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*“May we never cease to pray,
to teach truth, to dialogue and to act.”*

FROM THE PRESIDENT



“It is clear during this time there is urgent need for prayer, teaching, dialogue and action to bring about change in society so as to avoid any further senseless acts of violence such as was witnessed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.

*We need to **pray**: we pray for those who lost their lives in Parkland, and all those who mourn for them. We pray for an end to all violence*

and senseless killing of young people in schools. We pray that politicians and leaders would work harder to put the safety and wellbeing of students first; the right to life, to live, before other rights.

*We need to **teach the truth** to students in our schools, to their parents and to all people in society. Every person is created in the image and likeness of God, and is constantly being invited by God into a relationship with Jesus Christ. There is great dignity in being a human being and this dignity needs to be respected and protected by all institutions, including government.*

*We need to **dialogue**. Catholic schools are places where young people learn truth and how to dialogue about that truth with others. Catholic schools form students with values and a lived experience of how faith impacts life, and today more than ever there is need to solve differences and problems through dialogue and not through violence.*

*We need to **act**. We need to speak up about the importance of school safety...to review school safety plans, collaborate on better ways to keep students safe and put children first...”*

From the NCEA statement on school violence issued on March 9, 2018

Once again, Catholic schools find themselves immersed in the challenges that our entire country faces. All of us who have dedicated our lives to the care and education of youth have been forced to confront the harsh reality of school violence once more. On behalf of the Administration, the Sisters of Saint Francis and the Board of Trustees, I want to assure our families, alums, friends, and community partners that we have embraced this moment with our Franciscan Catholic values as our guide. We have drawn comfort and direction from the wise counsel of many, especially the above statement from the National Catholic Educational Association.

Our vision statement reminds us that the Academy promotes a Franciscan approach to learning: one that is holistic and relational, a model of integration and formation appropriate for young adults in an increasingly diverse and global context, and prepares our students to critically address the issues of our global world with insight, intelligence, faith, and compassion. This is what a Catholic, college preparatory education must embrace in the 21st century if we are to “teach as Jesus did”. May we never cease to pray, to teach truth, to dialogue and to act.

In this issue, you will discover inspiring stories of several Academy grads who are continuing to live fully the *Virtue, Honor and Education* motto and are mentoring our current students along the way. You will also read about some significant academic, co-curricular and facility initiatives that are the result of focused efforts towards sustaining and enhancing the excellence that is OA. We can’t wait to share with you the wonderful success stories of the current school year and all the exciting activities taking place on campus!

All too soon we will be saying good-bye to the Class of 2018 and welcoming those who will compose the Class of 2022. Your prayers and support enable us to fulfill our mission every day. Thank you for your partnership, your trust in us, and your own courage to follow St. Francis on the path to peacemaking and justice.

Wishing you peace and all good.

Diane Laake

Diane H. Laake
President

ADMISSIONS

Oldenburg Academy is excited to announce that the top ten students who took the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at Oldenburg have all registered for the OA Class of 2022!

These scholars took the HSPT on December 2, 2017 and have earned an academic scholarship for their accomplishments.

Amelia Austin
St. Louis, Batesville

Elizabeth Cornett
St. Louis, Batesville

Augustus Harlow
St. Mary, Greensburg

Caleb Lehman
St. Louis, Batesville

Joshua Newman
Greendale Middle School

Abe Streater
St. Louis, Batesville

Logan Sydzyk
Sunman-Dearborn Middle School

Kathryn Voegele
St. Louis, Batesville

Elijah Waggoner
St. Michael, Brookville

Kate Walke
Batesville Middle School

The students are listed alphabetically



OA ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Annette L. Hunger, Dean of Enrollment Management at OA received the 2018 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for dedication and commitment to excellence.

Ms. Hunger was chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and

administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations dedicated to the nation's Catholic schools. She will be one of only 27 people recognized with this award during the annual NCEA 2018 Convention & Expo that will take place April 3 – 5 in Cincinnati, OH. The annual award honors those whose ministry is Catholic school education and who have demonstrated a strong Catholic educational philosophy as well as exceptional ability, dedication and results.

"It takes dedicated people in the schools, the dioceses, the parishes and the communities to carry out the mission of faith formation in Catholic schools. They are the living messengers of God's purpose from generation to generation," said Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Ed.D., NCEA chief leadership and program officer.

OA President Diane Laake states: "In reviewing the list of criteria for this award, I cannot identify a single category in which Annette does not excel. She believes passionately in our mission and continues to sacrifice to empower others to have the opportunities available at OA. At OA, we say that our most valued 'one-to-one' program does not involve our tech devices; it involves our people. Annette has been the primary driver of this vision since the beginning."

"Without a doubt, the most rewarding aspect of my career in Catholic education would be the people that I have met and worked with, and the lasting relationships created with students and families," said Ms. Hunger.

LIFE AT OA



Dear OA Family,

We have wrapped up our winter sports season and I cannot believe that our spring sports are already in session. Our boys and girls basketball teams had successful seasons, with both teams advancing to the Sectional Finals! Our boys and girls swim team had a number of swimmers achieve their personal bests, also having swimmers that advanced to the sectional finals. In addition, we welcomed back wrestlers to the mat and had a great turnout! The boys showed a lot of heart and great potential for the future!

This year we welcome back three Academy grads to assist with coaching our baseball team. With 30 young men coming out for the team this year, we will be expanding by having both a Varsity and Junior Varsity Team. Assisting long time coach Doug Behlmer will be:

Patrick Kolks '10 is back coaching for his third season. A familiar face and voice, Coach Kolks also has assisted in announcing for the OA Boys and Girls Basketball Teams.

Spencer Gommel '11 is entering his second season on the baseball coaching staff.

Matthew Bohman '10 is entering his first year on the coaching staff. Coach Bohman will be leading our JV Baseball Team this year.

Our spring sports season is a busy season. As I write this letter, we are preparing for Spring Break. I see practices happening on the OA Campus: the baseball and softball teams practicing in the new "barn," (thanks to OASIS for the practice turf) and the track team running through the Village of Spires, and through the OA Campus. Meanwhile, the Boys Golf Team and Girls Tennis Team are both gearing up for successful seasons. I encourage you to catch the Twister Spirit, and come to a spring athletic event! You can check out our schedule at <http://www.oaathletics.org>.

Go Twisters!

With Twister spirit and pride,

Brian McFee
Principal/Athletic Director



OA TEACHER NAMED DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

"I have had the great honor and pleasure to know and work with a man who has devoted his entire life to education. Mr. John Armbruster, Oldenburg Academy's current chemistry and physics teacher, has spent over

50 years in education. As a teacher, principal, superintendent and then back to a teacher, Mr. Armbruster has influenced countless students in southeastern Indiana," noted Jonathon Maple, OA assistant principal, at the annual Batesville Chamber of Commerce dinner. "Every year, The Herald-Tribune features the Top 5 seniors of the graduating class. On any typical year, three or four, and sometimes five of our seniors nominate Mr. Armbruster with the title of 'most influential educator.' Whether it was from his time at St. Nicholas School, in the Sunman-Dearborn school district or at Oldenburg Academy, in the past 50 years, Mr. Armbruster made an impact.

"Last year, Mr. Armbruster was a 'Faculty Friday' feature on OA's Facebook page. I want to share some unsolicited comments that were made regarding this influential educator.

A parent of two students from Oldenburg Academy said, 'The Best! Enough said.'

"One student said, '(He is) one of the greatest teachers I ever had. I considered myself privileged to be educated by him. His teaching put me ahead of my peers in my college chemistry class. He is a teacher to treasure.'

"Another man called Armbruster 'a model educator: humble, highly intelligent, caring, assertive, wise ... a blessing to all of us who had the privilege of his influence.'"

Maple added, "Remembered for his 'extra commandments of chemistry' and his nifty ties, Mr. Armbruster is intimidating to the freshmen and sophomores who first encounter him. By the end of their sophomore year, though, every student absolutely cherishes him.

"I have quite a unique perspective on Mr.

Armbruster. I remember having ... (him) as a chemistry teacher my junior year – a class that I despised. It wasn't the teacher that I despised, it was the content – I just couldn't get it. I remember him being extremely patient, kind and always willing to help. This still holds true today – almost every day you see students in Mr. Armbruster's classroom both before and after school – he is sitting next to a student one-on-one or at the board doing small group study work and instruction.

"I now have had the privilege to work with Mr. Armbruster for seven years. He served as a phenomenal mentor to me, and worked with me on student-discipline issues, curriculum strategies and best-teaching practices," Maple pointed out. "I appreciate his wisdom, his quiet demeanor, his willingness to try whatever 'new education trend' we have and, most importantly, his input and experience that he brings.

"Even after 50 years, Mr. Armbruster is the first teacher to school every day, and is probably one of the last teachers on email at night; he has truly devoted his entire life to education. It is an honor and a privilege to present the 2018 Batesville Area Chamber Distinguished Educator of the Year award to a man who truly embodies a true educator, life-long learner and in all aspects of the word, is distinguished."

Armbruster was appreciative of his family being in attendance, and he thanked Maple for his "kind words." He also said he has enjoyed working with some great people and parents. In addition, "I've been blessed to work with an amazing group of students. The advantage of teaching at Oldenburg Academy is I've had some students for three years, so I see their growth." After they graduate, "it's interesting to keep track of them and keep up with them. As a teacher, that's one of the most rewarding things." He recalled getting a call in 2004 from Connie Deardorff, who was OA principal at that time, because she was looking for a chemistry teacher. "I was retiring, but she was pretty persistent, so I told her I'd teach for one year. Well, that was 14 years ago, and I'm still there.

"I wouldn't have done it this long if I didn't enjoy it."

Diane Raver '86

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OA HONORS YEARS OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Oldenburg Academy recently honored the Years of Service Recipients and the Volunteer of the Year at the 2018 Catholic Schools Week Mass. Ms. Diane H. Laake, OA President, presented the awards for 15 years of

service. Mrs. Annette Hunger, Dean of Enrollment Management, was honored; Laake called Hunger a “mentor and friend to many; a role model of always going above and beyond.” Director of Maintenance Ray Ronnebaum was also honored for his 15 years of service, where Laake praised his “capacity to fix and build just about anything.”

Mr. Brian McFee, OA Principal/Athletic Director, honored 10-year OA veteran, Gary “Ace” Moorman, by reminding the students of the PE/Health Teacher/OA Boys Basketball Coach impeccable story telling ability and giving each student a nick name. 5-year veterans were also honored by Laake and McFee. Director of Guidance Laura Geis was recognized for her personalized approach to each individual

student; Music Teacher Brian Knueven '05 was saluted for his ability to bring back the OA Alma Mater – Virtue, Honor, Education. OA President Diane Laake was thanked for continuing her legacy in Catholic Education and serving the local community. Campus Minister/Religion Teacher Brad Macke, was thanked for all of his “inspirational and foundational opportunities” provided by his department. Cafeteria Manager Angie Rennekamp Voegele '93 was thanked for providing a “warm welcome home” in the middle of each day at OA.

In addition to the Faculty/Staff honorees, OA honored Sr. André' Burkhart (pictured left) as the OA Volunteer of the Year. Sr. André' manages the Oldenburg Academy Adopt-a-Sis program, which nearly 90% of OA students participate in. President Diane Laake congratulated Sr. André' by stating, “At 82 years young, Sr. André spends countless hours organizing, creating, adjusting, facilitating, cajoling, and initiating all the many facets that make this program work. Those special gifts and themes for each meeting? Sr. André. Those opening and closing parties, special displays, meeting reminders, substitutes for sick Sisters, calendar adjustments, etc, etc. – all of this happens because of Sr. André.”



Oldenburg Academy Honorees Include: Mr. Brian Knueven '05, Mr. Brad Macke, Mrs. Angie Rennekamp Voegele '93, Sr. André Burkhart, Mrs. Laura Geis, Mrs. Annette Hunger, Mr. Ray Ronnebaum, Mr. Gary “Ace” Moorman, Ms. Diane Laake



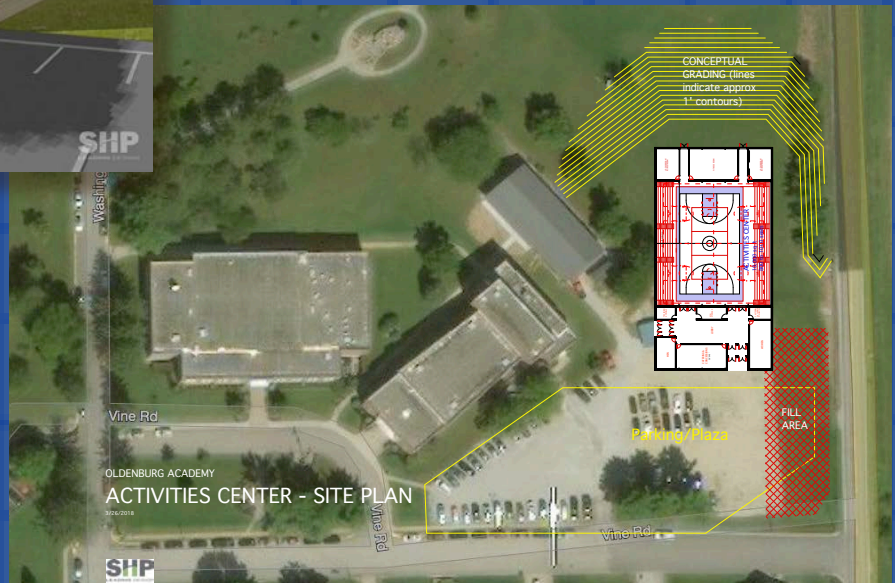
OA AWARDS MOTHER THERESA HACKELMEIER LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Leadership Award was established in 2006 and is given to someone whose dedicated service demonstrates outstanding leadership in support of the Academy as first exemplified by our foundress, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier.

This year's recipient is Mr. Scott Lamping. Over his many years serving as the President of OASIS (OA's athletic booster organization) he has been the primary driver of moving this group forward in fulfilling its mission to raise the profile

of and funds for OA athletics. In his decade of service, OASIS has raised over \$170,000. This money funds uniforms, equipment, entrance fees and special projects, such as refinishing the gym floor, purchasing another mini-bus and building the storage/practice barn. OA President Diane Laake states: "Scott's willingness to seek new initiatives, to inspire others to step up and lean in, and to always go above and beyond has enabled OASIS to be one of the most trusted and respected organizations in the area. We are so grateful!"

The award was presented at the 29th annual Dinner Auction held at OA on February 24, 2018.



HILLENBRAND FAMILY FELDHAUS

In addition to addressing regular ongoing facility enhancements, OA has been preparing for a major capital project which will begin construction by the end of 2018. The generous leadership gifts from the Sisters of St. Francis (current buildings and land) and the Hillenbrand Foundations (\$750,000) provide us with momentum and financial support to finalize plans for identification and construction of the phase one project: the Hillenbrand Family Feldhaus. This stand-alone building to be located

between the auditorium and SR229, will provide all our students with a fantastic multipurpose facility for volleyball, basketball, and athletic classes, locker rooms used by teams that practice outdoors, as well as a larger event space for our Dinner Auction and other school and community events. We will need the support of the entire OA/ICA community to make this long awaited dream a reality. More details to come including ways you can partner with us.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



This year's Campus Ministry team has been one of the largest and most active in years. Under the direction of OA's Campus Minister Brad Macke, they have been a visible, inspirational force promoting OA's motto of "Be Christ to others so they may be Christ to you."

Some examples of their efforts include: sponsoring monthly Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation opportunities, collecting items for the local flood victims, creating weekly reflections and action ideas for Lent, sending one of the largest groups in recent history to the Life marches in Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis, and regularly visiting the Sisters in St. Clare Hall.

OA GRADUATE AND GUEST SPEAKER INSPIRED STUDENTS AND STAFF

On January 19, the OA school community had the rare privilege of hearing the inspiring and challenging words of a woman who grew up locally, graduated from OA/ICA, and then went on to serve with one of the most famous women of all time, Saint/Mother Teresa of Kolkata. She spoke to the students and staff in an all school assembly.

After graduation from Oldenburg Academy (ICA) Maribeth Riedeman '71 entered the Sisters of St. Francis. After graduating from Marian College (now University), she taught for a brief time at Scecina High School in Indianapolis. During this time she felt called to serve in foreign missions. She left the Sisters of St. Francis- Oldenburg community and went to live and work in Burundi, Africa. Maribeth then made the decision to join Mother Teresa's group in Calcutta where she became Sister Sepapano. She worked in Calcutta shortly after Mother Teresa's death and served as the lead on gathering documentation for her beatification. She is now based in Rome where she works in the Archives of her community. She also travels all over the world to educate the over 7000 Sisters in her Community about their

foundress and their mission to the poor. Sister is a native of Greensburg, Indiana.

Student reactions to her talk include:

"Sister's talk about the way Mother Teresa devoted her life to helping others has inspired me to look at my future with a new perspective and to spread love to others every day." --- Jessica Rees '21

"Sister Sepapano gave an insightful account of her work as a missionary with the same group of sisters who worked with Mother Teresa. The part that resonated with me was her revelation that she had such a small view of the world and her dreams as a young woman but once she got an education and gained experience she found something she truly loved doing." --- Emma Allen '19

"Sister Sepapano showed that little things can have as big of an impact as the largest acts. A true inspiration in regards to the fact that everyone can impact the world in their own small, special way." -- Pierce Lonergan '20



THE HALLS OF OA ARE (STILL) ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Brian Knueven '05, Vocal Music Instructor, is inspiring the next generation of Twisters to make music a daily part of their lives. In just a few short years he had grown the vocal music program to its current membership of 42 which is 20% of the student body. Their performances at seasonal concerts, special events, and monthly masses (*photo 3*) are highly regarded and not to be missed. Knueven's special passion for the school Alma Mater and school seal (Virtue, Honor, Education) is recognized by his students as foundational to his deep commitment to the Academy.

Beloved locally and honored statewide, OA music students received the following awards at this year's Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competition:

Academy Singers – Gold at Districts (*photo 1*)

Owen Hudepohl '20 and Grace Mack '20 – Gold at Districts and State

Justine Stenger '20 (cello) Class 1 – Gold at Districts and Silver at State (*photo 2*)

Dylan Fledderman '20 (viola) Class 2 - Gold at Districts (*photo 2*)

Sarah Price '20 (violin) Class 1- Silver at Districts (*photo 2*)



Emma Allen '19, Owen Hudepohl '20, & Grace Mack '20 in spring musical production of "Annie".



JORIE MOSS '07

Jorie Moss '07 decided her junior year at OA to pursue a career in music. Thanks to the encouragement of Liz Beiersdorfer, who was director of vocal music at the time, she attended a day of seminars in Cincinnati entitled "Overture Academy." Part of

the city's Overture Awards for young artists, actors, and musicians, the day included a panel discussion with professionals in the arts who discussed what it took to pursue a career in their assorted fields as well as tips for anyone hoping to apply to college for music. Most memorably, Jorie was told by one of these panelists, "If there is anything else you can see yourself happily pursuing, do that. Music is one of the most challenging businesses there is, and it will take everything you can give." Jorie had taken piano lessons since childhood and had been a voice student of Mrs. Beiersdorfer's as well as an active three-year member of Academy Singers, but that day music became more than a hobby or an extracurricular: it became her singular passion. The encouragement and support of faculty and colleagues within the music department were a vital part of Jorie's preparation for further pursuit of her musical endeavors. After graduating from OA, Jorie earned a Bachelor of Music summa cum laude at DePauw University, where she double majored in Voice Performance and German. In 2012, she moved out east to Princeton, NJ and earned a Master of Music in Voice Performance and Pedagogy with distinction at Westminster Choir College.

Jorie's first exposure to a professional orchestra and choir had been on a field trip with Academy Singers and the OA Orchestra to see Carmina Burana performed as part of the Cincinnati Orchestra May Festival. Shocked and delighted by the quality and sheer drama of the music making, Jorie dreamed that one day she herself would get to perform such monumental works with the world's most famous orchestras. As a student at Westminster, Jorie performed with the school's ensembles on the stages of Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kimmel Center (home of the Philadelphia Orchestra) singing such works as Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Handel's Messiah, or Bach's St. Matthew Passion. The dream that began with Carmina Burana was fueled and fulfilled.

Being a part of music at OA also meant being a part of liturgy and service. As a student Jorie had the opportunity to cantor Mass on several occasions, and this experience highlighted the role of music in the elevation of communal worship. In college, graduate school, and beyond, Jorie found that her skills in music were a valuable way of contributing to the communities where she lived, and she sought out these opportunities whenever possible, singing weddings and funerals as well as regular Sunday services in a variety of different churches. She even returned to sing Ave Maria in the Sisters' Chapel a few summers ago in celebration of the wedding of Lucy Brunsmann '07 and Bryan Weigel. Jorie is currently a staff singer at St. Thomas' Whitmarsh Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, PA.

Since graduating from her Master's, Jorie has participated in various summer programs geared towards additional training and performance in opera, art song, and musical theater. Most recently, she spent two summers at Seagle Music Colony, one of the country's oldest and most respected training programs for young classical singers. She has also sung with professional choirs in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina, and even performed the lead role in a production of Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro in Germany. Currently based in Philadelphia, PA, Jorie performs with the Philadelphia Symphonic Choir (a choral component of the Philadelphia Orchestra) and she is on the sub list for the chorus of Opera Philadelphia. She continues to pursue solo opportunities in singing and enjoys going to the opera, the theater, and the symphony as much as possible.

For any further updates or details on Jorie's career, visit www.joriemossosoprano.com.



COMPUTER SCIENCE ROCKS AT OA



CONVENTUS

The Academy's mission statement states that we prepare our students "to excel in our ever-changing world". Our tradition of academic excellence is also responsive to evolving societal needs and coupled with our dedication to social responsibility, ensures that graduates do just that.

One recent example is Sarah Merrion Isaacs, '91, COO and co-founder of Conventus Corporation in Chicago, IL. Sarah was recognized last fall by ITSP Magazine in their annual selection of female founders and CEO's in cybersecurity: "Passionate about promoting women in technology, Isaacs has been actively making a difference in the cyber community as well as successfully steering operations at the helm of

Conventus, a nationally recognized cybersecurity software and information security consulting firm since 2006." OA students were able to meet with Sarah via Skype in February to learn more about her path from ICA to founding and leading her own company in an underrepresented field for women.

OA is now offering a class in Computer Science and will be adding a second next year. Both of these courses offer Advanced Placement credit. Funding through Nextech and Genesis: Pathways to Success have enabled OA instructor Steven Hensley to receive additional training and resources. Recent studies indicate that students' most preferred subjects are fine arts and computer science. 58% of all new jobs in STEM careers are computer science related. Once again, the Academy has been strategic in our action plans to support the diverse learning needs of our students and prepare them for the future.





OA was blessed to receive gifts and grants totaling almost \$40,000 from several local foundations and businesses that have greatly enhanced our school facilities. We were able to leverage funding from Armstrong Flooring, the Rising Sun Regional Foundation, the CREATE

Foundation, the John A. Hillenbrand Foundation and the SEI REMC to renovate three rooms to be more functional for 21st century teaching and learning.

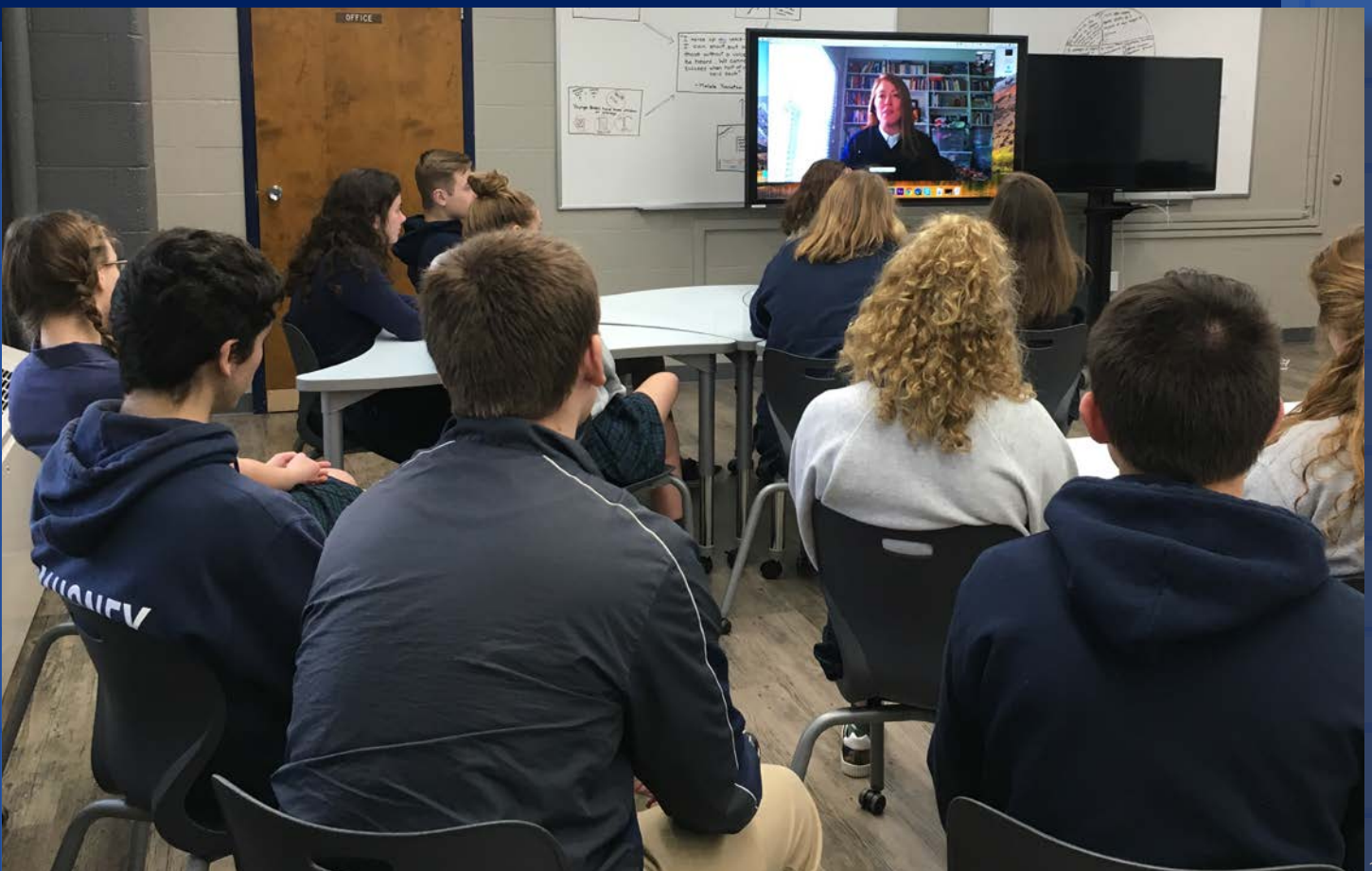
The desktop computer lab now boasts 24 state of the art HP computers. This upgrade was necessitated by the software requirements of popular Engineering and Computer Science courses and to meet the objectives of the REACH (Removal of stumbling blocks, Exploration of possibilities, Academic support, College to career readiness and High achievement) Program which assists students in their college to career readiness search. The regular use of these

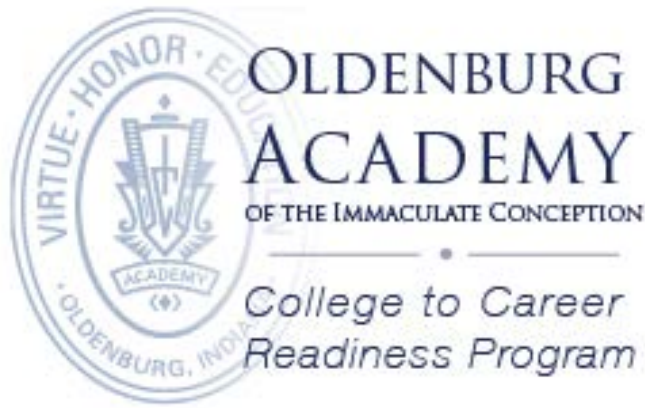
computers in other courses such as Biology 1 and German 3 have empowered our instructors to strengthen the integration of technology tools into their course content. The REACH program has been extremely successful overall and the use of these facilities for interest surveys, testing, and assessment tools is just beginning.

Room 107 is now called the Innovation Room and for good reason. Its "extreme makeover" has produced a room that features flexible, modular furniture and several large screen televisions with Apple TV's for projection. The table tops are writeable white boards that enhance group problem solving and the ability to easily move furniture into a variety of arrangements contributes to more effective collaboration. Fresh paint and a new floor complete a truly aesthetic and inspiring learning space.

A small office room has now become the home of OA studio productions. OA's student media class produces our daily morning announcements and special feature videos utilizing new cameras, monitors, green screens and microphones.

Thanks to these wonderful organizations for helping OA maintain the highest standards of excellence and innovation!





Please describe the overall goals for the College to Career Readiness Program. How do these goals align with OA's mission and the needs of today's students?

Our goal is to fill in some of the gaps that are not covered in the daily classroom - this includes: standardized test preparation, career preparation, digital citizenship, choosing college majors and colleges, scholarship application processes as well as many other timely topics for OA students. The College to Career Readiness Program is a 4-year program that starts with identifying strengths of students and tracking their progress through their Freshman, Sophomore and Junior year. To culminate the four year College to Career Readiness program, each senior will be provided with a community-based internship and/or capstone project. This experience will provide real-world application of students' intended college major. Students will be challenged to go above and beyond the textbook and apply their knowledge from the past four years assisting them to narrow down their college major, thus preparing them for college, all the way to their career.

What impact have you already witnessed?

In addition to the REACH program, a Data team has been formed to assist in the tracking of the data to show the growth of the standardized test scores. All sophomores and juniors are enrolled in a standardized test preparation program. One student, identified that she felt "very prepared" for the SAT - she felt she did approximately 200 points better than without the extra test-preparation. Additionally, students have the opportunity to receive tutoring from their teachers and their peers during this time. An unexpected benefit of the daily REACH time has been the decrease in numbers of students experiencing anxiety. Overall, the impact that we have seen has far exceeded our expectations.

What has been the biggest surprise thus far? The largest challenge?

The biggest surprise has been the positive feedback from the entire OA Community - students, parents and teachers. The logistics of planning a curriculum for 200 students can be challenging; however, we meet weekly to assess the previous week and plan for

the future week. As we meet every week, we find that there are so many more opportunities for students, and we want to do so much more than time allows - already have big plans for next year!

What role do the local business community and alumni play in the success of this program?

Alumni have played an integral part - especially during our Career Guest Speaker Week, where we had 46 speakers (many of whom were OA graduates), come on campus and share stories about their career paths. The local business community has welcomed our students with open-arms, and are finding that it is a win-win situation. The business community is developing talent and showcasing all their businesses have to offer for potential future employees, and students gain real world experience.

For more information about OA's College to Career Readiness Program, please contact Jonathon Maple or Laura Geis.

SAMPLE REACH

	Monday (12)	Tuesday (13)	Wednesday (14)	Thursday (15)	Friday (16)
Freshmen	Indiana Career Explorer	Freshmen Academy	Study/Tutoring	Freshmen Academy	Peer Tutoring Opportunity
Sophomores	<u>What Color is Your Parachute?</u>	Khan Academy Test Prep	Study/Tutoring	Khan Academy Test Prep	Peer Tutoring Opportunity
Juniors	Indiana Career Explorer	Method Test Prep	Study/Tutoring	Method Test Prep	Peer Tutoring Opportunity
Seniors	College Admissions Visit	Study/Tutoring	College Scholarship Opportunity Discussion	Virtual College Visit	Peer Tutoring Opportunity



CAPSTONE PROJECT

KITLEY KERN '18

At first, I didn't really want to do a capstone project because all of my friends were doing internships. However, after talking with Mr. Maple and realizing that an internship in psychology would be difficult, he brought up the possibility of a capstone project. Knowing my connection to the world of architecture and interior design, the redesign of the student lounge was immediately suggested. I was so excited for this opportunity, I couldn't pass it up.

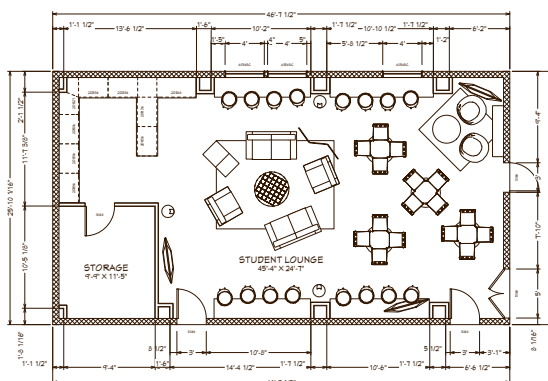
I have been a fan of the student lounge since I was in grade school. I would study the bricks every time I came to the speech meets or any of the other events happening at OA. So, instinctively, I had been thinking of how I would design it for a pretty long time. At the beginning, I knew that it was going to be a big task, but I didn't actually realize how big until I started. As I went on designing different things, I was meeting with Mr. McFee and Mr. Maple. To my surprise they had bigger ideas

for the space than I had. I wasn't expecting a head to toe renovation, but I soon learned that I had so

much freedom with the space. I took that freedom and ran. Then, I slowed down a little and made some realistic changes to my design.

I knew when I started that I didn't want to go into architecture or interior design, because I have been working for my mom since sophomore year and the field never fit me. At first I was thinking, "Well at least I'll learn that I don't want to go into this." But now I know that I didn't learn that, because I already knew it. Instead, I learned a greater appreciation for people who do this for a living. People who, at all times, keep their clients interests in mind and not just their own. People who have to jump over hurdles in what they can and can't do. People who wake up early and stay up late to alter a building with

one click. I learned appreciation for these people, appreciation for my mom.



Proposed floor plan for student lounge renovation. (coming summer 2018)

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INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

RACHEL STOLL '18

Dr. Angie Scheele '85, Scheele Orthodontics, has an extra set of hands around her office in the morning. Rachel Stoll '18, has a strong interest in becoming an orthodontist. Dr. Scheele noted that “Rachel has been very helpful in our office... she has been more than willing to jump right in and help my team with greeting and seating patients as well as many other odds and ends that we have needed. She is eager to learn about the profession and doesn't hesitate to ask questions to enhance her time here.”

Dr. Scheele reflected on her time at OA noting that she had the opportunity to shadow her orthodontist and it helped reinforce her decision to pursue a career in the dental field. Her main goal was to assist the interns in seeing how to treat patients – at Scheele Orthodontics they “treat everyone with care and respect, like they are family, also making the workplace a fun, friendly and stress free environment.”



Rachel has felt that the internship experience has given her a lot of insight about the skills and knowledge necessary to be an orthodontist. She loves the hands-on opportunities that she has been able to get, including working on some patients herself, through Dr. Scheele's guidance, and believes that this experience will help her “stand out in college.”

Dr. Scheele believes the OA internship program is a “very valuable program for students.” She reflected on her OA experience, stating “I am proud to be an OA (ICA) alum. I believe the education and experiences I received here enabled and inspired me to achieve my dream of becoming an orthodontist. I am honored to be partnering with OA and the intern program and hope to encourage and inspire students to pursue their hopes and dreams.” Rachel concurred, “I have really enjoyed all

the work I have done and watched, and it has made me even more excited for my future as an orthodontist...the experience has been better than I could have ever imagined.”

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INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

JACOB HERBERT '18



From Tory Flynn: *Director of Communications & Public Affairs at Hillenbrand*

How has Jacob been helpful to you?

Jacob has been helpful in doing some of the research behind government affairs. From researching articles around a new policy, looking up everything he can find on a legislative bill, and also doing some pre-work for visits with government officials – he has been incredibly helpful.

Why did you decide to accept OA's request to sponsor an intern?

This internship has provided us another way that we can engage with our community and future leaders. At Hillenbrand, we believe that the stronger our community is the stronger our company will be and vice versa. By opening our doors to our corporate center, we help the students link their passions to a potential future career – maybe even here at Hillenbrand.

What do you believe is the most valuable skill or lesson they can take away from this experience?

At the core of Government Affairs is advocacy. As our Seniors go to college I think one of the most important skills they can learn is how to advocate for themselves. As a parent, that is often our role. But by the time our kids go to college, it is important for them to have a voice and know how (and when) to use it. Once that skill is learned, advocating for others should come next and that is typically steeped in topics that students are passionate about.

From Jacob Herbert '18:

How has this internship experience been beneficial to your plans for college and your future career?

My internship has allowed me to peer inside the “real world” to see what everyday life is like for someone working in public and government affairs. It has helped me to confirm that this is in fact a field that I am interested in. Even though that is not what I am directly working on, my experience at Hillenbrand has helped me realize my particular interest in public policy. Without my internship and the direct experience it provided, I would feel like I’m picking a major blind. Without a doubt, it has helped me hone my interests.

What do you like most about the experience?

The best part is probably the proximity to the legislative process. I have taken two trips to the statehouse and seen both houses of the General Assembly in session. Getting to sit in on policy meetings and meet many elected officials (and even lobby with a few of them) is easily the coolest part of the experience. However, what makes this internship interesting day in and day out is the fact that I am tracking bills and investigating policies that have a direct impact not just on the company, but the community as a whole.

What were your expectations at the beginning? How have they been realized or changed?

I was a little nervous if I’m honest. I really didn’t know what to expect, although I have been pleasantly surprised. I have my own office, which is a first. I also didn’t expect to be doing the type of work I am. My idea of an internship before this was that I would mostly learn by being around everything and doing sort of menial work (getting coffee, making copies, etc.). What I found out was that most of the learning is active. For example, I learn about the legislative process by tracking bills. Overall, my internship has exceeded expectations.



2018 Dinner Auction

Hats & Horses

We're off to the Races

The 29th Annual Dinner Auction again surpassed our fundraising and friend-raising goals for this year. Because of the wonderful support of the OA community, we were able to raise almost \$105,000 for the students of OA and more than \$23,000 for the school project – Extreme Makeover of the Student Lounge and Concession Stand.

Thanks so much to our sponsors, donors, ticket buyers, attendees and volunteers. Special thanks to Chef Adam Israel of Izzy's Catering for the wonderful meal, Sherryl Meyer of Snickers & Peanuts for our dessert, The Brau Haus for taking care of the bar that evening and Susan Johnson, our amazing auctioneer.





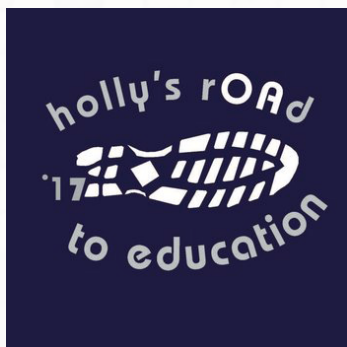


THANKS TO THE ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY CLASSES

At the spring musical “Annie”, we debuted our new wireless microphones and digital sound board that were funded through gifts from the recent alumni anniversary classes ('67, '72, '77, and '92), the Alumni Association and the Musik Boosters. This enabled us to offer a much improved audience experience. Thanks for supporting the fine arts at OA!



2018 HOLLY BRUNS 5K MEMORIAL WALK/RUN



Be a part of the Holly Bruns Memorial 5K Walk/Run on April 28th 2018. The event will be held at Oldenburg Academy with registration beginning at 9:00 am and the Walk/Run to start at 10:00 am. 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.

Don't forget to return your Alumni officer ballot!



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SEEKING AWARD NOMINATIONS

What are the awards?

Each year the Alumni Association gives two awards to members of the Academy family at Homecoming. The Distinguished Alumni Award is given each year to a graduate who has made significant contributions to their field of study or in their community. Additionally, the Virtue, Honor Education Award is given to a current or past member of OA in recognition for their contribution to the Academy.

This year a new award, The Arts Award, was proposed to honor graduates who have entered the field of Fine and Performing Arts.

The Ammann-Brinkmoeller Athletic Hall of Fame was established by OASIS (athletic boosters) to recognize outstanding contributions by student athletes, coaches, administrators and other supporters of OA athletics.

Who can submit a nomination?

Anyone can submit a nomination for these awards.

How do I make a nomination?

Fill out the nomination forms telling us why your candidate would be great for recognition. Submit your nomination form to Oldenburg Academy with attn: name of award.

How to obtain a nomination form?

Contact the School Office at (812)-934-4440 or visit the website.

When do I need to submit a nomination form?

Distinguished Alumni and Virtue, Honor Education - July

Athletic Hall of Fame - September 1

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Liz Sedler '02 has been traveling around the Pacific Rim. Her travels have included stops in Australia, New Zealand, and Vietnam.

(photo 1)



Nick Messinger '04 holds his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Cincinnati. Currently he is assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Cincinnati.

Here he is seen with Michael Phelps at an event. *(photo 2)*



Kevin Blank '06 works as the lead brewer for Bellevue Brewing Company and Brewery at Georgetown Brewing Company in Seattle, WA. When not on the job he enjoys being on the slopes of Alpental which is 50 miles east of Seattle. *(photo 3)*

Rita Wilder '83 has been elected partner at accounting firm Agresta, Storms & O'Leary PC (ASO).



Dr. Bryan Robert Lanning '07 2011 Graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. --- BS Chemistry, High Distinction.

2016 Graduate of The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA. -- PhD Chemistry.

Currently employed in a Post Doctorial program with the Federal Food and Drug Administration in White Oak, Maryland.

Blake Edward Lanning '10 2014 Graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. --- BA Journalism, Highest Distinction.

2017 Graduate of Harvard Law School, Boston, MA – Doctor of Jurisprudence, Magna cum laude. Currently employed as a Law Clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Miami, Florida.

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Mary Dolores "Mickie" Schulte '37

Sr. Adele Zahn OSF '37

Sr. Millie Speed OSF '42

Sr. Corrine Brown OSF '44

Joan Oswald Hellmich '46

Jacqueline Bales Donoghue '51

Evelyn Hartman Elsner '53

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Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Jesus Mass

April 11

Freshman Scholarship Banquet

April 28

Holly Bruns 5K

April 29

Spring Concert

May 1

May Crowning

May 5

Prom

May 11

Freshman Picnic

May 16

Adopt-A-Sis Party

May 18

Senior Mass/Awards Day
Outdoor Concert

June 3

Graduation

June 18

Pro-Am Golf Outing

July 21

Car Raffle Drawing at Freudenfest

August 2

Back to School Event

August 7

Freshman Orientation

August 8

First Day of Classes

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