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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear OA Family,

The 2016-17 school year is another one for the record books! As highlighted in this summer edition, the Class of 2017 fully

embraced the challenge of “Virtue, Honor, Education” and were joined by many underclassmen in giving us so many reasons to be proud and to be so *worth* it.

I shared the following reflection at our closing school liturgy: “This Easter season I have been struck by how often in the readings Jesus is not really “seen” or recognized until folks are gathered as a community. Whether it is at the tomb, on the road to Emmaus, or in the upper room, it seems we are most-able to acknowledge the Christ among us when we are together... as friends, as family and as community. And isn’t this so true about OA and especially this senior class? Over the year we have experienced the transformative power

of God’s love, forgiveness, compassion, challenge, and yes, his peace. We are stronger as individuals because of what we’ve shared together. Let us never forget this and let us always be willing to call this to mind even as we say good-bye to the class of 2017 and before you know it, welcome the class of 2021.”

My prayer for each of you is that you, too, experience this Presence and Peace. As a Franciscan community, ICA/OA grads have a special commitment to be servants of this message. Our mission has never been more needed but our capacity never stronger.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support. Together we are OA!

Wishing you peace and all good.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane".

Diane H. Laake

President

2016-2017 SUCCESSES

ACADEMICS

- Earned A rating from the Indiana Department of Education – 5 years in a row this was offered
- Named 4-Star School rating by the Indiana Department of Education – 7th year
- Named AP school of distinction with 55.8% of graduates passing AP tests
- In the Regional Maverick Challenge (entrepreneur competition) – team earned 1st place out of 9 Indiana counties
- Batesville VFW Voice of Democracy Speech Contest winner
- 4-student team earned 2nd place at the state level Indiana Economics Challenge
- **100% of graduates are seeking post-secondary education.**
More details about the class of 2017 on page 7

SPORTS

- **State Champion in Cross Country and Track (Curt Eckstein)**
2nd largest winning margin since 1968 – 27 seconds ahead of 2nd place in XC
- State Championship Qualifiers in Cross Country – 3 students
- Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year – Curt Eckstein
- Sectional Champions – Boys Soccer
- Sectional Runner-Up – Girls Basketball
- **4 students sign to play collegiate sports**
- Girls Tennis Sectional and Regional Champions – 3 year in a row
- 19 Academic All-State Athletes

FINE ARTS

- Scholastic Art Awards – 4 students artwork displayed
- ISSMA State – Gold Vocal Ensemble
- 2 National School Orchestra Award
- 1 National School Choral Award
- All State Honor Choir – 11 students

SERVICE

- **2 students and our principal selected to go on Franciscan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi** with Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati

- **Champions Together** – in partnership with Indiana High School Athletic Association and the Special Olympics, OA Student, Lexi Brown '18, created a program for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in a unified softball game with high school student athletics.
- **OA united with the Rural Alliance for the Arts and the Joan and John W. Hillenbrand Vision Fund to create an 8 ft. by 28 ft. mural located at the Village Store in Oldenburg** (photo below)
- 21 seniors earned Centennial Service Award for 100 or more hours of service



SPRING AROUND OA



Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Cori Hammor and Mr Armbruster enjoy Prom; Junior and Senior girls pose before heading to Prom; Liam Mungcal and Tyler Wachsmann in *The Music Man*; Curt Eckstein wins Gold at State again!; cast of *The Music Man*



Top to Bottom, Left to Right: OA music students go to the Symphony this spring; OA students working on the mural for Oldenburg; Samantha Nobbe and Haleigh Reed graduated with an Associates Degree from Ivy Tech; Girls Tennis team wins Regionals again this year.

AWARDS DAY, SENIOR LUNCH, & SENIOR MASS



Top to Bottom, Left to Right: Senior Margaret Glaser receives her Alumni membership card from Alumni Association president Nita Mauer; friends and family of the senior class join together for lunch in the OA gym; senior friends say goodbye after senior mass; OA students receive Oldenburg Freudentest scholarship

Class of 2017 by the numbers:

June 4, 2017



59 members
of the
Class of 2017

Headed to 23 different schools in 6 states

85%

of the class
received **OVER**

\$9.6

MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

73% achieved Indiana Academic Honors Diploma

1/3 100+ hours of

of the class
completed **service each**

FOUR

STUDENTS HAVE SIGNED TO
PLAY COLLEGIATE SPORTS

5

Lilly
Finalists

2

Associate
Degrees

1

National
Merit
Scholar

1

U.S.
Presidential
Scholar
Semi-Finalist

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Congratulations



Class Valedictorian **Josie Wessler** spoke about learning from mistakes.

She said that “mistakes help us grow as people.” She went on to say that “The mistakes that were made, made the experience unique and contributed to the overall success of our high school careers” going on to note all of the wonderful successes. “...the causes of these successes weren’t necessarily purely a result of brilliance...

the cause of our successes are our mistakes.” She wished the class well ending with “here’s to many more mistakes and infinitely greater successes.”

**“...full of
friendship
and love
for each
other.”**

Liam Mungcal '17

Class Salutatorian **Liam Mungcal** spoke about love in his speech,

specifically the class’s love of academics, arts and athletics. He noted, “...Most importantly, the last four years here at OA have also been full of friendship and love for each other. I remember coming in freshman year and really not knowing anyone from outside of my school. I was a bit hesitant to step outside of my circle of friends. This is an experience

that I think we all went through, but as the years went by, we began to branch out and got to know one another through different clubs and activities.” He went on to encourage the class to “designate love, or whatever it is that inspires you, as the compass that will direct the rest of your life.”

Class of 2017!





WELCOME

Class of 2021!



Attendees at the Class of 2021 Freshman Picnic



WHO ARE THEY?

**64% boys vs.
36% girls**

**12 schools
represented**

**63% legacy
and 37% first-
time families**

**95% will play
a sport**

**Students
reside in
16 towns**

56 students as of June 30th

For information about becoming a part of the OA family contact
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SUPPORT OA

As faithful supporters of the Academy, we ask for your assistance to help us keep the cost of tuition one of the lowest in all Southeast Indiana and Greater Cincinnati. We can accomplish this because generous donors such as yourself help us to close the over \$2000 gap between tuition and the cost of educating each OA student.

How Can YOU Help?

Simply by purchasing one or more Lucky Buck tickets!

For the low price of \$20 for one, 3 for \$50, every Lucky Buck ticket has 67 chances to win and will remain in the hopper for the entire year.

Weekly, monthly, and special drawings all year!

The first drawing will be on October 6 so don't delay!

Contact the Advancement office for tickets. 812.933.0737

Please consider an SGO donation! This extraordinary opportunity has provided OA students with over \$150,000 in tuition assistance in just 6 years. Each donation offers a generous Indiana and federal tax credit, too. You can turn \$350 into \$1000 worth of impact! The donation window for 2017-18 has just opened and is certain to be filled by November. Don't miss out!

Career Guest Speaker Week: October 16-20

Oldenburg Academy will be hosting a career guest speaker week during the week of October 16-20. From 9:25 - 10:00am, ***we invite YOU to come share*** your experience and expertise about your career. To reserve a spot (many spots available Monday-Friday), please contact: Mr. Jonathon Maple '07, Assistant Principal, at jmaple@oldenburgacademy.org or 812.934.4440 ext. 228.



Thanks to everyone who supported
THE 26TH ANNUAL PRO-AM GOLF CLASSIC.

It was a huge success with a record number 22 teams participating.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

You don't want to miss

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017

All events take place on campus with a new schedule of events!



Registration - 11:30 AM

Luncheon and Building Tours - 12:30 PM

Mass in the Sisters chapel - 4:00 PM

Includes VHE tribute

Buffet Dinner and Program - 6:30 PM

*Includes Distinguished Alumni Award and
Ammann-Brinkmoeller Athletic Hall of Fame inductions*

NEW THIS YEAR

Bier Garten - 8:00 – 10:00 PM

*Continue catching up with your classmates
and sharing great memories*

*Nominations for VHE, Distinguished Alumni and AB Athletic Hall of
Fame are being accepted until August 1. See OA website for details.*

Be sure to check your mail!

Invitations with more details including costs will be mailed in late August.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3	Back to School Day	September 22	Freshman Retreat
August 8	Freshman Orientation	October 4	Feast of St Francis Liturgy 9:30 AM
August 9	First Day of School	October 9-13	Fall Break
August 15	Feast of the Assumption Liturgy 1:30 PM	October 14	Homecoming
August 16-17	Senior Retreat	November 1	Feast of All Saints Liturgy 1:30 PM
September 12	<i>New Day This Year:</i> Grandparents Day/ Junior Induction Liturgy 1:00 PM	November 12	Open House

