

SUMMER 2021



Congratulations

Class of 2021

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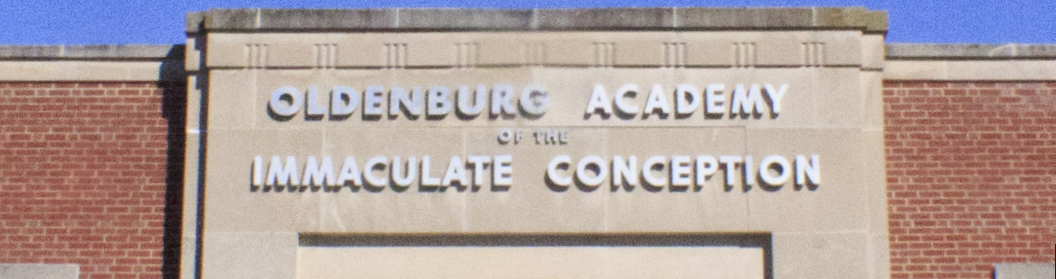
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'm running out of adjectives to describe this year ... but at least it is finally coming to a close. And while I am filled with gratitude, relief, and frankly, amazement,

that we have made it safely to this point, I think we all find ourselves somewhere along the continuum of exhaustion through to jubilation. We have so many moments of grace, fidelity, excellence and determination to recognize and honor. Through the diligent efforts of all, OA was able to hold on-campus classes for the entire 2020-21 school year! The Class of 2021 has made us proud in so many ways, especially as they persevered and continued to strive for their goals and cared for one another.

But, we are equally aware of the debilitating impact of isolation, loss,

and anxiety this year has wrought. We are already asking ourselves: "What are the "pivots" that turned out to be "keepers"? But also "what are the newly established patterns and dynamics that we must now target for transformation or realignment?" The days ahead will offer us all time for this assessment but also, thank God, a well-deserved respite to simply be – be together, be able to exhale, embrace and be at peace.

The Academy was blessed to have had several opportunities to gather in recent weeks to celebrate our foundational values, our 170-year legacy that our graduates are stepping into, and to give thanks for the year that has been and the promise of a better tomorrow. Celebrate with us as you peruse these pages!

Gratefully,

Diane

Diane H. Laake
President





ACADEMY AWARDS

Congratulations to Jonathon Maple who received the Educator of the Year Award from the Batesville Chamber of Commerce.

What makes Jonathon truly worthy of this award, though, is his dedication and commitment to his students. He knows that his role is not only to educate, but also to inspire and empower them to strive for success but never at the expense of others or their own integrity. He challenges his students to reflect deeply on the human side of economics and business practices and ensure that their beliefs and actions are a reflection of the values and ethics that are integral to the Catholic identity and mission of OA. He is a most worthy recipient of this award.

OA also extends our congratulations to Board of Trustees member Amy Streater who was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.

ACADEMY AWARDS





OA was honored that Archbishop Charles Thompson came to Oldenburg to celebrate our closing all school Mass with us. We were also delighted to be able to pray all together for the first time in 15 months in the iconic Sisters of St. Francis Chapel.

Despite the challenges of this past year, OA students excelled in many areas. While we are proud of all our students, the following deserve special recognition for their efforts.

**OLDENBURG ACADEMY
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
FOR THE 2021-2022 YEAR**

Oldenburg Heritage Scholarship
Clare Van Meter

Kelly Munchel Scholarship
Francis Moorman *(photo previous page)*

**Rosemary (Doll) Dierckman and
Melanie Dierckman Memorial
Scholarship**
Thomas Lohmueller

**Sr. Therese Gillman, OSF Service
Scholarship**
Ava Allen *(photo previous page)*,
Erin Pottschmidt

James E. Fritsch Scholarship
Sadie Wachsmann, Lea Cossentino

**Karen Kretschmann Aspiring
Educator Scholarship**
Emma Back

**Julia Christine Horninger
Memorial Music Studies
Scholarship**
Mary Hunter

**Oldenburg Academy Alumni
Scholarship**
Marissa Eckstein, Jacob Hoff,
Kenlee Martin, Isabel Price,
Kate Weber



ACADEMY AWARDS

BATESVILLE AREA ARTS COUNCIL AWARDS

The following students have received a trophy for art:

Anna Hudepohl - 2

Madelyn Henry

Taryn Rodgers

Amelia Crawford

The following students have received a ribbon for art:

Erin Back

Renee Bauer

Ashley Borgman - 2

Eli Bruce - 2

Kayla Cleary - 2

Thaddeus Eaglin

Marissa Eckstein - 2

Madelyn Henry

Ava Hornbach - 2

Mary Hunter

Jenna Kohrman

Annabelle Kuhlman

Ben Meyer

Nora Meyer

Joshua Newman

Anna Wanstrath

Kate Weber

The following students have received a ribbon for drama:

Mary Hunter

Eric Williamson

The following students received a trophy for writing:

Joshua Newman

Kate Weber

The following students received a ribbon for their writing:

Ava Allen

Elizabeth Cornett

Ellie Ryan

Sadie Wachsmann

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS VOCATIONS ESSAY CONTEST

Congratulations to freshman
Kamryn Lowe (*photo previous page*),
whose essay was chosen as
the top freshman entry in the
Archdiocesan vocations essay
contest this year.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

These students achieved the rank
of Eagle Scout this year: Thomas
Lohmueller, Renee Bauer, Luke
Roesener, Colton Schuckmann,
Hunter Schuckmann (*photo previous
page*)

ACADEMY AWARDS

Oldenburg Academy held their Senior Awards Night recently during which many local organizations and individuals presented scholarships to the following members of the Class of 2021. These awards are in addition to the millions of dollars in college scholarships these graduates will receive.

Ripley County Community Foundation - Lilly Scholarships

Jacob Sheets (*Finalist*) and
Riley Schebler (*Winner*)

Hillenbrand STEM Scholarship

Nick Hoff and
Jacob Sheets

Ed and Clara Goble Scholarship

Jacob Sheets

FCCF: Franklin County Scholarships

Sarah Schuman

Sr. Dominica Doyle

Zoie Pflum

Dearborn County Community Foundation - Lilly Scholarship

Emma Beckman (*Finalist*)

Deven Chappel - Twin Forks Chapter of DAR

Zoie Pflum

Marge Strange Nursing Scholarship

Zoie Pflum

Hispanic Community Advisory Committee Scholarship

Pam Meneses

Village Spirit Scholarship

John Prosper Moorman

Horan Family Scholarship

Annaliese Nobbe

Brenda Vogelsang Scholarship

Pamela Meneses



Jacob Sheets and Nicholas Hoff were both awarded STEM Scholarships from Hillenbrand, by Kelsey Weber. Zoie Pflum was awarded the inaugural Marge Strange Nursing Scholarship presented by Marge's daughter, Rita Strange Wilder '83. Annaliese Nobbe was awarded the Don and Barb Horan Memorial Scholarship from Adrienne Horan '18

Class of 2021 by the numbers:

May 30, 2021

\$3.1

MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

1 joining the military

3 beginning a career

48 continuing on to post-secondary study

29 are receiving the Indiana College Core certificate through Ivy Tech Community College



52 members
of the
Class of 2021

1 completed 500+
student hours of service

73% achieved Indiana Academic Honors Diploma

ONE WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FOR HER COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR GLOBAL ISSUES

1 National Merit Semi-Finalist

2 Lilly Finalists

1 Lilly Recipient

4 Associate Degrees

CONGRATULATIONS

CLASS OF 2021!



Co-Valedictorian Jacob Sheets:

“...There is so much support that was necessary for us to reach this milestone. Everything that I have been able to

achieve would not have been possible without the help of my parents, teachers, and peers. I’m sure that the same can be said for everyone sitting here today. This process has taken place over many years and there are many people to thank, so I think it is only appropriate that we offer up a round of applause in honor of all the work that has been done on our behalf..”



Co-Valedictorian Patrick Thompson:

“When I was told I needed to write a speech for this, I decided to stick to what I know when reflecting on the

accomplishments of this class of 2021. And that’s baseball. One of the most important statistics in baseball is the RBI. For those of you who don’t know, this is when you get a hit that allows somebody else on your team to score. Basically, while you may not be the one who physically crosses home plate, the sport recognizes how important it is that your efforts allowed somebody

else to score. Because at the end of the day, it’s a team sport. Over the last four years, this team that is the class of 2021 has tallied up countless RBIs. Instead of constantly focusing on our individual successes, we brought the element of teamwork to the classroom, and met each challenge that has come our way by working together. We have struggled, and celebrated, and anxiously anticipated what would happen next. And we did it together. Personally, I know I have been batted in by some pretty great hits from you all...”



Salutatorian Peter Heile:

“...It feels as though we are moving a million miles an hour in a race to the finish line. That is why, at this time,

I encourage us to slow down. In the midst of our tumultuous preparations for our future it is important that we take time to slow down. To dwell on the faith and values that have been instilled in us throughout our lives and the past four years at OA. Whether these values be our faith in God, our duty to our parents, our self-determination and search for individuality, our perseverance in the face of adversity, they have all guided us and helped to determine our actions and who we are today. These values that have directed us for so long, will continue to direct us if we take time to remember them...”



UPCOMING EVENTS

Freshman Orientation	August 4	Alumni Homecoming	October 9
First Day of School	August 5	Visit the website for Alumni Award nominations. Be sure to check oldenburgacademy.org for updates.	
Re-opening of the Feldhaus	August 17		

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 25, 2021

CONTACT OA FOR TICKET INFORMATION

Phone: 812.933.0737

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Participants must be 18 years of age or older

Drawing will be held in August 2021 at OA

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*Must present ticket stub to claim prize

*subject to all tax withholdings



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