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Mark Zupan, '77, President of Alfred University,  
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Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

At the start of each school year, my message to our students and staff is: love God, do your best, and take care of one another. This involves making seemingly small decisions, day by day and minute by minute, that can have a lasting impact on the people and world around us.

While we encourage this decision-making in our students and make the call on many things every day here at the high school, our alumni are out in the world making the call in their chosen fields, guiding others or even accepting the call to serve the people of God.

Mike Kenney '93 and Nick King '93 felt called to bring their expertise to Bishop Watterson and to take the lead in remodeling our classrooms, a job that began in 2013 with the creation of our business classroom. With this undertaking now complete, BWHS has ventured into a project to revamp our backfield. This project, set to be complete in August 2019, will allow more of our sports teams and our band to practice and compete on home fields.

We hope you will find this Eagle Review fun and informative as we introduce some of our alumni whose paths in life involve making or answering calls of all sorts.

What is next for Bishop Watterson? Time will tell. Whatever it is, we always strive to make the right call for the good of our students so they can move forward to make or answer a call of their own.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deacon Chris Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deacon" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name.

Deacon Chris Campbell  
Principal



# Zupan Leads Alfred University

By Heather Weekley '07 Lofy

**ABOVE**  
Mark Zupan, 1977 graduate of Bishop Watterson High School

**RIGHT**  
Mark Zupan, President of Alfred University poses with Saxon, the official mascot of Alfred University

When he was younger, Mark Zupan '77 thought about being a doctor, a lawyer or a politician. The education realm was not on the list but that is where he landed. Zupan is now President of Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y.

Looking back, joining the Bishop Watterson In The Know team may have been a step in that direction.

"People at Watterson like Barb Sauter made a huge influence in my life," Zupan said. "She steered me toward Harvard [University]. The teachers and staff cared about your development as a person."

Zupan, who attended St. Timothy School and graduated from Bishop Watterson in 1977, went on to enter the world of academia and he hasn't left since. At Harvard, he studied economics, and then earned his doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). During his time as a faculty member at the University of Southern California (USC), Zupan grew his passion for higher education even more.

"USC was basically a football school at the time," he said. "It had a little bit of a beat-down attitude. But they had a president that came about and really changed the place for the better. Nowadays they compete head to head with Berkeley and Stanford. The president there was a mentor."

After spending time at the University of Arizona

and then as a dean at the University of Rochester, Zupan has now found his home at Alfred University. Since July 2016, he has been making calls on a daily basis - whether they be academic, strategic or innovative. Founded in 1836, Alfred University is a private school with nearly 2,000 students. The school's current strategic plan has three main themes: "Transform Student Lives and Better Our World," "Forge Strength Through Inclusivity" and "Amplify our Impact."

"It's been a wonderful place to join," Zupan said. "It was the first place to fully admit women. Oberlin usually gets the credit. But at Oberlin, you had to study home economics or something like that. Our first class in 1836 had 22 women and 14 men. It was also one of the first places to admit African-Americans and Native Americans. Frederick Douglass came to visit several times."

For Zupan, being a university president is a 24/7 job. He said that roughly half of his time is spent presenting the university to the general public. This involves fundraising, opening organizational doors for students and supporting research grants. It also means staying in touch with Alfred alumni scattered throughout the world.

"I very much experienced and appreciated the warmth of the Watterson high school community, and seeing how Alfred University had a similar



emphasis on inclusivity and caring was a big draw to joining,” Zupan said.

The sense of community is evident in a story he tells about attending an Alfred women’s volleyball match during his first year as president. Although Zupan couldn’t stay for the entire match, he received a thank-you note from the entire team two days later.

“It’s a place that little things get noticed and appreciated,” he explains. “I like that 50 percent of our students are the first in their family to go to college.”

Other things Zupan enjoys about his role? He gets to interact with the next generation and learn about their ideas and perspectives. Despite his busy schedule and responsibilities as president, Zupan has taught two courses this year. One relates to a campus-wide initiative called Common Ground, where students learn to respect each others’ differences. The other is a leadership course to develop thinking skills.

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“We are bringing in a host of alumni speakers,” said Zupan. “Each has time to pitch an idea to make the university better. Students have to pick an idea, research the idea and present to a group of distinguished alumni. There’s even a monetary prize. We’ll see what the students come up with... I’ve run something like this at other universities.”

One important lesson Zupan has learned in his career is humility. Back when he was an associate dean, he

piloted an idea that didn’t quite take off.

“I would fundraise a lot and fly on planes,” he said. “They would give you stickers to give to flight attendants who did a great job. I thought it was a great idea and we should bring it back to the students. They could offer it back to professors who have done a good job. It ended up being an unmitigated disaster. We had to discontinue the program. Not all the calls work out, but you have to celebrate what you do.”

Zupan also wears the hat of father to two adult children. Will, 27, is in Buenos Aires, Argentina running a business where students and recent graduates can work on their Spanish-speaking skills while partaking in volunteer opportunities. Walker, 23, has a theater degree and is currently teaching English in France.

While he said he has learned to be an extrovert, Zupan enjoys his time at home at night to read books and relax. But those social groups, like sports and In The Know, during his time at Bishop Watterson led Zupan to develop friendships that have lasted.

“The community Watterson provided made a real difference,” Zupan said.

So what advice can he impart on high school students and their parents preparing for college? As a parent, let your child experiment and test out different things.

“I never would have predicted coming into Watterson to become an economist or go into administration,” Zupan said. “Having lived that with two sons, there is an old saying you are just as happy as your least happy child. No matter the nurturing environment, you never know what health challenges may come along, what friendship challenges, or emotional and mental struggles. Be thankful for the gifts you have and for your opportunities.”



# Invisibility Suits Timmons

By Colleen Mar

When Tim Timmons '86 goes to work he prefers to be unnoticed. This may sound odd considering that he's standing in front of thousands of people on the field of a Major League Baseball game. As an umpire, Timmons aims to do his job so well that there is no need for the crowd to pay him any attention.

"The biggest compliment I can get is, 'Who worked the game?'" he said. "You want to be absolutely perfect, and we all know that's impossible. As an umpire, the excitement is when no one notices you."

Timmons' baseball career began in Columbus where he still lives with wife Leslie and sons Jack, Connor, and Reilly. He played baseball at Bishop Watterson and was certain he wanted the game to be a part of his life, so he went on to play at Muskingum University.

"I figured out by sophomore year that I was not going to make money playing baseball," Timmons said.

This realization led to Timmons transferring to Ohio State, where he began umpiring high school games as a supplemental income. Eventually he became certified to do college games.

"When I grew up, my dad was in the OHSAA Officials Hall of Fame for officiating. He worked games at Ohio State and Ohio University and others and so I grew up watching him referee. He was also president of the local association."

Realizing he seemed to be following in his father's footsteps and seeking to hone his own umpiring skills, Timmons attended Joe Brinkman Umpire School in Cocoa, Florida. That is where he found out that his knack for umpiring could be legitimate at higher levels of baseball.

"After about two weeks at the umpire school I realized I was pretty good," said Timmons. "At times in life you see things very clearly and at this time I

realized I was better than most and was one of six umpires given minor-league spring training jobs. I was 22, going to OSU and working at The Lakes Country Club. I went from working Legion ball to professional baseball and I worked the plate the first day.

The guy on the mound was Rick Sutcliffe who was big league but rehabbing in the minors.

"The pitches were substantially better than the pitches in the Legion league," Timmons said with a laugh.

For about five years, from January to mid-November, Timmons studied the craft of umpiring in the minor leagues.

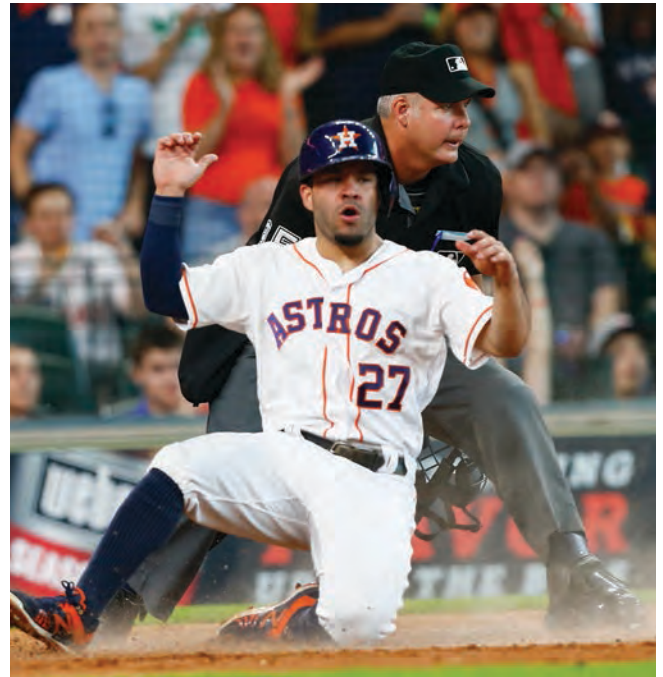
"For a kid who hadn't traveled all that much, it was a new experience," Timmons said. "At that time, from rookie all the way up to AA, the umpires shared a hotel room. The rooms were so small you had to put one foot in the tub just to use the toilet!"

By 1994 Timmons was working AA games and was assigned to the Hall of Fame Game, a good sign that he was advancing.

"You have to do the job fundamentally and you have to see things clearly," Timmons said. "As I moved through the ranks my approach was that I was going to use my God-given ability and if they liked it I could continue."

And so he did, to spring training in 1997 and his first game in the big leagues in 1999. He was hired full-time in 2001.

"The speed of the game from AA to the big leagues is exponentially faster," Timmons said. "If I could package what I see on that baseball field for the fans to see, they would have to have 150,000



seats in the stadium. What happens with a baseball, a bat and a glove on the field is unbelievable. It's super-human what happens out there."

While the obligation to see clearly in order to call a baseball game properly would be daunting to most people, Timmons felt prepared. He said Bishop Watterson, and Catholic schools in general, foster a sense of responsibility.

"As a student at Watterson I figured out early that I was not performing for my teachers, I was performing for my class," he said. "In the early years of umpiring I worked with plenty of guys that had a lot of talent but who worked differently if there was a supervisor watching. I worked the same every night. If I wasn't



mentally exhausted at the end of the night I had not given my best. At Watterson there was accountability in that someone was going to ask if your work was your best. If you give your best then you're able to serve yourself and serve others."

In the fall of 2018 Timmons got the call every Major League umpire yearns for ... he was chosen to umpire at his first World Series.

"You hang up the phone and you're like, 'Yes, I got it!' And then you're wondering what you got yourself into."

Then he had 12 days to think about the fact that he would be umpiring the World Series.

"It's just a ballgame, and it's the World Series," Timmons said. "You don't want to make a mistake and you want to be fair to both teams who have worked all

summer and their whole lives to get there as well. Anxiety is a part of it and anyone who tells you it's not is lying to you. The biggest lesson I learned from working the World Series is that the anticipation of an event can be more stressful than the actual event itself. You have to realize you have trained, you have studied, and you have invested the time to master your craft. Just because it's a new experience doesn't mean you haven't done it before."

Arriving in Boston with his family, Timmons had a sleepless night followed by a visit to Boston Children's Hospital with Umps Care Charities, an organization that reaches out to at-risk youth, children with serious illnesses and military families to provide memorable baseball experiences. The organization also has a scholarship program for children who

were adopted later in life.

"We visited the oncology unit and there was a boy who was really sick and he said he wants to be an umpire," he said. "What it meant to take those people out of the situation just for a couple of moments is something to share and I'm so honored to have had that opportunity and to have been asked to officiate the game. It was a lifelong dream and everything went well ... knock on wood."

Timmons has been a board member of Umps Care Charities for many years and when he is home in Columbus he delivers Meals on Wheels, something he has been doing for 15 years.

"The service component at Bishop Watterson teaches you to get out of yourself," he said. "The reason I do what I do is so that ultimately I can be in the best position to help others."

He also credits Bishop Watterson with teaching him perseverance.

"At Watterson you learn you're not going to be at your best every day so you have to have patience with yourself," Timmons said. "You have to be firm with yourself but not overly critical. Every situation where I have been wrong or perceived to be wrong, there is a lesson. Everything that happens, negative or positive, is something to learn from."

"I still go out every day with an effort to master my craft. I'm coming up on 21 years in the big leagues and I've yet to have a game that was perfect. With 120 games a year that's a lot of effort to get better."

Timmons carries numerous lessons from his Bishop Watterson years but one in particular guides him through life as a Major League Baseball umpire.

"Jesus is with you every day, even though 50,000 people may think you don't have a mother."

#### LEFT

Tim Timmons '86 (back) and Astros® player, Jose Altuve.

#### RIGHT

Tim Timmons umpires a game between the Padres and the Dodgers.



# Al Washington — IS — HOME

By Colleen Mar



Twelve years after starting the journey into coaching college football, Al Washington '02 is living in Columbus again. In January he was hired by Ohio State coach Ryan Day as the team's new linebackers coach, with OSU now the eighth college at which Washington has coached.

It is a natural fit as Washington's dad, also Al, played for the Buckeyes from 1977-80 and still ranks eighth in all-time tackles. His wife, Melissa, is an Ohio State graduate. In addition, Day was a graduate assistant coach at BC for two seasons while Washington was a defensive end there from 2002-2005.

When Washington graduated from Bishop Watterson and was headed to Boston College, the idea of becoming a college coach – anywhere, let alone Ohio State – was the furthest thing from his mind.

"My thought process when I went to Boston College was that I wanted to do well there in school and football," Washington said. "I just knew that I

wanted to do well, to make my family proud and my school proud and I just tried to do the best I could. As the next challenge showed up I just kept rolling with it."

Washington said the people he was surrounded by and the lessons he learned while in high school were especially formative.

"Watterson helped shape my values and the standard of what's expected of you," he said. "Just the standard of excellence ... they ask more of you even just in what you wear. It never dawned on me back then to want the nice shirt or nice shoes because you learn to make room for the stuff that really matters, the standard of excellence."

After Washington earned a degree in sociology from Boston College, he served as defensive line coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2007, a graduate assistant at North Carolina State in 2008, defensive line coach at Slippery Rock University in 2009-10, and linebackers coach at Elon University in 2011. He then landed back at Boston College as assistant special teams and defensive line coach in 2012, followed by running backs coach from 2013-15 and defensive line coach in 2016.

During this time Al and wife Melissa started a family. Their son Michael is now three and daughter Audrey is one.

When Columbus native Luke Fickell took the helm of the University of



Cincinnati's football program in 2017, he brought Washington on board to coach the defensive line. Washington then spent 2018 coaching linebackers at the University of Michigan before being hired by Day, who values not just Washington's coaching abilities but also his talent for recruiting.

"Al Washington is going to be a terrific addition to our coaching staff," Day said when he hired Washington. "I've known him as a player and as a coach and I know his family very well. I think his familiarity with this region as a coach and as a recruiter is going to be very impactful, as will his leadership with our linebackers unit."

Through the years as Washington made recruiting trips to Columbus, he has frequently stopped at Bishop Watterson, where he still finds many familiar faces teaching.

"At Watterson you're around good people, everybody from the teachers to the staff and students, people who really care about you," he said. "I remember being in Mr. Huff's class and him pushing me. He's a really good teacher. And then coach Golden pushing us at practice. Coach Golden gave me so much love



*"At Watterson you're around good people, everybody from the teachers to the staff and students, people who really care about you."*

and he gave me confidence. I still keep in touch with him. I love that guy.

"Dan Bjelac would spend extra time to work with me on shot put for track season, and Sister Mary Hope spent a ton of time with me helping me get my essays ready for college. She had a way about her to be sweet but also no-nonsense and she didn't make you feel indebted.

"When you're a part of that community, people pour into you and now I try to pour it back and treat people right," Washington said.

He said he tries to emulate the care he was shown in his roles as coach and recruiter, roles for which he has developed a positive reputation. When he is recruiting players, he's making a lot of calls. Depending on the timing of

the recruiting calendar, he could make or send 20-30 calls or texts a day.

"Some people will come to visit the program and then you text and check up on them," said Washington. "If a kid had a big game coming up, you might check in on how that went."

For Washington it all comes back to the examples he experienced at Bishop Watterson.

"I think the best way competition is expressed in recruiting is in the frequency of contact,"

Washington said. "As Coach [Urban] Meyer says, you spell love t-i-m-e. You've got to spend time, you've got to reach out. I think to myself, 'How would I talk to this guy if he was my brother?' I just try to connect with people. It's naturally aligned with my personality. I just try to pour it into people like people poured it into me."

#### LEFT & RIGHT

Al Washington '02



# Pongonis Path:

## Ray Cares for Athletes, Marilyn Guides Organ Donations

By Colleen Mar





When Marilyn Weldon and Ray Pongonis '71 met in their sophomore geometry class in 1968, they were a couple of normal teenagers attending Bishop Watterson. They had a group of mutual friends to spend time with on the weekends. They were dating but had no idea they'd eventually be married and both find careers helping others make important decisions.

Today Ray is a sports medicine physician who treats athletes at The Ohio State University and who is a team physician for the Buckeyes. Marilyn has spent 22 years getting the word out about the importance of organ donation.

The two dated through high school and then went to different colleges, Marilyn to Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati and Ray to Ashland University on a football and baseball scholarship.

"I realized early on that I didn't want to be a teacher, nurse or nun and those were really the only real options at Mount St. Joseph at the time," said Marilyn. "So, I made the conscious decision to transfer to Ohio State to study journalism. The 70s were a very exciting time to be studying journalism with the war in Vietnam and Woodward and Bernstein and so I worked on *The Lantern* and got to do some exciting things."

Meanwhile, an injury sidelined Ray at Ashland. Knowing he wanted to go to medical school, he also transferred to Ohio State.

The two were married after they graduated and moved to Chicago for Ray to attend medical school at Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. Newspapers did not pay journalists especially well so Marilyn instead took a job writing public relations pieces so they could afford to pay for medical school. When that was finished they moved back to Columbus for Ray's residency and have been here ever since, raising Pogie (Raymond Jr.) '99 and Katie '01.

Ray's focus in medicine was becoming clearer.

"Having been a student athlete and knowing how critical it was to stay on the field of play and also understanding the importance trainers and team physicians had in keeping me able to play, I always had an interest in sports medicine," said Ray. "When I started in this field there were no residencies or fellowships in sports medicine. The specialty has now developed and at Ohio State we

now have two primary care fellows who are doing an extra year in training in sports medicine. Most have done family practice residencies."

In 1985 Dr. Pongonis started working with Bishop Watterson athletes when Dr. Ernie Melaragno, who was Bishop Watterson's team physician at the time, reached out.

"Dr. Melaragno is still one of the most caring, compassionate physicians I've ever worked with," said Ray. "He was great to me, knowing I was interested in getting into sports. He asked me to get involved at Watterson and eventually he turned the reins over to me."

Then in 1994 Ray got a call that would shift his career again. Dr. John Lombardo had taken over as the head team physician at Ohio State and was looking for a doctor who had specialty training in manipulative therapy and who also had an interest in sports. The two met and Dr. Pongonis has been on staff at OSU ever since.

Sports medicine has evolved over that time.

"Over the past 25 years I think the responsibility of making the call on whether an athlete can or cannot play has become much more in the forefront," said Dr. Pongonis. "We're asked those questions every day when an athlete gets hurt: how long are they going to be out, what can we do to get them back on the field of play?"

"Fortunately, I have experience as an athlete in high school and college, experience as a coach, experience as a parent of two children who were involved in athletics and now as a physician. So I've been in every role as a stakeholder in how these decisions get made. First and foremost,

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*"It's very gratifying that you were in a position to make a difference for them and that they're extremely grateful for how you helped them."*

—Ray Pongonis '71

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#### LEFT

Ray and Marilyn Pongonis with BWHS classmate Andy Todd, center, at the 2015 National Championship game

we need to focus on the student athlete and doing what is best for their health and well-being. We give the student athlete, the parents and the coaches the information so they can make the best decision on returning to play and making sure it is done safely."

high-profile athletes at Ohio State, when they come to town they frequently come back to see you whether they're playing at the next level and dealing with injuries or they move back to town and want you to become their family physician. It's very gratifying that you were in a position to make a difference for them and that they're extremely grateful for how you helped them."

With Friday nights taken up with travel to OSU away games, Dr. Pongonis could not always be at Bishop Watterson football games so Dr. Doug DiOrio '86, who had done his fellowship with Pongonis, would fill in and eventually took the lead for the Eagles.

"He has the same passion for Watterson that I do," said Dr. Pongonis. "We both have a great sense of giving back to that community so now I help him out on the sidelines. I still like being involved."

"When we need Dr. Pongonis, he's here," said BWHS Head Trainer Erick Boucher. "All I have to do is call."

So while Ray was helping BWHS athletes, Marilyn was doing freelance public relations work and became involved on the BWHS school board as the representative from St. Agatha. She eventually served as school board president. But as their kids entered high school she also wanted to get back to full-time work.

"I answered a blind ad in the Columbus Dispatch for a public relations specialist," said Marilyn. "When I started the interview process I realized it was for Lifeline of Ohio and the cause of organ donation. I said to myself, 'Wow, if I got this job it would be the easiest job I've ever had' but the truth is that I'm still here 22 years later because it was the most challenging. I learned very quickly that even though I made the decision to be an organ donor easily, not everyone does."

She recently retired and is transitioning out of Lifeline of Ohio, helping her replacement and doing special projects. Lifeline of Ohio is the federally designated

organ procurement organization for central and southwestern Ohio. Since she started there as the one public relations specialist, her department has now grown to a staff of 11.

"It is a cause I will always stay connected to because it is important and impacts so many people," she said. "It's the kind of cause that might not seem relevant until it touches your life. People may have made the decision to be a donor but it's not something they think about until they need a transplant themselves or they know someone who needs a transplant or they have a loved one who dies and needs one. It's only in those moments when you connect to it that you realize how important it is."

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—Marilyn Pongonis '71

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Marilyn has encountered and connected with many donors and recipients and has talked through the organ donation process with hundreds more.

"I consider myself first and foremost a writer," she said. "It's what I still love to do and hope to continue doing. What I have loved about my work at Lifeline of Ohio is the storytelling part of it. There are people on the brink of death whose lives were saved by an organ donor, people whose lives were severely impacted by pain who received healing tissue, or someone who was blind who received sight through corneas. You can't make this stuff up. It's



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While he cares for any of the 1,200 athletes in 36 sports at OSU, Dr. Pongonis spends a lot of time with the football team in particular, including traveling to away games. He can be found in four different training rooms on campus and also has a family practice where he sees regular patients and athletes who are referred to him.

"We've had a great run at Ohio State," said Dr. Pongonis. "As a family we've spent many Christmases and New Years at bowl games. We've won two national championships and played in two more and it has been exciting. They have always been very inclusive of the doctors. We've frequently been called upon to act as the family physician not only for the players but also for the coaches and their families."

The result is that often athletes will come back for care from Dr. Pongonis after their competitive careers are complete.

"Having taken care of a lot of these





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beautiful and it has been my privilege to be able to tell these stories. Our donors were amazing people in life and even

more amazing in death. We consider them heroes and I love to tell hero stories."

Marilyn and Ray feel that their experience at Bishop Watterson was integral to not just the fact that they found each other but also integral to their individual career paths in life.

"When I got to college, even in the 70s, I felt so well prepared and so far ahead of most of the students I was in class with, especially at Ohio State at the time. I think my children felt the same way when they got to college," said Marilyn. "I came out with a strong educational foundation but certainly the

values, the people we were associated with and our teachers really prepared us for all of the ethical decisions we would have to make in our lives. Our teachers at Watterson really prepared us to operate ethically in the world, to understand social justice. I feel really honored now to be connected with a cause [organ donation] that allows me to live those values and bring those values to the world as well. I always told my kids the value of a Catholic education is the intangibles. You can't see it until you can see it from the perspective of how the rest of the world is.

"It's interesting the path life takes you on."

## Organ Donation

Marilyn Pongonis is passionate about getting proper information to the public about organ donation. She has worked to answer common questions and dispel misperceptions such as:

*"If I have organ donor on my license the hospital won't take care of me."*

"Doctors at a hospital are only concerned about you. They have no thought or interaction with anyone waiting for an organ. It's only when a death occurs that an organization like Lifeline of Ohio gets involved," said Marilyn Pongonis. "There is no competition for who procures organs. It is federally regulated and the hospital is removed from the process. Less than one percent of us will ever die in a way that makes organ donation possible. It happens in cases of brain death. The opportunity is so rare that when it happens, if that person has not made the decision to be an organ donor, it's tragic."

For all death declarations, hospitals are required to call the organ procurement organization assigned to their area. Each death is evaluated for the potential of organ, tissue or cornea donation.

If the deceased has indicated the wish to be an organ donor, then it is already authorized. If not, then the family is asked.

Organs are allocated according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, otherwise referred to as the waitlist. Each organ is matched individually by blood type and body size and medical urgency. "If you're on the transplant waiting list and you're the sickest patient that matches on that day, then you're going to get that organ," said Pongonis.

"Sometimes people just need to look at me and hear me say, I work for Lifeline of Ohio and this is how the process works. Trust me that you will be cared for until there's nothing else that can be done for you and you die," said Pongonis. "Sometimes they just need reassurance. The entertainment industry loves organ donation because it's dramatic, a good story line, but they never get it right. They'll show someone in the emergency room, waiting, and there's a guy upstairs who dies. That's not how it works. It's not a decision doctors make. It makes people mistrust the medical care."

*"Organ donation is against my religion."*

According to Pongonis, every Western religion approves of organ donation.

"I'm shocked when I hear a Roman Catholic say that," she said. "The church endorses organ donation as an ultimate act of charity."

# Adaptable Swartz Takes on Dual Roles

By Colleen Mar

Roller coasters are a funny thing. The unknowns of the ups and downs and twists and turns thrill and scare at the same time. A ride on a roller coaster is exhilarating.

When Fr. Dan Swartz '07 was sorting out what he would do with his life he embraced the unknowns, diving into a variety of experiences that led him to the dual role of priest and Navy officer.

Swartz entered St. Vincent College as a soccer player majoring in political science. After taking a course in counter terrorism he found himself hanging out with the Marine crowd on campus and feeling drawn to serving the country. He was a couple of weeks away from commissioning in the Marines when his plans began to abruptly shift.

"It was like an ice ball in my stomach, not like before playing sports with the adrenaline rush but more like 'You're doing something wrong,'" he said. "So I prayed about that and told God, if this is not what you want me to do, you're going to have to be loud because the Marines are really loud."

A couple of days later Swartz dislocated an elbow.

Message received.

"I was still on the soccer team but not loving it because the moral situation on the team was not very supportive," Swartz said. "I didn't like the person I could become if I continued down that path."

He took some time off from soccer and college and went to be a missionary for the summer.

"I did what any sane college guy would do: I left the country," he joked.

Swartz ended up spending a year in Europe, going wherever he was needed to speak English.

"I got to see a lot of Europe and how the Catholic Church is universal, how she helps to guide individuals and cultures," said Swartz. "I fell in love with the Church: the mystical body, the history, the architecture, all of it. I didn't know if I was going to be a priest but I knew I needed to try something."

He decided during that missionary year to apply to seminaries. But first he returned to St. Vincent College to finish degrees in political science, philosophy and theology with a minor in Latin.

"I was looking at my last year in college and I wanted to do something different, something fun," he said. "Once you give

up your sport, what do you do? Be a Shakespearean actor!"

Swartz got involved in campus ministry, another new experience.

"New things do scare me but I just think, 'Let's try it anyway.'"

After graduating from St. Vincent he went on to attend the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, earning his master of divinity degree and additional degrees in scripture and theology. He then felt called to serve as a military chaplain and was commissioned into the United States Navy Chaplain Corps as an ensign in January 2015. He was ordained as a priest May 28, 2016.

Swartz has spent the last several years serving in parishes in the Diocese of Columbus, first as an associate pastor at St. Matthew in Gahanna for a year and most recently for a consortium of four parishes in Perry County, Ohio, going from being based at a single parish to spending much more time driving. Serving four parishes requires flexibility as well as a full gas tank.

"From the experience so far in Perry County I have become more intentional about being present, to visit people where they're at. Also, a four-parish assignment

**LEFT**

Fr. Swartz at his ordination

**RIGHT**

Fr. Dan Swartz with Timothy Lee, LTJG





requires a little more adaptability. I might go into the day with expectations of what I can accomplish but in the end I'm happy if I get to two or three things on my list."

Since his Naval commissioning he has had seasonal training in places such as Norfolk, Va., Newport, R.I., Quantico, Va., and Ft. Jackson, S.C.

In July he will transition from his assignment in Perry County to a military deployment; it is still to be decided where Swartz is being deployed.

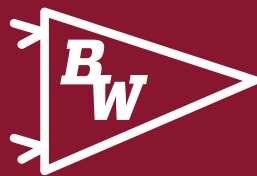
Given his current pastoral assignment serving four parishes, Swartz will probably adjust quickly to serving in the military whether it is being embedded with the Marines or being stationed on a ship and having to be flown around to the other ships in the fleet.

"There is a science and an art to serving as a military chaplain," said Swartz. "You have to design programming for a very specific community of a warship, Marine battalion or war fleet. The people you're serving are there in a spirit of sacrifice to help the country project influence or authority. They have been provided with the structures, rhythms and disciplines so that they are able to not just survive but flourish in that intense environment. They're also human beings who want to be fed spiritually. They are brothers, sisters, husbands, and wives."

Answering the dual calls of priesthood and military service may have positioned Swartz to help men and women who are serving the United States.

"I was drawn to the self sacrifice and being a part of something bigger than myself, which is prevalent in the military," he said. "The Lord uses what is initially interesting to you to draw you in and he did that with me with the military."

No doubt God has also prepared Swartz for the many – literally and figuratively – ups and downs he will experience in the Navy.



## Backfield Renovations Underway

Another Bishop Watterson facilities project has begun this spring, with the renovation of the athletic fields behind the building. Former Ohio State quarterback and current BWHS parent and assistant football coach Bob Hoying chaired a \$3 million fundraising campaign which had a leadership team comprised of 24 BWHS families.

The project will realign the area behind the school and create multi-use athletic fields made with artificial turf, benefitting the band, baseball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer and track programs. Physical education classes will also use the new fields.

"We are very excited about the upcoming field project because it will bring more of our practices and games home than in the last few years," Deacon Chris Campbell '77, BWHS Principal, said. "We know that students and families are passionate about extracurriculars so this project will help us to build on that Eagle spirit here at home."



# Warren Building Basketball Family at ODU

By Maddi Rasor '13

It's the easiest, and the hardest, thing in the world. It separates the bad from the good, and the good from the great. It's the difference between "almost" and "got it."

Work.

It's something head coach Lynsey Warren '04 and her basketball team at Ohio Dominican University understand very well. A typical in-season day consists of paperwork and class during the day, practice in the afternoon, talking about practice in the evening, and reviewing films or plays for the next game into the night. Warren expects her players to lace up their sneakers and work hard for both themselves and their team every day.

That work builds the kind of bond that makes for a strong team. It starts with a head coach who thinks nothing of picking up a player from the airport after winter break, and continues all the way to an alumna's wedding day, where the bride insists on getting a picture with her whole college team—including the coaches.

Work ethic and found family: it's the foundation Warren has established for the Ohio Dominican women's basketball team.

With such a strong core, difficult decisions become easy. When asked what she looks for in recruits, for example, the first thing out of Warren's mouth is: "Work ethic. It's major. It's

something you can just tell in how recruits practice, and how they talk to their coaches."

When asked what she's particularly proud of as a coach, Warren says it's the lasting relationships she builds with her players, and those that the players build among themselves. It's the fact that her assistant coach has also been with Ohio Dominican for 7 years, and that during winter break, the whole team has a tradition to sit down together to a meal that a staff member has personally prepared.

So where did Warren develop the structure for her team culture?

Partially, it was at Bishop Watterson High School, where Warren was a two-sport athlete

in basketball and volleyball, drawn there by the strong tradition of academic and athletic success. It inspired the way she carried herself then, both inside and outside the classroom, and in the way that she coaches now.

"You're pushed to do your best," said Warren, "and raise the bar."

Warren talks often with BWHS coach Tom Woodford, and she credits him with instilling a belief in relationships in her.

"Watterson instilled that in me, that foundation of having that connection within a team, within a program, building a relationship between the coach and the player and having a family atmosphere within your program. That's what I've tried to create here. He's been a major influence."

Warren also spoke of how Watterson not only teaches students how to succeed, but how to handle that success. Rather than being daunted by the

responsibility and the expectation of creating one's success, one learns the value of the effort put into the achievement. "You get comfortable in the work," said Warren.

Her work ethic was further honed

at Ashland University, where Warren was recruited to play volleyball, completed both her undergrad '08 and her Masters '10 degrees, and began her coaching career. Her volleyball team went to the Elite Eight her junior year, where they were faced with just how far they'd come. From the pre-season, when their coaches took them to Pensacola, Florida to see where they could end up playing for the championship, to the post-season, where

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*"God opens up doors. His timing is perfect"*

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—Lynsey Warren '04





they battled it out in the Fall Festival in Pensacola, there was not a moment where the team wavered.

Those Ashland coaches, Sue Ramsey in basketball and Connie Surowicz in volleyball, motivated their team and managed their program with such aplomb that they left a lasting impression on Warren. "We were always doing something," she said of her collegiate team. "Everything had a purpose."

Running her Ohio Dominican team in a decisive and well-guided manner was simply Warren's way of honoring the women who helped shape her. She strives to be intentional with both her

time and with her players. Every day she is faced with decisions that impact the success of the team. With winning seasons the last four years, Warren wants to keep that going, but she knows cultivating long-term lessons and a bond among the players will stay with them long after their playing days.

"It's a daily battle to fight for the culture I want to create," Warren said. "It's not so much that everybody wants to be all lovey all the time, but it's that understanding that decisions are made to better the family. When things are hard, we're going to put the family first. And I think that just goes along with how

Watterson takes care of its community."

And although she didn't initially set out for a career in coaching, she took a chance on something great. "God opens doors," was all Warren could offer. "His timing is perfect."

# Classroom Renovations Complete

In the 65 years that Bishop Watterson has been educating young men and women in Columbus, more than 14,000 students have spent their high school days in classrooms that have stood since Bishop Watterson's doors opened in 1954. But no longer do the classrooms harken back to the 1950s, thanks to two alumni from the class of 1993 who spearheaded a multi-year remodeling project.

Mike Kenney and Nick King, owners of Columbus apartment company Preferred Living, began their generosity to Bishop Watterson in 2013 when they sent a crew to create a business classroom, complete with conference-like tables and chairs and a stock ticker. It was such a success that in 2014 they did two more classrooms and in 2015 recruited others to help finance the remodeling of six more. One of those became the medical center classroom, spearheaded by Mike and Mary Ann Abrams, parents of two graduates. The medical center classroom includes medical equipment donated by Mount Carmel Health System.

The work continued with Kenney and King's contractors replacing the north windows and main entrance doors

that year and following up in 2016 by replacing the east windows. They also remodeled six more classrooms that year and followed up with 14 classrooms in 2017.

"We are so blessed to have the support of Mike, Nick and everyone who has contributed to the remodeling at Bishop Watterson," said Deacon Chris Campbell '77, Bishop Watterson's principal. "They have demonstrated a commitment that we continue to be grateful for, including supporting the growth of our business curriculum and sharing their expertise with our business classes. As an alumnus myself I continue to be amazed at their generosity."



*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.*

Hebrews 13:16





# Eagle Mentoring Program Takes Flight

Bishop Watterson's Alumni Department launched the Eagle Mentoring Program to help alumni connect with other alumni or past parents who can help guide them through the process of getting settled into a career.

One of the early success stories is that of mentee Mitch Stotler '14 and mentor and parent, Steve Brobst.

Stotler played baseball during his four years at Otterbein University, graduating with a degree in allied health in 2018, and at first going into physical therapy. In January 2018 Stotler attended the BWHS meeting for mentees, concerned about what he was going to do when he graduated that year.

"Looking back, it was great timing," said Stotler. "I was praying for a sign, for some guidance."

Stotler provided a resume and was paired up with Brobst as his mentor.

"I went to one of the mentor meetings because it sounded like a great opportunity to pay it forward but I had no idea what was involved," Brobst said. "From the mentor perspective, first we had to decide if we wanted to be involved and then second if we could give a one-year commitment. After that the alumni department sent me a resume to decide if I would be a good fit to mentor Mitch."

It was a no-brainer. Stotler had been a sophomore on the BWHS baseball team when Brobst's son Jake was a senior. Add to it that Brobst was often the trainer for the team and it was a perfect match.

"It was an easy decision for me to say, 'Yes, I'd like to help him,'" said Brobst. "But as a mentor you can also say no if it's not a great fit when you get a resume and consider the mentee's goals and your own experience."

Stotler said he is now planning to be a physician's assistant, which requires hundreds of hours of patient care experience, hours he now has as a result of his mentoring relationship with Brobst, who is an athletic trainer for Mount Carmel and an assistant athletic trainer for Bishop Watterson.

Brobst suggested Stotler work in an emergency room and helped him make connections at Mount Carmel which led to an ER Tech position at St. Ann's Hospital, where he learned valuable skills such as CPR and how to take vital signs and draw blood.

"You really get exposed to more areas in the health fields by working in the ER," Brobst explained.

"Not only did I get exposure to patients but also to staff who themselves want to move into different health care roles," said Stotler, who did an internship there, assisting therapists with anything from

patient flow to organizing the clinic.

Stotler has been admitted to Ohio Dominican University's Physician Assistant program, and he finally feels like the path ahead is clear.

"Steve's advice made a difference for me," said Stotler. "I came into the mentoring process with an open mind because I knew I needed patient care but I had no idea how to get that without previous experience. The work experience then set me up to figure out what I wanted to do within healthcare and a better chance to get into PA school."

If you would like to take part in the Eagle Mentoring Program, contact Alumni Director Scott Manahan at [smanahan@cdeducation.org](mailto:smanahan@cdeducation.org).



# Athletic Hall of Fame

## 2016 INDUCTEES

<b>Katie Brosmer</b> Columbus, Ohio	Head Field Hockey Coach, 1976-1996 Softball and Track Coach
<b>Lara Fyda Filia '98</b> Galena, Ohio	Field Hockey, 1994-1997 Softball, 1995-1997
<b>Mike Golden</b> New Albany, Ohio	Head Football Coach, 1989-2002 Assistant Football Coach, 1980-1988
<b>Fritz Kaiser '65</b> Dublin, Ohio	Football, 1962-1965 Basketball, 1962-1965 Baseball, 1962-1965
<b>Scott T. Manahan</b> Columbus, Ohio	Head Baseball Coach 1991-2007, 2010-present
<b>Matt Pusateri '00</b> Columbus, Ohio	Football, 1996-1999 Baseball, 1997-2000 Wrestling, 1996-1997
<b>Shaun Rice '97</b> Dublin, Ohio	Baseball, 1994-1997 Football, 1993-1996 Basketball, 1993

## 2017 INDUCTEES

<b>Frank Biancone '61</b> Delaware, Ohio	Football, 1957-60 Baseball, 1959-61
<b>Bill Boyle '70</b> Brentwood, Tenn.	Football, 1968-69 Basketball, 1968-70
<b>Mike Durant '88</b> Dublin, Ohio	Baseball, 1986-88 Football, 1986, 1988
<b>Gracie Finnegan '10</b> Columbus, Ohio	Swimming, 2006-10
<b>Dr. James Good</b>	Team Doctor, 1967-1985

**Lerron Moore '02**  
Las Vegas, Nev.      Football, 2000-02

**Michael Mulligan '88**  
Powell, Ohio      Baseball, 1986-88

**Andrew C. Theado '97**  
Columbus, Ohio      Baseball, 1995-97  
Football, 1994-96

## 2018 INDUCTEES

**David Brown '89**  
Dublin, Ohio      Basketball, 1987-1989

**Scott A. Dockter '85**  
Charlottesville, Va.      Tennis, 1981-1985

**Denny English '92**  
New Albany, Ohio      Doubles Tennis, 1989-1991

**Jason Homorody '91**  
Lewis Center, Ohio      Doubles Tennis, 1989-91

**Chuck Gleich**  
Columbus, Ohio      Head Girls Volleyball Coach  
1994-2012  
Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach  
1982-1994  
Head Boys Volleyball Coach  
1987-2007

**Steve Shoemaker '88**  
Lewis Center, Ohio      Baseball, 1985-1988

**Kelli Stein '00**  
Columbus, Ohio      Swimming, 1997-2000  
Basketball, 1986-88





**2016**

Left to right, front row: Katie Brosmer, Mike Golden, Lara Fyda Filia; back row: Shaun Rice, Scott Manahan, Fritz Kaiser, Matt Pusateri.



**2017**

Left to right, front row: Jenny Good Spires, Mrs. John Good, Gracie Finnegan, Lerron Moore; back row: John Good representing Dr. James Good, Bill Boyle, Frank Biancone, Mike Durant, Mike Mulligan, Andrew Theado, Alumni Director Scott Manahan.



**2018**

Left to right, front row: Chuck Gleich, Kelli Stein, Jason Homorody, Denny English; back row: David Brown, Steve Shoemaker, Scott Dockter, Alumni Director Scott Manahan, Principal Chris Campbell.





# Alumni Events







1. 2017 Legends Golf Tourney: Kenny Wells, Ben Turner '94, Patrick O'Shaughnessy '94, Joe O'Shaughnessy '96.

2. Class of 1968, 50th Reunion

3. 2017 Legends Golf Tourney: Guarasci, Guarasci, Jim Connor '78, Ralph Guarasci '74.

4. 2018 Legends Golf Tourney: Brian Povse '97, Kris Holle '97, Alumni Director Scott Manahan, Shaun Rice '97, Tony Cleveland, Nick Rice.

5. Alumni and parents volunteer at St. Lawrence Haven once a month

6. Class of 1958, 60th Reunion

7. Comedy for a Cause: David Friermood '97, Billy Griffin '06, Brian Flanagan '94.

8. Class of 1967, 50th Reunion

9. TBDBITL: Austin Hare, Sam George, Brian Hare, members of the 2018 Ohio State marching band

10. 1997 State Champion Baseball Team, with BWHS players

11. 2018 Alumni Basketball Tourney: "The Legends" Orv Lyons '60, Joe Motil '74, Mike Kelleher '72, Billy Clark '72, George Goodburn '69, Steve Sauer '72.

12. Class of 1966, 50th Reunion

13. 2016 Legends Golf Tourney: Brandon Brown '93, Bobby O'Neil '93, Brian Flanagan '94, Denny Friermood '94.

14. 2018 Legends Golf Tourney: Chris McCurdy '01, Paul Pardi '01, Wally Theado '01.



## Alumni Updates

### 1958

Rita Del Greco Kreuzer resides in Westerville, Ohio.

### 1961

Suzanne Hill Cole is retired and recently moved to Indianapolis, Ind. to be near her daughters, Michele and Theresa. Her son Andrew passed away on Feb. 1, 2015.

Regina Parks is a retired Physical Therapist and Elementary school teacher. She currently resides in Tuscon, Ariz. and is thankful for the many blessings she has received since her days at Bishop Watterson. She attended Saint Mary's College, Catholic Univ. of America, Univ. of Pa., and Ohio State. Her career was capped with a Peruvian volunteer medical and humanitarian mission experience.



### 1963

Patricia Breen and Joe Thomas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

### 1963

Roger File is a retired banker and resides in Columbus. He is married to Rebecca "Becki" Clayton File.

### 1965

Julia Curtin Hayes resides in Haverford, Pa. and is a retired physician.

Tom Hauck is retired and resides in Parsons, Tenn. with his wife Peggy Fetter Hauck. They have four children: Jeff, Troy, Nicole, and Jenny.

### 1966

Barbara Boggs Schlaff is the owner of Dior Bridal Salon. She and her husband David live in Dearborn, Mich.

### 1968

Mary Jane McCoy Johnson is retired and lives in Tiverton, R.I.

Mary Scholl Appignani is an RN BSN for Lima Estates. She resides in Paoli, Pa. with her husband Patrick. They have four children: Kristen, Tim, Kevin, and Mark.

Susan Sweeney Foley resides in Fort Myers, Fla. with her husband Robert. She currently works as a Fitness Instructor.

### 1970

Catherine Coridan is a realtor for Keller Williams Realty in Alexandria, Va.

Mary Hoy Curran resides in Columbus and works in retail. She has three children: Kara, Kelly, and Megan.

James Rogers is an Executive Benefits Practice Leader with MassMutual. He resides in Columbus with his wife Laurie. His family donated a 15 ft. clock to the OSU Golf Club in memory of his father, Gene Rogers, on July 4, 2017. Father Mike Watson '69 participated in the ceremony, blessing the stadium clock.

Kitty Berry Saunders is retired and lives in Bloomington, Ind. Her husband is deceased.

Chris Galilei is retired and living in Columbus.

Mary Hoy Curran resides in Columbus and works in retail. She has three children: Kara, Kelly, and Megan.

### 1972

Brian Rapp is an accounts clerk at Duke Univ. He resides in Raleigh, N.C.

### 1973

Chris Ellison lives in Normandy Park, Wash.

Bernadette Riley Thornton lives in Hilliard with her husband David, a retired Clinical Chemist. She is a Lecturer/Medical Laboratory Scientist at Ohio State and has two sons: Douglas, and Brian.

### 1977

Sandy Bolzenius recently published *Glory in their Spirit: How Four Black Women Took on the Army during World War II*.

Andy Hoheisel and his wife Jo Ellen Kiener '77 Hoheisel reside in Charlotte, N.C.

### 1978

Teresa Grabner Frye is a Secretary/Bookkeeper with St. John Chrysostom Catholic Church and resides in Columbus. She is married to Mark Frye '78 who is a Business Intelligence Consultant with Advanced Computing Inc. Teresa and Mark have six children: Julia '03, Rachel '06, Anna '08, Mary '09, Sarah '15, and Alexandra '18.

Lisa Jentgen Coker resides in Naples, Fla. and is the owner/baker for Lisa's Gluten Free Bakery.

Mary Meiresonne Flynn is a teacher at Buckeye Valley Local Schools. She resides in Columbus with her husband Thomas Flynn '80 and they have a daughter, Katherine.

Michael Vargo is the President of Vargo Companies. He resides in Plain City with his wife Sandy. They have two children: Tyler and Natalie.

### 1979

Maureen Mixtacki is a professor at Southern Methodist Univ., teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in non-profit. She and her husband Jim are enjoying life in Dallas. They spend their time traveling the world, skiing and scuba diving. They have two daughters: Laura and Karen.

Kathy Johanni Miller is a Business Analyst at Nationwide Insurance. Kathy and her husband David, who is a teacher at St. Timothy School, have two children: Geoff '07 and Matt '09.

Sue Kourie Preston is the owner of Preston Catering. Sue and her husband Evan reside in Columbus and have two children: Clayton '12 and Amber '14.

Molly Ryan Callahan is a Sr. Development Scientist for Rockline Industries. She resides in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and is the mother of Kelsey, Shannon, and Connor.

Cindy Garber Bernhard is a Hairdresser with CS Hair Systems. Cindy resides in Columbus and has a daughter Jessica.

Linda Bernard works in business Development at Asenzya and resides in Columbus. Linda's children are Amanda Theado Westendorf, Billy Theado, Mark Theado, and Anna Hartman.

William Lorenz is a Compliance Officer for International Organization for Migration. He is currently posted in Nairobi Kenya and is married to Jamhur.

### 1983

Molly Emery resides in Columbus, Ohio.



Ellen Leach is Associate Counsel with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. She resides in Columbus.

#### 1987

Jacqueline Kenney Noblitt is an Interior designer with Jacqueline Kenney Designs. She lives in Westerville and has three children: Greyson, 18, Arden, 16, and Maeve, 14.

#### 1989

Jean Kim resides in New York, N.Y. and is a Principal Lobbyist with Jeankiminc Strategies. She worked on Mayor Bloomberg's campaign and also does stand up comedy in clubs around Manhattan. She is a pianist and graduate school student at the City Univ. Graduate Center in New York.

#### 1991

Julia Betts Randall is married to Matthew and has five children: John Isaac, Patrick Michael, Mary Grace, Margaret Francis and Thomas James. She is Marketing Coordinator for Nickie Evans-Coldwell Banker King Thompson and resides in Columbus.

Annie Hummer DePerro is a Project Manager with Executive Arrangements. She resides in Akron.

Jason Homorody won the tennis Golden Slam in Sarasota, Fla. with his father, Peter, age 80.

#### 1992

Jamie Peckham Petree lives in Blacklick. She recently collaborated with 1963 BWHS graduate, Sr. Rosemary Loomis on books she wrote. Jamie and her daughter were the illustrators.

#### 1993

David Schulte is a pilot for Netjets.

Melanie Woodward James lives in Wantima, Victoria Australia. and has three children: Rhiannon, age 14, Gemma, age 11, and Mitchell, age 8.



#### 1992

David Stein has opened four restaurants in Mount Vernon in the past year; The Joint, The Original Dave's Cosmic Subs, Stein Brewing Company Taproom, and Stein Brewing Company Restaurant. David's Executive Chef is Erin Stevens, also from the Class of 1992, who sat next to him in homeroom.

#### 1996

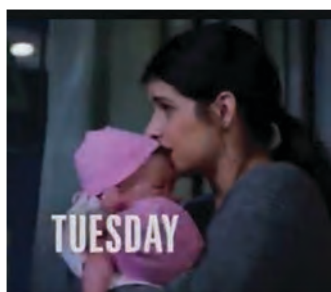
Allison DeTemple Eckert is an Intervention Specialist at Columbus City Schools. She resides in Groveport with her husband David and has two children: Courtney, 19 and Austin, age 14.

#### 1997

Stephen Gerlach is a VP with JPMorgan Chase and lives in Columbus with his wife Jennifer Lewis. They have three children; Eloise, William, and Matthew.

#### 2001

Jessica Ceritelli Kapcar is a Communications Manager for the Better Business Bureau. Jessica resides in Dublin with her husband, Joe.



#### 2003

Sarah Loveland Dougherty appeared in Chicago Med.

Dr. Elaine Binkley was inducted into Denison University's Hall of Fame.

Rebecca Gaines Van Wey lives in Columbus and is a self-employed Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. She is married to Marcus Van Wey, an attorney.

#### 2004

Caitlin Phelan is the owner of Mission Salon in Dublin. The salon opened on July 9, 2018.

Pat Sullivan is a Client Solutions Executive with Cox Automotive. He and his wife Kimberly Burdett reside in Norwood, Ohio.

Andrew Moses is an attorney and resides in Lakewood, Ohio.

Zachary Goble lives in Los Angeles, California and is a self-employed Promoter.

Anthony Ceritelli is a Senior Manager of Multimodal Operations at Zipline Logistics in Columbus.



#### 2005

Jarvis Woodson and Kevin Iannarino worked on the hats worn by Jason Dufner in last year's Memorial Golf Tournament at Muirfield. Woodson contacted Dufner's agent with the idea for Iannarino to design hats for the week. Iannarino is a graphic designer for LBrands in Columbus and Woodson works for local commercial real estate company MSF. Iannarino came up with "Ohio Country Club," "Save the Crew" and "Duf Daddy" designs.



#### 2006

Matthew Brown is a historical architect in Paris, France, who was interviewed by CNN in the aftermath of the Notre Dame church fire.



#### 2006

James Matous was ordained a Dominican priest on May 19, 2018 in Washington, DC. He received the religious name Brother Mannes.

#### 2006

Matt Phelan is head chef at the new Z Cucina in Bridgepark area of Dublin. He was featured preparing Rigatoni Alla Norma on Good Day Columbus. Z Cucina is owned by Rick Zilliak '88. David Koepf '06 is a sous chef at the Z Cucina as well.

#### 2008

Katy McEwan Salmons is a teacher at Upper Arlington Schools. She is married to Christian Salmons '07, a realtor for Remax.

#### 2009

Megan Black Kernan is a Registered Nurse at Univ. of Pittsburgh Medical Center and resides in Murrysburg, Pa. with her husband Danny '09 who is a student at LECOM.



## 2009

Aileen Clemans was featured in September 2018's issue of 614Columbus. Aileen graduated from the Univ. of Cincinnati and is the owner of women's clothing company, Altre which "carefully curates vintage and second hand pieces and reworks them to have a more modern vibe and style. These garments are given a whole new life and saved from a landfill."

## 2010

Joseph James is a Senior Scientist with Downstream Strategies. He resides in Morgantown, W.V.

## 2011

Miriam Baker McCombs is a registered nurse and lives in Fort Thomas, Ky. with her husband Charles McCombs '11.

Adam Koscielski resides in Chicago and is an attorney at law with Hinshaw.

## 2013

Audrey Manahan graduated from Ashland Univ. in 2018 and is currently a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

## 2015

John Pirrman, a senior defensive end at Harvard, was selected to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society.

## 2018

Erin Korn has been named to the highly selective Business Student Ambassador Program at Bowling Green. She is a member of the Honors College.



## Weddings

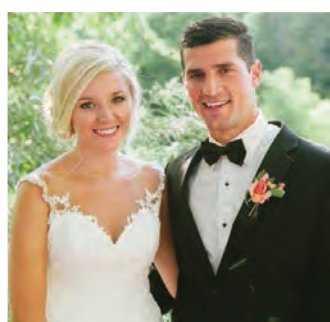
Mary Partridge '05 and Will Crall married on May 7, 2016 at St. Ann's in Naples, Fla.

Lauren Partridge '06 and Jared Boll were married on July 9, 2016 at St. Brigid of Kildare in Dublin.

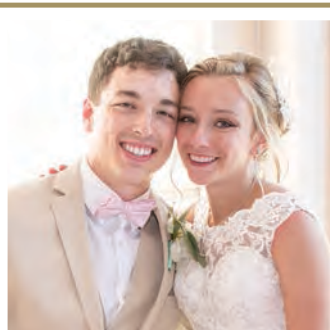
Jimmy Smolik '09 and Dr. Alex Hinkley married on Sept. 30, 2017 at St. Christopher in Columbus.

Lauren Licata '09 and Hunter Schouweiler married on June 24, 2017 at Pinnacle Golf.

Ellen Partridge '06 and Chris Macke were married on July 29, 2017 at St. Brigid of Kildare in Dublin.



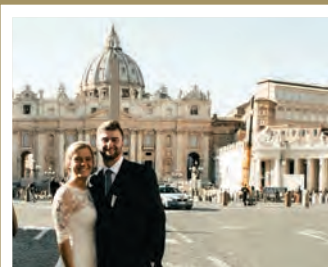
Danny Kernan '09 and Megan Black '09 married on June 18, 2016 at Our Lady of Victory in Columbus.



Miriam Baker '11 and Charles McCombs '11 were married on Sept. 25, 2018 at St. Michael Church in Worthington.

Jack McEwan '06 and Melissa Buhrow were married on June 16, 2018 at St. Andrew.

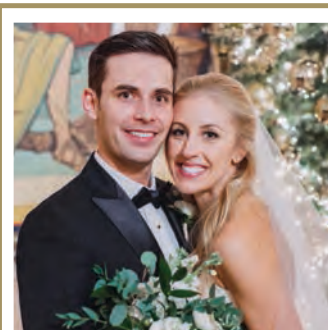
Spencer Ward '09 and Kelsey Pierce were married in Key West, Fla. on Sept. 9, 2018.



Jacob Brobst '12 and Madeline Simmonds '12 were married on Jan. 6, 2018 at St. Brigid of Kildare in Dublin. Their marriage was later blessed by Pope Francis at the Vatican.



Heather Weekley '07 and Matt Lofy were married on May 20, 2017 at St. Brigid of Kildare in Dublin.



Phil Diaz '09 and Hayley Bigler '09 were married at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Columbus on Dec. 15, 2018.

Jay Schlater '05 and Nikki Roman were married on Oct. 13, 2018 at Holy Cross Church in Columbus.

Madeline Rasor '13 and Jack Preston '13 were married on March 19, 2019 at St. Michael Church in Worthington.



## New Arrivals

Patrick McGarity '00 and Katie McGarity welcomed Elise Marie on Feb. 7, 2018 and Claire on March 28, 2016.

Christina Ceritelli '03 welcomed Leo Anthony on Sept. 1, 2016. He joined big sister Ava Marie, age 4.

Sean McGarity '03 and Stephanie Prendergast '03 McGarity welcomed twins Oliver William and Samuel Arthur on Dec. 26, 2018.

Molly Ryser '06 Purcell and her husband Mike are the proud parents of two girls: Emma, born on March 2, 2015 and Nora, born on Oct. 22, 2016.

Brian DeLucia '06 and Karen Partridge '06 DeLucia welcomed Jack Joseph on Feb. 6, 2017.

Brad '06 and Sarah Kernan welcomed Gerald "Jack" on May 1, 2017. He joins big sister Ella, age 4.

Bobby Hogan '06 and Kate Liston '06 Hogan welcomed baby girl Blake on May 27, 2017.

Ryan Heller '01 and Carolyn Heller welcomed twins George and Maggie on July 11, 2017.

Sarah Ryser '01 Salvatori and her husband Mike welcomed Anthony on Aug. 11, 2017. He joined big brother Matthew, age 3.



Dan DeLucia '03 and Carly DeLucia have three children: James born on Dec. 14, 2014, Grace born on May 22, 2016, and Luke born on Oct. 4, 2017.

Olivia Ward Gabel '05 and her husband Tim welcomed Beckham Eric on Jan. 31, 2017.

Jacqueline Eckel '06 deVlugt and husband Seth welcomed Giulana on February 23, 2018. She joins big brother Brooks, age 3.

Megan Stafford '06 Culvahouse and her husband Tyler welcomed Luke Adson on Jan. 30, 2018.

Ali Ristas '06 and John Albertson welcomed John Larry "Jack" Albertson on Feb. 12, 2018.

Katy McEwan '08 Salmons and Christian Salmons '07 welcomed baby Jude on April 22, 2018.

Jenna Hogan '02 Romeo and her husband Matt welcomed their fourth daughter Giana Marie on April 26, 2018. She joins big sisters Olivia Rose, age 7, Naomi Grace, age 5, and Camilla James, age 2.

Rachel Cunningham '09 Erford and her husband John welcomed Hayden Rose on Aug. 2, 2018.

Jessica Ceritelli '01 Kapcar and her husband Joe are the proud parents of angel Nicholas, Nov. 24, 2014–Oct. 21, 2015, Hadley, born July 14, 2016, and Maren born on Aug. 31, 2018.

Kendra Watkins '07 and Brandon welcomed Scarlett Virginia Patterson on Sept. 25, 2018.

Gregory '08 and Colleen Bauer Cunningham '08 welcomed Lilian Marie on Oct. 11, 2018.

Lauren Partridge '06 Boll and her husband Jared welcomed Annie Catherine on Oct. 17, 2018.

Molly Griffin '07 Kikosicki and her husband, Jeff, welcomed Maeve Mary on Nov. 3, 2018

Tommy Horstman '04 and Jessica Schoenberger Horstman '06 welcomed Reagan Elaine on Nov. 12, 2018.

Michael Hilty '99 and his wife Melissa welcomed Brookson on Nov. 29, 2018. He joins big brother Michael Clayton Hilty III.

Mary Partridge '05 Crall and husband Will welcomed Caroline Mary on Dec. 12, 2018.

Elizabeth Wilson '04 Pastorek and her husband Brent welcomed twins Evelyn Christine and Walter Joseph on Jan. 11, 2019. They join big brother Nicholas.

Kaitlin Griffin '04 Hodges and John Hodges '01 are the proud parents of two little boys: John Stephen born on Sept. 28, 2017 and Theodore William born on Jan. 21, 2019.

Thomas Benadum '95 and Jillian Benadum welcomed their daughter, Nora Kathryn on Jan. 29, 2019.

Lauren Licata '09 Schouweiler and her husband Hunter welcomed baby Cooper Philip on April 4, 2019.



## Saying Goodbye

**1958**  
Karen Buffington Martin  
December 27, 2018

**1959**  
Julie Maxwell Helenthal  
May 2, 2018

Kathleen Ann Davis Cady  
April 3, 2019

Stephen Turner  
July 30, 2018

**1960**  
John J. Arata  
January 10, 2019

Joseph Dallas  
September 10, 2018

Joseph DeFranco  
December 5, 2016

Robert J. "Bob" Dotter  
September 4, 2016

Walter Downey  
February 11, 2019

Edward Roche  
December 28, 2018

**1961**  
Bruce Powell  
October 22, 2016

Rebecca "Becky" Hunter  
April 19, 2019

**1962**  
Martha Rodenfels Corbin  
October 29, 2016

Deborah Hurd Guenther  
September 11, 2016

Phyllis Scheider Keller  
June 10, 2016

Charles Loomis  
September 12, 2017

Joanne Mager-Mroccka  
November 3, 2017

Eugene Nolan  
April 27, 2018

Tom Sharp  
June 2, 2018

Linda DeFrancisco Taylor  
July 19, 2017

James Thoma  
December 7, 2016

**1963**  
Kathleen Marie Shea  
August 4, 2017

**1964**  
Gregory Royce Garner  
June 4, 2017

**1965**  
Patrick DeVine  
November 3, 2016

**1968**  
Rita Jane Flynn  
October 4, 2016

Ron Foeller  
July 5, 1968

Patrick Jeany  
February 23, 2019

Jim Logsdon  
March 30, 2017

Daniel Mahoney  
September 22, 2018

Jack Smith  
March 7, 2018

**1969**  
Joseph Crites  
April 5, 2018

**1971**  
Rose Motil  
September 15, 2018

**1972**  
Patricia Dunn  
April 28, 2018

Barry McMahon  
February 1, 2018

Michael Riley  
April 8, 2017

**1973**  
David Imber  
January 1, 2019

**1975**  
Anne Marie Parker Bard  
November 12, 2017

Michael McCloskey  
May 16, 2017

Thomas A. "Bubba" Raphael  
June 9, 2017

**1976**

Richard "Dick" Imber  
April 4, 2018

**1980**

Kathy Bryant  
December 8, 2017

Tim Fox

August 23, 2017

**1981**

Julie Anne Cantwell  
May 11, 2017

**1982**

Erin Gibbons  
July 29, 2017

Patrick S. Hennessey  
December 8, 2018

**1989**

Brian Bowman  
November 19, 2016

**1990**

Erica Peters  
May 3, 2019

**1997**

Leslie Haley  
August 14, 2016

**2003**

Sean Thomas Hatch  
May 17, 2016

**2007**

Shaun Hull  
May 1, 2017

**2009**

Nikolas Heidel  
July 6, 2018

**BWHS Faculty and Staff**

Nancy Essman  
August 6, 2018

Donald Nicholas Fracasso, Jr.  
December 13, 2018

Sister Martha Starrett  
(formerly Sister Vincent Ferrer)  
March 29, 2017



## Men's Night

Bishop Watterson has been blessed with some notable speakers in recent years. In 2017 Ohio State Football Coach Urban Meyer was our guest speaker, followed by Youngstown State President and former Ohio State Football Coach Jim Tressel in 2018. Tressel also took time to speak at an assembly for the students during his visit to Columbus. Al Washington '02 (see pages 8-9) was our guest speaker in 2019.



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# BWHS Eagle Gala



**BISHOP WATTERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**DOMINICAN PROGRAM**

Bishop Watterson's Eagle Gala, which replaced the Eagle Auction, has raised about \$200,000 in its first two years. This event is a celebration of our community's commitment to the dignity of the human person through tuition assistance and our Dominican Program.

Our goal at Bishop Watterson is to help every student who would like a Catholic Education, regardless of financial or learning needs. We want to ensure the continuation of Bishop Watterson's tradition of excellence by embracing strategies to help us effectively meet the needs of today's students.

With more than one third of our students receiving tuition assistance, this area will continue to be a priority as we seek to make our education available to all families. The Dominican Program, as part of our efforts to educate the whole person, supports our students who have different learning styles or emotional wellness concerns. We want to expand on our inclusive and collaborative educational environment for these students.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at The Exchange at Bridge Park in Dublin.





# Homecoming Hall of Fame Honorees



Patricia Huhn '61 Niekamp

**Patricia Huhn '61 Niekamp**, who wrote our beloved Alma Mater, was inducted into our Homecoming Hall of Fame in 2016. Patricia was only a freshman at BWHS when she wrote the cherished lyrics to our alma mater.



Sister Mary Hope

It was especially fitting to honor **Sister Mary Hope Sieron** as the 2017 inductee in the Bishop Watterson Homecoming Hall of Fame as Homecoming has always been her favorite BWHS tradition during her 35 years as a member of the BWHS community. During her tenure, she taught all four levels of English, directed plays, worked in the school bookstore, led the cheerleading squad and school newspaper and was chair of the English department. She also served on the board at Ohio Dominican University.



Chuck Nance '58

**Chuck Nance '58** was inducted into our Homecoming Hall of Fame in 2018. Chuck was a member of the first class at Bishop Watterson and president of his class all four years. He was also the first Student Council President at BWHS. Under his leadership, the precedent of class representatives was set. When he was not pulling good-natured jokes in our beloved hallways, he could be found on the football or baseball field. Though he remains the only Bishop Watterson graduate in his family, to this day Mr. Nance is always loyal to his Alma Mater, and continues to meet with members of his graduating class over a meal every other month.



*Let us praise our Alma Mater  
Proudly we behold,  
Sing and honor her forever  
Garb'd in red and gold.  
We her loyal sons and  
daughters  
'Round her colors come.  
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
Hail to Watterson!  
From her standards we  
have gathered  
Faith and courage strong;  
Pressing on to greater ages  
Holding to one throng.  
Through her halls our  
echoes raising  
Bursting forth in song -  
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,  
Hail to Watterson!*

# A 65-Year Tradition Lives On

Bishop Watterson will be celebrating 65 years in the coming school year, and giving to others remains a strong tradition. While we have many service efforts to help others outside of the Bishop Watterson community, we also want to help every student who wants a Catholic education to have the opportunity to receive one. Named scholarships are one way to have a positive impact on a high school student preparing for college or the next phase in life.

- The need for tuition assistance for Bishop Watterson students is over \$1 million each year.
- One-third of our current students are on scholarship or are receiving some form of financial assistance.
- Tuition to attend Bishop Watterson is already less than the actual cost to educate a student, resulting in a financial shortfall each year.

Scholarships are one way we can provide the financial assistance to help families to afford a Bishop Watterson education.

There are currently more than 45 named scholarships benefitting Bishop Watterson students, each one honoring an individual or group in our community. Many of these scholarships have been established by former students, teachers, administrators or parents who have had a positive experience at Bishop Watterson. They want others, particularly young people, to have the same opportunity. Anyone can donate to one of the established scholarships at any time.

Bishop Watterson is grateful for gifts of any amount at any time, and you can support a specific established scholarship, establish one for a specific purpose or you can establish one to honor a loved one who has passed away.

Through the establishment of a scholarship, donors create a legacy that will provide an opportunity for a student to experience and become a part of the Bishop Watterson community. If you would like to contribute to Bishop Watterson, donate to an existing scholarship fund, or establish a scholarship of your own, please contact Ryan Steinbauer at (614) 545-2140, [rysteinb@cducation.org](mailto:rysteinb@cducation.org).

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*“ We felt very strongly about service and helping the less fortunate. My daughter was very involved in service and that meant so much to me. I wanted to help those who give so much of themselves to service-oriented projects. ”*

–Ray Pongonis '71

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## Fracasso Exchange Scholarship

The Don Fracasso Scholarship Fund has been established to celebrate the memory of Mr. Fracasso, a beloved member of the Bishop Watterson staff who passed away December 13, 2018. Don loved interacting with our Italian classes, which were fortunate to enjoy his daily 'buon giorno!' as well as his anecdotes and jokes about growing up in an Italian household and as a member of the Italian-American community in Columbus. He loved and celebrated his Italian heritage and the family, friendships and experiences that were part of his life as a result.

Don also enjoyed interacting with visiting Italian students participating in our exchange program. Although he was never able to visit his beloved Italy, future BWHS students will be blessed with that opportunity as a result of his family's kindness.

This scholarship fund will benefit the BWHS Italian Exchange Program, by which students from Florence, Italy are hosted by our community in the fall, and BWHS students are hosted by Italian families in the spring. The exchange gives students the opportunity to experience family and academic life in another country, which teaches lessons and creates friendships that last a lifetime.





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## *Upcoming Events*

**September 6 – 8, 2019**

Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend

**September 29, 2019**

Legends Golf Outing  
Golf Club of Dublin

## *Alumni*

Update your information with your alma mater! Go to [bishopwatterson.com](http://bishopwatterson.com), click on Alumni then Alumni Information Form

## 2019 Visual & Performing Arts Hall of Fame



Bishop Watterson inducted the first class into its Performing and Visual Arts Hall of Fame in April. Inductees: Sharon Alloway, Nancy Essman, Stefan Farrenkopf, Maricel Frommeyer, Fran Kalal, John Modecki-Mellet, Mike Renzi, Jim Silcott, John and Delphine Thomas, Mikey Thomas.

Watch for more on this in an upcoming *Eagle Review*.