends up to half of her time on burn prevention programs and training EMS professionals about how to treat burns.

“We teach EMS crews how to assess burns, what dressings to put on them and cover other things they need to think about,” said Bigley.

The most common kind of burns seen at OSU are from building fires, flammable liquids and gases and scalds from hot liquids and steam. Another type of injury they treat, among others, would be tissue damage from cold injuries like frost bite.

“When you work with patients you watch their transition from burn victim to burn survivor,” Bigley said. “Burns change people. It changes their lives but they figure out how to make it work for them. They don’t let it get them down which is a part of humanity that is fascinating.”

Options for care have improved in recent years, but burns still require more time with medical care.

“In the last five years especially some of the technology has improved but, historically, a deep third-degree burn to a fore-arm might have someone in the hospital for a week because they might need that much pain control,” Bigley said. “Thanks to technology we may be able to leave a dressing on for a week instead of changing the dressing every day which is painful.”

Bigley also holds an MSN degree from Grand Canyon University and feels her education at Bishop Watterson gave her a solid foundation in preparation for her path in nursing.

“When I moved to Arizona and was working with aides in the hospitals and they were talking about going to school and becoming nurses, I’d say, ‘just go to school.’ They would say it wasn’t that easy because their schools had not prepared them because they weren’t college prep schools,” she said. “When I realized that people graduated and didn’t have a college prep curriculum behind them, I was even more appreciative of the education I received. I felt like school was so much easier in general because of all the tools I was given.”

Preventing Burns

- Don’t leave candles unattended
- Hot water tanks should be at 120 degrees or less
- Never put water on a grease fire

“We see a lot of grease burns,” said Bigley. “People try to put water on it but it splatters or they try to take the burning pan outside and it spills. Put a lid on it. It will stop and no one gets injured.”
Willett Enjoying Life as an ENT Doctor

There aren’t many Ear, Nose and Throat doctors who have the opportunity to participate in a surgery on a gorilla with a bad ear infection or an orangutan having trouble swallowing, but Darryl Willett ’83 is one of the lucky ones. Willett, who majored in zoology in college as many doctors have done, worked with veterinarian surgeons at the Columbus Zoo, where his sister, Tanya Willett ’88, works as a zookeeper.

When he graduated from Bishop Watterson, Willett planned to major in marine biology at Ohio State, but that was not to be. Midway into his freshman year, his plans changed thanks to an advisor’s encouragement to spend some time in an emergency room.

And so Willett learned early on that making connections can help you find your path and those connections can make your progress on that path a little smoother. Willett has been sharing his wisdom with BWHS students on career days.

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Daryl Willett, M.D. ’83

Willett won the Joyce Scholarship and was given a choice of attending Notre Dame or Ohio State after he graduated from Bishop Watterson. He chose Ohio State because he knew he wanted to go into medicine and liked the fact that OSU had a hospital system. He went on to complete medical school and his residency at Ohio State as well.

“I knew I wanted to be a surgeon but there are so many different options and you think, ‘How am I going to figure this out?’” Willett said. “I met with Arthur James as a freshman or sophomore in medical school. He told me if I wanted to be a surgeon, the best field to go into was ENT. I had a long-term relationship with him because he was my wife’s uncle so we would talk at family gatherings. The key for young people is not to be afraid of influential people. They’re human beings, too.”

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During college, Willett and his now-wife Jennifer, who is an endodontist, spent some evenings volunteering in the emergency room at OSU.

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In addition to seeing patients and being on call at Riverside Methodist and Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Willett is President of OhioENT and Allergy Physicians, which is a group of multiple practices in Columbus. The business, a $70 million enterprise, encompasses sleep centers, hearing aid and allergy businesses.

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“I always felt like everybody looks the same on paper so how do you separate 14 valedictorians from the cream of the crop? It’s not enough to be a smart kid,” Willett said. “I liked to see the people who have the drive to be the leader. If they can do that and balance it with good grades, they’re probably the people you want in your program.”

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Willett Enjoying Life as an ENT Doctor

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3. John Mahaney,
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   Mahaney.

4. Seated, left to right:
   Anne Davidson, Brenda
   Neary, Barry Carter,
   Chris Neary; Standing:
   John Davidson ’84, Mary
   DiOrio, Doug DiOrio ’86,
   Phil Diaz, Donna Diaz

5. Fr. Michael Watson
   ’69, Lyssa Albarracin ’89
   Brown and David Brown
   ’89

6. Phil ’77 and Rhonda
   Anglim with Stephanie
   and John Costa

7. Amy and Ron
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Bishop Watterson began a pallbearer society under the patronage of St. Joseph of Arimathea, the man who took the body of Jesus from the cross and placed it in his own new tomb. The group, now in its third year, consists of 18 young men – juniors and seniors – who have been trained and commissioned for this service of assisting at the burial of the departed. The SJA Society has a monthly meeting to discuss issues, talk about experiences, and to pray for the faithful departed, especially those whom they have recently served.

Left to right, first row—Jacob Ritzenthaler, Christian Kroger, Evan Rasor, Ryan Mar, Parker Cantwell, Andy Cotter; second row—Tyler Carter, Michael Woosley, Brian Sapp, Tommy Wagner, Stephen Golonka, Danny Au, Matt Clark; Advisor Michael Fry, Oliver Schroeder, Michael Hardesty, Tommy Scherer, David Szolosi, teacher Dominic Marchi, Advisor Jane Jacquemin-Clark.

< National Merit Finalists: Five seniors have been named National Merit Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. More than 15,000 finalists will now be in the running for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships. Left to right -- First row: Olivia Britt, Sophia Wible; Second row: Maria Jeric, Bridget Geyer, Gino Dettorre.

Commended Scholars: Two seniors have been named Commended Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation based on their scores on the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The students are, left to right: Gabby Bouchard and Samantha Toscano.
Four students were honored with the 2014 Monsignor Spiers Service Awards, which have been an important part of the BWHS homecoming celebration for more than twenty years. This award is named after Msgr. Edward Spiers who founded our school in 1954 and served as the first principal. It was instituted by Student Council to honor and celebrate individuals who have upheld his commitment to the Christian values of service and education by performing outstanding service in both our school and the community.

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.

**Food Drive Competition Helps Area Food Pantries**

This year the annual food drive conducted at BWHS took on a couple of fun twists. First, the drive became a competition between the Eagles and the Stallions of St. Francis DeSales. The other fun element was that, for a $20 donation, students could wear their BWHS spirit wear sweatshirts, boys could grow their beards for the duration of the three-week competition and girls could wear boots. “We have our annual food drive so that we are able to give back to our community,” said Student Council Vice President and senior Aaron Lucki. “This year I think that our competition with DeSales has made the food drive fun and will hopefully motivate all the students to donate in some way.” While Bishop Watterson won the competition with 16,979 donated items, the true winners were the food pantries who serve those in need in our community.

**Handbell Choir Added to Curriculum**

Handbell Choir is the latest addition to the BWHS performing arts curriculum, offered for the first time during the 2014-2015 school year. Choral teacher Christen Joyce wanted to offer a different way to experience music and perform in an ensemble setting beyond the traditional choir or band options. So, with the support of the Choir Boosters and BWHS Mothers’ Club, she purchased a three-octave set of handbells and materials needed to launch a handbell program.

“I had learned to play handbells at my church when I was in high school and continued playing during college,” said Miss Joyce. “My only hope was that there would be enough students intrigued to give this unusual class a try. My prayers were answered and this school year began with close to forty students signed up to participate!”

Students started the year learning the proper techniques for holding and ringing the bells. They are also learning music literacy skills such as how to count rhythms and read note names on a musical staff. These are musical skills that they can transfer to any other musical pursuit. One of the unique aspects about participation in a handbell choir is the team effort that it takes to play a piece.

**Junior Maya Steller** was named Diocese of Columbus Young Catholic Woman of the Year.
Boys Volleyball
The Eagles finished State Runner-Up in 2014, losing to Kettering Alter in the Division II Boys Volleyball state title match. BWHS won two of the first three games 25-20, 21-25 and 25-18, then dropped the final two 25-17, 15-7. It was the second time in program history for the Eagles to play for a state championship. The team also finished runner-up in 2002. The team was coached by Anthony Randolph ’09.

Boys Track
The boys 4x100 relay team of Brad Kanney, Cody Calhoun, Ryan Urquhart and Dominic Lombardi took the state championship with a school-record time of 43.17. In addition, Lombardi took silver medals in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles (new school record 37.43). The boys track team finished fourth in the OHSAA State Track & Field Championships and Lombardi was chosen as the Dispatch Division II Track Athlete of the Year. The team was coached by Matt McGowan.

Boys Golf
The BWHS boys golf team shot a 654 over two days at the Ohio State University Scarlet Golf Course to finish as the 2014 Division II State Runner-up. Senior David Shepherd finished ninth individually. Earning All-CCL honors were Phil Campisi, Peter Hackett, Nick Naderhoff and David Shepherd. The team was coached by Olin Melaragno.

2014 / 2015 College-Bound Athletes

April 2014 Commitments, Left to right — First row: Courtney Brown, tennis, Denison University; Maria Sweattinen, field hockey, Wittenberg University; Second row: Cody Calhoun, football, Case Western Reserve; Zack Storr, volleyball, College of Mount Saint Joseph; Matt Randolph, volleyball, College of Mount St. Joseph; Luke Andracki, ice hockey, Middlesex, Mass. Black Bears Junior Prep Hockey Team.

May 2014 Commitments, Left to right — First row: Becca Gallagher, track and field, Otterbein University; Dominique Garnett, basketball, track and field, Ohio Wesleyan University; Second row: Matt Hughes, basketball, Otterbein University; Mitch Sostler, baseball, Otterbein University; Noah Dull, St. Timothy School, football, Capital University.
**Field Hockey**
Our field hockey team made it to the State Semifinals, losing 1-0 to Columbus Academy. Abby Marshall and Olivia Pardi earned All-CCL and All-Ohio honors. The team was coached by Janet Baird ’77.

**Boys Soccer**
The BWHS boys soccer team finished the 2014 season as Regional and District Champions, making it to the state final four where they lost to eventual champion St. Francis DeSales. Brad Kanney, Paul Mokrzan and Matt Pardi earned All-CCL honors, while Paul Mokrzan was named All-District. The team was coached by Chad Smith.

**BWHS Chosen for OHSAA Commissioners Award**
The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced that Bishop Watterson High School is one of just two schools statewide to receive the highest sportsmanship recognition, the Commissioner’s Award for the 2013-14 academic year.

The OHSAA has a three-tiered system of recognition for sportsmanship, ethics and integrity awards. Thirty schools overall were selected with 18 named Respect the Game Challenge recipients, which is the first level. Another 10 were named Harold A. Meyer Award and Respect the Game Challenge recipients, the second level. Finally, Bishop Watterson and Lakewood were the only schools in the state to receive the Commissioner’s Award, Harold A. Meyer and Respect the Game Honors.
1. Smiles at the Shindig:
Front row, left to right – Sarah Brown, Brad Kernan ’06 holding Ella Kernan; back row – John Panico ’06, Jason Ferrell ’06, Sean Gilliland ’06, Bobby Hogan ’06, Kate Liston ’06, Kris Gordon ’06, Tim O’Neil ’06, Brittany O’Neil, Abby O’Neil ’11.
2. Career Days: Mary Ann Meagher ’67 spoke about the field of nursing. Left to right – Katherine Kovalchin ’16, Mary Ann Meagher, Francie Mullenix ’16.

3. Pub Mixer: Shane Swearingen ’06, Joe McAninch ’05, Shaun Swearingen ’03, Kelly Swearingen, and Shannon Swearingen ’06 McAninch.

4. Legends Golf Champs: Winners of the 2014 Legends Golf Classic are, left to right – Chris McCurdy, Paul Pardi, Wally Theado, and Jeff Haemmerle, all 2001 graduates.

5. St. Lawrence Days: Theresa McEwan ’79 Robenalt, Colleen Hull, mother of Morgan ’16, Patty Wilson (mother of Lindsey ’08, Molly ’16, and Macy ’18), Jill Olding, Nick Kerman ’11, Rachel Kerman ’14, and Mari McGouldrick ’82 Petrucci prepare meals on a chilly January morning.

6. Windy City Welcome: Alumni gathered for an all-class reunion in Chicago in February. Left to right—Principal Marian Hutson, Danny Walsh ’10, Gwen Gowins’09, Hilary Gowins’04 Yelvington.

7. Mixin’ at the Tavern: Trevor Boyle ’94 and Brandon Brown ’93 catch up at the Alumni Mixer at Halftime Tavern.

8. March Madness Table Tennis Tourney: Mia Litzinger ’95 Theado, Heather Weekley ’07, Carol Judy ’64 Stewart, and Anne Flood ’80 Campbell.

9. Shay Alumni Basketball Tournament: The Class of 1980 won the championship of bracket 1. Left to right – Chuck Goodburn, Steve Liston, scorekeeper Kathy Bryant, Randy Colby, Dave Fries, Ron Colby, Patrick “Tink” McQuade and Andy Paskell.
1982
Jam Night: Maricel Albaracin ‘82 Frommeyer, a member of the band Station 14 along with Chris Rockwell ‘85, leads members of the student music ministry through an evening of inspirational, contemporary Catholic music at Jam Night. Station 14 also accompanies the group at school liturgies.

1989
Christine Fahey resides in Newton, Mass. and is employed by Harvard Law School in Financial Aid. She has one daughter, Molly Delahunty.

1990
Jill Hanks lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. and is Executive Director for Community Relations at Tempe Union High School District.

1992
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1964
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1965
Richard Harris retired from the USPS and lives in Bremen, Ala. with his wife Margaret Swatek Harris. They have two children, Wesley Scott and Katherine Leigh, and two granddaughters, Aria 8, and Reagan 3.

1971
Robert Behal is a managing member of The Behal Law Group LLC and was named “Lawyer of the Year” for his work in Ohio family law in Columbus.

1972
Brian Rapp resides in Raleigh, N.C. and is employed as a Communications Specialist at the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency.

1973
Charlie Funk lives in Raleigh, N.C. with his wife Loraine while working as Southeast Region Operations Manager at Johnson Controls, Inc.

1976
Mary Sprague Cluley resides in Wichita Falls, Texas with her husband Eddie. She finished her 20th year as Notre Dame Catholic School’s elementary physical education teacher.

1979
Shelly Curran Diodore is a Nurse/Health Coach with American Health Network and resides in Hilliard with her husband Jerry. She has three children: Helen ‘08, Rachel ‘09, and Michael ‘12.

1980
Angela Powell is a pathologist with Akron Pathology Associates, specializing in cytopathology and molecular diagnostics.

1981
Suzanne Lynch now resides in Fort Worth, Texas.

1982
Jam Night: Maricel Albaracin ‘82 Frommeyer, a member of the band Station 14 along with Chris Rockwell ‘85, leads members of the student music ministry through an evening of inspirational, contemporary Catholic music at Jam Night. Station 14 also accompanies the group at school liturgies.

1989
Christine Fahey resides in Newton, Mass. and is employed by Harvard Law School in Financial Aid. She has one daughter, Molly Delahunty.

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Jeffrey Kuenning lives in Lithia, Fla. with his wife Jennifer and daughter Elise Eva-Renee, age 1.

Linda Bernard resides in Columbus and is employed in R&D Commercialization & Cost Savings at The Wendy’s Company. She has four children: Amanda Theado ‘06 Westendorf, Bill Theado ‘08, Mark Theado ‘10, Anna Hartman ‘17.

Vicki Speroni Russell lives in Hilliard with her husband John. She works as a real estate agent for Cutler Real Estate.

Stephen Browning resides in Pittsburgh and is a salesman for A-Z Janitorial Supply. He has a son, Elleigh, age 2.

William Patton is employed by DHL/Excel Logistics as America’s Category Manager. He resides in Westerville with his wife Wendy Ehrenreich.

Michelle Williams is a Financial Management Officer with the U.S. Army. She resides in Arlington, Va. With her husband, Jeffrey.

Megan Mulligan Kessler recently received her Master’s in Nursing from Otterbein University.

Alumni Updates
1999
Allison Hohman Davidson and her husband Blaine '00 reside in Logan with their son Maxwell, age 2. Allison is a registered nurse with Ohio Health.

Stacey Kyser resides in Columbus and is Director of Volunteer Services at National Church Residences.

2000
Blaine Davidson and his wife Allison Hohman ’99 Davidson make their home in Logan. Blaine is the CEO of Hocking Hills Winery. They have a son Maxwell, age 2.

Erin Hale Gregory is married to Travis Gregory. She resides in Milford Center, Ohio with her husband and children Elizabeth, 7, and Rebecca, 2.

2001
Christina Dunham Openlander, a tax accountant with Ernst & Young, lives in Houston, Texas with her husband Michael.

2002
Colin Masters is a lawyer and is a Director of Policy Analysis at Fidelity. He makes his home in Boston, Mass. with his new wife Laura Flannery ’03.

Mike Niklos is the Head Strength and Performance Coach at Acceleration Sports Performance in Naperville, Ill.

2003
Jeff Carroll is an anesthetist with North Florida Anesthesia Consultants. He lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Laura Flannery is a Medicine and Pediatrics Resident at Massachusetts General Hospital. She resides in Boston, Mass. with her husband Colin Masters ’02.

Caitlin Pohlit is currently doing a one-year internship at Texas A&M after graduating from OSU with a degree in veterinary medicine. She received a Student Recognition award from OSU.

2005
Liam Flynn works as a Frac Water Manager for Shalewater Solutions. He resides in Fairmont, W.Va.

Matthew Nicol is a veterinarian at Bethel Animal Hospital. He lives in Columbus with his wife Megan Meuti Nicol and his daughter, Madeleine, age 2.

Alexandra Viertel is a registered nurse at UK Chandler Hospital.

2006
Karissa Boeckman Bowman is a teacher and Service Director at Bishop Watterson High School. She resides in Blacklick with her husband, Christopher. They have a one-year-old son, Hayden.

Bobby Hogan is a firefighter with the West Jefferson Fire Department. He resides in Dublin, Ohio, and is engaged to Kate Liston ’06.

Brad Kernan works as an insurance agent with Kernan Insurance Agency in Powell, Ohio He is a graduate of the University of Dayton.

Kate Liston is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University. She is engaged to Bobby Hogan ’06, and they are planning to marry in August.

Matthew Phelan is a professional cook at Lupa Osteria Romana, a Batali Restaurant in New York City. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. and now resides in Chelsea.

Eagles at the 2015 National Championship

2010
Chris Smyke and Alexandra Repke ’13 (front center in band photo) are members of the OSU band that performed at the National Championship.

2012
Craig Fada is a member of The 2014 Ohio State National Championship football team.

2013
Eddie Passen is a sophomore cheerleader at OSU and cheered in the National Championship game.
2007
Sean Campbell resides in Columbus and is employed by Focus Logistics Solutions.

Christina Mapes is a general manager at Target. She resides in Louisville, Ky.

2008
Colleen Campbell resides in Columbus and is a preschool teacher at Little Dreamers Big Believers. She is also an assistant coach for the BWHS girls track team.

2009
Megan Black is an RN and staff nurse at The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. She lives in Dublin, Ohio.

Caroline Conte is the Communications Coordinator for Texans for Greg Abbott. She lives in Austin, Texas.

Mariana Ramirez is the Director of Admissions at Northwestern University. She makes her home in Chicago.

Jacqueline Schlunt Welp is a law student. She resides in Loveland, Ohio.

Jonathan Smith is the Team Director for Fellowship of Catholic University Students. He resides in Columbus.

2010
Mary Kate Campbell is employed as an admissions counselor for Tiffin University.

Ben Maurer graduated from Bowling Green with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is currently attending the Ohio Police Association’s Training Academy.

2011
Sarah Condon received the Carol Donley Endowed Scholarship at Hiram College. She is in the Biomedical Humanities program and captain of the women’s soccer team.

Hayley Dougherty is president of OSU’s Undergraduate Business Women’s Association. She is also president of the Newman Center Council.

Sarah Huber was recently named University of Georgia’s Amazing Student. She will graduate from UGA this Spring and will attend Dental School there this fall.

2013
Paulina Eberts and Alisa Noll received scholarships from the Society of Women Engineers for the 2014-15 school year. Eberts attends the University of Notre Dame and Noll attends Ohio State.

Taylor Frohnapfel resides in St. Joseph, Mo.

Weddings
Sean Gilliland ’06 married Lidia Farinazo on February 28, 2015.

Sarah Ryser ’00, married Michael Salvatori at St. Michael Church in Chicago on November 8, 2014.

Brian DeLucia ’06 married Karen Partridge ’06 at St. Brigid of Kildare on September 6, 2014.

Laura Flannery ’03 and Colin Masters ’02 were married in Newport, R.I. on August 16, 2014.

Katy McEwan ’08 and Christian Salmons ’07 were married at St. Andrew’s Church on August 2, 2014.

Ryan Kunk ’00 and Nicole Lorenz ’06 married at St. Brigid of Kildare on July 26, 2014.


Wedding or BWHS Reunion?: John Swartz ’02, Jeff Pollack ’02, Paul Flannery ’05, Yuri Bartz ’02, Nick Masters ’05, Colin Masters ’02, Laura Flannery ’03, Meghan Keoe ’04, Nora Fritz ’03, Lizzy Mazer ’04, Patrick Bourland ’02, Michael Lottes ’02, and John Atzberger ’02 gather in Rhode Island to celebrate the wedding of Colin Masters and Laura Flannery.

New Arrivals
Molly Ryser ’06 Purcell and her husband Mike welcomed Emma Lucille on March 2, 2015.

Daniel ’03 and Carly DeLucia welcomed son James Thomas on December 14, 2014.

Lisa Ricci ’00 Holdren and husband Mitch welcomed Samantha Eve Holdren on December 3, 2014. She joins big sister Lauren Page.

Jessica Ceritelli ’01 Kapcar and her husband Joe, welcomed Nicholas Joseph on November 25, 2014.

Michael Hilty ’99 and his wife Melissa welcomed Michael Clayton III on October 29, 2014.

Brittany Hutson ’98 Latoche and her husband Jim welcomed baby Lillian Catherine on October 22, 2014. This is the first grandchild of Principal Marian Hutson.

Send us your updates!
Go to www.bishopwatterson.com, click on “Community,” then “Alumni,” then “Alumni Information Form” to give us updated contact information, including email addresses.
Christina Ceritelli '03 Wooten and her husband Tony have a new baby daughter Ava Marie, born October 17, 2014.

Jessica Anthony '06 Reis and her husband Matthew welcomed Isabella Alaine on July 9, 2014.

Brad Kernan and Sarah welcomed Ella Elizabeth on May 4, 2014.

Megan Mulligan ’94 Kessler and her husband Tim, welcomed Johnathan Everett on April 27, 2014. He joins his older brothers Thomas, age 9 and Timothy, age 7.

### Retirees: Five teachers retired at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Seated—left to right: English teacher Sharon Vice ’62 Alloway, Guidance Counselor Charlene Ernst; standing—math teacher Kim Cannell, Service Director Barb Sauter, and science teacher Helen Ortlieb. Mrs. Alloway retired from full-time teaching but now teaches two senior English classes each day.

- **1959**
  - Virginia DePietro Cloran
  - April 22, 2014
- **1962**
  - Trina Pafford Falk
  - August 26, 2014
- **1963**
  - Barbara Mitchell Wears
  - July 17, 2014
- **1965**
  - Elizabeth “Betsy” Stevens Lorr
  - August 17, 2014
- **1966**
  - John Michael Favret
  - May 23, 2014
  - Vicki Ann Nolan
  - March 15, 2014
- **1968**
  - Gerald L. Wilshire
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- **1969**
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- **1971**
  - Patrice McGarity Brown
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- **1974**
  - Elizabeth Macklin Beddow
  - March 17, 2015
- **1978**
  - Cliff Ryan
  - March 28, 2015
  - Catherine Wechter Styborski
  - May 21, 2014
- **1983**
  - Nanci Melfi Stradley
  - December 15, 2014
- **1998**
  - Lisa Beth Landes
  - March 27, 2014
- **2001**
  - Julie Christine Priwer
  - March 15, 2015
- **2008**
  - Raquel T. Padro
  - November 29, 2014

### Former Bishop Watterson Staff

- **Michael Byron Crisp**
  - June 20, 2014
- **Sister Irene Euman, OP**
  - August 28, 2014
- **Reverend William J. Metzger**
  - November 4, 2014
- **Sister Nancy (John Baptist) McAward, OP**
  - November 14, 2014
- **Sister Rita Agnes Masse, OP**
  - November 16, 2014
- **Sister Michele Ryan, OP**
  - April 5, 2014
- **Sister Laurene (Malcolm) Hagman, OP**
  - July 16, 2014

### Say Goodbye

- **1958**
  - Thomas Anthony Hassey
  - May 9, 2014
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The National High School Baseball Coaches Association has announced that Bishop Watterson coach Scott Manahan is a member of the 2015 class in the NHSBCA Hall of Fame.

Manahan's teams have won 15 league championships, 19 sectional titles, nine District Championships and have played in three State Final Fours, winning the Division II State Championship at Bishop Watterson in 1997. More information on this award can be found at www.bishop-watterson.com.

Steve Dew of Logan, Ohio, and Joe Emsweller of Columbus were inducted to the BWHS Homecoming Hall of Fame during homecoming week 2014. They join 78 members dating back to the Hall's inception in 1979. Dew and Emsweller were welcomed to Bishop Watterson during homecoming week for a special presentation at a school assembly and at halftime of the Bishop Watterson / St. Francis DeSales varsity football game.

Dew was instrumental in the renovation of Hagely Field in 1995. He was always willing to help in the school as well, replacing lighting, upgrading the kitchen and science labs and assisting in various ways with the new additions.

Emsweller served as the varsity football team’s statistician for 23 years. He was a member of the Bishop Watterson Athletic Association and served as president in 1987.
Second Athletic Hall of Fame Class Inducted

BWHS recently honored the second group to be entered into the Bishop Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame. The class consists of eight individuals who distinguished themselves either on the field of play or through their dedication to the athletic program as a coach or administrator. These inductees joined the 12 individuals inducted into Bishop Watterson’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013.

Janet Baird ’87
Baird played field hockey for BWHS from 1984-86 and has served as head coach since 1997. She has led the Eagles to eight final four appearances, winning state championships in 2005 and 2009.

Daniel DeLucia ’03

Sister Sally Duffy
Sister was the first female head coach at Bishop Watterson, leading the girls basketball and softball teams from 1968-75 and the field hockey team from 1971-75. In addition, she coached the track and field team from 1972-75.

Mike Hilliard ’67
Hilliard wrestled for the Eagles from 1963-67, winning the state championship and compiling a 27-0 record in the 175 lb. weight class. He also played football from 1963-66 and was a starter on the 1966 state championship (UPI) undefeated team.

Paul Pardi
Pardi has served as the announcer for BWHS home football games for 57 years, having started the job in 1958.

Mary Ellen Seidel ’77 O’Brien
O’Brien was a four-sport star for the Eagles, competing in basketball, softball, field hockey and track and field from 1974-77. She was also the first female athlete from BWHS to sign a national letter of intent to play sports in college, signing with Miami University. O’Brien was first-team all-Ohio, first-team all-Metro and all-league in basketball for the 1975-76 and 1976-77 seasons. In addition, she was named all-league in softball in 1976.

Msgr. Edward Spiers (posthumous)
Msgr. Spiers oversaw the construction of BWHS and three Catholic high schools in Columbus and he was the first principal at Bishop Watterson.

Meg Uritus ’94 Zimpfer
Zimpfer was a four-year starter (1990-93) and letter winner in soccer. She was also a Parade All-American, four-time first-team all-district, two-time all-state and two-time all-region in soccer. In addition, Zimpfer was a three-year starter (1990-94) for the Eagle basketball team.
Mike Kenney ’93 and Nick King ’93, local commercial real estate entrepreneurs who created a business center classroom at BWHS, revamped two more classrooms during the summer of 2014. Members of the Kenney and King families as well as students and BWHS staff attended a classroom blessing.

Seated: Junior Maya Steller, senior Neejad Chidiac, senior Maggie Hamrock.

Standing: Business Department Chair Sheri Cook, Diocese of Columbus Schools Superintendent Dr. Joe Brettnacher, junior Jacob Winters, Mike Kenney ’93, Nick King ’93, junior Oliver Schroeder, senior Gino Dettorre, and Principal Marian Hutson.

We are grateful to Mr. Kenney and Mr. King for their generous donations!

Spring Musical

BWHS presented Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella (Enchanted Edition) this spring, with sellouts for every show. The musical was directed by Liz Thomas ’87 O’Dorisio.

The cast included, left to right–Amelia Johnson and Elizabeth Rieser as the stepsisters and Emily Thomas as the stepmother, Meghan Noonan as the fairy godmother, Patrick Munhall as Christopher the prince, Alexis Eldredge as Cinderella, Andy Simmons as Lionel, Jacob Erney as the king and Hannah Hess as the queen.
This year we will celebrate 60 years of educating students in the Catholic tradition.

Each year, we ask for your contributions to the Annual Eagle Fund in order to help us continue the Bishop Watterson tradition of “Exemplary Catholic Education, Rooted in Faith, Committed to Excellence.” Additionally, we look to planned gifts as a way to ensure the longevity of our mission and school.

By definition, planned giving is a major gift that comes from the donor’s financial or estate planning. Gifts could come from appreciated securities or stock, real estate, a retirement plan or even cash – but they are generally made from outside of one’s discretionary income. Some donors are in a position to make the gift (or multiple gifts) during their lifetime, but many make the gift as a bequest in their will. Planned gifts can offer many benefits to the donor, including tax benefits or the potential for returned income.

Often, a planned gift is put into an endowment fund, which allows the one-time gift to grow and provides a permanent source of funds for the intended beneficiary. Bishop Watterson is blessed to receive financial support from several endowment funds created by generous donors. We ask you to consider making a contribution to these existing funds or, if you are able, consider opening your own endowment fund with Bishop Watterson High School as the beneficiary.

Currently, The Catholic Foundation manages our existing endowments. In the coming months, Bishop Watterson will implement several planned giving initiatives to support our school. We are excited to again partner with The Catholic Foundation to provide the planned giving options that best suit your family and your financial goals. Loren Brown, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation, served as the keynote speaker at the inaugural St. Paul John II Legacy Society Speaker Series held in Dominican Hall on April 16.

We ask you to prayerfully consider your role in supporting these upcoming initiatives. We are continually blessed by your generosity and commitment to Bishop Watterson High School, and we hope to work together towards a goal of ensuring an excellent Catholic education for our future students.
CALENDAR

May 12  Band Concert
May 19  Choir Concert
May 26  Memorial Day
May 30  Graduation
June 2   Last Day of School
June 19  Mike Crisp Alumni Backyard Shindig
August 26  First Day of School
September 4-6  Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend
September 13  Legends Golf Outing

< Need some BWHS spirit wear?
Check out Eagle Store items at bishopwatterson.com then contact Sheri Cook to order at scook@cdeducation.org.