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and Bishop McNamara Catholic School

Irish Update



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Sweet Home McNamara

Bishop McNamara Catholic School 35th Annual Dinner Auction



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Friday, May 3rd 35th Annual Dinner Auction and Final Progressive Raffle Drawing with \$75,000 Grand Prize
- Friday, May 17th..... Class of 2019 High School Graduation
- Monday, May 27th.....Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic (Memorial Day)
- Friday, July 5thAlumni 33rd Annual Irish Golf Classic
- Friday, August 2nd Jackie Keller Memorial Caddyshack Golf Outing
- Friday, August 16th Alumni Sponsored Mass (Prior to Fall Scrimmages)
- Friday, September 27th..... Homecoming 2019

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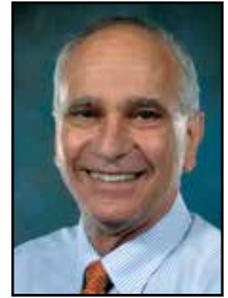
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If you are interested in being a part of the Irish Alumni Association Board, please contact Sandy at smalpasuto@bmcss.org. You may also get in touch with her by phone at (815) 933-7620 or (815) 263-2120.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT **Terry Granger '76**



Bishop McNamara Alumni,

I believe to be our best we need to sharpen our focus on the pursuit of excellence. We must focus on being the best we can and realize that our greatest competition is not someone else, but ourselves. We live in a society that loves to compare, so focusing on just ourselves can be challenging at times.

Excellence is about maximizing our gifts, our talents, and our abilities to perform at our highest potential. We continue to strive for excellence each and every day here at Bishop McNamara and we could not do this without the unbelievable support of you, the alumni, of Bishop McNamara Catholic School. Your continued generosity in both time and treasure is greatly appreciated.

As we strive to encourage excellence in the next generation, I wish to bring to your attention a relatively new opportunity that could be of significant interest to you, especially if you are a quarterly tax payer in the State of Illinois. Private schools in Illinois are entering the second year of the Invest in Kids Act. The Invest in Kids Act, passed by the State Legislature in 2017, provides a Tuition Scholarship to students of private schools in the State of Illinois as well as offering a 75% tax credit to individuals who donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization. If you choose to be an individual donor to this program, you can receive a dollar for dollar reduction in your state tax liability. For example, if you as an individual donates \$1000 to the Invest in Kids Act and designate Bishop McNamara as the receiving school, you will receive a \$750 tax credit towards your state income tax liability, and a qualified student receives a scholarship thanks to your \$1000 donation.

This act has shown that "student choice" is in great demand. Here at Bishop McNamara alone over 200 students in grades K-12 have applied for the Tuition Tax Credit Scholarship. These are students who want to experience the excellence that Bishop McNamara has to offer on a daily basis but need extra help to do that. We need your help to help them! If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please contact either myself, Tricia Surprenant (Director of Finance), or Areca Van Mill (Director of Advancement), at your earliest convenience.

I will close with a reminder that we have a choice as individuals and as a school. We can spend our time looking at what our competitors are doing or we can look straight into the eyes of excellence and greatness. We can either look at competition as the standard or as an indicator of our progress towards our own higher standards. We can chase what others define as success or we can pursue excellence while focusing our energy on becoming our very best, and let success find us. When our goal is excellence, the outcome is often greater than just success!

Go Irish!

Terry Granger
President



FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT **Nick Elliott '06**

Bishop McNamara Alumni,

The Irish Alumni Association Board has been quite busy these past couple months. In December, we gathered together to thank our outgoing board members for all of they have helped us accomplish during their tenure. Soon thereafter, in January, we welcomed our new board members who were eager to hit the ground running.

In February, we helped organize and participated in the annual Phonathon to raise money for Bishop McNamara Catholic School. Thanks to the hard work of the wonderful ladies in the Advancement Office, all of our board members, and many selfless volunteers we were able to raise nearly \$40,000 for the school over a two-night period. If you did not have the opportunity to pledge your gift during the Phonathon, you can still reach out to the Advancement Office or visit the school's website at bishopmac.com/support/annualfund.

We look forward to attending the Annual Dinner Auction on May 3rd. The theme this year is "Sweet Home McNamara." I can remember vividly as a student watching the gymnasium turn into a uniquely themed ballroom each year. It was truly something to

behold. This year the auction returns home. I encourage anyone who has not had the pleasure of attending an annual dinner auction to check it out. The ornate decorations, delicious food, and exciting bellow of the auctioneer always make it a night to remember. The auction is yet another opportunity to spend an evening with old friends and enjoy all that our great alma mater has to offer.

Also, in May we will welcome the graduating class of 2019 into the Irish Alumni Association. It is very exciting for us to watch these young men and women grow and develop into young adults while at Bishop McNamara. We are eager to see them realize their dreams.

On Friday, July 5th the Irish Alumni Association Board will host the 33rd Annual Irish Golf Classic at Oak Springs Golf Course in St. Anne. What a great way to spend time with fellow alums, friends, and family over the 4th of July weekend. Start getting your foursome together now. We hope to see you there!

Thank you and go Irish!

Nick Elliott '06

Irish Alumni Association Board President



Clayton and Leanne Grise '94 Provost, 2019 Auction Chairpersons

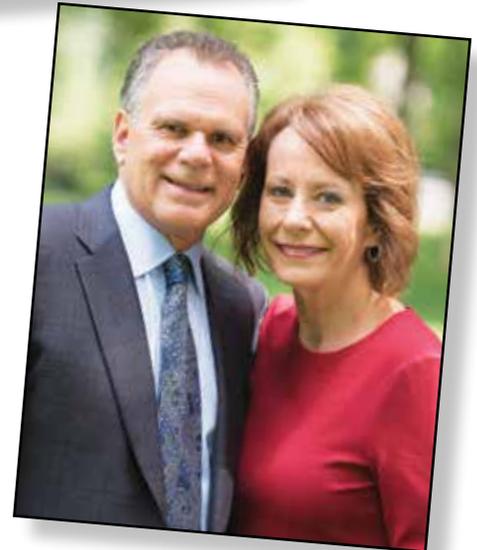
Bishop McNamara's 35th Annual Dinner Auction, "Sweet Home McNamara," will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019. This year, the auction will be held at Bishop McNamara, Kankakee Site. After hosting the auction away from school for the past six years, it was decided to bring it back "home." Our 2019 auction chairpersons, Clayton and Leanne Grise '94 Provost, have been working very hard with the steering committee to make the event extra special this year!

The evening will begin with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM followed by dinner and the live auction. There will be an array of silent auction items up for bid, too. In addition, the winner of the \$75,000 Grand Prize for the Progressive Raffle will be pulled and announced!

It is with great pride that we introduce Mr. & Mrs. Dale '71 and Lynn Devine '72 Piggush as our 2019 Honorary Chairpersons. Dale and Lynn met in the hallways of Bishop McNamara in 1969. They were married in September of 1974 and recently celebrated 44 years of marriage. Dale and Lynn have three children. Neil '98 and his wife Courtney

and Scott '01 and his wife Kim Osenga '01 live in Bourbonnais. Their daughter Lauren '07 and her husband Chris Reese reside in St. Louis, Missouri. They have five grandchildren, Sophia, Grayson, Avery, Brooks, and Faith. Three are of school age and attend Bishop McNamara Catholic School in Bourbonnais.

Dale and Lynn have been involved at Bishop McNamara in many ways. Dale constructed sets and stages in the cafeteria and gymnasium during the Madcaps years including building a rising platform beneath the stage the year the Phantom of the Opera was popular. He managed the construction project when the all-weather track was built, coordinating volunteer help and business support. In addition, he managed the construction project of the Hammes Bookstore located in the school cafeteria. Dale and Lynn served as the 2007 chairpersons for the Bishop McNamara Annual Dinner Auction, "Return to the Emerald City." They served as co-chairpersons for the event in 2005, 2006, and 2008. They have also been "bid paddle" sponsors for the Bishop



Dale '71 and Lynn Devine '72 Piggush, 2019 Auction Honorary Chairpersons

McNamara Annual Dinner Auction for many years. Dale and Lynn were inducted in 2017 to the Bishop McNamara Dorothy and Romy Hammes Hall of Honor.

If you would like additional information regarding the auction, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Areca Van Mill, Director of Advancement at (815) 933-7620 or email her at avanmill@bmcss.org.

Once again, we are very excited to be celebrating the 35th Annual Dinner Auction back at "home." We hope to see many of you there!

LOCATING OUR YOUNG ALUMNI

WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP US IN UPDATING OUR ALUMNI ADDRESSES?

Many young alumni are still listed under their parents' address in our database. We would love to send the Irish Update to their current home. Please provide us with updated address information by emailing us at lgerth@bmcss.org, going online at bishopmac.com/alumi/stay-in-touch, or calling the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620



FIGHTIN' IRISH KEN KLIPP CLASSIC Memorial Day - Monday, May 27, 2019

The 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk begins at Bishop McNamara, 550 W Brookmont Blvd, Kankakee and runs through the Village of Bradley

- Registration 7:00 AM
- Pre-Race Welcome 7:45 AM
- Race Begins 8:00 AM
- \$20 registration fee (after May 10th - \$25 fee)
- Commemorative t-shirt (must pre-register by May 10th to be guaranteed a t-shirt)
- Prizes for 5K age group winners
- Prizes for top five 2-mile walkers
- Water stations along the course
- Post-race refreshments
- Post-race Leprechaun Dash (ages 9 and under - no fee - no pre-registration required)

Post Race: Join us in the cafeteria immediately after the race for the awards ceremony and a reception to celebrate Ken Klipp's legendary coaching career and retirement. All are welcome!

Register online at bishopmac.com/5K or complete form and mail with payment to:

Bishop McNamara Catholic School • c/o 5K • 550 W Brookmont Blvd • Kankakee, IL 60901

Questions? Call (815) 933-7620

Name _____ Age on May 27, 2019 _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Male Female **Course Choice** 5K Run 2 Mile Walk **One Entry Form Per Person**

\$20 Registration Fee / \$25 After May 10th **Must Be Completed**

Shirt Size: YXS YS YM YL AXS AS AM AL AXL AXXL

As a participant in the Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic, I understand and assume the potential risk for injury. I hereby release Bishop McNamara Catholic School, its employees, volunteers, and sponsors from any and all liability and I waive any potential claims that could be made by me or on my behalf for any potential injury I might suffer as a result of my voluntary participation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature (if under 18 years of age) _____ Date _____

Name of school family I am supporting _____

Coach Ken Klipp

At a team family picnic after the Herscher Invitational, the cross-country runners and their parents stood in a circle under the pavilion and joined hands for a pre-meal prayer. After Ken Klipp thanked everyone for being there, he looked around at the group and expressed his amazement that every single decision each of them made had led them to this exact moment... together as one team... together as one family. It's a sentiment that he also repeated many times in pre-race team huddles.

One of Ken's most important decisions of his path was to make running a part of his life. When Ken was a sophomore at Manteno High School 55 years ago, his basketball coach required that all players run on the newly-formed cross-country team. Little did Ken know that that mandate would determine his life's passion. What he also didn't know at that time was that his decision to run cross-country would also bring the love of running to hundreds of student-athletes he has influenced through his dedicated coaching career.

After 47 years of coaching, 40 of which were at Bishop McNamara, Ken Klipp has decided to retire.

Ken came to Bishop McNamara in 1979 as our biology and anatomy & physiology teacher, yet his greatest lessons were taught beyond the classroom. Upon arrival at Bishop McNamara, he began to lay the ground

The End of an Era

work to establish the very successful cross country and track programs. The stats about his titles, trophies, and state successes are quite impressive. However, Ken will be the first to tell you that running is about so much more than winning. As a coach, Ken made sure that running was about character-building, teamwork, dedication, and believing in oneself.

Year after year, parents would steer their children to the cross country & track programs in order for their children to experience Coach Klipp. Parents lauded Ken's commitment to their children, noting that Ken truly lived out the model of *en loco parentis* – in lieu of parents. One parent stated, "There is nothing a parent appreciates more than a coach that is always positive and has an inherent value system you want your child to adopt, a system that reinforces what we teach at home."

Ask any cross-country or track alum and they will tell you that running for Coach Klipp was about the experience. The program he built thrived on traditions that have stood the test of time through generations of runners: canoe trips, long-sleeve tees, end-of-year awards (Rodney Dangerfield, anyone?), trips to the Dunes, and more.



It may be the end of an era, but Coach Klipp's legacy and positive influence lives on as each and every one of his alums have the memories of the program and the love of running in their hearts.

Thank you, Ken, for being such a positive influence on so many of us throughout the years.

Please join us for the Homecoming Celebration of Alumni



on Friday, September 27th
at Memorial Field

5:30 – 6:30 PM

Join us inside the school for a tour.

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Visit the "Alumni Tent" at the south end of the football field.

9:00 – MIDNIGHT

Head to Brookmont Bowl for the "Alumni & Friends Post-Game Gathering" with music

The varsity football game is at 7:00 PM with the announcement of the homecoming queen and her court at halftime.

IRISH
ALUMNI

Golf Classic



**Continue your 4th of July
Celebration at the
33rd Annual Irish Golf Classic!**

FOR MEN AND WOMEN
Proceeds Support the Irish Alumni Association Board

Friday

July 5, 2019

Oak Springs Golf Course

**Lunch and Registration at 11 AM
Shotgun Start at Noon**

- **Best ball scramble**
- **\$100 per person package includes lunch, greens fee and cart, beverages, prizes and dinner**
- **\$30 per person for dinner only**
- **Golfers must be at least 21 years of age**
- **Back by popular demand... Margarita Stop and the Cubs Game or Sox Game Hole**



- Reserve your spot by June 21, 2019
- Register online at bishopmac.com/alumni/irish-golf-classic
- Or, make checks payable to Bishop McNamara Catholic School
- Mail to: **Bishop McNamara Catholic School**
Attention: Irish Golf Classic
550 W Brookmont Blvd, Kankakee, IL 60901
- Any questions, call Sandy Malpasuto at (815) 263-2120 or email her at smalpasuto@bmcss.org

IRISH ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

Name of Golfer: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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No. of Golfers at \$100.00 = \$ _____

No. for Dinner Only at \$30.00 = \$ _____

Combined Total = \$ _____

Please List Dinner Only Guests:



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

For the third year in a row, Bishop McNamara Catholic School students in Kindergarten through 12th grade gathered as ONE school to celebrate Mass during Catholic Schools Week. Once again, the traditional group photo was taken to commemorate such a historic time for Catholic education in Kankakee County.

The Catholic Schools Week Mass was held on Friday, February 1, 2019 and was celebrated by Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Ph.D., Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Joliet. Concelebrants included: Fr. Dan Belanger, CSV, BMCS Chaplain and Pastor, St. George Catholic Church; Fr. Jason Nesbit, CSV, Pastor, Maternity BVM, Bourbonnais; Fr. Dan Lydon, CSV, Parochial Vicar, Maternity BVM, Bourbonnais; Fr. John Horan, Parochial Vicar, St. John Paul II, Kankakee; Fr. John Peeters, CSV, Pastor, St. Patrick Church, Kankakee.

After Mass, recognition and commemorative gifts were given to the following for their years of service to Catholic education: **40 Years** - Joan Linneman, French Teacher, High School, Kankakee Site; **30 Years** - Sharon Skelly, Kindergarten Teacher, Bourbonnais Site; **16 Years** - Shelli Trevino, Spanish Teacher, High School, Kankakee Site; **15 Years** - Leigh Ann Turro, Music Teacher, Kindergarten - 6th Grade, Bradley Site; **10 Years** - Dana Berg, Principal, Bradley Site; Fr. Dan Belanger, CSV, BMCS Chaplain; Sandy Kuntz, Finance Department; Laura Quintero, Cafeteria; Jana Wunder, Technology Teacher, Kindergarten - 6th Grade, Bourbonnais and Bradley Sites.



Sharing the Eucharist together

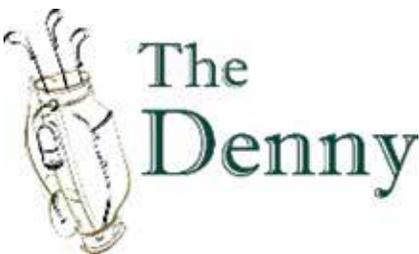


Students engaged in Fr. Belmonte's homily message



Singing their little hearts out at Mass

Summer Golf Events



"The Denny" sponsored by the The Dennis J. Smith Legacy Foundation is scheduled for Monday, July 22nd at the Kankakee Country Club. The vast majority of proceeds from The Denny golf outing fund scholarships for over 100 Bishop McNamara students. Your day includes lunch, golf, dinner, tee prizes, and much, much more! Please contact Mike O'Brien '92 at mpobrien@homestarbanc.com with any questions or for additional information.

The St. George Church Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 3rd at Aspen Ridge Golf Course in Bourbonnais. Registration begins at 11:00 AM with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Event cost is \$75 and includes greens fee, cart, and dinner afterward at the St. George Church Hall. Proceeds provide scholarships to Bishop McNamara students. Please contact Bobby Lampley at roblamplery@gmail.com or (815) 955-2497 with any questions or for additional information.



TRIVIA Night

On October 20, 2018 a great time was had by all at our Annual Trivia Night event hosted by the Athletic Booster Club.



Brandi Bennett '00 Kaner



Tricia Verchio '82 Kohan, Mike Krisko '82, Steve Berg '85



Marcia Roe '82 Spinosa, Beth Harris '82 Ludwig, Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto



Angie and Jason '01 Phillips (2019 Trivia Night Chairpersons)



Collin Ryan '10, Dylan Lergner '10, Mitchell Gerth '11, Abby Godin, Tyler Boerschig '09, Clayton DeYoung, Bradie Vaubel '13, Cole Scanlon '13, Heather Behrends, Greg Dralle



Jeff Mullinax '83, Ryan O'Connor '86



James Martin '13, Taylor McThenia '13



Mike '86 and Sandy Daily '85 Kuntz



Evan Wunder, Jana Wunder (Technology Teacher, Bourbonnais & Bradley Sites), Sharla Ronchetto (Spanish Teacher, High School), Tammie Messenbring (Science Teacher, 7th and 8th Grade), Stacie and Bill '86 Powers (2018 Trivia Night Chairpersons), Jackie DesLauriers (Religion Teacher, High School), Ramsey Provost, Rebecca Czernik '94 (Language Arts Teacher, 7th and 8th Grade)

SHAM ROCK FEST

On Saturday, November 16, 2018 we danced to the tunes of Hillbilly Rockstarz and The Brat Pack at the ShamROCK Fest! This fun-filled night with music, games, food, and drinks was held at the Knights of Columbus in Kankakee.



Steve Hull, Bailey '15 Hull, Kyle Benoit '04, Shannon Hull



Nick '06 and Meghan Billadeau '06 Elliott, Terry '76, Jackie Devine '79, and Ali '16 Granger



Jeremy and Laura Breault '97 Andersen (2019 ShamROCK Fest Chairpersons), Danielle Vollmer '04 and Kyle '04 Benoit (2018 ShamROCK Fest Chairpersons)



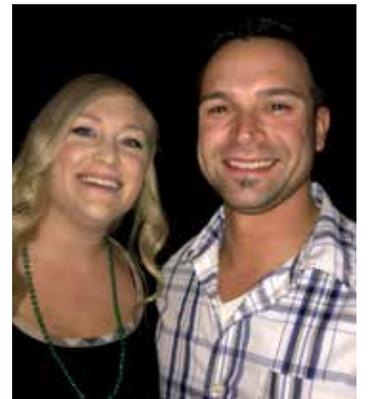
Tyler Provost '99 Pallissard, Jill Gerber '95, Leanne Grise '94 Provost, Nate Provost '97



Emily Zirkle '03 Bertrand



Renee Brouillet, Cathy Crotty '89 Kaner



Alyssa and David '06 Romein



**Meredith and Andy '92 Purcell.
Las Vegas Night Chairpersons**

BISHOP McNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Las Vegas in Bradley was held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. This is one of the largest community events of the year drawing hundreds of people together to support our students of Bishop McNamara Catholic School. The casino-themed event was held at the BMCS Bradley Site and offered patrons all of the experience and energy of a Las Vegas casino. Our 3rd set of Progressive Raffle winners were drawn on this evening (see winner list on page 13) A great time was had by all!



Austin '02 Boyd



**Katelin Caddell, Todd Arseneau '86,
Tyler Arseneau '11**



Nate Provost '97



**Nikki Liptak, Cindy Mullinax -
BMCS Assistant Service Plan
Coordinator, Patti McThenia -
BMCS Guidance Office
Administrative Assistant/
Registrar**



**Bruce Breault '71, Chris Memenga '72 Breault,
Rachel Breault '12**



**Sarah and Max Williams '01
10 Irish Update**

We love putting
the
Irish Update
together!

Your donations toward production and postage costs truly help. We want to keep all of our alumni connected to their alma mater and the Irish Update is our best tool to do so!

Thank you for any amount of support you can give!

It's The *Irish* Calling

2019 PHONATHON

The first Irish Alumni Association Phonathon was held in March of 1988. The late Irish O'Reilly '62 was a member of the school board at the time. He introduced the idea of a Phonathon where Irish alumni, dating back to 1922, would be called and asked for financial support for our school.

Backing up a bit, the first Irish Update was published in May of 1982 so there was an alumni database of sorts. This database consisted of names and addresses but had NO phone numbers and was not even housed at the school! Sharon Soucie '56 Jackson ran the Development Office at the time and acted as the liaison to the Irish Alumni Association Board. Quite frankly, she was not overly excited with the idea of starting a Phonathon. But, under Irish's direction, a consulting team from Lewis University was hired to help everyone work through the planning stages and execution of the first Phonathon.

Forms were designed and printed, and a group of volunteers spent hours manually looking up phone numbers for all of our alumni in hard-copy phone books. This was prior to internet access, computers, and cell phones. As a result, agreements were made with First Trust Bank on Court Street and the Creditors Collection Bureau on North Schuyler to use their phones on Phonathon evenings, and they paid for all of our long-distance calls! This first Phonathon, "It's Bishop McNamara Calling," was quite an experience for all involved.

With Irish O'Reilly's never-ending encouragement, approximately 100 volunteers which included parents, students, faculty, staff, and alumni were extensively trained and worked a total of five nights, placing a total of 2,227 phone calls to Irish alumni located all over the country. That first year \$29,000 was pledged by 567 Irish alums. This far exceeded their goal of \$11,000.

The Phonathon still exists today. On February 4 and 6, 2019, we held our 32nd Annual Phonathon. The Phonathon this year was dedicated to Irish O'Reilly for his continued support of this annual event. Irish assisted with nearly every single Phonathon since its inception in 1988.

We now benefit from modern amenities of the internet, computers, and cell phones. We continue to have over 100 volunteers assist us each year. Everyone still loves to reconnect with our Irish alumni from near and far. The Phonathon remains a viable means of fundraising for our school.



Kathy Blank '72 Schultz and Irish O'Reilly '62 at the 1st Phonathon in 1988.



Tricia O'Reilly '90 Dotson and Sharon Soucie '56 Jackson at the Phonathon in February 2019. Sharon presented Tricia with a commemorative engraved vintage phone in honor of her dad, Irish. The phone along with a photo of Irish at the 1st Phonathon in 1988 will remain in the Advancement Office in his memory.



Caroline Ramirez '90 Viglia with son Nick Viglia '20



Joe Wertz '80 with daughter Faith Wertz '22

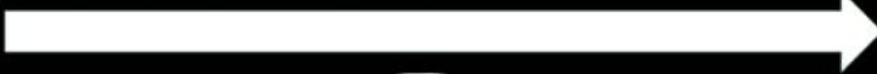
Jenny Keigher '90 Fogel with daughter Molly Fogel '22



Mike Vickery '85 with daughter Jessica Vickery '21

Bishop McNamara

PROGRESSIVE



RAFFLE

MAY 3

\$83,500

Buy your \$100 ticket for a chance to win!

\$75,000 Grand Prize

Additional Prizes:

(1) \$5,000 Prize

(1) \$1,000 Prize

(5) \$500 Prize



For details or to buy your ticket go to:



bishopmac.com/raffle

Winner need not be present. Must be 21 years or over to win.

Bishop McNamara
PROGRESSIVE

RAFFLE

Ticket Voucher

Please mail payment and voucher to:
Bishop McNamara Advancement Office
550 W. Brookmont Blvd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Names (if applicable)

Sold by _____

Include first and last name



We recently sat down with alum and two-time Progressive Raffle winner Marissa Martin '05 Van Dyck. When asked why she decided to buy Progressive Raffle tickets, she shared, "Funny story...I did not even know I was entered into the Raffle until I got the call from Areca [Van Mill] and she told me that I won. And before that she'd called and told me that my husband Ronnie had won a couple months before. So it turns out my parents had bought the tickets, entered us in, and we really reaped the benefits. I'm super glad that they did, and I think now I just need to continue the tradition and start buying some tickets!"

Bishop McNamara
PROGRESSIVE
RAFFLE

WINNERS

1ST DRAWING

TRIVIA NIGHT

- \$3,000 TIFFANY HAAN
- \$100 MARY SMITH
- \$100 DAVID ROMEIN
- \$100 RONNIE VAN DYCK
- \$100 KEITH & AMY NUGENT
- \$100 GERALD & DEANN BRINKMAN

2ND DRAWING

SHAMROCK FEST

- \$5,000 MARISSA VAN DYCK
- \$500 MAURA TIERNAN
- \$500 TOM & MAUREEN O'CONNOR
- \$500 JANET MYRON
- \$500 JOHN WALSH
- \$500 ROB MOSLENAR

4TH DRAWING

will take place on
**Friday, May 3rd at the
 Annual Dinner Auction**

3RD DRAWING

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| \$30,000 TOM BLANCHETTE | \$200 | JIM MARTEL |
| \$10,000 THOMAS MILLER | \$200 | NESHA WALTON |
| \$5,000 JOE COWAN | \$200 | ARECA VAN MILL |
| \$1,000 LINDSEY JURKOVIC | \$200 | KYLE MILLER |
| \$500 KEVIN BROWN | \$200 | JEREMY & LAURA ANDERSEN |
| \$200 AMANDA SIUTA | \$200 | ELLEN MCGRATH |
| \$200 JULIE SCHROEDER | \$200 | MICHELLE MILLER COOPER |
| \$200 DAN & VAL GUENETTE | \$200 | BERNICE CORNETT |
| \$200 JERRY BALTHAZOR | \$200 | SISTER MAUREEN FALLON |
| \$200 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7072 | \$200 | RICHARD POTTER |
| \$200 TOM & ALLISON LATHAM | \$200 | RONALD & DARLENE DYMERSKI |
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| \$200 BRIAN & JILL MEEKE | \$200 | BILL & PAT MAGRUDER |
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| \$200 NICOLE BARNETT | \$200 | RON & SALLY O'CONNOR |
| \$200 RICHARD RIBBE | \$200 | JENNIFER BROCKELL |
| \$200 CLAUDIA & BRUCE SIEBRING | \$200 | NICOLAS GUZMAN |
| \$200 CALVIN RINK | \$200 | JERRY LACORTE |
| \$200 MARY BETH MCGRATH | \$200 | ERICA ZELHART |
| \$200 JOHN RANDA | \$200 | JERRY WALTER |
| \$200 JOCELYN & MATT ORTMAN | \$200 | JAKE SALOMONE |
| \$200 RUTH LINDSKEY | \$200 | STEPHANIE LOVELACE-NIEVES |
| \$200 TOBE FULFORD, JR. | \$200 | LINDA ARSENEAU |
| \$200 CHAD KOLITWENZEW | \$200 | RICH & JUDY PIGGUSH |
| \$200 DENISE, KAREN, AND MINGO | \$200 | JASON SOUCIE |

We also chatted with Cathy Crotty '89 Kaner whose family last year won the free tuition drawing after selling over twenty Progressive Raffle tickets. Cathy told us that she feels so passionately about her fundraising efforts because 1) she's competitive, but more importantly 2) she knows how important fundraising efforts are to a Catholic school. Cathy said, "Fundraising is what keeps our staff here, what helps us in the classrooms, what keeps the school going. We choose to make sacrifices in order to send our daughter to Bishop McNamara, we see it as an investment into her future. At 10 years old, our daughter already appreciates the gift of a Catholic education."



Reunions

CLASS OF 1968

The Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion on September 28 and 29, 2018 over homecoming weekend. On the 28th they gathered at the alumni tent at the football game and at Oliver's Bar & Grill in Bradley. On the 29th their reunion dinner was held at the Kankakee Boat Club. A couple of special touches were experienced at their reunion. They videotaped a toast to a few classmates who are ill and posted it on their class Facebook page, and everyone that shared a common grade school got photos taken together in those specific groups.



Kevin McNulty of the Class of 1968 presents a check to Areca Van Mill, Director of Advancement. The Class of 1968 donated \$500 to Bishop McNamara Catholic School to be used for student tuition assistance. We thank you for your generosity!



First Row (left to right) - Brian Mayo, Linda Walsh Mancuso, Mary Legris Peerbolte, Jim Frogge, Roger Francoeur, David Crevier, Carol LoBue Russo, Terri Wilson Bieber, Kay Courville Danca, Gloria Piggush LaGessee, Jacki Lambert Williams, Monica Konrath Cheffer, Jo Riley McNulty, Pat Pallisard Copeland, Kevin "Moochie" Power, Chris Schmidt Emery; *Second Row (left to right)* - Bill Weber, Denny O'Connor, Jim Gleeson, Bill Schmidt, Larry Gress, Gary Yonke, Jim Cheffer, Jerry Schmidt, Brian Johnson, John Wade, Ed Ziebart, Gary Danca, Tom Bregenzer, Steve Parbs, Pat Howard, Tom Ohrt, Fr. Dan Hebert, Scott Natschke, Kevin McNulty; *Third Row (left to right)* - Donna Grant, Camille Costello DuBois, Barb Van Dehey Hammond, Donna Schmidt, Judy Trepanier Whitaker, Mary Foster Tinich, Marieta DeBetta Pergi, Kathy Laffe Kernan, Paula Azzarelli Czernik, Joyce Marquis Lechner, Bonnie Brule Kundert, Magy Baldwin Koziol, Kathy Wisner McGee, Mary Jane Harbour Cleeland, Rita Kehr Ruder, Maryanne Muhlstadt Cooley, Terri Hult, Mary Johnson Olsen, Rosemary Dupuis O'Connor, Celeste Blanchette Talley

CLASS OF 1978

The Class of 1978 celebrated their 40th Class Reunion on September 28 and 29, 2018 over homecoming weekend. On the 28th they gathered at the alumni tent at the football game and at Brookmont Bowl for the post-game party. On the 29th their reunion dinner was held in the Garden Room at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kankakee.



First Row (left to right) - Sherry Parbs Offerman-Lockwood, Judy Purcell Todnem, Kathy Klodnycky Mastny, Cindy Ray Sexton, Steve McCabe, Eymarade Chamness Lawler, Dawn Dubois Tutt; *Second Row (left to right)* - Valerie Kirsch Goldfain, Cindy Potter O'Neil, DeeAnn Ringfelt Garey-Roy, Roxanne Grasser Zelhart, Julianne Young Salzman; *Third Row (left to right)* - Maria Dion Morrical, Debi Cole Boor, Maureen "Cookie" DeMola Aguad, Mary Jean Lambert Jansen, Pam Guimond West, Toni Whitman Holmes, Katherine Dandurand Heim, Mary Einfeldt Jones, Greg Daily; *Fourth Row (left to right)* - Mary Jo Birr Wilcox, Michelle Daily Hardesty, Jan Powers Glazar, Jill Powers Ambrose, Sharon Cox Trudeau, Lynn Barnard Langheim, Pam James Charles, Amy Sparenberg Savoie, David Leppert, Steve Lemner; *Fifth Row (left to right)* - Al Longtin, Steven Coy, Pat Martin, Mike Lambert, Mike Mortell, Mark Frechette, Ed Safiran, David Tutt; Not pictured - Jolyn LaGessee Bulthui

CLASS OF 1988



The Class of 1988 celebrated their 30th Class Reunion on September 28 and 29, 2018 over homecoming weekend. On the 28th, they gathered at the alumni tent at the football game and at Brookmont Bowl for the post-game party. On the 29th, they got together at Sammy's Pizza in Kankakee.

First Row (left to right) - Dan Frey, Marty McNulty, Dee Copper, Terrika Ward, Andy Williams; Second Row (left to right) - Todd Marcotte, Gretchen Grant Shavers, Grant Vandenhout (class friend), Heather Bolhmann Patterson, Linda Donley Jasmin, Julie Mowrey Gonski, Natalie Nugent Netherton; Third Row (left to right) - Randy Welch, Brad Williamson, Sally Coy O'Connor, Justin Painter, Andy Gerth

CLASS OF 1998

The Class of 1998 celebrated their 20th Class Reunion on September 28 and 29, 2018 over homecoming weekend. On the 28th, they gathered at the alumni tent at the football game and at Brookmont Bowl for the post-game party. On the 29th, their reunion dinner was held at the Kankakee Depot.



First Row (left to right) - Chris Benoit, Betsy Yohnka Benoit, Stefanie George-los, Andrew Suprenaut, Mandy Downs, Julie Orban Rotz, Karli Jennings Hays; Second row (left to right) - Mandy Howard Wilson, Sandy Morgan, Molly Raiche Sharma, Ayesa Yason, Jamie Sargeant Freedlund, Shannon Schilling Zaininger, Dana Regnier; Third Row (left to right) - Brandon Peterson, Alan Rood, Todd Lindsay, Matt Hellmuth, Pat Klette, Tim Mackin, Neil Piggush, Jason Dole, Luke Johnson, Katie Smith Loriferne, Flora Lwin Chen, Dan Schrementi, Mandy Pommier Benoit

Baby Irish Facts



Dominic Michael Marquie was born July 11, 2018.

Parents are Andy '03 and Mallory Memenga '05 Marquie.



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Upcoming Reunions

GRAND REUNION

The "Grand Reunion" for Irish Alumni through the Class of 1955 will hold their combined reunion on Sunday, September 22, 2019. They will begin with 10:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee, followed by a luncheon at the Kankakee Country Club. Invitations with more specific details will be mailed closer to the reunion date. If the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Sandy LaMotte '82 Malpasuto at smalpasuto@bmcass.org.

CLASS OF 1959

The Class of 1959 - 60th Reunion is being planned for Saturday, September 21, 2019. The planning committee consists of Diane Pacauskas Sheehan, Marlene Bouchard Dion, Judy Freeman Gall, Donna Born Gee, Eileen Kohl Hammond, Mary Margaret O'Connor Kelch, Ellen Bertrand Harshbarger, and Janet Le Duke Giardina. Visit the Class of 1959 webpage at spchs59.50megs.com/news.htm or contact Jim Reising, Webmaster at spchs59@aol.com.

CLASS OF 1969

The Class of 1969 - 50th Reunion is in the initial planning stages. Most likely the date of the reunion will be on Saturday, September 28, 2019. For progress updates, suggestions, and to be added to the 1969 Class Reunion Facebook page, please log on to this link: facebook.com/groups/880114235711968. Once you have joined the Facebook page, you will be able to view classmates who have also joined and send an invite to others you may have on your own contact list. If you prefer, you may email Connie Henricks Ward at cmward51@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1979

The Class of 1979 - 40th Reunion will take place on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Plans include a stroll down memory lane at the school, a tasting and tour at Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais, a cocktail party at Rigo's Place in downtown Kankakee, and attending the Music Street Music Festival also in downtown Kankakee. In addition, a casual gathering is being planned for Friday, July 26th. Please check your upcoming invitation for complete details for both days. Classmates are encouraged to join the class Facebook page at "Bishop McNamara Class of 1979 40th Class Reunion Group." You may also email Bill Guertin at bill@The800PoundGorilla.com or Gigi Verchio-Tarulis at jtarulis@gmail.com if you have any questions about the reunion.

CLASS OF 1989

The Class of 1989 - 30th Reunion is being planned for Friday, September 27, 2019 at the homecoming football game. Classmates will gather at the alumni tent and possibly go to a local spot afterward. There is a private Facebook event page associated with the reunion. If you are on Facebook, please private message Kenna Beaupre Rathai to be invited to the page.

CLASS OF 1999

The Class of 1999 - 20th Reunion is in the early planning stage and preparation is underway to determine the best 20-year reunion celebration for the class of 1999. Please look for more information to come out in the near future. A class of '99 alumni Facebook group page "Bishop McNamara H.S. Class of 1999" has been created as well as an email address bmhsclass99@gmail.com to share information from the planning committee for the event. Anyone interested in helping plan the reunion, please send an email to bmhsclass99@gmail.com. "We can't wait to celebrate and catch up with the best class of the decade," says Amanda LaLuna-Chorak, Monica Uribe, and the Reunion Committee.

CLASS OF 2009

The Class of 2009 - 10th Reunion is being planned for Friday, September 27, 2019 at the homecoming football game. For reunion details and updates, please contact Ashlyn Warmoth Jemar at ashlynwarmoth@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 2014

The Class of 2014 - 5th Reunion is in the planning stages. A private Facebook event page has been created for the reunion. Contact Olivia Sproul at oliviasproul@gmail.com, Allison Kuhn at kuhnalli@hotmail.com or Aubree Smith at aubree.smith223@gmail.com for reunion details and updates.

MEMORIES *Milestones and* MAGNIFICENT MOMENTS

Sister Mary Owen Leutloff, OSB '37 wrote to us on February 2, 2019. She said she received the Irish Update in the fall of 2018 and is always interested in the school and in the alumni members. She is happy to say that she is an alumna of the graduating class of 1937, at the time it was called St. Patrick High School.



Sister Mary Owen writes that she deeply appreciates her years at St. Patrick's, and it was there that she had the opportunity of knowing the Sisters. When she was trying to decide her future, she realized that she had a religious vocation. By then she had moved to Hanover, Kansas, and became acquainted with the Benedictine Sisters of Atchison, Kansas, who were staffing the parish school in Hanover. So, in January of 1946, she entered Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison.

For seventy-three years Sister Mary Owen has been a Benedictine Sister. She taught in diocesan parochial schools for over fifty years before retiring to her motherhouse, Mount St. Scholastica Monastery in Atchison. Through the influence of the Sisters and St. Patrick School she says she was inspired to follow Christ in the religious life where she has lived happily for so many years.

Her name at Baptism was Eunice Laurine Leutloff, and was always called Laurine. Her religious name is Sister Mary Owen, OSB. She says, "I am probably among the oldest living graduates of the school. Since April 29, 1919, is the date of my birth, this year I will, God willing, celebrate my 100th birthday!"

Sister Mary Owen closed her letter to us expressing fond memories and a promise of prayer.

All of us at Bishop McNamara Catholic School would like to wish Sister Mary Owen Leutloff, OSB '37 a very Happy 100th birthday!



Brian Crossley '81 with Kurt Quick '89 in the school's main office.

Brian Crossley '81 took a stroll down memory lane as he paid Bishop McNamara a visit in February. Brian is a manager of a modern contemporary home furnishings

store, Scandinavian Designs, in Irvine, California. He currently lives in Rancho Santa Margarita, California and his family includes: wife, Deborah Crossley; 2 sons, Brian Mansfield and Brian Crossley; 2 daughters, Cameo Mansfield and Bianca Crossley; 3 grandchildren Asya Crossley, Jordan Fitch, and Maksim Morgan. Brian is an avid golfer and enjoys keeping his home updated.

We checked in with Coach Zinanni and he shares that Brian still holds a couple of Bishop McNamara football records - most carries for a career (838) and most yards gained rushing for a career (4307).

Brian says, "I really enjoyed my recent visit back to the school. I hope this opens up the communication line with my fellow alumni. I am looking forward to hearing from many of you soon."

On Sunday, January 13, 2019 cousins, Brooks Allen Piggush (born 8/21/18) and Faith Marie Piggush (born 8/27/18) received the sacrament of Baptism together at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais, Illinois.



Left to Right: Neil Piggush '98, Chris Reese, Lauren Piggush '07 Reese, Courtney Piggush, Fr. Jason Nesbit, Kim Osenga '01 Piggush, Tera Gerber '93 Edwards, Mike Edwards '93, Scott Piggush '01; children, Avery Piggush (PreK-3 BMCS Bourbonnais), Grayson Piggush (Kindergarten BMCS Bourbonnais), Brooks Piggush (4 months), Sophia Piggush (2nd Grade BMCS Bourbonnais), Faith Piggush (4 months), Maxwell Edwards (PreK-3 BMCS Bourbonnais)

Basketball team members from '54, '59, '74, '84, and '89 were recognized at the Bishop McNamara basketball game vs. St. Francis De Sales on January 6, 2019. All five teams won their respective regionals and had a combined record of 100 wins and 38 losses.



Left to Right: Eddie Marquie '90, Austin Provost '90, Kurt Quick '89, Ron Bouchard '59, Dewey Kilbride '59, Bob Sterr '54, Tom Martin '74, Ray Schmidt '75, Dan Kruppa '74, David Schmidt '75, David Hoekstra '82, Mike Vickery '85, Mike Arseneau '85

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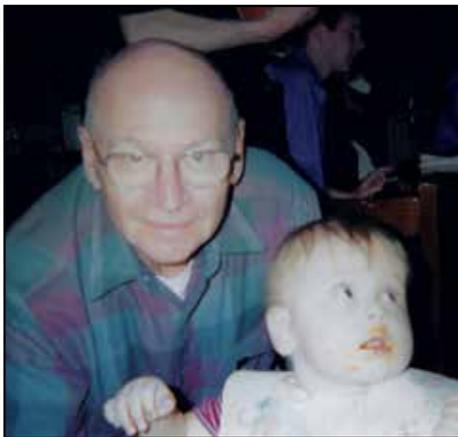
On February 16, 2019 Barbara Leone '45 Ciaccio celebrated her 92nd birthday with a lot of family members. Pizza and cake were enjoyed by all. Photographed are 4 generations of family that attended the celebration. From left to right are granddaughter - Jenna Frazier '07 Schafer, great granddaughter - Ainsley Schafer, Barbara Leone '45 Ciaccio, and daughter - Joanne Ciaccio '77 Frazier.

On October 13, 2018 the LaCost and Miller families enjoyed "Dad's Day" at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. Photographed are Kaitlin LaCost '16, Kennedy LaCost '18, Mike LaCost '88, Brian Miller '81, Alex Miller '18.



A I U M N I News & Notes

1948



Robert Marcotte '48 writes from Paragould, Arkansas. Robert says that he has been blessed. At 88 years old, he is still active with the Knights of Columbus, is a historian for the American Legion Post 17, and is on the board for the Greene County Museum. Robert is a handy-man at church, serves as an usher, and is a eucharistic minister for the sick. He and his wife, Helen, recently started distributing food to the poor one day per week. He is very much into woodworking, constructing everything from furniture for their kids (9 total children combined), to miniatures for the church to sell at bazaars and other fundraisers. Through the Diocese of Little Rock, Robert and Helen are advocates to those seeking marriage annulments. Robert says that he wishes he had more time to fish!

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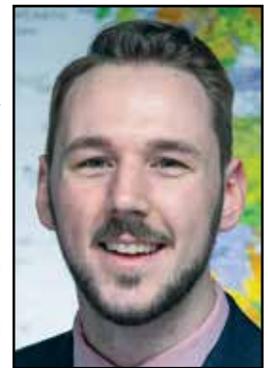
1971

Michelle "Shelly" Lambert '71 Link retired from her pharmaceutical sales position at Merck & Co, Inc. (pharmaceutical division) in 2014. Prior to that, Shelly worked as a registered nurse at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Olivet Nazarene University. Her husband, Mike, passed away in 2015 after a four-year battle with brain cancer. Shelly says, "After my husband passed away from glioblastoma in 2015, I have advocated for brain tumor research by raising money for the American Brain Tumor Association. This past September the 1st Annual Team LINK/Team JEAN Golf Outing was held at Aspen Ridge Golf Course. It was a combined event in Mike's memory and the memory of Jean Kurtenbach, who also lost her battle to brain cancer. This one event raised over \$8,000 for ABTA, and we continue to raise money for the upcoming 2019 ABTA 5K Chicago being held on April 13th. Plans are currently underway for the 2nd Annual Team LINK/Team JEAN Golf Outing scheduled for later this summer." Shelly also shares that she has 8 grandchildren who are the most important people in her life!



2011

Eddie Jurkovic '11 recently began working at the University of Notre Dame, Keough School of Global Affairs, as a Program Manager for the Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development's (NDIGD) Entrepreneurship and Education division. "His work focuses on proposal development and project management for international development programs, specifically those related to economic and educational advancement. Eddie previously taught through the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Teaching Fellowship at St. John the Evangelist Notre Dame ACE Academy in Tucson, Arizona, an experimental Catholic school implementing pioneering educational policy. After completing his fellowship with ACE, he worked at Bishop McNamara Catholic School, Kankakee as a high school teacher, developing and teaching resource courses. Eddie earned a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in information technology management from the University of Notre Dame."



Information and photo from the University of Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development



SARAH
&
DANIEL
Brown

Sarah Faye Salkeld '15 and Daniel Christopher Brown were married on October 20, 2018 at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norwalk, Ohio. A reception was held at Messenburg Plaza in Huron, Ohio.

Parents of the bride are the late Karen Salkeld '80 and Jack and Barb Salkeld '78 Roney. Parents of the groom are Dale and Toni Brown. Sarah is currently an assistant pre-school teacher while attending Bowling Green State University, Ohio. She earned an associate degree and is completing her bachelor's degree in early childhood education to become an elementary school teacher. Daniel graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He is employed at Whirlpool Corporation in Clyde, Ohio. Sarah and Daniel currently residence in Norwalk, Ohio.

Elizabeth "Liz" Ostrowski '12 and Andrew Lesch were married on September 22, 2018 at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Papineau, Illinois. A reception was held at the Kankakee County Fairgrounds Expo Center. Parents of the bride are William '84 and Heidi Ostrowski. Twin sister, Jennifer Ostrowski '12 was maid of honor. Liz graduated from Olivet Nazarene University earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian ministry. She is currently working at Main Street Diner and Pizzeria in Clifton, Illinois. Andrew received his paramedic license from Kankakee Community College and works as a paramedic/firefighter in Western Springs, Illinois. He also serves as lieutenant for the Papineau Illinois Fire Department. Liz and Andrew currently reside in Papineau, Illinois.

LIZ
&
ANDREW
Lesch



DOROTHY AND ROMY HAMMES

FALL OF 2019 HALL OF HONOR

Hall of Honor Nominations

The Irish Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the Dorothy and Romy Hammes Hall of Honor at Bishop McNamara. Nominations must be received in the Advancement Office by June 1, 2019. Nomination forms are available on our website at bishopmac.com/alumni/hammes-hall-of-honor. You may also call the Advancement Office at (815) 933-7620 and they will email, mail, or fax you a copy.

Eligibility Criteria includes – Alumni, Faculty/Staff, Administrators, Parents, and/or Friends who have:

- Performed outstanding service to our school
- Achieved an outstanding accomplishment or achievement in their profession
- Significantly contributed to society, education, or public service
- Must be/have a positive role model of Catholic/Christian faith and values
- Maintained an ongoing relationship with our school

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

TERRY GRANGER '76

On February 1, 2019 the Diocese of Joliet provided the following Press Release Announcement:

Bishop McNamara Catholic School President and Principal Terry Granger to be Honored

NCEA Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award recognizes educational leadership and excellence

KANKAKEE - Terry Granger, president and principal of Bishop McNamara Catholic School in the Diocese of Joliet, will receive the 2019 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for dedication and commitment to excellence in Catholic education. He will be recognized during the NCEA 2019 Convention & Expo April 23-25 in Chicago. Granger has been a principal in the Diocese of Joliet for 17 years.

Granger was chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations, dedicated to the nation's Catholic schools. The annual award honors those whose ministry is Catholic school education and who have demonstrated a strong Catholic educational philosophy as well as exceptional efforts, dedication and achievements.

"The LLP award is a celebration of all that is good in Catholic schools. Our awardees are those individuals whose dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and care help to build dynamic communities where students are challenged and inspired to explore, to enjoy and to reach their potential as young people of faith and endless possibilities," said Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, NCEA Chief Leadership and Program Officer.

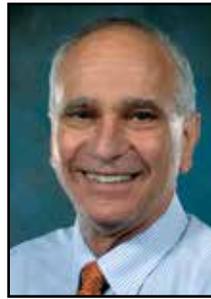
"To receive this award is a tremendous honor, and yet very humbling. This award is shared with the faculty, staff, administration and all members of the various leadership boards of Bishop McNamara. Without them we could not have made the strides we have over the last three years as a regionalized school," said Granger.

"Throughout his distinguished career, Terry has brought quality Catholic education where there wasn't enough, stability where it was lacking, high standards where they had slipped, innovation where it was needed and unity where there had been division. His sustained focus on our Catholic faith, clear vision and high standards has resulted in a stable K-12 system in the Kankakee area, highly effective schools, excellent teaching and strong Catholic school culture. This award is richly deserved," said Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Ph.D., Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Joliet.

About the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools: The Diocese of Joliet serves more than 17,000 students in 47 elementary schools, eight high schools and three preschools in five counties including DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall and Will. The second largest school system (public or private) in the western/southwestern suburban region, *We Teach More* as our students are formed in the image of Christ and achieve ahead of their peers while they study with great teachers. They are treated as individuals and taught to make the right choices because they realize that they belong to something bigger than themselves. Visit www.weteachmore.org to learn more about the benefits and values of Catholic education.

About Bishop McNamara Catholic School: Bishop McNamara Catholic School, a regional PreK-12 Catholic school system in Kankakee County, is dedicated to maximizing the potential of students, spiritually, morally, and intellectually through a faith-based community of academic excellence and service to others. PreK-6th grade facilities are in Bourbonnais and Bradley and grades 7-12 are in Kankakee.

About NCEA: NCEA's Convention & Expo is the largest private-education association gathering in the world. The annual convention draws thousands of members and participants from Catholic school communities, including elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, religious education programs as well as diocesan offices, church pastors, superintendents and school board members. The convention is a forum to exchange ideas, hear about current research and data related to Catholic education and learn about new technology and resources. The NCEA 2019 Convention & Expo will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Chicago, April 23-25 at McCormick Place West.



DAVE BARON '02

DAVE BARON '02 SELECTED AS THE DAILY JOURNAL YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Dave Baron '02 with wife, Anya

Dave Baron '02 is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Law School. As a result of his accomplishments, his desire to return home, and willingness to become an active member of the community, he was selected as the Daily Journal's 2019 Young Citizen of the Year. This award is given to a community contributor younger than 40.

After earning his law degree and having abundant career opportunities, Dave began his career at Sidley Austin, LLP, a Chicago law firm of more than 500 attorneys. He worked there from 2009 to 2013. He then left the firm to work as an assistant corporation counsel for the city of Chicago from 2013 to 2017. Baron appreciated his time at a big law firm and big city government, but he realized he wanted to be at a smaller firm. He did not initially foresee moving back to Kankakee but after encouragement from his wife, Anya, who had never lived in a town smaller than Tucson, Arizona, in July 2017, Dave Baron returned home and began practicing law in his father's firm, Deck & Baron.

The idea of contributing to the revitalization of the Kankakee area was also a real attraction to Dave. He is excited about the possibilities stemming from the major expansions announced by
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several local employers. Dave is already involved in some city projects. He served on a committee which helped create plans for the Schuyler Avenue streetscape. He is also a board member of the Kankakee Development Corporation and

frequently attends meetings of the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County.

In July 2018, Dave and his wife purchased a home in Kankakee's Riverview Historic District neighborhood. He lives about two blocks from the residence

where he grew up in with his parents Dennis '69 and Debra Baron. Dave and Anya are expecting their first child in March 2019.

Information provided by the Daily Journal – January 29, 2019

WALTER HENNEBERGER '48

The following article was written and provided by Gabriel Neely-Streit, The Southern, January 9, 2019

Vindicated: 50 Years later, an SIUC physicist's theory is confirmed

In 1968, a SIU Carbondale physicist, Walter Henneberger published a paper suggesting that an electron could be freed from an atom and bound to it at the same time, with the help of super-intense lasers. It was a prediction no one could test. The first laser had only been constructed eight years prior and wasn't nearly powerful enough to produce the conditions Henneberger theorized about. He saw his solution as a mathematical fact, arising naturally from everything scientists knew about how atoms interact with light. But to his peers, it was nonsense.



Walter Henneberger '48 with SIUC Physics Professor Dipanjan Mazumdar.

"There were just so many papers explaining what was wrong, allegedly, with it," Henneberger said of his theory. "Everyone in the United States thought it was crazy. I got the idea that I was never going to do anything for optics." He shifted his focus to other realms of theoretical physics. But 50 years later, the 88-year-old emeritus professor has been vindicated.

Last April, a team of German and Swiss researchers announced the first definitive experimental proof of Henneberger's

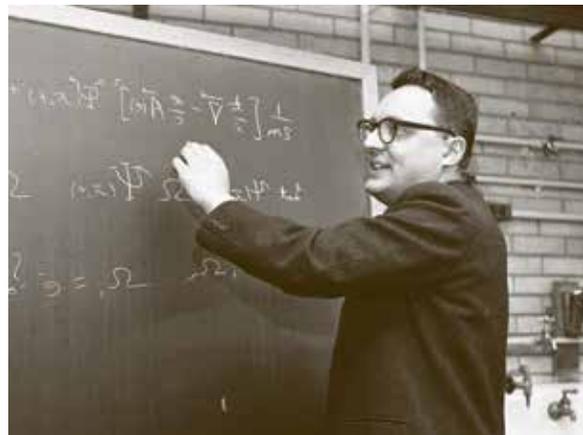
theories. They used a laser trillions of times more intense than sunlight to separate an electron from the nucleus of an atom, while keeping it close enough that it still felt the nucleus's pull.

Current SIUC Physics Professor Dipanjan Mazumdar said, "Normally we think that when you hit an atom hard enough with a laser, you can knock off an electron from it. What he showed is that actually, if you hit it very, very hard, the electron will stay with the atom," trapped in the oscillations of the laser, but still feeling the pull of its parent nucleus.

In producing that rare "dual state," the European researchers also made several other important discoveries. Most significantly, they found that these "Kramers-Henneberger" atoms, as they're known in scientific literature, can sometimes amplify the laser light that hits them. These findings have widely been called "fundamental" to understanding the interaction between lasers and gases.

"When he solved the problem, he came up with this beautiful, beautiful answer," Mazumdar said. "It was one of those things that was so counterintuitive that people assumed it had to be wrong." But Henneberger was unaware he'd been conclusively proved right, until Mazumdar brought a copy of the new research, to his home, on the west side of Carbondale. "I feel good," Henneberger said, laughing. "My life was not completely wasted."

His fateful 1968 paper was published thanks to another stroke of luck. John Van Vleck, a Harvard physicist who would later win the Nobel Prize, came to SIUC to defend a former student who he believed had been unfairly fired from a teaching post. Henneberger met Van Vleck, showed him his work, and won his support. Without it, he says the paper could just as likely have been thrown in the trash as published. "There are so many things that lead up to this that were accidents." Now, Henneberger is content to be



Physicist Walter Henneberger teaching at Southern University Carbondale, in 1968.

Special Collections Research Center, Morris Library, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

another building block in the knowledge of the physical world. "It's nice to know that I did something useful," he said.

To Mazumdar, Henneberger's career is an example of physics working the way it should: theorists leading the way with innovative ideas, and experimenters putting them through rigorous evaluation. That's how a once far-fetched idea becomes scientific truth.

"If you can hit one bullseye in 20 tries you are an amazing scientist, because you are proving something new," Mazumdar said. "I'm sure a lot of creative people are waiting for these discoveries," he said. He hopes to share Henneberger's name and story with his undergraduate quantum mechanics students this semester, even if they can't yet grasp the equations Henneberger composed.

It's been 25 years, Henneberger said, since he did any physics. His mind is still full of equations and mathematical proofs, but these days, he mostly fixes clocks. They hang all over his living room. He buys them online, cleans them and gets them running, then talks about them with his friends in the local chapter of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. He likes his hobby for the same reason he likes physics. "It's fun," he said.

To view the full article, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/2Fm6KFI>

KANKAKEE COUNTY 40 UNDER FORTY



Dave Baron '02



Brooke Beaupre '01 Payne



Taylor Bennett '06



Curtis Crossley '99



Kendra DeMarah Souligne '04

The fourth class of Kankakee County's 40 Under Forty honorees were named and honored at a banquet held on November 15, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus in Kankakee. The Kankakee County 40 Under Forty presented by the Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce was created to identify people under the age of 40 throughout Kankakee County who excel at their profession, give back to the community, and are passionate about Kankakee County.

Five Bishop McNamara alumni were among the 40 that were honored and presented with commemorative plaques.

Dave Baron '02 is a 2006 graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science and economics. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 2009. He is an attorney at Deck & Baron. Dave's community involvement includes: Lead Attorney, NAACP Legal Aid Clinic; Board of Directors, Kankakee Development Corporation; Board of Directors, Key City CDC; Talent Outreach Committee, Kankakee County Workforce Board; Schuyler Streetscape Plan Steering Committee; Pro bono counsel for various area non-profits; Featured artist for

UpZoning cartographic prints at Yellow Elephant Gallery.

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