



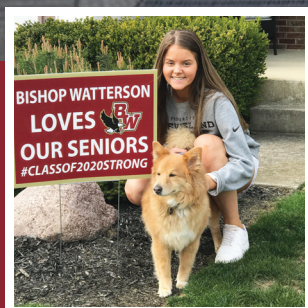
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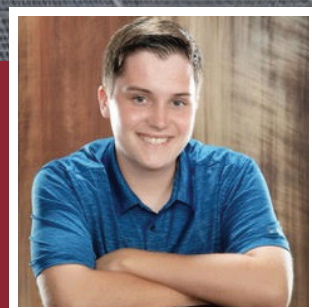
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Nurse anesthetist Samantha Heavrin '86
was deployed to New York City in April.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

“They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagle’s wings. They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

When the COVID-19 virus turned our world upside down this spring, we knew the pandemic would be the focus of this issue of the *Eagle Review*. Many things have changed, on a daily basis at times.

Our world has experienced so much suffering and so much uncertainty in such a short time. The virus has impacted some physically, while others have lost family members or livelihoods. Still others have been affected by feelings of isolation or depression. At the same time, many families have taken this time to slow down and make the most of quality time together. In addition, we grieve over the disturbing death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the violence and destruction spawned amid peaceful protests.

At Bishop Watterson, we have missed the students and our co-workers since Ohio schools closed. We found ourselves working harder than ever to keep learning on track.

We now forge ahead into another school year with a firm commitment to provide a high-quality Catholic education, to teach our students to care for those in need, and to always respect life. As I tell our students each year: love God, do your best and take care of one another. I invite you, also, to adopt these three simple principles each day as we all move forward as disciples of Christ in the world.

Respectfully,

Deacon Chris Campbell '77
Principal

Follow us on!



Pandemic FRONT LINE

Feature

by Colleen Mar

Observing Central Park through a bus window on April 5 was, for Samantha Heavrin '86, one of those moments when you realize everything is different. The beautiful, green park was awash in white mesh tents awaiting COVID-19 patients. Heavrin was on her way to her nursing assignment for the next four weeks, deployed from Louisville, Ky. as part of an anesthesia team to work in the center of New York City in hospital intensive care units.



ABOVE
Nurse Anesthetist Samantha Heavrin '86
was deployed from Louisville to New York City.

"As we enter the hospital, I can imagine its former stateliness," she wrote on Facebook that day. "The ceilings rise high above multiple floors, illuminated by a rising sun as it shines through the glass arches. And here, amid the once-sprawling foyer, stands a military deployment of mash units. Not one, not ten ... hundreds. Every hallway, nook and cranny has been inhabited. It is a hospital within a hospital. It's all hands on deck. There's a sense of organized chaos in this hospital. I can feel the anticipation in the air; it's a mixture of fear and determination."

The bravery of first responders came to the forefront of national awareness after 9/11 and now the pandemic has brought the medical community under the same umbrella: courageous men and women who put their own health and wellbeing at risk to care for others. Together they make up the "front line."

Jess Passwater '15 was grateful for the letters and cards she received from her elementary school, St. Timothy, during her time on the front line in New York.



Jessica Passwater '15 graduated from Ohio State in 2019 with a nursing degree and decided to move to New York to have a new experience after living in Columbus her entire life. Little did she know that only six months after starting a job in a surgical-trauma unit at Mt. Sinai Morningside Hospital she would be working in the U.S. epicenter of a pandemic.

"I was just starting to get comfortable in my new role and then everyone had to shift gears when talk of COVID-19 began," she said. "My hospital, along with all of the other hospitals in the city, were quickly filled with thousands of patients solely there for this deadly virus. There was so much unknown and questions immediately arose such as, would we have enough PPE, were the medications going to work and could we contract the virus?"

Back in Ohio

New York's first COVID-19 case was confirmed on March 1. By March 27 there were more than 23,000 cases in the city. The city shut down. Both Heavrin and Passwater used the word "eerie" to describe the empty streets.

Meanwhile, the Ohio front line was preparing. The state had gone into a shelter-in-place on March 23 in an effort to flatten the curve and avoid overwhelming the health care system such as was happening in New York.

Coming out of maternity leave, Amanda Meyer '07 Ilenin returned to her job as a hospital pharmacist for Ohio Health on March 16, the day after Governor DeWine closed bars and restaurants. She works at Dublin Methodist and Grady Memorial Hospitals, verifying medications, checking IVs, going on ICU rounds and rushing to codes for patients in cardiac arrest.

"I was definitely a little nervous about going back," Ilenin said. "But Ohio Health, and I'm sure all of the health systems, are very focused on not only keeping the patients safe but also the staff. I think in the beginning it was more stressful just because we didn't know what was coming, we didn't know when it was coming and we didn't know how severe it was going to be. We didn't know if we were going to be like New York City and have so much hospital need."

Everyone was adjusting to the new requirements of their jobs in order to avoid the deadly virus, including the Columbus Police Department.

"One of the biggest changes at the beginning was our calls for service," said Columbus Police Officer Kevin Smith '07.

"We did a lot more through telephone reporting for things like property damage reports or minor crimes with no suspect. A lot of our day-to-day interaction that we would have had on patrol was halted because of the risk of exposure."

Officer Pete Jacobs '08 said the first month of shelter-in-place was slow.

"Once people got restless it started to pick back up again and people seemed to not really care about the virus," Jacobs said. "They continued with their daily life. I think economics were involved in that and also a lack of education on certain medical things. Some think they can't get the virus and it emboldens some of them. They get restless and if they're criminals to begin with, they have to do criminal things to get money."



Pete Jacobs '08
Columbus Police Officer



Nurse practitioner Kate Liston '06 Hogan is getting back out to see her patients after working through telehealth during the Ohio shelter-in-place.

Telehealth Gains Momentum

Among the many changes the pandemic brought was telemedicine. Kate Liston '06 Hogan is a family nurse practitioner at a Primary One Health outpatient office which cares for underserved populations on the south side of Columbus. The company consolidated from 11 clinics to four during the Ohio "shutdown" since many staffers had to be home with their children due to schools and daycares closing.

"It has been a challenge, to say the least, because you must get very creative on your assessments over the video call," Hogan said. "Patient participation has never been more important. It has definitely improved my active listening skills and also forced me to get back to the basics of practicing medicine; not too long ago, providers didn't have the luxury of special tests and labs to help confirm diagnoses and had to put the pieces of the puzzle together using the patient history, their physical presentation and the provider's clinical knowledge. It has been a challenge but we have learned a lot."

Hogan told the story of one patient who saved up money for more than two months in order to purchase nine minutes on a prepaid phone for a telemedicine call with her.

"It broke my heart because we had so much more to discuss than her nine minutes would allow, but we made it work and I promised her that her next visit would be face-to-face with limitless minutes."

Masks Not Always Helpful for Police

While Hogan was working through telemedicine calls with vulnerable patients in Columbus and Passwater and Heavrin were working 12-hour shifts covered head-to-toe in PPE and witnessing patients fighting to breathe, Columbus police officers were deciding on a case-by-case basis when to wear the N-95 masks issued to them by the department.

"Medical professionals may wear a mask every time they talk to someone," said Jacobs. "But for us that's not always feasible. We're going into an unknown and couldn't always wear one."

Kevin Smith said that 99 percent of their job is communication.

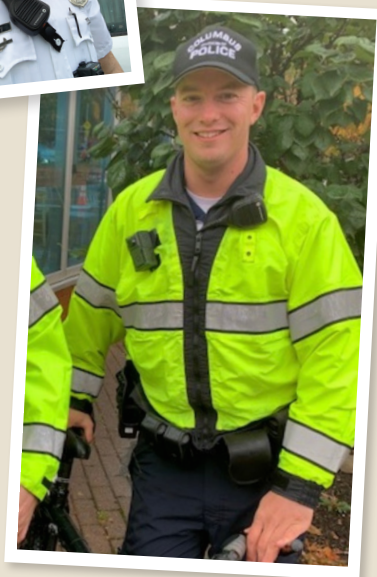
"At times it was hard to use the safety equipment and communicate, so we'd have to choose one or the other. There are situations in which certain tactics need to be relayed to the other officers but with the facial respirators the voice is muffled and harder to hear," said Smith. "In a lot of situations we have to act quickly while citizens are yelling to you or for you or at you and you really need to hear your coworkers. It wasn't tactically sound at those times to wear the respirator. Also, when we go on a call a lot of times the first thing that happens is someone wants to run up to you."

Officers would be notified by a dispatcher if a house they were headed to had COVID-19 exposure so that they could be prepared with their PPE gear but there was also the occasional surprise.

"If we had an arrest and they stated that they felt sick or they started coughing a lot, we would put a mask on their face while they were in the cruiser and then we would have a transport van pick them up so that our exposure was limited," said Jacobs. "I had one guy who, once we got him in handcuffs, faked having symptoms. We did see a little bit of people faking virus symptoms thinking they could get out of the arrest."



Pete Jacobs '08
Columbus Police Officer



Kevin Smith '07
Columbus Police Officer

Virus Created Stressful Situations

Back at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center, Cailey Eddingfield '14 Smith was a year and half out of Mount Carmel School of Nursing, working on a general medical surgical floor. She said the

emotional piece has been difficult. “You take more home with you than usual. Before the pandemic visitors could always come and be with family but that changed to no visitors when the pandemic hit,” she said. “The responsibility of health care providers in hospitals has greatly increased because we have to be there for the patients emotionally as well as medically. They’re being diagnosed with different diseases and their loved ones can’t be with them. The emotional support piece has also given nurses time to fully empathize with their patients and therapeutically talk to their patients and be a support system while they are away from their families.”

Passwater had a similar observation of the experience in New York.

“It was a very scary and stressful time for everyone involved,” she said. “But especially for the patients who had to fight this alone since no family members were allowed.”

Eddingfield Smith said she and other nurses were floated to other floors with COVID-19 patients, learning to use a ventilator with training time condensed to be prepared and wearing full PPE when treating new patients until COVID-19 test results came back negative.

Heavrin, whose full-time job is Chief of Anesthesia at Bluegrass Surgery and Laser Center in Louisville, said she lost track of what day it was while deployed in New York.

“The days are starting to merge together in an amalgamation of body aches, lack of sleep, and homesickness,” she wrote on Facebook. “I run from nurse to nurse helping as fast as possible. That’s my job. I support the nursing teams. I work hard

to keep them from getting overwhelmed. I have come to love these sweet NYC nurses. It’s a constant struggle. I look to my faith for reassurance ... God, you brought me HERE. Help me. Allow me to be a positive handmaiden to the unit in which I have been assigned. And, if you could make my feet hurt less, that would be much appreciated. Amen.”

The numbers for cases, hospitalizations and deaths were piling up in New York in April. Passwater attributes that to being one of the first hard-hit cities in the U.S. and a lack of research and direction to help doctors determine the best treatment protocols.

7 p.m. Thank You

“This time of sadness turned into a time of growth and coming together for the whole city as every night at sharply 7 p.m. the whole city erupted in cheers and clapping for all of the essential workers of New York,” said Passwater.

Heavrin was moved by the applause. “It feels like the whole world stops for us. It’s absolutely, positively overwhelming,” Heavrin wrote on Facebook on April 9. “Standing at our exit was the fire department. We were being cheered by the exact same station that answered the call on 9/11. These men were there that day. And, their losses were unimaginable. It’s one thing to read about it; it’s something entirely different when they are standing in front of you clapping. It was surreal to watch these heroes give us thanks. I looked at them and knew I was looking at the faces of courage.”

Anticipation Outside NYC Epicenter

Ali Ristas ’06 Albertson is the Operations Director for Nursing at Ohio Health. She oversees a 300-person float pool that sends nurses to all of the Ohio Health hospitals to fill in staffing gaps, doing

predictive analytics to determine where staff will be needed. It was the only group within the organization with the experience to deploy staff to different locations.

“It was interesting to take lessons that my team learned and help the organization be a little bit more flexible and nimble,” she said. “There are a lot of logistics that go into how to get people to another place. If they’re going to a different hospital they have to know where to park, they need badge access and how to get into the med room. We also have to give them enough notice.”

Albertson said Ohio Health worked to give staff their full-time hours when elective procedures were shut down by deploying them to needed locations. As the elective procedures opened back up and more staff were needed, she cut her maternity leave short to work from home.

“Ohio Health has been easing back into things while knowing this could spike again,” said Albertson.

Family nurse practitioner Hogan is glad to be able to reconnect with her patients face-to-face again, even if it’s only a few days a month.

“I worried that if we didn’t open up more access to face-to-face visits soon, our pediatric patients would fall behind on their vaccines or our women would fall behind on pap smears or mammograms,” she said. “We cannot ignore the need for preventative health maintenance, even in a pandemic. Now that the proper PPE is more readily available, we are all eager to get back to our own new normal and keep serving the communities we love.”

Jess Passwater ‘15



Continuous Updates

Hogan said that since the pandemic started they have learned something new every day, an observation echoed by Eddingfield Smith and Ilenin.

“Everything is changing constantly,” said Eddingfield Smith, the nurse at Ohio State. “From protocols to the number of patients in rooms to checking temps. I feel the most comfortable at the hospital because there you actually see what’s going on. The media reports can put people in a huge panic.”

“Everybody should know that everyone in the medical field takes this virus very seriously and continues to even though it may seem like things are evening out,” said Ilenin, the Ohio Health pharmacist. “We’re going to stay on top of new treatments and other ways of dealing with it. It’s very safe because they clean everything and everyone is wearing PPE. If people are concerned about needing surgery, they shouldn’t be because they’ll be well protected while they’re there.”

Both Eddingfield Smith and Ilenin think it’s important for the public to know that people are recovering from COVID-19.

“There are cases where people get really, really sick but they sometimes get better and go home,” said Ilenin. “People need to know that we’re all taking it seriously and hopefully we’ll lose the fewest number of people possible.”

“Once I floated to the COVID-19 floors and saw that the worst cases all had multiple co-morbidities and that there were many others recovering, moving from oxygen to room air, I had a clearer understanding of the situation,” said Eddingfield Smith. “We had an ICU patient with COVID-19 who wasn’t

doing well and was intubated and then he had a stroke. He was younger and he’ll possibly make a full recovery. It’s crazy how fast your body can decline and then recover.”

Advice From Professionals

Wearing a mask in public, while required in medical facilities and retailers, is a choice in many places. The medical folks say just do it.

“Give everyone a little bit of grace on this,” said Albertson. “We’re trying. We’re learning and trying to stay as safe as possible. No one has been through this before. This is different for everyone. Just being on the other side of it, we’re just trying to keep everyone safe, not just the patients but the nurses and staff too. A lot of the safety precautions are not just for you in the hospital but also for the staff so that we have the people to take care of you. We’ve tried new things every day to make things safe for everyone.”

Eddingfield Smith suggested that people proceed as if others may have underlying conditions.

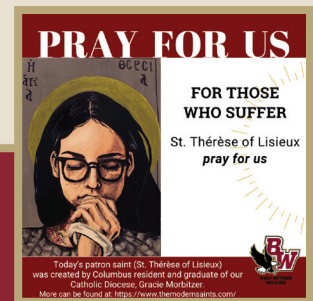
“Be mindful of others,” said Eddingfield Smith. “Always wear your mask because you never know what the people around you have. They may be immunocompromised. It’s a mystery.”

Passwater said she feels comfortable about the way people are responding in New York to try to avoid a second wave of the virus by wearing masks and sanitizing everywhere, even the subway cars.

“I hope this is the worst I will ever see in my nursing career,” she said. “I’m also thankful for what I learned during this time as well.”

Heavrin is ready to be deployed again, if the need arises.

“It was the most incredible experience of my life. It was also the hardest experience, both physically and emotionally,” Heavrin said of her deployment to New York. “People need to know what happened in New York City, mostly because the time reflected an incredible spirit of American survival. But also because it is not over.”



We salute the many alumni who are working on the front line or in essential jobs during the pandemic, keeping us all safe, healthy and fed! We thank those who took time to take part in this article as well as those who responded to our social media request. While we were not able to speak with everyone for this issue, we want you all to know our deep appreciation for the work you do each day and for your dedication to caring for all of God’s children.

For a list of prayer resources and patron saints to turn to during the pandemic, go to bishopwatterson.com.



Samantha Heavrin '86 and her co-workers who were deployed to New York City hope to publish a book about their experiences. During her deployment she shared some experiences on her Facebook page. Following are excerpts from two of her posts.

April 8

Today, I entered the hospital at 6:45am. I'm finally getting a feel for where I am but, I'm still unsure of the day... Wednesday?

I travel past the mash tents thinking it's almost time. Just a few more days and we will be filling those tents with patients. So much drama and crisis. Very few good outcomes, until today.

The only thing sadder than an ICU patient is two family members in the same ICU. We've been caring for an uncle and his nephew.

It's been tragic to hear the family's distress. Two loved ones, fighting for their lives and not knowing if they will pull through. Both patients were sedated and intubated and critical when I arrived this week.

Yesterday, the nephew was improving and was able to successfully wean from the ventilator. Today, he remained stable for the entire shift! I was thrilled to escort him to a non-ICU bed on another floor! He is surviving covid!

As you all know, I am a believer! I know the power of prayer and love!

And, I have seen it first hand!

We have another patient who spent yesterday trying to die. He was so unstable. His son was extremely worried. The son said "My father is a great man. I still need him." The team took the phone and held it next to the dying man. He was sedated, paralyzed (from drugs) and on a vent but, that patient responded to his son by improving. He started to stabilize.

Knowing that he needed to reach out to his father immediately, the son was able to convince management to let him visit. A few hours later the son arrived. He was gowned and masked and gloved.

The son entered his father's room. He told his dad that he "had to live!" He said, "You gotta fight!" The patient stabilized even more.

Today, I arrived on the unit to find a stable patient. He found his inner strength and truly began fighting to live.

We can talk about drugs and treatments all day long, but our prayers and the love we give are far more powerful than any man-made remedy.

Please pray for our patients that they will find the strength to fight! And pray for the families who are suffering, as well. Prayer supersedes all! Stay safe my friends!

April 9

Day 7: Patient/Dad Update

I was so touched by everyone's positive responses to yesterday's post.

For those who didn't read the post, we had a son come to the hospital and beg his father to live. He started to improve.

The patient went from crashing (bp trending towards death) to stabilizing.

Today, he was off all of his medications, including the ones to maintain his bp!

He was starting to move around a little!

I was not directly caring for this patient but I gave his nurse a break. I went into the room and I said "Sir, you don't know me but, people all across the US are praying for you! I put your story on my Facebook and everyone wants you to get better."

No joke, about 30 minutes later, I told the doctor that the patient was breathing over the vent. Meaning, he was trying to breath on his own! So we switched his vent to support his breathing, as opposed to breathing for him.

Now, don't get me wrong. I certainly don't think my words made a difference. What I think worked were your prayers.



Seniors Find Closure Despite School Closure

by Beth Simmonds

A small group of seniors gathered around a computer screen watching Governor Mike Dewine's live-streamed press conference on March 12. The usual Friday energy was amplified as anxiety around the unknown had been growing during those early weeks of March. The students listened closely. When the governor announced that schools would be closed for a few weeks, the students cheered.

In the midst of the celebration, a question was spoken over the noise, "Wait, why are we cheering?" Another student asked, "What if we don't come back?" That seemed unthinkable and soon the pressing question was what to take home from their lockers. The bell rang and the seniors walked out of the building, unaware that March 13 would be the last normal day of their high school careers.

The seniors had mixed reactions. Troy Stemen, one of the seniors watching the livestream that day, said "I remember being excited that I could relax at home and enjoy waking up late and going to bed late and have a few weeks off school."

Class president Emily Dixon said it felt like an extra break before Easter break. Once it was announced that school would continue online through the end of the year, she said it didn't seem real at first. Then she started thinking about all the events seniors would miss during the last few months of school.

"I knew there was nothing we could do, so I tried to be positive and turn to reflecting on great memories and friendships at Watterson," she said.

Seniors mourned the loss of many milestones — senior lunch, prom, the last all-school Mass and singing "Lean on Me" and the alma mater afterward. Others mourned the loss of a final sports season, or performing in their final musical, band or choir concert. Luke Delbert and Noah Truax had been looking forward to playing their senior season on the new baseball field.

While they couldn't gather to mark these moments, students found new ways to stay connected and find meaning in the challenge.

Mia Brown said that embracing an attitude of gratitude helped her as she mourned the loss of many senior year milestones.

"Seeking out the blessings and the 'God-winks' in my life has truly helped me," she said. "I am truly grateful for my faith, family, friends and good health. I am so blessed to have so many great memories to look back on."

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COVID-19
I am learning
how to cherish the
moments & people
in my life





In addition to meeting online for classes, students also met online with their sports teams, clubs and other extracurricular groups. They were able to stay connected amidst the confusing new reality. Junior Maddy Bellisari said the soccer team read a book together during quarantine and met online to discuss it while junior Jordan Morales participated in online gatherings with the track team and met with a couple teammates to participate in socially distanced workouts. Junior John Agan stayed connected and worked on projects by attending weekly online gatherings with the theatre department and senior Riley Neville helped with the International Thespian Society virtual induction ceremony and met with new officers to transition the leadership for the coming school year.

Although the spring Kairos was cancelled, senior Kairos leaders met online and decided to create student reflections for the 50 days of Easter season to post on the campus ministry Instagram account. In their reflections, students wrote about what life lessons they were learning as a result of the pandemic.

Senior Amy Emswiler said this time has helped her learn to trust God's schedule and timing more fully and to control what she can. Senior Cassie Kasburg said she has learned that it is okay to mourn the losses, feel a bit unsure about the future,

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feel a bit relieved to not be so busy and most of all to take the little victories in life as they come. Noah Truax and Luke Delbert share that during the pandemic, they have learned how important it is to cherish the time you have with others and show people that you love them.

The class of 2020 sought to find closure as the school year came to an end.

Troy Stemen said it was a very sad moment for him when they announced school would be online for the rest of the year.

"This class, the class of 2020, helped shape and mold me into the person I am today," he said. "I was looking forward to the day when I could give my classmates a hug and tell them how amazing and special they are to me."

However, reaching out and connecting with classmates has helped Troy find closure. "I feel if I can still impact even just one day for someone, I can help others find closure and in turn find closure for myself," Troy said.

Chris Crane said as the school year finished up he found that he was thinking more about waiting for college to begin.

Emily Dixon found closure through the Class of 2020 virtual graduation ceremony, watching it in Hilton Head with her family and cousins.

"We had an amazing graduation breakfast," she said. "We played card games, went to the beach and had a photo shoot in my cap and gown. I realized that now we can watch our graduation whenever and that is pretty awesome!"

Locker cleanout was not the usual boisterous hallway scene, with seniors arriving to clean out and turn in books and technology individually.

After graduation, BWHS administrators and staffers fanned out to hand deliver diplomas.

"Bishop Watterson is a very special place and I am grateful for the love, faith and support I received," Dixon said. "I will remember my time, all the lessons I've learned and friendships I've made at Watterson forever and I'm beyond grateful for that and for everyone there."

Beth Simmonds is Bishop Watterson's Campus Minister.





Stemen Says Class of 2020 is Strong

by Beth Simmonds

As a freshman at Bishop Watterson, Troy Stemen felt that his year was going fairly normally. He was introverted but energetic, especially on the baseball field. Unfortunately, things took a turn. Troy began to feel exhausted and couldn't muster up the strength to play his sport. Eventually, Troy had to sit and watch because his legs could not support him. Testing revealed a devastating diagnosis of leukemia.

While Troy began fighting his battle against cancer, Troy's classmates and the Bishop Watterson community continued to reach out to let him know he wasn't forgotten. Visits and cards from classmates and teammates buoyed his spirits. Wristbands and T-shirts printed with the words "No One Fights Alone" and "Stemen Strong" were sold so that everyone could show their support. During the fall of Troy's sophomore year, the students, parents, and teachers wore their shirts and wristbands to a football game in his honor. Soon after, a drive was held so that students and their families could register in the "Be The Match" bone marrow registry.

As Troy continued treatment, he waited anxiously to hear the word "remission." As more and more time went by, he began to worry. Eventually his frail body had an incredibly painful reaction to a treatment which placed him back in the hospital. During this lowest time, Troy began to wonder if he would make it. As he reflected, Troy prayed for more time with family and friends. He prayed for more time to laugh and make memories, more time with God to build a relationship, and

for one more chance to live without taking anything for granted.

"I realized what was truly important in my life and a fire was lit under me. I wanted to fight this terrible disease with every ounce of strength that I could muster. I wanted to rid this disease from my body and be able to be healthy again," Troy said in sharing his story at a Kairos retreat for his class members this year. "So I fought. I struggled. I battled. But I didn't feel like I was doing this alone anymore. I knew that I had God behind me, giving me strength to fight, giving me courage that I needed when I felt sick, when I felt alone."

After nine months of treatment, Troy finally heard that one word he had been longing to hear: remission. Troy embraced his second chance. He now describes himself as "outgoing" and his friends and classmates couldn't agree more. He tries not to waste a single opportunity to reach out and share God's love. He encouraged others to do the same when he shared his story and served as a retreat leader on the school's Kairos retreats and junior retreats. He encourages his classmates to share love with one another and with their families. He wants them to know that God loves them and wants to be in relationship with them. Troy says that sharing this message is part of his mission.

When asked to describe his graduating class today, Troy answered confidently: "Love."

"I chose the word love to describe the senior class because that's all that I have received from them," he said. "I chose the word love because in this last year of high school, I have

seen how endless love has changed and flourished throughout our class through Kairos and just throughout the halls. I have seen the love pour forth from everyone, and how it has affected everyone. I chose this word because the love and support I have received from my class throughout my time of being sick is unimaginable; the love that the community and my class showed me in accepting me back into the class as a normal kid again. They were there for me at my lowest low and supported me during my highest high. They were the people that had my back during my treatment and through my Kairos experiences. I think the word love perfectly describes how we all feel towards each other. There is a deeper connection in our class. I believe that it is the infinite love that we have for one another."

The Bishop Watterson class of 2020 has been shaped by Troy's courage, his strength, his vision and his love. They have joined Troy in his mission to be there for others and to share God's love.



Teachers Adapt to Remote Learning

by Colleen Mar

It was like an episode of the Twilight Zone. On Monday school was moving along as usual but then a feeling of foreboding crept in. A big change was coming, and fast. On Thursday, March 12, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that all schools would close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers and staff across the state and at Bishop Watterson scrambled to prepare their students to do school online for three weeks.

“That week felt like we lived a month, leading up to the announcement,” said Colleen Summanen, Spanish teacher and World Language Department Chair. “We went from zero to 60.”

Bishop Watterson’s administration quickly set up a tiered priority system for teachers, providing recommendations for academic expectations, recorded instruction, online office hours, due dates, sample assignments and grading for core, AP and non-core classes.

“Honestly my first reaction to the closure was terror,” said English teacher Amy Lauer. “I thought, ‘How am I going to make this work?’ It seemed really overwhelming at first. Then we had a staff meeting when school ended that Friday and I understood more of what we were trying to do and I shifted to how I can make this work.”

Eric Stanek, who taught AP Government this year, wasn’t thrilled about the closure, either.



Karissa Boeckman '06 Bowman

“I was not psyched,” he said. “For me the fun part about teaching is being in the classroom with the kids.

Online teaching is about all of the things I don’t enjoy like grading and not about the activities and interaction in the classroom.”

“Remote learning took a lot of the fun out of teaching,” said Dominic Marchi, Math teacher and Department Chair. “I love math but I love the students even more. What gets you up and going in the morning is the interaction and that part was missing.”

The timing of the closure worked out to a week of remote learning, followed by a weeklong spring break and then another week of remote learning, during which Governor DeWine announced a shelter-in-place for the state of Ohio through May 1. That meant schools remained closed. Those first weeks provided an opportunity for teachers to give the students work to keep them on track and to start thinking about how they would adjust to long-term remote teaching.

“At first I prepared a packet that we could use longer if we needed it,” said Mrs. Summanen. “That being said, I didn’t necessarily know how to teach it from a distance. So we reviewed grammar before spring break, something that is important regardless and can be done independently. For my Spanish IV and AP classes we did test prep for those first weeks.”

“When we initially moved online, I needed to assign work to keep the students on track to be ready for the AP exam,” said Mr. Stanek. “Once it was decided that we were not going back, I realized I had to recreate the environment of my classroom in their houses.”

“The biggest difference for me was losing the interaction with the students,” said Mr. Marchi. “You don’t realize how much you apply the feedback you get from looking at their faces in class, how much you adjust. You can look at them and see that they didn’t get something.”

Balancing Act

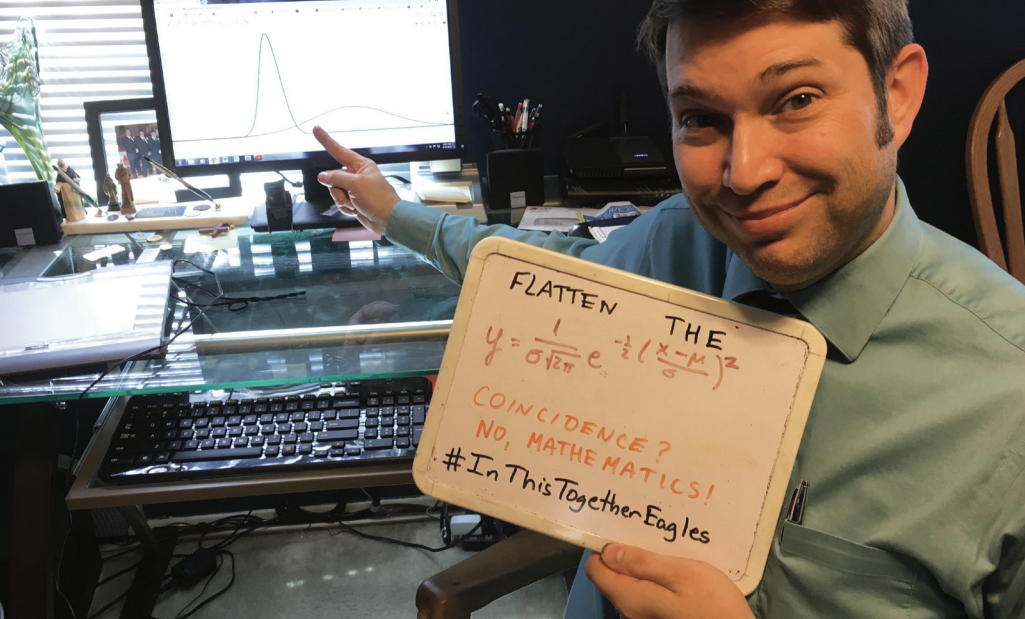
Teachers who have their own school-age children found themselves taking on the additional role of keeping their own children on track with schoolwork and life all while handling their own lesson planning and grading.

“It was tricky,” said math teacher Bethany Korn ’01, who has boys ages five, seven and nine. “We are not in a big house so our kitchen table was our work space. My kids had their own Zoom meetings and homework and my oldest has learning disabilities. I was trying to help him and at the same time trying to help my other two boys and my high school students. The logistical aspect was a steep learning curve. At the same time, homeschooling my oldest son gave me a new perspective for helping my CPII kids.”

Ms. Korn said the pandemic closure and teaching from home with small kids made for very long days. Her own kids wake up at 6 a.m. while many of her high school students were not in motion until about noon. Then her own children would finish school work around 3 p.m. while she pressed on, helping the high school students until about 9 p.m. She found herself recording video lessons at 11:00 at night. It all came with challenging, and sometimes comical, moments.

“I was Zooming with students one day and my 5-year-old yelled from the bathroom, ‘Mom, you need to come wipe me,’” she said. “I had to ask my students to give me a couple of minutes. I’d get to the point frequently when I’d have to ask myself: what is more important right now? We’re going to do the best we can in all things and that’s as much as we can expect for ourselves.”

Mrs. Summanen’s children, on the other hand, are older – a BWHS freshman and a 7th grader at Immaculate Conception – so they worked mostly independently. But the distance learning actually enabled her to be with her parents during the time when her father was in hospice care and eventually passed away.



Dominic Marchi, math

Closure Extended

On April 20, with social distancing and the shelter-at-home flattening the curve of infections and pushing the projected peak into May, the governor announced that schools would be closed for the remainder of the year. BWHS events were also impacted by the state limit of 10 people at any gathering.

"It didn't surprise me when the governor extended to May 1," said Deacon Chris Campbell '77, Principal. "Part of me was focused on the business side and what needs to be done. But then there was the emotional part of it, the whole notion of, wow, these kids are not going to be able to get closure on the school year. Our teachers are not going to have closure. All of the kids involved in sports, theatre and other activities ... nothing for them. Also, for those teachers finishing up their careers, our retirees, that's just not how you want to go out. And things like prom and the Mothers' Club Style Show couldn't go on ... all things we didn't have any control over. I felt bad for the students and for the faculty and for the parents as well."

"We pretty much knew that was coming," said Mrs. Lauer. "I was kind of planning for that and how I was going to work through the content I had left to work through. It was about trying to improve and looking for different options and ways to get the content covered. I tried to change it up as much as I could while still keeping my instructions easy to understand and easy to do without sacrificing learning."

With the quick switch to remote learning not just for Ohio but for most of the nation, issues were bound to pop up such as the web-based student information system being overwhelmed that first week. By late March the online resources were keeping pace.

Getting Creative

"Early on, my first thought was that the students are now in a totally different environment than before so how do I create a system for my class that's going to allow them the maximum amount of flexibility to succeed and still get the content covered," said Mr. Stanek. "I couldn't be a taskmaster and I also couldn't just hand out A's."

In an effort to help students succeed and to recognize that every family's situation at home was different, administration recommended that teachers issue assignments on Monday with everything due on Friday, giving students the week to get the work done. This allowed students who had other important responsibilities, such as watching younger siblings while parents worked at home, to watch lectures and do their work at times that worked best for them.

"I moved to doing live lectures on Zoom which I would record and they could watch later," Mr. Stanek said. "I also started moving my lecture times around so I could reach more students. I had some students waking up at 8 a.m. and

going to bed at 10 or 11:00. Some were waking up at noon and going to bed at 4 a.m."

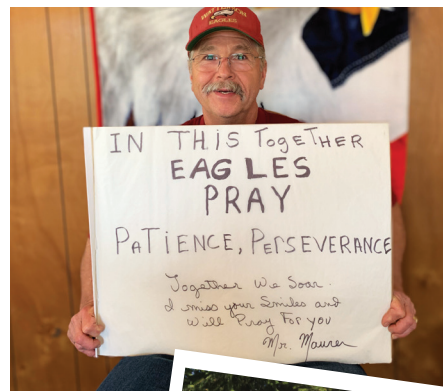
Mrs. Summanen participated in training sessions with the tech staff and made a habit of regularly checking teacher websites and Facebook pages for language teachers, looking for ideas to keep the learning moving forward.

"It can be overwhelming because they'll list 100 resources and you're not sure which to look at!" she said.

Mrs. Lauer made videos for everything, allowed flexible timing and provided assignments that gave students the opportunity to choose how to apply their learning.

"Giving the students a choice of which question to apply to an assignment or a choice of how to do an assignment was better for me, too, because I wasn't looking at the same thing every day," she said.

Ray Maurer, art



Mike Enright '99, science



Amanda Mensah,
Student Wellness Counselor

Student Adjustment Varied

It has become well known that people learn differently. That concept was on display for our teachers to a greater degree during the closure. Some students adapted well to remote learning while others struggled to stay on course. Other students had pre-existing factors such as depression or anxiety that may have impacted them due to the loss of the daily structure or social interaction.

"My kids just seemed to go with it," said Mrs. Lauer. "I had a handful who thrived. They were asking more questions, showing more interest. Still others didn't adjust as well and I had to gently prod them through email, which is hard because they're not getting my tone. I tried to check with kids first and then bring in the parents. I took the approach of asking what can I do to help you get this done; and, we all know this is hard so what can I do to help? As hard as it was for me, it had to be more challenging for them because they're doing this for six or seven classes with different teachers with different styles."

Mr. Stanek noticed the change in sleep schedules was beneficial for the students. "There was a lack of accountability with them at the beginning because they weren't seeing us and having to hand us their homework," he said. "But they got into a space where they were able to have the rhythm that was the most beneficial for them. Ultimately it worked out well because they could prioritize their own time in a way that they couldn't before. In reality, that's life and especially college. You're in class for a few hours and then you need to figure out when to get the rest of your work done."

AP Exams Change

In the midst of the continuous adjustment to remote education came the news that all AP exams would be online ... and the formats changed. What teachers did to prep students throughout the year now had to be recalibrated overnight.

"There was a HUGE adjustment for us with the AP Gov test going online," said Mr. Stanek. "We had been practicing all year and essentially had to re-learn how to take the exam very quickly."

"It helped that I was pretty active on the teacher forums where they were discussing the exam," said Mrs. Summanen. "It was only a week and a half before the exam that they were making changes, some of which were similar to how the exam was administered 10 years ago. Some teachers who grade AP exams shared examples on the teacher sites and that helped a lot."

Hindsight is 20/20

Looking back at the experience, Mrs. Summanen said the teamwork among Bishop Watterson's administration and support staff made a huge difference on the remote learning experience.

"I talk to teacher friends in other schools, in Columbus and other cities, and their schools did not have what we had," said Mrs. Summanen. "I think Watterson had an excellent plan and was very organized. I liked the triaging, especially at first when we were all trying to sort things out. The specific guidance on how many lessons, how many times per week, assigning days for office hours by department, was all helpful. I've heard from other schools that people

were randomly choosing days with no organization so then students had conflicts; also, some teachers gave a ton of work and others hardly anything. Their administrations basically said do your best. I felt that our administration did an excellent job of giving expectations, time to adjust and clear parameters. Having a tiered plan right from the start was helpful. You can't expect perfection."

Every day was an exercise in adapting and being flexible for the entire BWHS staff as the non-teachers jumped in to support the administration, teachers and each other. The line between work time and home time often became blurred, or nonexistent.

"Overall, I thought our transition to remote learning was outstanding," said Deacon Campbell. "To be able to change our business model, to literally turn it around in one day, was amazing. Our faculty really stepped up and did a great job. Was it perfect? No. Did we have to work through a lot of things? Yes. We tweaked things and learned a lot. If a closure like this ever happens again, we are prepared. We also know our kids responded well. For some of them it was very difficult and remote learning is not a good model for them because they need someone watching over them and they need the interaction. And for others it's not good socially and emotionally to do school at home on a computer. Those kids miss everything that goes with school like eating lunch with their friends. But the majority did great."

While the Bishop Watterson staff was able to pivot and find ways to educate students remotely, they still missed seeing the students in person every day.

"I am looking forward to next school year," said Deacon Campbell. "I want to be in school, full go."

Pandemic Impact on BWHS-Family Businesses Varies

When the state of Ohio issued a shelter-in-place order on March 23, it was a prosperous time for grocery stores and other essential services, but a strain for many other businesses. Bishop Watterson employees noticed there were many local BWHS alumni and family businesses that would potentially be impacted, so we posted a list on our website and have been adding to it ever since. The initial thought was to share a list of businesses that were open such as restaurants with takeout service and sign or hardware stores, but the list has grown to 66 local businesses. We talked to a few of our alumni involved with some of these establishments in early June, as Ohio's economy was starting to re-open.

"We're starting to see a twinkle at the end of the tunnel," said Brian Butler '95, owner of Dublin Cleaners, which closed branch locations while continuing pickup and delivery. "I was able to keep some workers with shifts that were broken into segments."

The pandemic experience for the businesses was as varied as the businesses themselves. Just as each business is unique, so have been their experiences during the pandemic.

Jason Janoski '82 said that his Home Helpers Home Care franchise, which provides in-home care and health services for the elderly and differently-abled, was busier than ever.

"We can't close - our clients need us now more than ever," he said. "The pandemic didn't stop us at all. We have strict protocols in place that protect our caregivers and clients. It is a privilege to serve our clients every day, especially at a time like this. I'm proud of our employees. They are essential workers and out on the front line."

While Janoski and his employees were taking great care not to expose the at-risk elderly, Les Swearingen of R&J Barden Printing and Graphics found it more difficult to connect with customers.

"Business of our kind is hard when you cannot meet with people due to current social distancing protocols," Swearingen said. "We do a large amount of printing for meetings and large events, and those are not happening at this time, so we have been open making courtesy calls to our print clients from the shop and keeping the shop running for any current projects."



Smith's Deli, located on High Street just south of Bishop Watterson, has stayed quite busy with carryout.

"Smith family friends and patrons have come through, along with the local community," said owner Jack Smith '70, father of seven BWHS grads and husband of BWHS cafeteria veteran Suzanne Maple '70 Smith. "With the current rules and regulations given to restaurants we are continuing with carryout a while longer."

Hale's Ales and Kitchen, owned by Todd and Ileen Harklerode, parents of Elizabeth '15 and Todd '17, has also maintained steady business.

"We have a very loyal customer base that made it all go well," said Ileen. "We maintained 85% of our food business with carryout and were able to keep our staff employed. We used our wait staff to work carryout and we'll keep it going at this time as food sales maintain the business."

While customer loyalty and carry out have kept Smith's Deli and Hale's Ales moving along, the 36-location Cameron Mitchell Restaurants company took a different approach, according to Kerry Boyle '91, Vice President and General Counsel for Cameron Mitchell Restaurants.

"When Governor DeWine issued the order closing all restaurants and bars, it was a very scary time and we tried to stay open for carryout," Boyle said. "After four days, we decided to totally shut down and furloughed 4,500 people, from top officials down, as we decided it was in the best interest of our associates' health to close."

Boyle described the pandemic as unprecedented and added, "There's no playbook for dealing with zero revenue. We were completely shut down. March through May was a crash course in the comprehensive details of the restaurant business, from financing to supply, human resources and capital. The next three months will be huge for the restaurant industry and Cameron Mitchell Restaurants is poised to thrive on the other side."

Billy Griffin '06



Griffin (Still) Making People Laugh

by Heather Weekley '07 Lofy

In 2012, Billy Griffin '06 took his parents to Roosters - yes, the popular spot where many a Bishop Watterson student has gathered to grab food and celebrate an Eagle football win - to share with them some career news: He wanted to be an actor.

"My dad asked me why I wanted to be an actor," Griffin recalls. "I said to him, 'I love escaping the hard times in my life with entertainment. I just want to entertain people so they laugh. I don't care if it's 20 seconds or two hours.'"

That's just what Griffin does now as an actor and comedian in Los Angeles. Most notably, he works on the long-running show "America's Funniest Home Videos" as an audience warm-up comedian.



Filming a promo with Shannon Sharpe for "Undisputed with Skip and Shannon."

"I just want to entertain people so they laugh. I don't care if it's 20 seconds or two hours."

Billy Griffin on St. Patrick's Day with America's Funniest Home Videos host Alfonso Ribeiro.

It took a few steps in life for Griffin to discover his call to acting and making people laugh. After graduating from Bishop Watterson in 2006, he attended Ohio Dominican University (ODU) to play football.

"I didn't even know about Ohio Dominican until they started recruiting me, and it was just across Columbus," Griffin said. "I majored in communications there and had two really cool internships. One was with Late Night with Conan O'Brien. I spent time in New York when I was 20. My uncle worked there for Conan, and he told me about the program. The rule at ODU was that you could only do an internship after your junior year. This was after my sophomore year, and they were by the book and would not budge. But then a faculty member said she would do an independent study with me. She wanted to show kids they could come to ODU and get a cool internship."

Griffin also interned with NBC4 sports director Jerod Smalley, where he got another taste of the entertainment industry combined with communications. After college, the National Football League surprisingly didn't want him, Griffin joked. He had a degree, but he still wasn't sure what he wanted to do. Then, during a post-graduation internship running a soundboard in an auditorium, Griffin realized that sitting in a room attending meetings all day was not the way he wanted to spend his career.

At the time, several of Griffin's friends from Bishop Watterson lived in Chicago and they were looking for a fourth roommate, so Griffin took a chance and moved there. In Chicago, he worked two jobs while enrolled in The Second City, the well-known improvisation program. When it was over, Griffin headed home to Columbus. It was then that Griffin sat down with his parents at Roosters and explained his new ambition.

In December 2013, Griffin drove to Los Angeles and began his entertainment journey.

"My first job was doing cue cards on a talk-show called The Pete Holmes Show," Griffin said. "I got to work on the Warner Brothers lot every day. I got my first taste of reality. They were waiting on the show to get picked up again, and then it got cancelled. In my mind, I thought, 'Let's move through it.'"

Early on during the summer of 2015, Griffin interviewed to be a production assistant on America's Funniest Home Videos. At age 27, he was one of the oldest production assistants, but it helped him understand that he still needed experience doing that kind of work.

"I was sharpening pencils and getting people's lunch," Griffin said. "I drove for Lyft and Uber back then too. I have an amazing family and friends who supported me. I am still friends with all my buddies from Watterson. Those are the people you need to call upon in tough times."

Griffin eventually started hinting to the America's Funniest Home Videos writers that he would be a great warm-up comedian for the show. He finally got the opportunity to stand in for the regular warm-up comedian. After successful performances earning accolades from writers and producers, Griffin was offered the job. Now, five seasons later, Griffin still loves his role as warmup comedian.

"I crack up at every taping," Griffin said. "It's the same old videos, but that's why the show has been on for 30 years. It's pure funny videos. And the most fun part about it is making the show with amazing people. It's kind of like being at Watterson... it's the people."

Griffin continues to perform stand-up comedy on the side, and he's glad that he can continue his work despite the COVID-19 pandemic. While he was not in any mood to be funny at the beginning of the pandemic, he's now using this time to work hard.

"As things kept progressing, I realized how lucky I am to continue to work on

comedy and not have to worry about the health of anyone I know," Griffin shares. "There are a lot of others who don't have that luxury. Personally, I now see this time as just another form of adversity. In adverse times, I bring myself back to my training and what has gotten me to a certain point. It has humbled me and put me into work mode."

Griffin said he is thankful for how his time at Bishop Watterson has shaped the person he is today and the connections he's made.

"There is something different about Watterson," he said. "I have friends from college who went to other private schools who don't talk to their high school friends. You can't help but fall in line with everything being taught at Watterson. That's why we have such a tight community."

Griffin on the set of Conan.



Griffin starred as the guy in the pool/ocean in a Rocket Mortgage commercial.

Brendan Foley Memorial Fund Established



The Brendan Foley Memorial Fund honors the late Brendan Foley III '19 who passed away five months after graduating from Bishop Watterson and while attending his beloved Ohio State. The fund was established by his parents, Deb and Brendan Foley Jr., to provide financial assistance to the BWHS Campus Ministry Program. The assistance includes scholarships to help students attend Kairos retreats, as well as funding to bring guest speakers to the school and for campus ministry supplies, equipment and facility needs.

“Brendan loved being part of the Bishop Watterson family and was thankful for the love and support from his friends and the faculty,” said his mom, Deb. “He spoke of how glad he was to have been able to attend a Catholic high school and participate in the many unique traditions such as celebrating Mass as a school community, singing with the Music Ministry group, and standing arm-in-arm with his classmates for the Alma Mater. He also treasured the many spiritual retreats offered at Watterson, particularly Kairos.”

Brendan attended St. Brigid of Kildare from pre-school through eighth grade and then joined the Bishop Watterson family. It was during his sophomore year that Brendan was diagnosed with pancreatic neuroendocrine cancer, a rare form of pancreatic cancer. Throughout high school, Brendan was a model of perseverance as he underwent surgeries and treatments while dealing with intense pain and other physically disruptive symptoms.

“We wanted to start the ministry fund because we saw how faith-based programs at Bishop Watterson provided a foundation for positive interactions among students and a better understanding of our Catholic faith,” said his dad, Brendan Jr. “Through programs like the Worship Band, Kairos and others, Brendan grew closer with his classmates and with God, which gave him strength in his fight against cancer. We also saw how these programs helped other students. We wanted to provide opportunities for Watterson students to grow in their community and faith, without money being a limiting factor. These experiences were a priority for Brendan, so they are a priority for us, and maybe for other parents too.”

“Brendan was an inspiration to our community here at Bishop Watterson. He was a model of what it means to live the Christian faith. He had a profound effect on everyone he met,” said BWHS Principal Deacon Chris Campbell. “I am so grateful to his parents, Deb and Brendan and the Foley family, for their generosity and support of our Campus Ministry Program. Brendan’s legacy will live on here at Bishop Watterson through those of us he impacted and through this new memorial fund.”

To contribute to the Brendan Foley Memorial Fund, go to bishopwatterson.com, click on the Give button and then select the fund from the drop down menu. Checks can be mailed to Brendan Foley Memorial Fund, Bishop Watterson High School, 99 East Cooke Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Please reference the fund on the check.

BRENDAN'S EXAMPLE:

Be Yourself

Jenna Mar '19, K8, K10



Many teenagers struggle with identity. A lot of high school is spent trying to sort out who they are, who they want to be, and whether they fit in. With internal struggles and well-polished masks, it can be difficult for them to see each other for who they truly are. Brendan Foley III '19, however, showed the members of the Class of 2019 how to be themselves.

I had the privilege of knowing Brendan as a classmate, co-leader on Kairos, and friend. We attended St. Brigid of Kildare and in our second-grade class there was a boy

named Brandon. Teachers would mistakenly call Brendan "Brandon" and vice versa. Brendan was never hesitant to say, "I'm Brendan, not Brandon." Brendan knew exactly who he was and let everyone else know that person. His confident, straightforward, and easygoing attitude made those around him more comfortable in their own skin, too. He gave everybody a chance to show him who they were and was accepting of people who took that chance. In elementary and middle school, Brendan and I were not close friends as much as we were classmates. We got to know each other better in high school, especially when we were paired to lead a small group at the October 2018 Kairos retreat.

That was when I really got to know Brendan and witness his struggle with cancer. During the retreat, I noticed Brendan's eyes and skin becoming more jaundiced. He was tired and ill, but continued to laugh with our newly-made friends and ensure that people had a positive experience on that retreat. We were both

fairly strong-willed people and we bickered several times throughout the process, but we had each others' backs and came out of the retreat with a Kairos family.

During that senior year, Brendan showed a rare type of strength. He led another Kairos retreat and a junior retreat, was president of Business Club, earned the ranking of Eagle Scout, played on the boys' volleyball team (including every match on the way to the state finals), sang with music ministry at all-school Masses, dealt with the college application process, was accepted into Ohio State's Fisher College of Business, and graduated. He did all of this while sick with a disease that would have rendered most people incapacitated. Throughout, he held on to who he was and did not allow himself to be defined by cancer.

His quality of openness contributed to making him a leader among his peers, especially on Kairos retreats, which became some of his favorite experiences at Bishop Watterson.

Kairos is four-day retreat known in the Bishop Watterson community as an essential part of senior year. One of the things that people frequently say about Kairos is that it is healing. After leading the retreat with Brendan, I can finally articulate what it is that people love about it so much: it returns us to ourselves. For some people this lasted only the duration of the retreat, for others it lasted much longer. No matter how long somebody is on the "Kai-High," it is a valuable experience for many, and Brendan wanted everyone to be able to have it. His final message to the world is the very slogan with which Kairos ends: "Live the fourth." This phrase encourages everyone to live with the spirit of Kairos beyond the fourth and final day of the retreat. There are dozens of ways that one can "live the fourth." Brendan did this by being welcoming of others and accepting of who they are, flaws and all. He kept his faith in God, lived it openly, and he never surrendered who he was.



What Kairos Means To Me

By Meghan Carroll '17, K4, K5

I went into my first Kairos retreat (K4) barely having a relationship with God. I went to Mass with my family and we prayed before meals, but I never made an effort to make my faith life important. When I left Kairos, my life did a 180. I left Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center feeling more open to my faith and actually feeling like faith could be an important part of my life. I had also made friends I would not have made if I wasn't on that retreat. My two leaders were big influences on me; one became a very good friend to me and I am still very grateful for what that friendship brought. After seeing how great my leaders did with my group, I was inspired to help lead others in the same way. When I was accepted to lead K5 I was thrilled.

It was my first time leading a small group, and not only was my partner great but our group formed deep connections. In fact, two of our group members are roommates in college. I remember being in the chapel on the second night of K5 knowing whole-heartedly that retreat was where I was supposed to be at that moment. It was where God wanted me to be. I made some of my best friends from leading K5, and I'm still close with some today. I have Kairos to thank for that.

Kairos, as a whole, opened my eyes; I could see what my classmates were going through and how faith was a key aspect in their life that got them through hard times. I felt so much love and joy on Kairos; I never thought it was possible to feel that happy about something. I even gave a talk about Experiencing God, something that I don't think I would have done four months prior. Kairos opened my heart and changed my life for the better, and inspired me to continue pursuing growth in my faith.



When I started college, I felt God continue to call me to grow in my faith, so I went on OSU's Newman Center's Buckeye Awakening during the spring of my freshman year. That retreat introduced me to the Newman Center, a place that has become a second home to me at OSU. I have participated in five Buckeye Awakenings, once as a retreat leader and four as staff. Through those retreats and the Newman Center parish I have met some of my best friends. The retreats, experiences and people help me become a better person every day. I spend a lot of my time at Newman studying in the lounge with my friends, at bible study, or meeting to plan for the next Awakening. I have never been so happy and content with my life. I am glad to say I am proud of the person I am today: someone who knows she is worthy and loved by God.

If I had not said yes to going on Kairos the fall of my senior year, I would not even be writing this today. I probably wouldn't be involved at Newman at OSU, I wouldn't have the friends I do today, and I probably wouldn't be as happy about life as I am right now.

I pray for my two Kairos groups and I wear my Kairos cross daily, and I notice so many others also wearing them around campus. It is amazing when I meet someone at Newman who has also gone on Kairos because we can talk forever about what our experiences were like. Not everyone's experience was like mine, but we all agree that just going on a Kairos retreat has an impact.

My younger brother, Murphy '19, got to experience Kairos this past fall, and I'll never forget getting a picture from my mom of him with his friends; in it he is wearing the Kairos cross around his neck. He had the biggest smile on his face. He told me on the ride home that he was on the "Kai-high." The happiness you feel as you leave the retreat is truly one of the best feelings.

I will never forget Kairos. It is what started my journey to finding my faith life, finding my best friends, and finding what makes me happy. Before Kairos I never thought that I'd be singing worship songs with people, actively talking about faith in a bible study or having regular conversations about faith. Kairos gave me the life I never knew I could have, and for that I am extremely grateful. God is good, all the time. God works in mysterious ways.

Kairos Alumni Retreat, July 2019



Hall of Fame

Bishop Watterson High School inducted its sixth class into the Bishop Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame at events September 6-8, 2019.

Congratulations to these individuals who distinguished themselves either on the field of play or through their dedication to the athletic program.

Bishop Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Matt Callahan '88
(Dublin, Ohio)
Football 1984-1988
Basketball 1984-1988
Baseball 1984-1988

Sam Dixon '75
(Lincoln, Neb.)
Basketball 1973-1975

Andrew Moses '05
(Lakewood, Ohio)
Football 2002-2004
Basketball 2003-2005

Joanie O'Brien '82
(Columbus, Ohio)
Field Hockey 1978
Basketball 1978-1982
Softball 1979
Track 1980

Tim Pond '63
(Columbus, Ohio)
Baseball 1961-1963
Basketball 1961-1963

Jack Poppe
(Columbus, Ohio)
Equipment Coordinator
1986-2017



Performing & Visual Arts Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees

The Performing & Visual Arts Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of outstanding alumni, staff and community members who have excelled in the arts.

Sharon Alloway has taught English at Bishop Watterson for 38 years. She was the advisor for the spring musical from 1985-2006 and the fall play from 1985-2011. While retired from full-time teaching, Alloway remains on staff to teach two senior British Literature classes.

Nancy Essman served as a vocal music teacher for 35 years, inspiring students at Roosevelt Junior High School and Bishop Watterson. In addition, she was a talented pianist who could play mostly anything by ear. Her influence continues today through her former students, several of whom now perform.

Stefan Farrenkopf '85, was a BWHS faculty member from 1992-95 and now teaches English and directs plays at Columbus Academy. He is a writer and composer of musicals (*Lunch Lady: Tator Tots of Love*, *Beautiful Cul de Sac (Shots in the Dark)*, *A Midsummer Night's Swing*, or *It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing*). Farrenkopf performs locally with his band *The Everlasting Happiness*, which includes BWHS grads *Chris Rockwell '85*, *Andy Harrison '88* and *Jeremy Rogers '88*.

Maria Frommeyer '82 was a cast member of four BWHS shows and active in choral performance while attending Xavier University. She performed with *Vaud-Villities* for five years. Additionally, Frommeyer is the founder and co-director of the BWHS *Worship Band*, and a member of *Station-14*, a praise and worship band that provides music ministry in the Diocese of Columbus. She directed and choreographed 15 musicals at St. Brigid.

Fran Kalal joined Pixar Animation Studios in 2007, serving as a prop and set shading artist, character shading artist and shot simulation artist before settling in as a cloth and tailoring technical artist. She tailored all of the costumes for the character *Ellie* in Academy Award winner *"Up."* She also tailored the dress for *Merida* in the Academy Award winning *"Brave"* and worked on costume tailoring for *"Inside Out"* and *"Coco."* She most recently worked as character tailoring lead on *"Incredibles 2."* Kalal has been a lead instructor of the Pixar Undergraduate Program, teaching undergraduate interns the technical pipeline in Pixar production.

John Modecki-Mellet spent 30 years teaching at Bishop Watterson. He directed 29 fall plays from 1983-2011. In addition, he was head director for 12 musicals and assistant director or technical director for another 16 musicals, bringing his BWHS show total to 57.



Bishop Watterson Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2020

Induction events have been postponed.

Chuck Egelhoff '61
Jeff Hill '73
Jason Janoski '82
Vince Lombardo
Devon May '03
Adrienne Ristas McAninch '93
John Pucin '84



Mike Renzi has been Director of Bands at Bishop Watterson since 1990. In this role he directs the marching band, concert band, jazz band, and pit orchestra, and teaches music theory. He is also the Area Band Coordinator for the Bishop Watterson Feeder School Band Program and teaches band at Our Lady of Peace and St. Michael Schools. Renzi is a member of the Worthington Civic Band and Winds of Ohio.

Jim Silcott has spent more than 40 years in Catholic education as a teacher and principal. He taught English and Latin and directed shows at Bishop Watterson from 1979-89, then served as an Assistant Principal from 2000-2005 while also directing and teaching the drama class. Also during his time at BWHS, Silcott led an exchange trip to Great Britain each year, during which the group saw many shows in London.

Dr. John and Mrs. Delphine Thomas sent five daughters through Bishop Watterson, all of whom were involved in theatre. Mrs. Thomas served as a Little Theatre photographer and videographer. They came to the rescue when the theatre lights gave out and generously donated a new lighting system.

Mikey Thomas '85 is the founder and director of Movement Activities Aerial Dance in Columbus. During his career he has been a dancer for the Sean Curran Company in New York City, an Assistant Professor at Savannah College of Art and Design, Southern Illinois University and Goucher College (visiting) and served as Education Outreach Instructor at Brooklyn Academy of Music. He was also a dancer, instructor and company manager for BalletMet in Columbus and has choreographed for dance companies in Baltimore and St. Louis. His creative work at the University of Southern Mississippi, presented at the Kennedy Center, was recognized as a work of excellence by a contemporary American choreographer.

Bishop Watterson Performing Arts Hall of Fame Class of 2020

*Induction events
for the Class of
2020 are scheduled
for November 7.*

Leila Fresco
Tom Long
Chris Rockwell '85
Lynne Shineman
Kevin Smith
Jim Swanson '88
John Swartz '02

Retirees

As we close the 2019-20 school year, Bishop Watterson bids farewell to four staffers who have worked here for a combined 90 years and are now retiring.



Chuck Bleakmore has served as a counselor at BWHS since 1985. In addition to providing individual counseling services, Mr. Bleakmore ran numerous support groups such as grief/loss or social skills.



Tony Cleveland has been teaching 30 years, with 22 of them at BWHS. He has taught physical education and wood shop, served as an assistant coach of the baseball team for 14 years and head coach for three years. He was also an assistant football coach for nine years. Also

known as "TC" on campus, Mr. Cleveland served on the staff for Kairos and Urban Plunge retreats.



Karen Schwanekamp taught at BWHS for 30 years of her 37 years in the classroom. She taught Biology, Basic Biology, Accelerated Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science. She served as moderator for the Science Club.



Tom Tuohy spend all 34 years of his career at Bishop Watterson, teaching Introduction to Physics and Chemistry, Honors IPC, Earth and Space, Biology and Chemistry. Mr. Tuohy coached cross country and served as the moderator of the chess club and chess team over the years.



Marian Hutson Inducted to Homecoming Hall of Fame

Our 2019 Homecoming Honoree was Bishop Watterson's fourth principal, Marian Hutson, who we recognized at an assembly in October. Ms. Hutson joined the BWHS staff in 1977 to teach a variety of social studies classes, including Government, Sociology, American History and

Sociology of Family and Marriage. She served as department chair and then Assistant Principal before being named Principal in 2000. During her tenure as principal, Bishop Watterson's curriculum expanded to more than 160 courses. In addition, the facilities more than doubled in size with the construction of the weight room, the North addition housing science, computer and art laboratories and the South addition which

includes a gymnasium, Dominican Hall, band and choir rooms and the guidance suite. Ms. Hutson also oversaw the renovation of the locker rooms and sports medicine suite and kicked off the four-year classroom renovation project which included business and medical center classrooms. We are grateful to Ms. Hutson for her leadership and the many ways she had a positive impact on BWHS.

Alumni Updates

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.

'58 Santo Delmatto resides in Heath, Ohio and works maintenance at St. Leonard Catholic Church.

'59 Robert Safford lives in Virginia Beach, Va. with his wife Marian Dickerson Safford.

'65 Judith Gideon resides in Columbus.

Thomas Hauck retired from Ball Corporation. He and his wife, Peggy Fetter Hauck, make their home in Parsons, Tenn. and are spending their time fishing, hunting, and enjoying nature. They have four children: Jeff, Troy, Nicole, and Jenny.

'66 Barbara Boggs Schlaff resides in Dearborn, Mich. and is the CEO of Dior Bridal Salon. She has a daughter, Kimberly Harris.

'67 Paul Gideon and his wife Billie live in Gambier, Ohio.

Pam Jones Mulberry retired from National Seating and Mobility. She resides in Columbus and has a daughter, Erin.

'69 John Boyle and his wife, Mary Clarke Boyle reside in Kettering, Ohio. John retired in October, 2014 after practicing inpatient and outpatient Internal Medicine. They enjoy travelling and spending time with their family. John and Mary are blessed with three children, all graduates of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and eight grandchildren.

John Parker retired from Columbus City Schools. He resides in North Olmsted, Ohio with his wife, Anita L. Gangidine.

'71 Paul Pusateri lives in Hilliard, Ohio with his wife Kathleen. They have two sons, Andrew '98 and Matthew '00. Paul is a CPA/accountant with McCurdy & Associates, Inc.

W. Kenneth Wiseman resides in Falls Church, Va. with his wife Lori. They have three children: Stephanie, John, and Catherine. Ken is the Design Principal at Cannon Design. He recently achieved the Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

'72 Brian Rapp resides in Raleigh, North Carolina and is an accounts clerk at Duke University. Brian has multiple responsibilities at Duke including umpiring softball, refereeing basketball, and doing sports writing and photography on the side.

'75 Richard Brinkman and his wife Brenda reside in McKinney, Texas. Richard is VP Sales and Marketing for Homer Laughlin China and has a son, Benjamin.

Anne Dorrian Lenzotti is retired and makes her home in Columbus with her husband Bill. They have a son, Liam '20.

'76 Randy Doherty recently moved from California to Worthington, Ohio.

'77 Michael Zenker makes his home in Clarksville, Tenn.

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

Margaret Tague Bina and her husband Joseph reside in Charleston, S.C.

Tim Spillers is a Sr. Project Manager with Toyota Motor

North America. He lives in Frisco, Texas.

'80 Anna Segna Pyle is a substitute teacher for the Educational Service Center Council of Governments. She resides in Columbus and has two children, Nathan and Maria.

'81 John Byrne is retired and lives in New Albany, Ohio with his wife Cheryl. He has two children: Rebecca and Abigail.

'84 Mary Gallagher and her husband Todd Goehring live in Columbus with their three children: Timothy, Kathleen, and Megan. Mary is the Executive Vice President & Chief of Staff for the Ohio Hospital Association.

James Farmer lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Nhu Nguyen. They have four children: Jackie, Laura, Nick, and Gabriel.

'85 Bob Trout lives in Columbus and is the owner/President of Schreiner Ace Hardware. He and his wife Vickie have a son Brandon, age 16.

'86 Tony Altieri resides in Powell with his wife Stephanie. He has two children, Roman and Hannah and is the owner of Waveland Technologies.

Mike Henson and his wife Debbie live in Lewis Center and have two children; Jennifer and Taylor. Mike is Executive Director - Technology Finance for JPMorgan Chase.

Cathy Baughman Cook resides in Palm Coast, Fla.

'89 Barbara Good Fortkamp is married to Jonathan Fortkamp '88 and they reside in Columbus. Barbara is a Funeral Director for Rutherford Funeral Homes, Inc. Jonathan is a nuclear engineer; Director of Health, Safety and Radical Solutions at Veolia Nuclear Solutions. Barbara and Jonathan have two children;

William '17 and Ella '20.

'90 Ryan Bobay lives in Lewis Center with his wife Diane Hixson. He is an IT support technician principle with American Electric Power and has two children: Caroline, age 18 and Sophia, age 16.

Simon Cantlon lives in North Charleston, S.C. and is a self-employed producer of festivals and events. He worked in the entertainment industry for more than 20 years on such shows as American Idol, Dexter, So You Think You Can Dance, Weeds and more. He was nominated for an Emmy for his work on the Showtime Network's Dexter.

Clare Fisher Brofford lives in Worthington, Ohio with her husband Jeremy. Clare is a real estate investor with F&W Properties and Jeremy is Director of Produce for Wendy's Quality Supply Chain Co-op, Inc. They have two children: Bo, age 15 and Jonas, age 14.

Jenelle Todryk Chalmers resides in Kenilworth, Ill.

Ann Grom Cloonan lives in Palm Bay, Fla. and works as a cosmetologist.

Amy Skobrak Douglas lives in West Chester, Ohio with her husband Tony. They have two children: Kaylee, age 17, and Michael, age 14. Amy is a project manager with US Bank.

Jodi Bartok Fox is married to Jeff and resides in Columbus. They have four children: Emily, age 20, Jack, age 17, Ryan, age 15, and Ashley, age 13.

Brian Lonardo makes his home in Vienna, Va. He is a business owner of Nothing But Net.

Jennifer Biddiscombe Oxley resides in North Olmsted, Ohio and is a registered senior client associate with Merrill Lynch.

Brady Roenker lives in Pickerington, Ohio and is a Region Sales Manager with Orkin Pest Control. He has three children: Kailey, age 24, Mason, age 21, and Spencer, age 20.

Jane Vargo Sprake and her husband Bill reside in Crestwood, Kentucky. They have two children; Joe, age 17, and Madeline, age 9. Jane is a paralegal at Goldberg Simpson, LLC. and Bill is VP Cash Management at ATM Solutions.

Helen Im Suk is a marketing consultant at Swift Group Marketing. She and her husband John have three children: Sam, age 20, Matthew, age 18, and Jack, age 15.

Jennifer Schultheis Wallace lives in Columbus and is the Assistant Principal at St. James the Less Catholic School. She and her husband Jim have four children; Olivia, age 20, Sam, age 19, Natalie, age 16, and Ryan, age 6.

Tom West lives in Lewis Center, Ohio with his wife Kyla. He is a realtor and has two children: Spencer and Lucas.

Julie Verhoff Pipes lives in Sarasota, Fla. with her husband Jay who works for Amazon Web Services.

'91 Suhad Dawaher Bergman resides in Hilliard, Ohio with her husband Rick. She is self-employed in real estate investments and has four children: Abigail, age 18, Layla, age 16, Kaitlin, age 14, and Isaac, age 12.

Julie Jones Jimenez lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. with her husband Augustine. They are the parents of twins Augustine and Evelyn Jimenez, age 8. Julie is a speech language therapist with Scottsdale Unified School District and her husband works for Wells Fargo.

'93 Stephanie Schultheis Baird is married to Joseph Baird '91 and they reside in Columbus. They have three children; Luke, age 16, Tommy, age 12, and Mayce, age 9. Stephanie is an RN with Ohio Health and Joseph is a mortgage broker with Lakeview Lending.

John Biggs and his wife Joanna live in Brooklyn, N.Y. John is an editor at CoinDesk and has three children: Kasper, Milla, and Guthrie.

Heather Lehman Dauer resides in Hilliard, Ohio with her husband Matt who is employed by Corna Kokosing Construction Company. She is Product Sr. Consultant Manager at Nationwide Financial. They have three children: Nicholas, age 20, Carson, age 17, and Kendall, age 10.

Robert O'Neil is a Lieutenant with the Columbus Division of Fire where he has 21 years of service. He is married to Bobbie Quelette and they have two children: Cassidy, age 20 and Colby age 18.

Jody Allen White and her husband Sean reside in Dublin, Ohio with their three children: Brady, age 17, Kyle, age 14, and Anna, age 12. Jody is Account Director with Whiteboard Marketing and her husband Sean is the owner/ CEO of the company.

Susan Coning Shannon resides in Quantico, Md. and is a therapist at the Veterans Administration.

'94 Jenelle Todryk Chalmers resides in Kenilworth, Ill.

Michael Westbrook resides in Harvest, Ala. and is a business development manager with Nextek, Inc. His wife Laura is a talent management consultant with Alera Group. They have three children: Cassidy, age 17, Cadey, age 15, and Brayden, age 3.

'95 Chris Schultheis lives in Columbus and is employed as a firefighter/paramedic with Norwich Township. He and his wife Jessica, a teacher at Hilliard City Schools, have three children: Sophia, age 15, Sydney, age 12, and Josh, age 8.

'96 Shane Fleming lives in Liberty Township, Ohio and is a Foreman with Norfolk Southern.

Todd Holcomb makes his home in Columbus with his wife Krista. They have three children: Caiden, age 12, Sarah, age 10, and Ryan, age 8.

'97 Nick Lohr resides in Galloway, Ohio and is a CSR with Airbnbn.

'98 Thomas Andry is married to Erica Dawn and resides in Powell, Ohio. He is employed by RW Setterlin Building Company.

'99 Michael Keenan and his wife Rebecca reside in Columbia, Tenn.

Sarah Antry Wickham and her husband Shaun and live in Worthington, Ohio with their six children: David, age 13, Philip, age 12, Robert, age 11, Anne, age 7, John, age 3, and Mary age 1.

'02 Mike Niklos and his wife Jessica live in Naperville, Ill. Mike is employed as the Head Strength and Performance Coach at Acceleration Sports Performance and Jessica is the Physical Therapy Clinic Director at PT Solutions.

'03 Chad Welker resides in Akron, Ohio and is the Director of Zips Digital Network for the University of Akron. Following his education at The University of Akron and The Ohio State University, Chad worked for Coastal Carolina University where he served as the Director of Video Services. He relocated back to Ohio in 2015 and

worked as an assistant in the video department at Miami University. In his current position he can be seen on the ESPN digital platform with Akron's men's soccer team as a substitute color analyst. Some of the students under his guidance have worked for the Indians/ Cavs/Browns/Reds/Sports Time Ohio.

'04 Elizabeth Pastorek Wilson is married to Brent and lives in Hilliard, Ohio. They have three children: Nicholas, age 4 and twins, Evelyn and Walter born January 11, 2019.

'05 Corey Shubitowski Barrett and her husband TJ reside in Columbus. Corey is a teacher at Bishop Watterson and TJ is a global account manager at Sherwin Williams. They have three children: Maysen, age 3, Tommy, age 2, and Charlie, 6 months.

Chris Mulholland is excited to be back in Columbus after spending 10 years in the Washington, DC area. Chris resides in Plain City, Ohio and is a territory manager for Zink. His wife Sandy is an assistant professor at Mount Carmel. Chris and Sandy have three children: Brynn, Sloane, and Patrick.

Braden Silcott and his wife Christine Zazon '05 Silcott reside in Worthington, Ohio and have three children: Charlie, age 3 and one-year-old twins Thomas and Olivia born on May 11, 2019. Braden is a solution engineer with Deltek and Christine is an orthopedic nurse practitioner at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

'06 Jason Ferrell and Dr. Jenna Harmon '06 Ferrell recently moved back to the area and reside in Powell, Ohio. Jason is a manager at IEG and Jenna is a physician with Riverside Radiology group.

Lauren Restivo Adkins and her husband Patrick reside in Westerville, Ohio. Lauren is a project manager with JPMorgan Chase. They have two children: Amelia, age 2 and Beau, age 1.

'07 Derek Elbersen resides in Powell, Ohio and is a detailer at Ultimate Home Services. Laura Jones is a CV-22 pilot in the US Air Force. She graduated from the Air Force Academy in 2011 and went straight to pilot training in Texas. She was chosen to become a first assignment instructor pilot teaching new pilots the T-6 Texan II. As an instructor pilot, she deployed to Djibouti and Somali for seven months. She was then selected to fly the CV-22 Osprey as a special operations pilot. Laura was stationed in Florida flying the Osprey and most recently was moved to Japan to start up a new Osprey squadron.

Sara Krajcovic resides in Columbus and is a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

'08 Luke Beery is an engineer with Ohio Willow Wood. He is married to Rachael who is a nurse at OSU Medical Center. They reside in Galloway, Ohio and have three children: Annelise, age 4, Nicholas, age 2, and Rosalie, age 1.

Kristopher Gaitan resides in Bartlett, Ill. and is a procedure writer with Dovenmuehle Mortgage.

Sarah Pomeroy resides in Columbus and is an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Columbus.

Jaclyn Zapior Ruedlinger resides in Columbus with her husband Richard. Jaclyn is a clinical nurse manager at Mount Carmel St. Ann's and Richard is an ICU flex nurse at Mount Carmel Health. They have a son Oliver, age 1.

Erin Boeckman '08 Theado and

Billy Theado '08 live in Columbus. Erin is employed at JPMorgan and Billy works in sales.

'09 Gabriela Collazo DiSalvo and Joseph DiSalvo '09 reside in Powell, Ohio. Gabriela is a Senior Marketing Analyst with L Brands and Joseph is a Territory Logistics Manager with Zipline Logistics.

Megan Black Kernan and Daniel Kernan reside in Canfield, Ohio. Megan is a registered nurse and Daniel is a medical student at LECOM. They have one son, Daniel Joseph, age 1.

Lauren Licata Schouweiler and her husband Hunter live in Plain City, Ohio with their son Cooper, age 1.

Jim Simpson lives in Columbus and is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley.

Sara Sivinski resides in Grandview Heights, Ohio and is a physician assistant with Advanced Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery. She attended PA school at NOVA southeastern in Orlando, Fla. and lived in Florida for five years.

Rachael Sullivan is a commercial lines underwriter with Grange Insurance. She resides in Columbus.

Brittney Woodson is a talent acquisition/recruiter with Cardinal Health. She lives in Grandview Heights, Ohio.

'11 Nicholas Kernan resides in Cincinnati, Ohio and is a public defender for Clermont County.

Caitlyn McDaniel lives in Dublin, Ohio and is employed as an Equal Justice for All Fellow at Southeastern Ohio Legal Services.

Michael Pomeroy resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. and is a strategy manager with SiriusXM as well as a self-employed filmmaker and comedian. In addition, he

is pursuing a MFA at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

'12 Katlyn Elbersen resides in Powell, Ohio and has recently opened her own home decor business, Nihilo Decor in Clintonville.

Emily Simpson resides in Chicago, Ill. and is an auditor with EY.

Olivia Toukan Sivey is an account manager with CoverMyMeds. She recently celebrated her one year wedding anniversary to her husband Jesse, an educator with Godman Guild Associated, in Rome.

'13 Andy Elbersen lives in Powell, Ohio and is a senior buyer for Honda of America Mfg., Inc.

Alida Sanner resides in Dublin, Ohio and is a music instructor at Powell Music Academy.

'14 Rachel Kernan lives in Indianapolis, Ind. and is a Physician Assistant student at Indiana University.

Hannah Spanski lives in Columbus and is a quality assurance specialist at Battelle.

Gabrielle Toscano resides in Columbus and is a merchant at Abercrombie & Fitch.

Cullen Willett lives in Auburn Hills, Mich. and is an engineer with Williams International.

'15 Taylor Blake lives in Dublin and is a barista at Starbucks.

Collin Ruegg lives in Lexington, Ky. and is a Sales Development Representative at Xometry.

'16 Maya Steller Ratliff lives with her husband Zachary Ratliff in Pataskala and is a kindergarten teacher at St. Catharine Catholic School.



Our Alumni Department normally coordinates volunteers at St. Lawrence Haven, which provides sack lunches in Columbus, one day a month. When the pandemic closed the SLH kitchen, we shifted gears and have been donating sandwiches, drinks, fruit, chips and snacks every two weeks.

To join in the effort, contact Terri Kernan, tkernan@cducation.org.





Weddings

Matt Krajcovic '09 and Alex Paskell were married on Oct. 19, 2019 at St. Christopher in Columbus.

Maya Steller '16 and Zachary Ratliff were married at St. Timothy Church in Columbus on May 23, 2020.



Dr. Jenna Harmon '06 married Jason Ferrell '06 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Columbus on May 11, 2019.



Gabriela Collazo '09 and Joseph DiSalvo '09 were married at Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Fla. on May 25, 2019.



Mary Ceritelli '10 and Cole Sommerfelt were married at Boone Hall Plantation, Charleston, S.C. on June 7, 2019.



Abby Andrews '14 and Jacob Ritchey '14 were married at St. Brigid of Kildare on July 11, 2020. Their first date was to BWHS Cotillion in 2014.



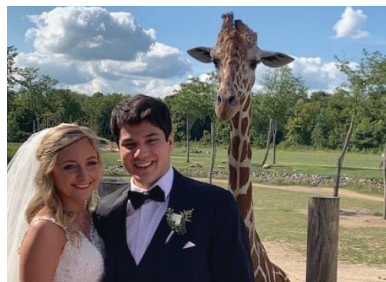
Kyle Spanski '07 and Erin Jordan were married on Aug. 3, 2019 at Rolling Meadows Ranch in Lebanon, Ohio.



Kristofer Gordon '06 and Annabel Levi-do were married at one Ocean Resort in Key West, Fla. on Aug. 17, 2019.



Greg DiSalvo '06 and Meihui Lin were married at Scioto Reserve Country Club on Aug. 30, 2019.



Paul Ottaviano '11 and Molly Boggs were married at St. Brigid of Kildare on Sept. 7, 2019.



Jon Lorenz '09 and Ryann Miller were married on Dec. 6, 2019 at St. Mary's Church in German Village.



New Arrivals

Jaclyn Zapior '08 Ruedlinger and husband Richard welcomed Oliver on May 6, 2019.

Braden Silcott '05 and Christine Zazon '05 Silcott welcomed twins Thomas and Olivia on May 11, 2019.

Sarah Ryser '01 Salvatori and her husband Mike welcomed Mary Elizabeth on May 21, 2019. She joins big brothers Matthew, age 6 and Anthony, age 4.

Daniel Kernan '09 and Megan Black '09 Kernan welcomed Daniel Joseph Kernan on July 1, 2019.

Katie Sofranko '05 Coffman and her husband Kyle welcomed twin girls June and Caroline on July 7, 2019. They join big brother Carter who will be 4 in September. The family resides in South Bend, Ind.

Bobby '06 and Kate Liston '06 Hogan welcomed Bailey on July 5, 2019. She has a big sister Blake, age 3.

Dan DeLucia '03 and his wife Carly welcomed their fourth child, Hannah Faith on Aug. 12, 2019. Her siblings are James, age 5, Grace, age 4, and Luke, age 2.

Brian DeLucia '06 and Karen Partridge '06 DeLucia welcomed Lillian (Lily) Virginia on Aug. 13, 2019. She joins big brother Jack, age 3.

Heather Lofy '07 Weekley and her husband Matt welcomed their first child, Tuckerman Matthew on Oct. 22, 2019.

Olivia Ward '05 Gabel and her husband Timothy Gabel welcomed Josephine on Oct. 25, 2019. She joins big brother Beckham, age 2.

Amanda Meyer '07 and Josh Illenin welcomed Lane Leslie Ann on Dec. 20, 2019.

Philip Diaz and '09 and Hayley Bigler '09 Diaz welcomed son Philip Thomas Diaz Jr. on Feb. 11, 2020

Corey Shubitowski '05 Barrett and her husband TJ welcomed Charlie on Feb. 13, 2020. He joins Maysen, age 3, and Tommy, age 2.

Mary Prendergast '98 Gregg and her husband Chris welcomed their second child, George Arthur on Feb. 27, 2019. He joins big sister Lillian, age 2.

Ali Ristas '06 Albertson and her husband John welcomed Anastasia Betty Albertson on March 9, 2020. She joins big brother Jack, age 2.

Jay Schlater '05 and his wife Nikki welcomed baby boy Coen on March 19, 2020. They reside in Worthington.

Lauren Restivo '06 Adkins and her husband Patrick welcomed Beau on May 29, 2020. He joins big sister Amelia, age 2.

Megan Prendergast '05 Farber and Chris Farber welcomed Jacob on June 17, 2020. He joins big brother Kenneth, age 2.

Spencer Ward '09 and his wife Kelsey welcomed Elliott Spencer Ward to the world on June 19, 2019. He joins big sister Isabella, age 5.

Brad '06 and Sarah Kernan welcomed their third child, Annie Rose on June 23, 2020. She joins big sister Ella, age 6 and big brother Jack, age 3.

Sean Campbell '07 and his wife Alex welcomed John "Jack" to the world on January 4, 2020. He joins big brothers Chris, age 3 and Will, age 2.

Camille Frommeyer '09 Nester and her husband Patrick Nester '09 welcomed Jordan on July 4, 2020. Jordan joins big brother Charles, age 2.



Saying Goodbye

Ellen L. Mahoney '62
July 5, 2019

Michael Dennis Sullivan '58
July 12, 2019

Eleanor Walker
July 26, 2019

Alex Sisamuth '10
August 3, 2019

Bernie Keneavy '58
August 14, 2019

Roger Lloyd - Former Coach
October 27, 2019

William Scholl '65
November 8, 2019

Paula Willett Steller '84
November 9, 2019

Brendan Foley '19
November 10, 2019

Christelie Dunlap -
Faculty member
November 25, 2019

Robert V. Amicon '82
December 23, 2019

Diane Angela McNulty Kelch '68
January 10, 2020

Theodore Hatzos III '63
January 28, 2020

Joan Fairand Phelan '81
January 29, 2020

Margaret Valentino Williams '61
February 16, 2020

Anna Louise Schemine '58
February 26, 2020

Thomas Michael (Mike)
Hilliard '67
February 29, 2020

Michael "Mike" James Fallon '75
June 22, 2020

William "Bill" Grossman '69
June 25, 2020

Ohio State Deputy Director of Athletics Janine Oman, mother of Erik '12 and Greg '14, spoke to our new Sports Management classes.

The popular elective attracted 70 students who were fortunate to hear from guest speakers from other sports organizations as well, including the College

Football Playoff, National Hockey League, FOXSports, the Columbus Crew and others.





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Back Field Renovation

The Bishop Watterson community came together to improve our facilities and bring our athletes home for the fall 2019 sports season. In addition, our band and physical education classes also had the opportunity to utilize the fields. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic our spring sports teams did not have a season so we turned on the lights on April 20 to recognize the Class of 2020.

