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OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear OA Friends and Family,

I write this note on the first day of spring, 2020. It will not surprise you that I had an entirely different message I was planning on sharing with you and a magazine full of news of upcoming events. I also know that you will not read this until Holy Week or even later. How will the world be changed in these next few weeks? So I ask myself “What to say now that may still be relevant, helpful,

insightful, and even accurate a month from now?”

So much is changing so rapidly, almost exponentially. Emotions are complex, unsettling and even frightening. The degree of uncertainty – economic, personal health and safety, our futures as members of this global village – is causing some to be afraid and many to suffer at this very moment. Because this magazine is distributed to thousands across the US and even around the world I am sadly confident that some who receive it will have personally experienced tragedy, a grave loss, or have had their lives irrevocably altered.

These moments are ones of great challenge but also opportunities for us to experience the transformational power of the incarnation and the paschal mystery. Unconditional love is being practiced by many; people are finding hope and trust in the selfless acts of neighbors, nurses, and strangers; as our mother earth wakes from her winter sleep, we see signs of new life, growth and potential amidst a landscape of uncertainty.

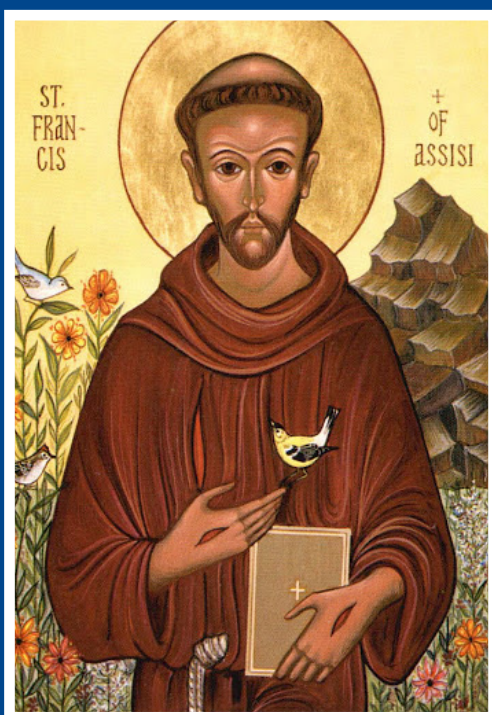
The cross is the primary symbol of our faith for good reason. Suffering love has always been the pathway to freedom and victory. We embrace this moment as our dear Sisters of St. Francis have for generations. We must keep hope alive for ourselves but especially for our students who depend on us to provide some ballast and direction for their life journey. Even though we do not see them face to face now, we continue to teach one another the transcendent power of virtue, honor and education.

Pray for us as we pray for you. Now more than ever, wishing you peace and all good.

Diane Laake

Diane H. Laake
President

Due to the uncertainty surrounding group gatherings including when school may be permitted to resume, we are not including any upcoming events in this issue. Please check our website and follow us on social media for updates.



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen*



MISSION STATEMENT:

OLDENBURG ACADEMY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is a Franciscan Catholic co-educational college preparatory high school committed to academic excellence, social responsibility, leadership, and personal and spiritual growth for our students who will excel in our ever-changing world.

2020: A CLEAR-ER VISION FOR OA

Our mission and vision statements frame all that we do at OA. This infographic was created to express the relationship between these values and how these aspirations are put into concrete action today at the Academy. You will notice that at its core are our Franciscan sponsorship values: prayer, care of creation, dignity of the individual, justice/peace, and reconciliation/conversion. We choose one of these values to focus on every year and integrate into our classes and school culture. (This year it's reconciliation/conversion).

The outward movement of these values generates the key pillars of our mission statement that direct who we want our graduates to become – a sort of “grad at grad” statement: men and women who are exemplars of Academic Excellence, Social Responsibility, Leadership, Personal and Spiritual Growth. Under each of these you see some specific attributes of what that actually means in day to day life: an effective communicator, a global ambassador, a critical thinker, an intentional discerner, etc.

While our sponsorship values and mission statement have been in place for decades, as part of our strategic plan, the Administrative Team (pictured below) have been working hard at creating specific strategies and defined outcomes that will confirm that we are reaching our goal of having each graduate of Oldenburg Academy clearly demonstrate these characteristics. We recognize that this is an individualized process and that growth will take place over their four years at OA. It is our hope and expectation that each student will reach their maximum potential for each attribute by the time they prepare to graduate.

The following pages provide some examples of how this is already occurring at OA and what we will strive to increase in the future.

Photo: Members of the Administrative Team: Brian McFee, Principal, Annette Hunger, Director of Enrollment Management, Jonathon Maple '07, Assistant Principal, Laura Geis, Director of Guidance



BOYS BASKETBALL -- SECTIONAL CHAMPS!

Although they were not able to continue their road in search of a State title, few teams ever get to end their season with a win. We congratulate this hard working group of student athletes and their coaches.



RUBE GOLDBERG

In February, Sophomores Ava Allen, Amelia Austin, Kate Voegele, Kate Walke, and Alyssa Wanstrath competed in the Regional Rube Goldberg competition, a competition that asks students to devise a machine that is "over-engineered to perform a simple task." OA's team learned the importance of teamwork and even failure as they engineered a machine depicting the life of Thomas Edison which, eventually, through many chain reactions, turned off a light.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

CRITICAL THINKER

Beginner

Reformulates a collection of available ideas.

Intermediate

Creates a novel or unique idea, question, format, or product.

Advanced

Extends a novel or unique idea, question, format or product to create new knowledge that connects multiple disciplines. Apply Gospel values in moral decision-making.

DILIGENT LEARNERS

Beginner

Identifies connections between life experiences and academic texts and ideas perceived as similar and related to own interests.

Intermediate

Uses skills, abilities, theories, or methodologies gained in one situation in a new situation to contribute to understanding of problems or issues.

Advanced

Effectively selects and develops examples of life experiences, drawn from a variety of contexts to demonstrate an understanding of concepts and broaden own points of view.

OLDENBURG ACADEMY WILL BE THE OUTSTANDING CO-EDUCATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA, WHERE STUDENTS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS ARE EMBRACED AND CELEBRATED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP A CHALLENGING ACADEMIC CURRICULUM, SUSTAIN OUR PREMIER FINE ARTS PROGRAM, AND OFFER A WIDE SELECTION OF ATHLETIC AND OTHER CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

LUKE WUKUSICK '15

"I am a part of Google's software engineering residency program at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, California. Engineering residency allows us to work on a couple of different teams that are tackling vastly different problems before we settle down on a team for the longer term. It has been a great way to learn about many of the interesting projects going on here and to meet other young software engineers! Google is tackling some of the largest technological problems in the world today, and being a part of that effort has already taught me so much.

Oldenburg was the start of my interest in computer science. I remember seeing the first program I had ever written work in one of OA's Project Lead The Way classes and how satisfying it was. Oldenburg nurtured my interest and helped me make the decision to pursue computer science as a career. But Oldenburg did more for me than just introduce me to computer science; when I need to take a break from work, I turn to the other interests I pursued at OA. I credit orchestra with my long-lasting interest in music, think about my literature classes whenever I pick up a book, and still find a long run as meditative as I did back in cross-country." (photo 1)

ERIN GISH PIERSON '09

"While working as a Space Propulsion Engineer in Boeing's Research and Technology department, Erin submitted a patent application for an Injection System and Method for Injecting a Cylindrical Array of Liquid Jets. After the review period of approximately three years, her United States Patent was granted. The idea for the injection system surfaced with Erin's work on nuclear fusion propulsion for interplanetary space travel, and the need for a unique fuel injection system for generating electrically-conductive paths for z-pinch reactions. This system consists of a method for repeatedly injecting liquid in discrete quantities to repeatedly form a cylindrical array of liquid jets capable of conducting electric current." (photo 3)

SOPHOMORE SEMINAR

Sophomore Seminar is an evolving course taught by OA English instructor Helen Yane '95 that aims to get our students to think critically and globally and to act locally. After discussing environmental issues, the students in Sophomore Seminar conducted an energy and waste audit and will submit a report to the school detailing their findings and making recommendations for new, environmentally-friendly school policies.

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

The results are in from the Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeastern Indiana Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Competition and Oldenburg Academy students were winners with 7 students amassing 11 individual awards. A special congratulations goes out to Elizabeth Mullen '20 who received a Silver Key for her portfolio consisting of eight artworks.

GOLD KEY WINNERS

Anthony Alderson '20 Painting
Elizabeth Gigrich '22 Printmaking
Jordan Hardig '22 Photography
Alyssa Krekeler '20 Photography

SILVER KEY WINNERS

Anthony Alderson '20 Drawing and Illustration
Izzy Hornbach '22 Digital Art
Elizabeth Mullen '20 Art Portfolio

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Anthony Alderson '20 Digital Art
Hannah Haverkos '23 Drawing and Illustration
Elizabeth Mullen '20 Drawing and Illustration
Elizabeth Mullen '20 Printmaking

(photo 4)

ISSMA STATE COMPETITION RESULTS

Sarah Price '20 received a Gold medal in Class 1 on Violin
Dylan Fledderman '20 received Gold and performed J.J. Niles' "The Lass from the Low Countree".
Justine Stenger '20 received Silver and performed C. Franck's "Panis Angelicus".
Congratulations to the members of Academy Singers who

represented OA at the ISSMA District Competition: Anthony Alderson, Steven Zigan, Dylan Fledderman, Owen Hudepohl, Dominic McFee, Justine Stenger, Sarah Price, Sophie Wesseler, Lingshan Lui, Ruth Heile, Grace Truesdell (No Photo: Ali Hebert and Luke Roesner). They received a gold medal for their rendition of "The Snow Begins to Fall." Kate Voegele accompanied the choir on the piano. 9 Soloists also performed and medaled. (photo 2)

AP FIELD TRIP

OA's AP Language Class took a field trip to the Freedom Center and the Hamilton County Courthouse / Public Defender's Office in Cincinnati, OH. Students had been studying slavery and developing arguments illustrating diverse perspectives as they study AP Language and US History together.

MURAL

The OA hallways are coming alive with a collaboration between BAAC funded muralist, John McCoy, and the Oldenburg Academy Art students. Under the guidance of Muralist John McCoy and Senior Anthony Alderson, students are enhancing the wall outside the Chemistry Room on the second floor. The mural depicts the landscape around the Oldenburg community.

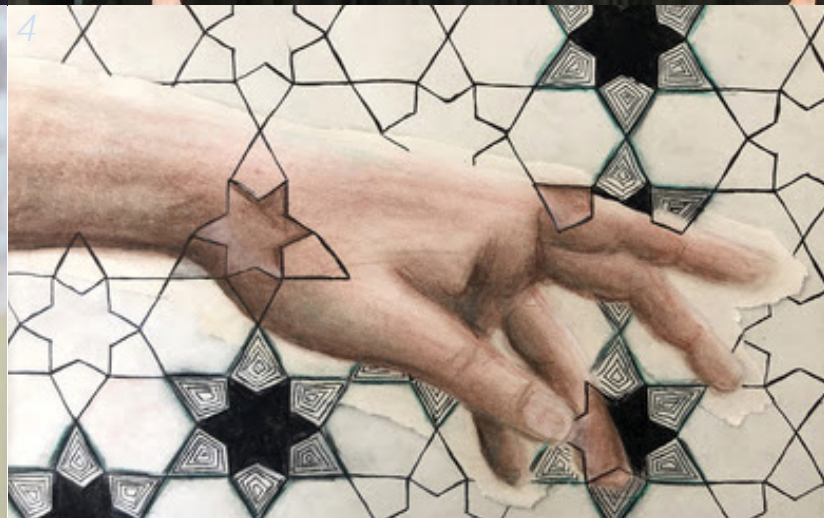
John McCoy is a Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky based artist and nationally recognized muralist. Anthony Alderson created the design for the mural as his senior capstone project. Anthony initiated the painting of the mural and recruited many of his fellow OA art students to participate. (cover)



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LEADERSHIP

COMPETENT COLLABORATOR

Beginner

Supports a constructive team climate by being polite and constructive in communication.

Intermediate

Supports a team climate by being polite and constructive, as well as motivating teammates and providing assistance and/or encouragement to team members. Honors the diversity of ideas and opinions.

Advanced

Completes all assigned tasks by deadline; work accomplished is thorough, comprehensive, and advances the project. Proactively helps other team members complete their assigned tasks to a similar level of excellence.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Beginner

Uses appropriate system for basic organization and presentation. Students engage in positive, safe, legal and ethical behavior when utilizing technology, including social interactions online.

Intermediate

Demonstrates awareness of context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks and uses credible and relevant sources to support ideas.

Students positively utilize technology to curate information using a variety of tools and methods to create products that demonstrate meaningful connections or conclusions.

Advanced

Demonstrates detailed attention to and successful execution of a wide range of conventions particular to a specific discipline illustrating mastery and utilizing methods of peaceful conflict resolution and dialogue.

**OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
THAT COMPLEMENT
STRONG RELIGIOUS AND
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS.**

OA STUDENTS WORK FOR THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

In addition to being exemplary students during school hours, OA has several students who extend their time on campus each day by being employees of the Sisters of St. Francis. Currently we have two students from OA working in Food Service: Mia Keller '21 and Kate Voegelé '22; three working in Nursing: Alex Herbers '20, Ellie Cornett '22, and Kate Walke '22. They have received high praise from their supervisors and from the Sisters they care for. This is a long standing tradition at the Academy, one that many alums fondly recall. In fact, Kate Voegelé comes from a long line of Academy students who have worked in the Sisters' kitchen as a student including her mother Angie '93 who now runs OA's cafeteria. "It's such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. The Sisters always smile and say hello when you see them and some even stop and have a chat with you", shares Kate. *(photos 2, 4)*

MAVERICK CHALLENGE/ INNOVATE WITHIN BALL STATE COMPETITION

OA Trio of Alexa Miles '20, Kathryn Wilder '20 & GiGi Dreyer '20, representing their business O2Go won the Regional Innovate WithIN competition. Approximately 40 teams in Region 4 entered the competition, allowing 10 groups to advance to the finals. Four out of the 10 that advanced were part of OA's Entrepreneurship Class, including the eventual winner, O2Go. They each received \$1,000 and a trip to meet with an entrepreneur in Seattle, Washington. They will compete against 9 other regions in the state competition for a grand prize totalling approximately \$100,000 in cash and prizes. *Congratulations ladies! (photo previous full page)*

To read more about Maverick Challenge visit:
https://www.batesvilleheraldtribune.com/news/local_news/oa-students-take-top-prize/article_fe89df88-5721-11ea-b8c9-7b2e7fe82ca7.html

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: PRE-K THROUGH BACHELOR'S DEGREE

For the past five years, Oldenburg Academy and Thomas More University have partnered together to host a 5th and 6th grade Academic Meet for the local deanery Catholic elementary schools. This partnership of Catholic elementary, high school and university academics provides a unique educational experience for area students.

Pictured are the Catholic academic leaders (top left): Ashley Meyer, St. Michael Brookville; Fr. Mike Keucher, VF, St. Joseph Shelbyville; Dr. Kim Haverkos, Thomas More University; Brian McFee, Oldenburg Academy; Rob Deztel, St. Lawrence; Sherri Kirschner, St. Nicholas Sunman; and Nancy Buening, St. Mary Greensburg. (photos 3)

Participating Schools:

St. Joseph, Shelbyville

St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg

St. Louis, Batesville

St. Mary, Aurora

St. Mary, Greenburg (overall winner)

St. Michael, Brookville

St. Nicholas, Sunman

(photos 1)





SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

COMMUNITY SUPPORTER

Beginner

Provides evidence in his/her experience in community-engagement activities.

Intermediate

Has clearly participated in community focused actions and begins to reflect or describe how these actions may benefit individual(s) or communities.

Advanced

Demonstrates independent experience and shows initiative in team leadership of complex, or multiple civic engagement activities accompanied by reflective insights or analysis about the aims and accomplishments of one's actions.

GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

Beginner

Identifies connections between an individual's personal decision-making and local and global issues.

Intermediate

Identifies, explains and respects multiple perspectives (such as cultural, disciplinary, and ethical) when exploring subjects within natural and human systems.

Advanced

Takes informed and responsible action to address ethical, social, and environmental challenges in global systems and evaluates the local and broader consequences of individual and collective interventions; intentionally works for justice, peace, integrity of creation, reconciliation and the defense of human dignity.

INCORPORATING FRANCISCAN VALUES OF PRAYER, GOSPEL LIVING AND SERVICE TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF EACH STUDENT'S MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT.

CAUSE 4 LIFE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Anna Dickman '15 is a 1st-year student at Huntington University's Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program in Fort Wayne, IN. This past January Anna had the opportunity, along with 9 of her classmates, to serve on a mission trip in Guatemala with the Cause 4 Life Internship Program. While there the team set up a seating and mobility clinic where they distributed wheelchairs and other assistive devices like canes and walkers. Anna used her skills as an occupational therapy student to assess each individual and properly modify the device to his/her specific needs. The team was also able to visit an orphanage for children with disabilities to fix and update the wheelchairs the children had. Within the week's time frame, her team was able to serve 116 people while sharing the gospel and glorifying God's name. Anna learned that her faith and profession should not be separate; she grew as an occupational therapist alongside her faith during her experience in Guatemala. Anna feels beyond blessed to be given this opportunity and see, firsthand, the miraculous ways of our God. *(photo left)*

CREATE, INNOVATE, CELEBRATE.... BE GREAT AT OA

OA has always been on the leading edge of leveraging technology and inspired teaching to advance our students' capacity for growth, innovation, and success. Our next giant leap in this process is to renovate an existing classroom into a flexible learning space where students work collaboratively on projects that encourage using creative solutions to explore areas in science, technology, engineering, art and math. This new space will allow students to think outside the box and innovate plus offer tools and materials that encourage students to create rather than just consume. Students can collaborate within teams, critically think about complex problems in their communities and develop creative solutions to these issues; all skills that are essential to success in the 21st century workforce.

As a result of the generosity of Dinner Auction attendees plus a start-up grant from the Ripley County Community Foundation, we have \$25,000 in baseline funding to launch this initiative! External foundations and other funding sources exist that will match the monies and are being pursued. Funds are needed for flexible furniture, tools such as 3D printers and laser cutters, electronics and robotics kits, and teacher curriculum integration materials.

Thanks to all who are helping us build this amazing room that will benefit every student at OA! *(bottom two photos)*

ADOPT A SIS IMPACT A DECADE LATER

“Sr. Helen Eckrich passed quietly on January 6, our Founding Day. Following Jesus’ command to love one another would sum up Helen’s life. She was known for being friendly and a lot of fun, not only in community but with students and faculty. At Marian she taught French and was part of the Campus Ministry team. She was a favorite of students whom she went out of her way to help. In 1991, she became President of ICA (now OA) and eventually, Director of Ministry Effectiveness for Co-Workers and Director of Human Resources, sharing her joyous spirit everywhere. Helen organized a yearly lecture series on timely topics that called for unity among all God’s people. In 2001, Helen organized a lecture series for the community’s sesquicentennial addressing our role in conveying the Franciscan message in the 21st century. Our lives carry forth the message of God’s love which Helen believed should be shared with everyone.”

Edited from her memorial letter written by Sr. Annette Grisley

20 January 20

Dear Sister Evelyn,

Thank you so very much for your kind note, moments from Helen’s funeral and for sharing the Mayan calendar I got for her in Mexico. It really is a blessing to hear from you.

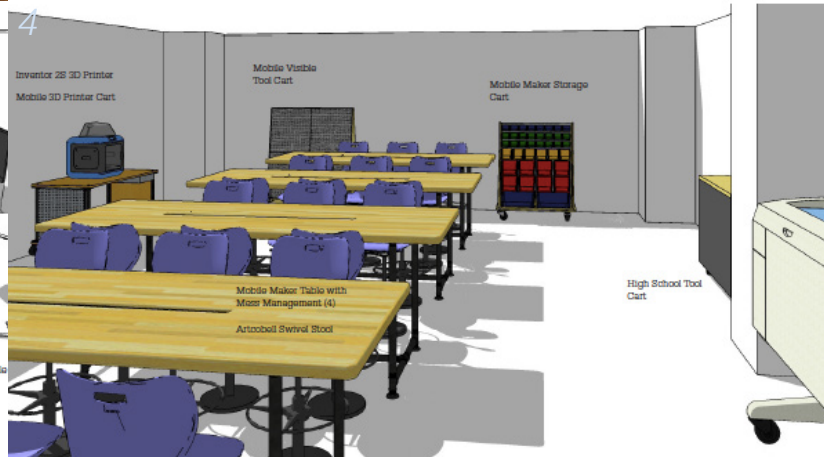
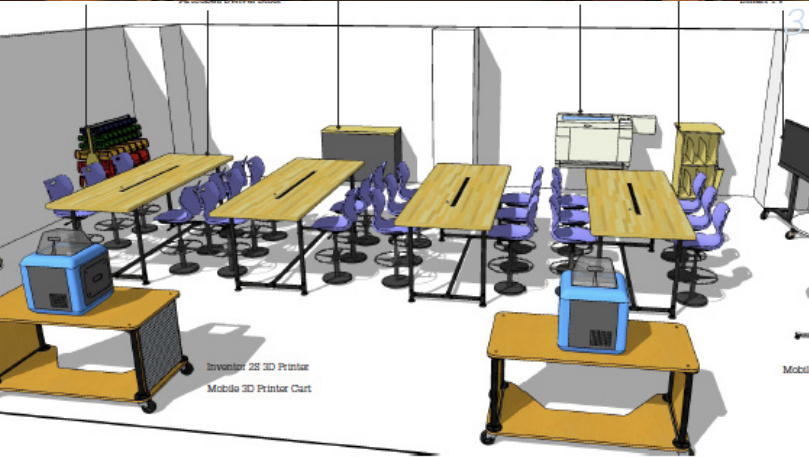
We are having a blast in Denver. I am married to an incredible woman, Ashley, who is also a theatre-maker. We met doing our PhD’s at New York University. We are both spending a lot of time in the prison system creating theatre and arts with people who are incarcerated. Ashley even had a full page in the New York Times on one play she directed. I am currently directing Jesus Christ Superstar with 70 incarcerated men in southern Colorado. 60 minutes wants to come do a story about the show! Other than that, we are both teaching and directing theatre at the University of Denver.

I am so grateful to hear from you and to recall wonderful memories with Sister Helen – she truly altered the course of my life toward justice.

Peace and love –

Stephen (Hammor '08)

(top two photos)



PERSONAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

PERSONAL INVESTIGATOR

Beginner

Identifies connections between life experiences and those academic texts and ideas perceived as similar and related to own interests.

Intermediate

Effectively selects and develops examples of life experiences from a variety of contexts (e.g. family life, artistic participation, civic involvement, work experience), to illuminate concepts/theories/frameworks.

Advanced

Meaningfully synthesizes connections among experiences outside of the formal classroom (including life experiences & academic experiences such as internships & travel abroad) to deepen understanding of fields of study, to broaden own points of view and to discern their vocation.

INTENTIONAL DISCERNER

Beginner

Openness to experiences that will foster personal and spiritual growth through the lens of Gospel values and our Franciscan charism.

Intermediate

Identifies their gifts and talents, supported by knowledge, faith and skills to be of service in their life, mission and work in the Church and the world.

Advanced

Demonstrates an awareness of God's unconditional love that created and saved them, empowering them to face the challenges of life, bearing witness to the transformational power of the Gospel, and living as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

IN ADDITION TO TEACHING CATHOLIC DOCTRINE, OA MAKES OUR STUDENTS AWARE THAT ONE IS NEVER FINISHED GROWING IN FAITH.

FRIGID AND FUN 5K

Fr. Gregory Plow TOR spoke to the students about this year's theme "conversion and repentance" through the lens of our Lenten season and his long distance running. Over the course of six years he ran from Pittsburgh to Washington D.C. on the Great Allegheny Passage and the C&O Towpath. Because he had to run back to his car each time he ran the whole distance twice equaling over 700 miles. Telling this story he inspired the students to set short term goals in their life of virtue and to be open to the Holy Spirit to the ways these goals can change as we go. Some students were struck by the radical way he has given everything to Christ, other students were helped in their own life of virtue, and still others felt convicted to be more intention in their relationship with Christ. At the end of the day Fr. Gregory said Mass for the track team and some other students. After, we had the "Frigid and Fun Fr. Gregory 5k" organized by Peter Heile '21 and Tyler Kuntz '21 where the students competed, and some of them even beat Fr. Gregory in a race. *(photo next page)*

GUEST SPEAKER ON DIALOGUE

As part of OA's ongoing exploration of this year's Franciscan sponsorship value "conversion and reconciliation", Academy students recently participated in an interactive presentation by Dr. Sarah Drury of Wabash College entitled "Transcending Divides through Creative Communication". Dr. Drury led students through an exploration of how Indiana has often seemed to be a place where boundaries – geographic, demographic, socioeconomic – have separated communities, and then posed the question that we may not be as divided as it seems. By engaging students to identify and weigh what values they hold and how these may impact their decision-making, Dr. Drury challenged the students to develop new skills for understanding and working together to address issues of concern. *(photo next page)*

INDY MARCH FOR LIFE

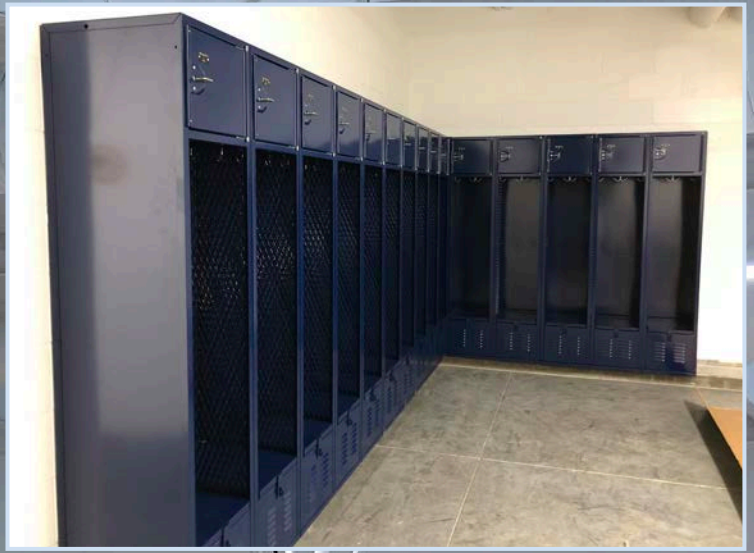
Seventy-eight OA students (the largest number since the march began) plus several faculty, staff and parents, traveled to Indianapolis on Wednesday, January 22 for the National Day of Prayer for the Unborn. The day began with Mass at St. John the Evangelist followed by OA joining in with hundreds of others in marching to our State Capitol to show our support in defending the sanctity of human life, especially for the most vulnerable in our society, babies in the womb. *(photo bottom left)*

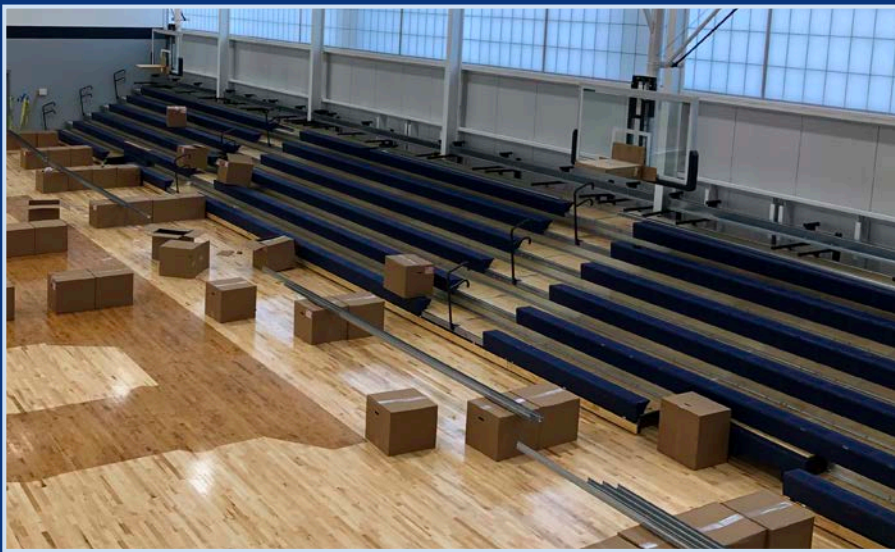
MINNESOTA RETREAT

Eight OA juniors joined Theology teacher Emma Lindle and her father on a unique winter retreat experience in Minnesota. A recent significant snowstorm helped to provide a weekend full of amazing opportunities for students to explore and deepen their relationships with God through both indoor and outdoor experiences. *(photo right)*









BUILD.INSPIRE.LEAD

Capital Campaign

Hillenbrand Family Feldhaus

We are in the final days before the completion of this extraordinary new facility that will serve the students and families of Oldenburg Academy as well as the broader community for many years to come. The final result is exceeding expectations and we can't wait to share it with all of you.

Only one thing remains to be finalized ...

YOUR SUPPORT

Won't you join our growing list of Feldhaus partners who have demonstrated their love of the Academy, recognized the impact she's already had on them, their family, and many others, and believe in our capacity to aim higher and build for our future?

Join us. Every gift matters.

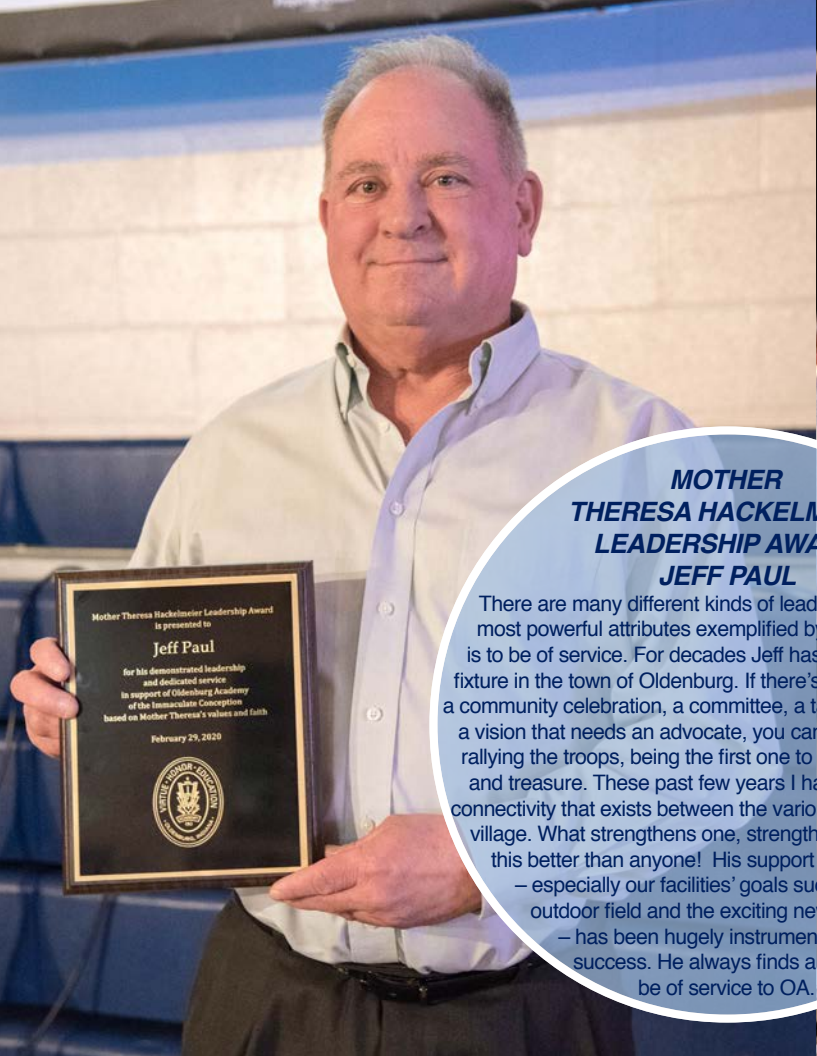
We can't do this without you!

LEAP INTO SPRING ON THE EMERALD ISLE

"Leap into Spring on the Emerald Isle" on February 29th was a fun evening enjoyed by all in attendance. The sold-out crowd participated in the silent and live auctions as well as a Lucky Leprechaun game and raffles for the evening. Because of the wonderful support of many, we were able to raise nearly \$100,000 for the students of OAI!

Special thanks to Susan Johnson, our auctioneer; OA Athletic Director Patrick Kolks, our MC for the evening; Chef Adam Israel of Izzy's at Hillcrest for a wonderful meal; Sally Henson of Abbott Ridge Farms for the Irish Sticky Toffee Pudding for dessert; Bill Gardner of Izzy's at Hillcrest for providing the bar for the evening; and to our wonderful sponsors, donors, ticket buyers, attendees and volunteers.





**MOTHER
THERESA HACKELMEIER
LEADERSHIP AWARD
JEFF PAUL**

There are many different kinds of leaders but one of the most powerful attributes exemplified by all great leaders is to be of service. For decades Jeff has been a ubiquitous fixture in the town of Oldenburg. If there's an event, a project, a community celebration, a committee, a task that needs doing, a vision that needs an advocate, you can be sure to find him rallying the troops, being the first one to offer his time, talent and treasure. These past few years I have really seen the connectivity that exists between the various entities in our little village. What strengthens one, strengthens all. Jeff knows this better than anyone! His support of the Academy – especially our facilities' goals such as a viable outdoor field and the exciting new Feldhaus – has been hugely instrumental in our success. He always finds a way to be of service to OA.

Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Leadership Award
is presented to
Jeff Paul
for his demonstrated leadership
and dedicated service
in support of Oldenburg Academy
of the Immaculate Conception
based on Mother Theresa's values and faith
February 29, 2020





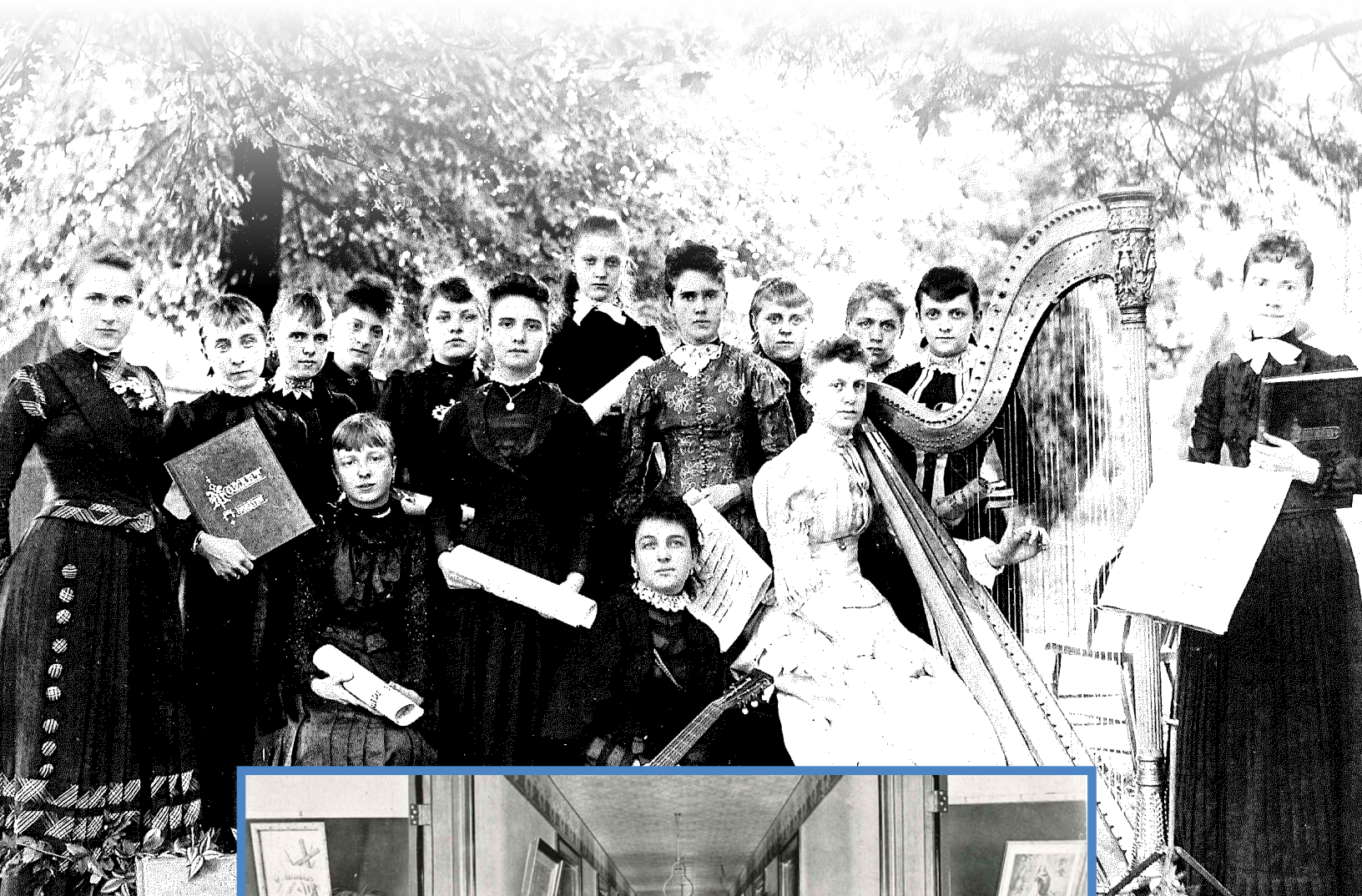
THE FABLED HARP

The fabled 1903 harp that stood in the Sisters' convent parlor for decades was auctioned off a few years ago. Through the generosity of OA Arts patron Pat Hicks and Carol Doerflinger, it was purchased, restored and donated back to the Academy.

The harp is again being played by Academy students! Mimi Wilder '23 (*photo left*) and

Sylvia Eckstein '23 (*photo right*) are learning a piece of music for the spring concert: Canon in D - by Pachelbel and the St. James Infirmary - by Irving Mills. Additionally, it was played in the Spring Musical by Pat Hicks.

Yet another sign of our beloved Alma Mater's heritage and quality of the music legacy being preserved. Thank you Pat and Carol!





**SAVE THE
DATE
ANNUAL ALUMNI
HOMECOMING
Saturday,
October 10, 2020**

We will be returning to the previous schedule of late morning Mass followed by luncheon that will include VHE, ARTS and Distinguished Alumni Awards

Specific times and more details to follow

**Nominations for Distinguished Alumni and Fine Arts
DUE JULY 1**
Nomination forms available on OA website

Thanks to the Immaculata Club for their many years of support!

Tuition assistance has always been a critical need for many of our students. The Academy is grateful to all the individuals and organizations who provide us annually with the essential funds to keep an OA education accessible to all. The Alumni Association is one such valued partner. Another alum organization, the Immaculata Club, has been a partner in tuition assistance since 1950. As alumni of the Academy, it is especially important to them to support legacy students

-- those whose mothers and grandmothers and even great grandmothers attended the Academy. Recently, they selected their annual scholarship awards and one recipient's family is also celebrating a significant "Academy year". Recipient Jacob Hoff '23 is proud to have an older brother, mother and grandmother who all have anniversary/graduation years this year (*see photo*). And as you can see, he will not be the only member of the Hoff family to graduate from OA!



Barbara Brelage Schneider '70, Michelle Schneider Hoff '95, Michael Hoff '20, Nicholas Hoff '21, Jacob Hoff '23, Zachary Hoff '25, Holly Hoff '30



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Holly Bruns '74 5k rOAd to education 10th anniversary

In response to current stay home orders and social distancing we will be doing a

VIRTUAL 5K

Guests have until May 8th to register for a *SPECIAL* 10th anniversary t-shirt

Please check OA school website or Holly Bruns 5K Facebook page for details

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



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FIVE: \$200 WINNERS

FIVE: \$100 EARLY BIRD WINNERS

May 29th, 2020

CONTACT OA FOR TICKET INFORMATION

Phone: 812.933.0737

Website: oldenburgacademy.org

Participants must be 18 years of age or older

Drawing will be held on
Saturday, July 18th at **Freudenfest 2020**

*Must present ticket stub to claim prize

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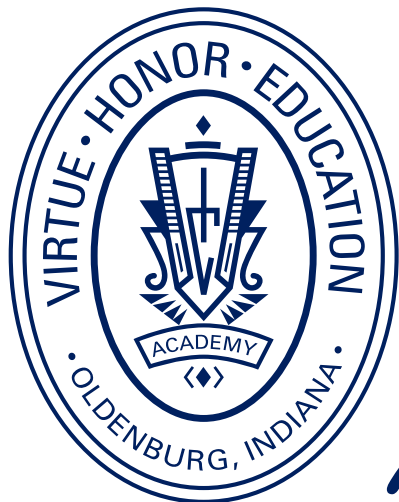
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