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NO NEED TO STOP THE CELEBRATIONS... NOW IT'S TIME FOR OLDENBURG ACADEMY TO TURN 165!

FROM THE PRESIDENT



On Saturday, January 28, Oldenburg Academy dedicated our newly installed "Sponsorship Mural" in the main hallway of the Academic Building. This was the kick-off event of the Academy's 165th anniversary year and there is no more fitting activity than to honor the legacy of sponsorship that the Sisters have provided for us from the beginning. We are blessed to be their FIRST sponsored ministry and continuing their legacy is our highest priority.

Since I first arrived at OA over four years ago, I have searched for a way to create a permanent tribute in our Academic Building – the building now most associated with the Academy – to the vision and values that inspired the Sisters to found the Academy way back in 1852. Fifty years ago, Sr. Therese de Lourdes Galm and Mother Marie Dillhoff helped to lay the cornerstones for the buildings that currently house the challenge, acceptance, and preparation that exists at OA today. It is important for current and future generations to be surrounded by the faces of these courageous women, to reflect upon their past challenges and accomplishments, and to remain steadfast in the core values. These core sponsorship values are emblazoned on this mural. They literally "stand out" as a constant reminder of what we are called every day to be faithful to, inspired by, and focused on fulfilling. Efforts to integrate the Franciscan sponsorship values

into our lives are strengthened and enriched by prayer. Therefore, we have chosen "prayer" as the first of these values that has been serving as a theme for this school year. Other values will be chosen in the future.

You are most welcome to stop in the school at any time and have a look. Special thanks to the OA/ICA Alumni Association for their funding assistance and to Sr. Rose Marie Weckenmann for her invaluable support in this wonderful project.

Next on the "celebration list" was to honor Twice Blessed, OA's Resale store located in Batesville, as our "Outstanding Volunteer". Over its 10-year history, TB has raised over \$250,000 in tuition assistance for OA students! But that's not all. Twice Blessed also provides assistance to many local families in need: household fire victims, individuals in financial need, and people recommended by local churches. Every new client at Safe Passage, a local women's shelter, is given a chance to 'shop for free' to get essential clothing/supplies when they first arrive. Twice Blessed also provides donations to local church rummage sales.

Other events are planned throughout the year including honoring 15 years of the Adopt A Sis program and launching some next steps of our strategic plan. All events are designed with a single mission in mind – to continue the tradition of academic excellence, faith formation, and commitment to service and leadership that the Sisters of St. Francis first gave birth to in this little 'Burg.

Thank you.

Diane Laake



L to R: Nita Mauer, Alumni Association President, Barbara Hirt, Alumni Association Trustee, and the Sisters of St. Francis Leadership Team, S. Joanita Koors, S. Margie Niemer, S. Maureen Irvin, and S. Mary Beth Gianoli



YEARS OF SERVICE



Following OA's annual Catholic Schools Week Mass on January 31, OA honored five faculty and staff for their many years of service to the Academy:

Jackie Wenning Fitzgerald '80 -- 20 years;

Geraldine Moster Kuntz '81 -- 15 years;

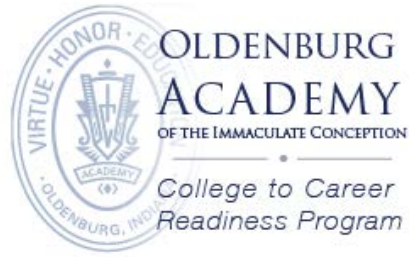
Kris Wampler -- 15 years; Wes Gillman -- 5 years;

Barbara Abplanalp Nolting '72 -- 5 years.

Also honored was Twice Blessed Resale Store as OA's "Outstanding Volunteer" for their 10 years of dedicated service which has raised over \$250,000 of essential tuition assistance dollars for our students and provided a great service to the local community.



LIFE AT OA

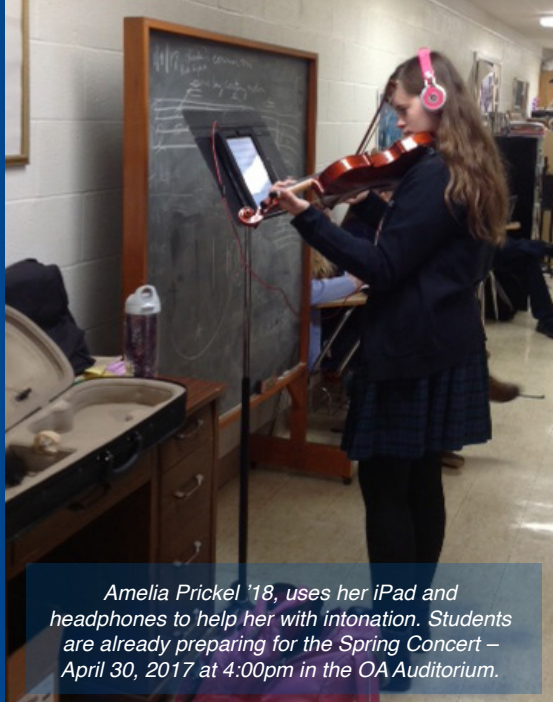


OLDENBURG ACADEMY: THE COLLEGE TO CAREER READY SCHOOL

Oldenburg Academy is preparing to launch a program for the 2017-18 school year. Our goal is to prepare students for college and their career. We will be facilitating opportunities for students to experience college-bound careers through guest speakers and internships. All students will set goals, take career-assessments and have yearly reviews for all four years at Oldenburg Academy. Students will also have daily standardized test preparation. This will ensure students are prepared for their college major and career choice. Students will have authentic learning experiences to prepare them for their exciting futures at both the college and career level.

Attention Alumni – Career Guest Speaker Program

Starting with the 2017-18 school year, Oldenburg Academy will be providing the opportunity for career guest speakers for all students during the REACH time (9:30am-10:00am). If you would like to come back and share what you do every day to help inspire our students, please contact Mr. Jonathon Maple '07, Assistant Principal, at jmaple@oldenburgacademy.org. Come spend a morning on OA's Campus – we would love to have you back!



Amelia Prickel '18, uses her iPad and headphones to help her with intonation. Students are already preparing for the Spring Concert – April 30, 2017 at 4:00pm in the OA Auditorium.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ACADEMY SINGERS

The Senior members received gold on Saturday, February 18th at the Indiana State School Music Association Competition. Their director is Brian Kneueven '05.

ISSMA INSTRUMENTAL RESULTS

Seniors Morgan Burkart (percussion) and Liam Mungcal (saxophone) received gold at Level 1 in the preliminary instrumental rounds and silver at state level.

Class 1- Silver medal - Elizabeth Schulte - violin
 Class 2- Gold medal - Mia Hillenbrand - flute; Sarah Price - violin; Margaret Glaser - viola; Colleen Dietz - cello; Hanlai (Allen) Liu - cello; Justine Stenger - cello; Ember Burford - clarinet

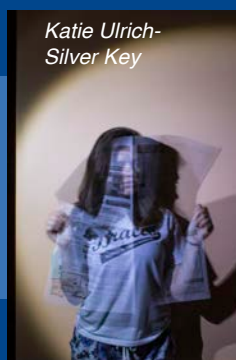


Pictured from left to right: Katie Ulrich, Elizabeth Miller, Josie Wesseler, Gabe Frey, Justin Fledderman, Clay Hunger, Tyler Wachsmann, Curt Eckstein, Liam Mungcal, Marie Hoog, and Emily Cornett.

SCHOLASTIC ART WINNERS



Delaney Bruns - Gold Key, Honorable Mention



Katie Ulrich - Silver Key



Grace Fullenkamp - Silver Key

JOSIE WESSELER NAMED TO U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Congratulations to Josie Wessler who has been named one of more than 4,000 candidates in the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.5 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2017. Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 53rd year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities. **Congratulations Josie!**



MAVERICK CHALLENGE WINNERS

Third place winner- Our Gift, a website and business model to help non-profits grow their donor basis and donations- Greg Schroeder and Ethan Eldridge.

Second place winner- Forget Me Not, a car seat alarm to ensure that babies are not left in the car unattended- Cori Hammor, Emily Cornett and Dresden Lonergan.

First place winner- The Bean Company, a company that makes products out of leftover coffee grounds from local businesses- Sam Hutchinson, Samantha Nobbe and Haleigh Reed.

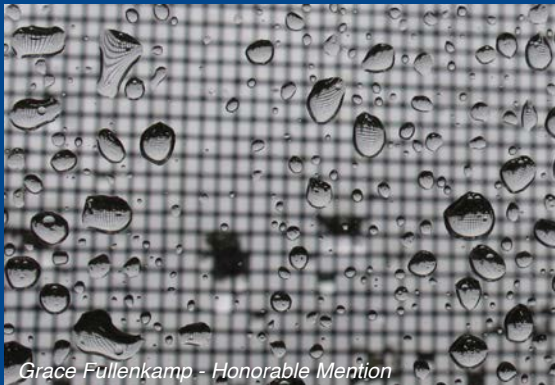
The county level winners went on to compete at the regional level. Oldenburg Academy Seniors Haleigh Reed and Samantha Nobbe placed FIRST, receiving \$3,000 prize money.

ENGINEERING CLASS PARTICIPATES IN RUBE GOLDBERG COMPETITION

The Oldenburg Academy Digital Electronics Class participated in the Rube Goldberg Engineering Contest. The six students designed "Trump's America," based off the recent election of President Donald Trump.

OA HAD 5
LILLY FINALISTS
REPRESENTING
2 COUNTIES

SCHOLASTIC ART WINNERS



Grace Fullenkamp - Honorable Mention



Dresden Lonergan - Honorable Mention



Ryley Elder - Gold Key



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS ON THEIR RECORD BREAKING SEASONS!

The boys program ended the regular season with 20 wins and only 3 losses. Their performance in postseason play was excellent and we are all so proud!!

Our girls team wrapped up the regular season with a record of 15 wins and only 8 losses. The team showed great dedication and had a very nice tournament showing with a 1st round win!

Congratulations to our boys and girls basketball teams on their record breaking seasons notching the most number of wins in a season.



BEN KINKER, CURT ECKSTEIN, & SERGIO DOLE - COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Ben will be attending The Academy at West Point where he will be playing basketball. Curt has signed on to run at Purdue University. Sergio will be playing soccer at Mount St. Joseph University.

Curt Eckstein, OA's very own State Champion, was named The Gatorade Runner of the Year for the State of Indiana and also receives the IHSAA Charles F. Maas Mental Attitude Award!
ONCE AGAIN,
CONGRATULATIONS CURT!



\$25,000 CAR/CASH RAFFLE

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ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD

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Drawing will be held on
Saturday, July 15th at Freudenfest 2017

*Must present ticket stub to claim prize

*subject to all tax withholdings

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OLDENBURG ACADEMY PRESENTS

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OLDENBURG ACADEMY AUDITORIUM



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Take a right onto Vine - Arrive at OA (on left)

OLDENBURG ACADEMY PRESENTS...



APRIL 7TH & 8TH

7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

\$5 FOR STUDENTS
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Location: Oldenburg Academy Gym



Mattresses Starting At \$149

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ACADEMIC AND SPEECH COMPETITIONS

OA and Thomas More College partnered and hosted a 5th and 6th grade Academic Meet and Speech Meet this year for students in Batesville Deanery. Over 160 students participated in the events representing 7 of the area Catholic schools.

Photo #1 - St. Louis' Academic team - overall winners

Photo #2 - St. Nicholas' Speech Team

SHADOW STUDENTS

OA welcomed students from 16 different middle schools during shadow day visits this year. Looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2021 in August!

Photo #3 - Students visiting from St. Lawrence Catholic School in Lawrenceburg

Photo#4 - Students visiting from St. Mary Catholic School in Greensburg

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ENROLLING FOR
THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR,
PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE
AT 812-934-4440 EXT. 231 OR
EMAIL AT AHUNGER@OLDENBURGACADEMY.ORG**

2017 Dinner Auction

The O.A. Museum

Where Dreams Come Alive

The 28th Annual Dinner Auction truly was a place where dreams came alive! And new records were set again. Over \$110,000 was raised and \$30,370 was the most ever donated for the auction school project - another mini bus to transport students. Proceeds from this event are a vital source of funds for tuition assistance and overall operating expenses.

We offer special thanks to Chef Adam Israel of Izzy's Catering, Sally Henson of Abbott Ridge Farms for our dessert, the Brau Haus for taking care of the bar that evening and Susan Johnson, our amazing auctioneer! Thanks to our sponsors, donors, ticket buyers, volunteers and attendees!





TIM ZIEMKE RECEIVES MOTHER THERESA HACKELMEIER LEADERSHIP AWARD



Former OA President Sr. Therese Gillman, OSF established the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Leadership Award in 2006 to be given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and creative vision in support of the Academy as first exemplified by our foundress, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier. It was first given to Heidi McDonough who was instrumental in founding the Twice Blessed Resale store, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and the over \$250,000 raised in tuition assistance support!

Honoree Tim Ziemke, Diane Laake, Fr. Sean Danda (Batesville Deanery), Gina Kuntz Fleming (Superintendent of Catholic Schools), Darryl Masler (Board of Trustees Chair)

The award was again presented to someone whose service for over a dozen

years demonstrated a similar entrepreneurial spirit. President Laake shared this tribute with those gathered: "He has been on OA's Board of Trustees since 2005 and served as its Chair for eight of those years. The list of accomplishments during his tenure is too long to share in this venue – but they are many and transformational. Term limits require that he step down from the Board at the end of this school year. I have no doubt that we will still see him – at this event, the golf outing in June and many, many others - and continue to feel his support for a long time to come. But just in case, you can always catch him at the Brau Haus. It was my honor to award the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Leadership Award to Mr. Tim Ziemke!"



OA ACADEMY FUND

We are now at 70% of our campaign goal thanks to the generosity of our donors who "believe" in OA. If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate this year, please take a moment and visit our website at www.oldenburgacademy.org to make your gift today. Every gift is important, no matter it's size it moves us closer to 100%

This I believe...

YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE FOR
**OLDENBURG
ACADEMY**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Donations made at the Dinner Auction will fund an additional mini bus for OA.

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Tom and Kathy Dietz
Brad and Susan Dreyer
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David and Mary Beth Welsh
Ralph and Rosie Wenning
Neal and Deb Wessling
Mark and Rita Wilder
Tim and Cindy Ziemke



The new outbuilding is really finished! Donations at last year's Dinner Auction made this possible. Our students are already enjoying this space for practices, auxiliary rehearsal space, and much needed storage.



MICHAEL BRUNS '07

While there are many remarkable statistics that describe OA, none stands out more than the fact that 90% of our students participate in one or more extra-curricular activities. Research has demonstrated that students who are actively engaged in school beyond the classroom are more successful academically, less likely to experience negative behaviors, and develop skills that will last a lifetime. They also become the most sought after employees by future employers. The following are some examples of our grads making a difference in the world who first made their mark at OA.



Please give us the highlights of what you have been doing since graduating from OA.

I went to the University of Notre Dame to study Civil Engineering. Since graduation, I have been working for Kiewit Power Constructors both pricing and building power plants. My first major project was to help build a retrofit to clean up emissions on a coal generating station in Southwestern Indiana and am currently building a new combined cycle natural gas power plant in Northern Indiana.

What activities were you involved in at OA? Have you continued to be involved with any similar activities since graduating?

I participated in soccer, cross country, track and golf. I was also involved in academic team, student council, National Honor Society and Adopt-A-Sis. Although I no longer play team sports, I enjoy exercising with my wife, Erin. Studying history and traveling are also favorite activities.

What do you consider the most important qualities or life skills you learned by being involved with a club, program and/or playing on a team at OA?

The importance of common goals, collaboration and holding each other accountable are keys to success of an organization or team. As an individual, planning ahead, setting priorities and having determination to make things happen generally yield successful outcomes. My experiences at OA and the friends I made while in Oldenburg programs helped form these beliefs and work ethic. More importantly, I still have these friendships today.

Please share a story about how involvement in extra-curriculars at OA has helped you be a better employee and/or find success in life.

Last year, a project that I helped lead was awarded Power Project of the Year which is quite an honor as Kiewit is a very large company. I feel that our project's success was a combination of a good team working well together, hard work and honest ethics – skills and values emphasized at Oldenburg.



Please give us the highlights of what you have been doing since graduating from OA.

I attended the University of Indianapolis and received my Bachelors of Science degree in Athletic Training after my graduation from Oldenburg. I then worked as the first head athletic trainer at a high school in Kentucky before returning to the University of Indianapolis and completing my Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Upon graduation, I moved to North Carolina for a year and completed my Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency at Duke Health. Most recently, I moved back to Batesville and have been working at Decatur County Memorial Hospital as a Physical Therapist since August.

What activities were you involved in at OA? Have you continued to be involved with any similar activities since graduating?

While attending Oldenburg, I played volleyball, basketball, and softball for four years. I was also an active member in several clubs such as National Honor Society, Student Government, and Foreign Language Club. After graduation, I was a member of the Athletic Training Club at the University of Indianapolis. Additionally, I played on several recreational sports leagues as well as doing some assistant coaching for volleyball and softball.

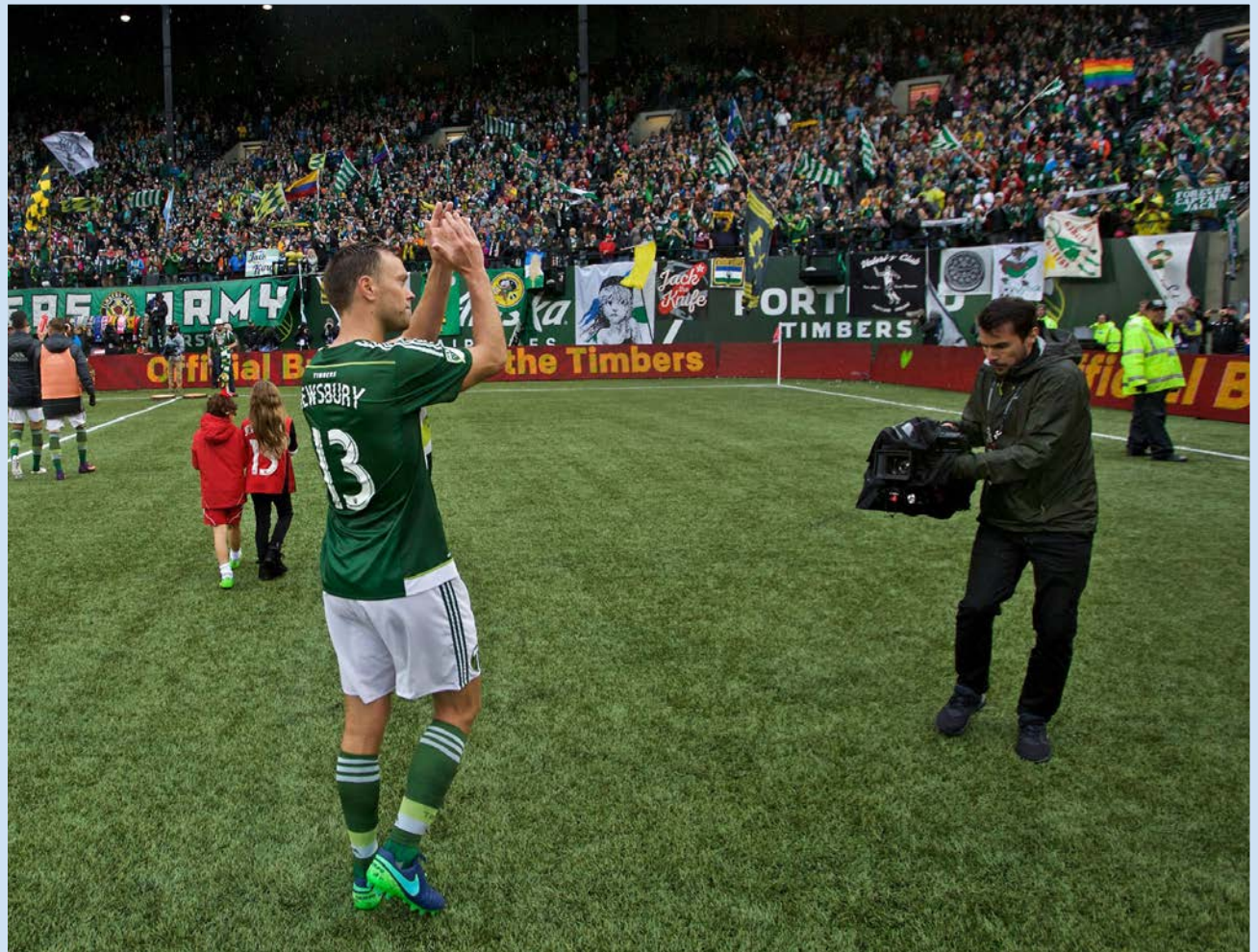
What do you consider the most important qualities or life skills you learned by being involved with a club, program and/or playing on a team at OA?

I would have to say that the most important skills I learned while I was a student at OA were time management and teamwork. These skills have been extremely helpful in both my professional and personal life. They have allowed me to successfully complete my schooling as well as become an engaged and passionate employee.

Please share a story about how involvement in extra-curriculars at OA has helped you be a better employee and/or find success in life.

Learning to work as a team was an integral skill to have during my undergraduate and graduate education. I was required to complete numerous group projects throughout my schooling which made it essential to work together to achieve a common goal. This skill assisted me in the work place; because, no matter the job, it is extremely important to be able to work with others to create a positive and productive work environment.

NICK LAMPING '06



Please give us the highlights of what you have been doing since graduating from OA.

After graduating from OA I attended Indiana University and earned a BA in Telecommunications. I went on to intern with Major League Soccer for 6 months in New York City and then moved to Salt Lake City, UT where I worked for Real Salt Lake (Major League Soccer) as Multimedia Coordinator. After 4 years with Real Salt Lake I moved to Portland, OR to work for the Portland Timbers as Video Content Manager.

What activities were you involved in at OA? Have you continued to be involved with any similar activities since graduating?

While at OA I played varsity soccer and golf all four years. I also took music lessons and played in the orchestra. At IU I minored in music and played bass guitar in a band. We spent one summer out on tour and also recorded an album in New York that was available in music stores across the country. Soccer has continued to be a large part of my life, working in the sport for the last 5 years and I still play in my free time.

What do you consider the most important qualities or life skills you learned by being involved with a club, program and/or playing on a team at OA?

Being involved in music and sports at OA taught me dedication as-well-as how to work together to achieve a goal. The same dedication needed in these activities is required to continually improve on my craft. Being part of a relatively small broadcast department it is necessary that everyone works together to produce quality content.

Please share a story about how involvement in extra-curriculars at OA has helped you be a better employee and/or find success in life.

My freshman year at OA, the soccer team beat East Central to win sectionals. It didn't seem likely that such a small school, with only a 3 year-old boy's soccer program, would be able to win. We put the work in before the game, had the belief and pulled it off. When applying to internships and jobs within Major League Soccer, it seemed almost impossible. There were only 4 internships a year offered in my field and less than 20 jobs across the country, but it's amazing what you can accomplish when you are dedicated to achieving your goals and have the belief to do so.

Please give us the highlights of what you have been doing since graduating from OA.

Since OA graduation, I have interned at Safe Passage, Inc., traveled abroad, participated in leadership roles at DePauw University, earned Deans List most semesters, and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in English. Most notably and recently, I have been teaching for almost two years at an urban high school in Indianapolis as a Teach for America corps member. In each of these major experiences, I have pushed myself to think critically about my role in changing the unequal systems in our world; I have become confident in my ability to succeed at whatever I put my mind to; I have become mindful of loving myself in order to love others; and I have enjoyed maintaining old relationships and building new ones.

What activities were you involved in at OA? Have you continued to be involved with any similar activities since graduating?

I was involved in sports (soccer and tennis and two years of swimming) and music (orchestra, Academy Singers, piano lessons) at OA. Thanks to having the opportunity to learn the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, I have continued to stay active since graduating. I run (finished a half marathon – barely – and some other fun races), do yoga (looking into becoming an instructor!), play tennis (not nearly enough – much to my dad’s dismay), and take lots of walks and bike rides on the Monon Trail in Indy.

What do you consider the most important qualities or life skills you learned by being involved with a club, program and/or playing on a team at OA?

I excel in my current role because of my leadership,

empathy, tenacity, and ingenuity. Extracurricular activities at OA were fundamental in the development of these traits.

Please share a story about how involvement in extra-curriculars at OA has helped you be a better employee and/or find success in life.



As a freshman on the OA tennis team, my coach told me to play #1 singles for my first time on the night of our toughest match (East Central – ugh!). I remember the frustration of feeling like I was set up for failure, I remember the nervousness I had as I was pushed out of my comfort zone, and I remember the dejectedness of losing. My dad always says, “When given the option to play or not to play, play.” I played that match to the best of my ability, lost, went back to practice the next day and vowed to myself to be better than I was the day before. Sure enough – by the time I graduated, that

tennis team made it to semi-state twice and has been Regional Champs for many consecutive years since.

When I accepted my offer with Teach for America, I did exactly what my coach did to (and for) me 6 years prior – I willingly put myself in a position where failure of some sort would happen daily, where I was leaping out of my comfort zone to teach low-performing, underprivileged children, where I would set goals to achieve success despite adversity. Though I’ve wanted to quit every time a 15-year-old student struggles to pronounce a simple word, I show up – or “play” in my dad’s words -- each day. I do so because those challenges allow me to experience moments of success. I view my primary roles in the world to love others and to be a gentle warrior – I don’t plan to stop loving or “playing” until my goals are met.



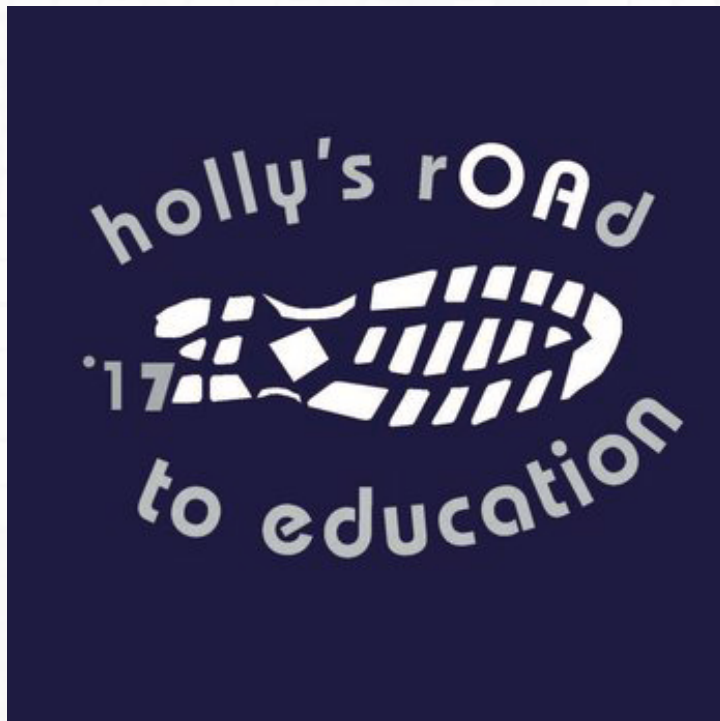
Oldenburg Academy Easter Egg Hunt

*Rain or shine, sponsored by
the Oldenburg Academy of the
Immaculate Conception
Alumni Association*

**Saturday, April 15
Hunt begins at 10 am**

Come and celebrate the season! The hunt begins at 10 am on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis. Don't forget to bring your camera and get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny as you visit with old and new friends!

Everyone is welcome. After the hunt, refreshments will be served in the Twister Café in ICA Hall. Questions? Contact Brian Knueven at 812.934.4440 ext. 240 or alumni@oldenburgacademy.org



2017 Holly Bruns 5K Memorial Walk/Run

Be a part of the Holly Bruns Memorial 5K Walk/Run on April 22, 2017. The event will be held at Oldenburg Academy with registration beginning at 9:00am and the Walk/Run to start at 10:00am. If you can't make it the day of the event, you may register as a "Virtual Walker" and we'll mail you a t-shirt to commemorate this year's event. There is an event page and community page for conversation on Facebook.

Holly, a 1974 ICA/OA alum, was a beloved educator, coach, mentor and faith filled member of the community who tragically lost her life due to a drunk driver. The proceeds from this 5K will support an Oldenburg Academy scholarship established in her name. Should you have any questions concerning the event or inquiries regarding donations, participation, volunteer opportunities, etc. feel free to contact Nita Mauer at 513-382-1922 or email the planning committee at hbwalk2011@yahoo.com.



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A MESSAGE FROM
YOUR PRESIDENT
NITA MAUER '82



I've been thinking over this past year as president of the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception Alumni Association and something our board has embraced, is that our goals very much align with the goals of the school. The Association's efforts focus not only on bringing alums together, but on supporting the efforts of the school so that young men and women can continue to enjoy the education and community we did. The association welcomes you to treat yourself and

your senses to the beauty of the ICA/OA campus. It's amazing how some things have changed, yet some of the sights and smells remain the same. It has been renewing experience to hear the giggles and laughs in the hallway, to feel the same energy and passion of students as they prep for their musical or play a basketball game. So, I would encourage all alumni to attend or volunteer for some event this year. Come home for Homecoming in October, attend a recital, a musical, a sporting event, the Dinner Auction or just walk through campus. Reconnect with classmates and friends through our new Facebook Page, attend the Cincinnati or Batesville Chapter events or get alumni together in your community. Consider joining a committee of the Alumni Board; it is fun and very rewarding. For those outside of the tri-state area, you too can be a part of the Board, or contact us for other ways you can be involved. Peace and all good to you and yours.

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ALUMNI DINNER
OCTOBER 13, 2017

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OCTOBER 14, 2017

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO
ELECT TRUSTEES & BOARD MEMBERS

The Alumni Association will hold elections for the offices of vice president and secretary. If you would be interested in running for either office or would like to nominate an alumna/ alumnus for these positions, please contact the alumni office. Elections will be held in October at the annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend.



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ALUMNI NEWS



ALUMNI CLASS CHALLENGE HELPS REFINISH STAGE FLOOR
One important tradition at Oldenburg is its strong fine arts programs. The spaces in which these programs take place have seen young artists and musicians come and go over the years. This had left the auditorium floor in rough shape after nearly 50 years of continued use. Thanks in part to contributions from the Homecoming Anniversary Classes, funds were raised to help refinish the stage floor in the auditorium.

RETIRED SISTERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 4th, the retired Sisters of St. Francis were hosted to the annual Christmas party. This event was put on by the Oldenburg-Cincinnati Chapter Club. Amusements includes bingo with door prizes and refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus.





AMMANN BRINKMOELLER HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

During the Christmas Break, OASIS inducted five new members into the Ammann-Brinkmoeller Hall of Fame. The 2016 inductees are (left to right) **Amanda Dickman '08**, **Kendra Getz Eckstein '08**, **Anne Heile Suttman '97**, **Joey Niezer '05**, and **Hub Martini**, soccer coach from 1998 - 2007. A plaque for each member now hangs in the halls of the main Academy building. The inductees and their guests were treated to a reception in their honor held inside the new barn.

CALLING FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

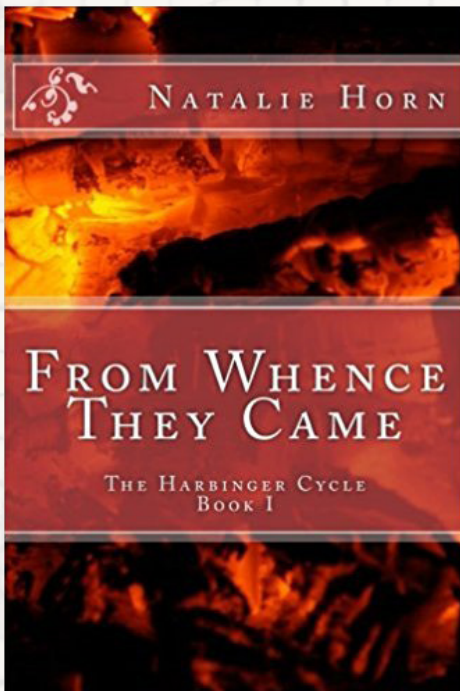
The Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception Alumni Association is taking nominations for both the **Virtue, Honor, Education Award** and the **Distinguished Alumni Award**. If you wish to honor a teacher or staff member from the academy, nominate them for the Virtue, Honor Education Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award is to recognize a graduate from the academy who has gone on to do great work in their community. Both these nomination forms can be found on the Oldenburg Academy website under "Alumni." Or call Brian Knueven '05 in the Alumni Office at (812)-934-4440 Ext. 240.



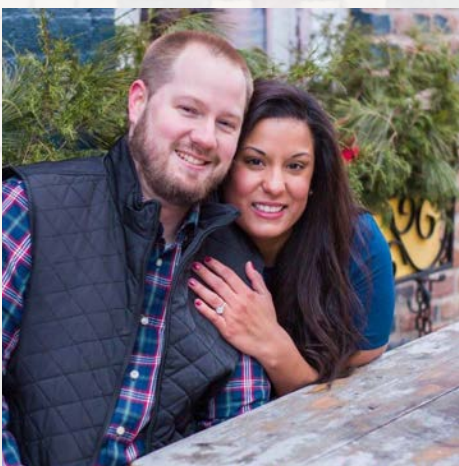
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ALUMNI UPDATES

Alexa Fangman '13 has accepted a position at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She will be working as a "fairy godmother" in training to help with costumes in the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and Pirate's League.

Laurel Kelnhofer '13 is a recent graduate from the University of Madison in Wisconsin. She is engaged to be married to Augusto Millevolte on July 2nd in Madison, Wisconsin. Wedding attendants will include Natalie Pottschmidt '13, Emily Ulrich '13, Courtney Unkrich '13, and maid of honor Lizzie Kelnhofer '18.

Congratulations to **Ann Kuntz Higdon '12** and her husband Michael. They welcomed the birth of their son Patrick, OA Class of 2035! *Photo 1*

Natalie Horn '11 is a published author. Her book *From Whence They Came*, follows the lives and struggles of four young people. It is available on Amazon. *Photo 2*

Amanda Hornbach Naumann '06 and her husband Ben are expecting the birth of their first baby. Amanda is a family nurse practitioner for Community Health Center in Missouri.

Matt Gehring '06 and his wife Mary welcome the birth of a baby girl, Elizabeth Miriam. Mary is a member of the English faculty at the academy.

Mike Moorman '04 and Olivia Lopez '06 announce their wedding engagement. Nuptials are planned for November 18th in the Sisters' Chapel. *Photo 3*

Helen Yane '95 And her husband Sean Vicente welcome the birth of their second son, Novak Yane Vicente. Helen is a member of the English faculty at the academy.

Mary Jane Scheidler Elliot '63 works for Concordia International School as a pre-school teacher in Hanoi, Vietnam. She and her husband went to Vietnam six years ago to start Concordia International School Hanoi. After having taught Preschool for her entire teaching career, it was a chance of a lifetime. They opened the first school in an office building but after five years completed a new school on a large campus.

Martha Holtel Volk '35 was recently featured in a publication from Marian University. After graduating from the Academy, she attended 1935 St. Francis Normal School that would eventually become today's Marian University. She began teaching in 1936 in a one-room schoolhouse with students ranging from grade one to eight.

The Class of 1951 will meet at noon for lunch on April 22nd at Cricket Ridge in Batesville.

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Carol Gillman Ronnebaum '77

Shirley Meyer Kiefer '69

Marilyn Roell Todd '68

Arlene Flodder '63

Mary Ann Drewes Dorsel '56

Elaine Wilder Schurdak '51

Betty Heppner '49

Betty Kaiser Holtel '46

Bernice Billman Knue Freeman '45

FAMILY OF ALUMNI

Raymond Vankirk; father of Rose Vankirk Spaeth '75

John J Locaputo; husband of Mary Cormier-Locaputo '67

Andy Beck; husband of Mary Jo Holtel Beck '71

Dick Amberger; Husband of Jo Ann Retzner Amberger '64

Clifford Kunkel; Husband to Ruth Harmeyer Kunkel '50, Father to Lynne Kunkel Miller '77, Carol Kunkel Kramer '76

Julie Billman; Daughter of Carolyn Forthofer Billman '60, sister to Amy Billman Caliendo '87, Melissa Billman Crum '82, and Annette Billman Reeves '85

Paul J. Hirt; brother of Barb Hirt '51





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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 & 8

“Music Man” spring musical

April 12

Incoming Freshmen Scholarship Ceremony

April 15

Alumni Easter Egg Hunt

April 22

Holly Bruns Memorial 5K

April 22 & 23

OASIS Mattress Sale

April 30

Spring Concert

May 6

Prom

May 19

Awards Day/Senior Luncheon and Mass/Outdoor Concert

June 4

Graduation

June 19

Pro-Am Golf Outing

July 15

Car Raffle Drawing at Freudenfest

August 3

Back to School Event

August 8

Freshman Orientation

August 9

First Day of Classes

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