

# OLDENBURG ACADEMY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

***"Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart, and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command."***

***~ St. Francis, "A Prayer before the Crucifix"***



Dear OA Family,

As another school year ends it is another perfect moment to pause and ask ourselves how the last 12 months have reflected our attentiveness to carrying out God's "holy and true command". For me, that means how well have I Loved? Served? Trusted? Believed? But it is a challenge for me to join St. Francis in his request for "true, certain, or perfect" anything. I am encouraged when my response is "better than last year".

As you will see in these pages, our legacy of sending extraordinarily well educated, empowered, and faith-filled graduates into the world continued with the Class of 2022. Oh, the places they will go, indeed! They have been more than tested in the fires of a global pandemic and changing social, emotional, and cultural expectations. But they spoke with confidence and hope in their senior exit interviews and in the commencement speeches you will read portions of in this magazine.

In addition to these Seniors, we also said goodbye to an experienced and dedicated teacher of 45 years, Kris Wampler, and a helpful member of our housekeeping/maintenance team, Tim Maple. As you've perhaps heard, I too have announced plans to retire within the next few months and so this may be my last "official Letter from the President".

Virtue. Honor. Education. Straightforward words that have always defined the Academy and ones I am deeply grateful to have had the privilege of using to guide our mission this past decade. It is with a full heart and an abundance of confidence that we step into this next chapter for OA. While it may seem that change is constant but so is God's extravagant love. We are a blessed and grateful people.

Wishing you continued peace and all good always.

*Diane Laake*

Diane H. Laake  
President

# 2021-2022 SUCCESSES

## ACADEMICS

- 1 Lilly Endowment Finalist
- 1 Indiana Academic All-star
- 1 National Merit Commended Student
- 23 Graduates (44%) Earned Indiana College Core Technical Certificate through Ivy Tech Community College
- 5 Graduates earned an Associates of Arts Degree through Ivy Tech Community College
- 48 of 52 graduates are pursuing post-secondary education
- 3 graduates are entering the workforce
- 1 graduate is entering the military
- Class of 2022 earned \$6 million in college scholarships
- 67% of graduates earned Indiana Academic Honors Diplomas (35 students)
- 2 Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholars
- 2 students won the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Serra Club Vocation Essay Contest
- 2 students earned top honors in the Voice of Democracy Writing Competition
- 3 students earned first place at the Maverick Challenge Local Competition (Business)
- 1 Student earned first place in Mount St. Joseph University's Essay Competition



## FINE ARTS

- 2 students artwork selected for Mount St. Joseph University 2021 Art Exhibition
- 5 students artwork showcased at Thomas More University Art Exhibition
- Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: 4 Gold Key, 2 Silver Key, 2 Honorable Mention
- National Scholastic Art Awards: 4 students' artwork advanced with 1 Gold Medal and 1 Silver Medal winners. Gold Medal's art displayed in Carnegie Hall in New York.
- BAAC Young Artist Showcase Drama – 15 students
- BAAC Young Artist Showcase Art – 15 students
- BAAC Young Artist Showcase Writing – 19 students
- BAAC Young Artist Showcase Instrumental and Voice – 3 students
- Regional Youth Artist Patriotic Award – 2 top awards

## SPORTS

- Semi-State Champions in Girls Tennis – First Time in School History
- 2022 Academic All-State Girls Tennis Team
- 1 student advanced to Regionals in Girls Golf
- 2 students advanced to Regionals in Track and Field
- 3 students named Academic All-State in Boys Soccer
- 9 students named Academic All-State in Girls Soccer
- 1 student achieves 1000 th career digs in Volleyball
- 1 student named Academic-All State in Football
- 2 students named Academic All-State in Swimming
- Boys Swimming Relay Team broke school record (1:43.78)
- 1 student advanced to Regionals in Girls Swimming
- 2 students named Academic All-State in Boys Basketball
- 2 students named Academic All-State in Girls Basketball
- 5 students sign to play collegiate sports:
  - Caleb Lehman – Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology – football
  - Kate Walke – University of Evansville – track and field
  - Tyler Wuestefeld – Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology - Swimming
  - Amelia Austin – Hanover College – Swimming
  - Emma Back – Franklin College - Tennis

## SERVICE

- Launched weekly student-led Bible Study during REACH
- Mass and March for Life – students attended service and walk in Indianapolis with Archbishop
- OA Day of Service – celebrated Earth Day with campus-wide cleaning and service projects throughout the Village of Oldenburg
- St. Louis Science Fair – OA student judges
- 6 seniors earned Centennial Service Awards for over 100 hours of service
- 10 students commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Art students created 4 Easter candles for All Saints Parishes
- Sophomore Retreat – Day of Service at 6 deanery parishes
- 30 students attended National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis
- 15th Anniversary of Twice Blessed Resale Store – providing over \$300,000 in tuition assistance for OA

## COLLEGE TO CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

- 100% of seniors participated in a semester-long internship and/or capstone project
- 31 different partnering organization participated in our internships
- 4 students completed capstone projects
- Capstone Projects include:
  - Murals- Virtue, Honor, Education – World Languages Hallway / Science Hallway
  - Computer gaming program
  - Chemistry/Physics Inventory Report and Latin Wikipedia
- Teacher recognized as the Career Professional Development of Year Teacher for the State of Indiana.

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022



## VALEDICTORIAN



Carson Wolber

*"...There is genuinely something wonderful about the ambiance of our school that you'd miss if you only weighed what can be measured objectively. Just one example of this observation is the profound effect of our class size. Knowing every member of our school community, and more relevantly, our class, almost paradoxically creates a more diverse atmosphere than what a larger school could provide. This is because every nuance of our characters has been fully expressed in these past four years—we are all complex individuals that have played a significant role in shaping our little community.*

*We'd be the same people at different schools of course, and our identities won't fundamentally change at college next year, but at college and out in the world it's a lot easier to become lost in a sea of people. OA has provided us with an Oasis where our full individuality can be appreciated.*

*The world is a very big place as many of us will soon begin to truly discover. The environment our school is able to provide is something that none of us are likely to truly experience again. Whatever the future holds one thing remains true: the relationships we've formed here at OA are irreplaceable and will hold strong regardless of the extent to which the world changes."*

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## SALUTATORIAN

*"...We have accomplished more than just school work. We made lifelong memories with our variety of friends these past four years, grew into our beliefs in faith and politics, and participated in the abundance of school activities. The class of 2022 is full of unique individuals who will each find their calling in this world. We have endured hardships in our high school careers that made us stronger than those who have graduated before us.*



Kate Walke

*"The class of 2022 is full of unique individuals who will each find their calling in this world."*

*Our strength will propel us down the path of future career prosperity. But for now, we are graduating today and peaking in accomplishments from our OA education in the future."*

# CLASS OF 2022

6



Earned Centennial Service Awards

100%

of the 52 students in the Class of 2022 graduated

\$6 MILLION

In scholarship dollars offered



1/3

Recognized as Academic All State Honorees

5



Playing collegiate sports at the next level



Received the Indiana College Core through Ivy Tech



Earned their Associates Degree from Ivy Tech



Graduated with Academic Honors diplomas



# WELCOME CLASS OF 2026!



## WHO ARE THEY?



Are legacy families



Are first-time families

10

Different towns represented

29

Scholarships awarded to the class

10

Different middle schools represented



# AWARDS DAY AND SENIOR MASS



## SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

- Computer Science/Technology** | Caleb Lehman
- English** | Alyssa Wanstrath
- Math** | Emma Back
- Music** | Elizabeth Geraci
- Science** | Kathryn Voegele
- Social Studies** | Lilly Waskewich
- Theology** | Anna Hudepohl
- World Languages** | Amelia Austin

## TOP TWISTERS

(TOP 5 STUDENTS BASED ON THEIR GPAs IN EACH CLASS)

- Seniors** | Elizabeth Cornett, Caleb Lehman, Kathryn Voegele, Kate Walke, Carson Wolber
- Juniors** | Madelyn Henry, Mary Hunter, Erin Pottschmitt, Clare Van Meter, Kyra Wolfe
- Sophomores** | Isabel Price, Mary Ryan, Lillian Schebler, Sadie Wachsmann, Kate Weber
- Freshmen** | Ava Henry, Annabelle Nunlist, Santiago Schutte, Henry Wanstrath, Dominic Yane

## ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

- Amelia Austin | *Swim*
- Tyler Wuestefeld | *Swim*
- Ashley Borgman | *Soccer*
- Anna Carballo | *Soccer*
- Madelyn Henry | *Soccer*
- Annalise Hudepohl | *Soccer*
- Caleb Lehman | *Football*
- Luke Meyer | *Soccer*
- Francis Moorman | *Basketball*
- Joshua Newman | *Soccer*
- Jalyn Stenger | *Soccer*
- Evelyn Storms | *Soccer*
- Abraham Streator | *Basketball*
- Elijah Waggoner | *Soccer*
- Kate Walke | *Soccer*
- Alyssa Wanstrath | *Soccer / Basketball*
- Emma Weberding | *Soccer / Basketball*



*Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Caleb Lehman '22 reading the petitions, Lleyton Knecht and Emerald Simmonds offering the gifts to Archbishop Thompson, Taryn Rodgers receiving an award, Rachel Lamping receiving Communion, the Sisters of Saint Francis giving a blessing to the Class of 2022, Isabel Price receiving a BAAC award.*

## 2022 SUMMER CAMPS

OA kicked off summer with a series of summer camps including Art, Archery, Chess and Pathway to Algebra for elementary and middle school students. In addition, our athletic teams hosted a young athletics camp for volleyball in June and will be hosting basketball and soccer camps in July.



# CONGRATULATIONS TWISTERS!



***Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Girls Tennis Team as they were the first team in school history to bring home a Semi State Championship trophy!***



***Congratulations to Elizabeth Gigrich '22 (third from the left) and Kate Walke '22 (5th from the right) as they represented the 2021-2022 Girls Track Team at the Track and Field Regionals this year!***

# FIELD DAY

On May 19, students and faculty enjoyed Field Day. This included a grill out, Super Volleyball Tournament, Capture the Flag, a Cornhole Tournament, a visit from the Kona Ice Truck, and some much needed quality time and relaxation before Final Exams!



**2022 Graduates, Emma Weberding (left) and Nora Meyer (right), soak up the last moments of senior year.**



**Students and faculty/staff participated in a cornhole tournament (above and below).**



**Students created chalk masterpieces on the sidewalk in front of the school.**



**The cornhole tournament ended with two champion teams – Mr. Feller and Zach Ruter, Greg Kline and Mrs. Gregg (below).**



**A Kona Ice Truck visited campus and provided a cold treat!**



# FACULTY RETIREMENT



Tim Maple



Kris Wampler

*Thank you for your years of service here at Oldenburg Academy!*

*You don't want to miss*

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

*Celebrating 170 years of ICA | Oldenburg Academy*

Registration in the Residence Building | ICA Hall

Coffee and Classmate catch up in Student lunch room Residence Building | ICA Hall

Mass in Sister's Chapel

*Includes VHE tribute*

Lunch in OA Feldhaus

*Includes Distinguished Alumni and Arts Award presentations*

Announcement of new OA Alumni Board Officers

Building Tours and More

*Stay tuned for details and updates on the website.*

*Invitations and more details with costs to be mailed late August.*

*Nominations for Award for the Arts, VHE and Distinguished Alumni are being accepted until August 1, 2022.*

OLDENBURG ACADEMY'S

# \$25,000 CAR/CASH RAFFLE

\$100 per ticket

**ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD**

**ONE: VEHICLE or \$23,500 Cash**

*\*Win a car through Batesville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram (excludes all taxes and title fees) or \$23,500 cash (subject to all tax withholdings)*

**FIVE: \$200 WINNERS**

**FIVE: \$100 EARLY BIRD WINNERS**

June 1, 2022

## 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 16th  
at Freudenfest 2022**

\*Must present ticket stub to claim prize

\*Subject to all tax withholdings:

**BATESVILLE** 002071  
Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram  
**Jeep** 156344

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NOVEMBER 5, 2022

**Doors open at 6:00 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm**

(first number pulled at 7)

**\$100 per ticket**

(includes 2 people and their dinners).

**VIP Table | \$500**

(Includes 4 tickets (8 people), reserved seating, special gifts, first through the buffet line)

**Activities include the FAMOUS dessert auction, split-the-pot,  
heads or tails and lots of laughs!**

All proceeds benefit OASIS Athletic Boosters

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 8** | Back to School Night  
**August 9** | Freshman Orientation  
**August 10** | First Day of School  
**August 15** | Feast of the Assumption

**September 9** | Class of 1972 Golden Guild Event  
**September 14** | Grandparents Day  
**September 30** | Freshman Retreat  
**October 4** | Feast of Saint Francis  
**October 8** | Alumni Homecoming

**October 10-14** | Fall Break  
**November 1** | Feast of All Saints  
**November 5** | OASIS Hog Roast  
**November 13** | Open House

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