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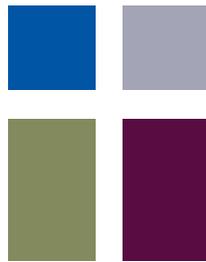
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The primary purpose of Covington Catholic High School is to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate young men spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.



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Front lower photo: Covington Catholic students met 4th District Congressman Thomas Massie on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building while in Washington, D.C. for the 2015 March for Life.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL BOB ROWE

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Covington Catholic High School,

Driving back from the KHSAA Sweet 16 Boys Basketball Tournament in Lexington, I reflected on the success of our school that I witness on a daily basis, whether it occurs within our walls, or miles from home in inter-scholastic athletic competition. I am confident that we are making progress towards fulfilling our vision of creating the best and most well-rounded Catholic high school experience in the Greater Cincinnati area.

I remain vigilant that we continue to enhance the education of young men in these areas, committed within our Mission Statement:

Spiritually - CCH continues to exemplify its Catholic identity by exhibiting the values of the Church in all we do. 234 Colonels, the largest group ever from Covington Catholic High School, recently participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Our students are deeply involved in community service, notably through participating in Special Olympics, helping the needy, and leading via the mentoring program. They make a big impact through all of these programs (and others) on many people in need. Colonels are recognized and appreciated in our community.

Academically - Logan Boyle and Adrian Neff maxed out a composite score of 36 on the ACT. We like to think that offering eleven AP (Advanced Placement) courses has contributed to their ability to achieve this milestone, and that our strong course offerings augment the overall ACT average of our student body. We are anxiously anticipating the implementation of our STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) in the fall of 2015. Our students will have the opportunity to take two new courses initially: Introduction to Engineering and Principles of Engineering. For those students that embrace this challenge, this program will provide an advantage in earning college degrees and lifelong careers in their preferred chosen fields. This curriculum will include student-directed and computer-aided programming for STEM applications in engineering and robotics.

Physically - We continue to be well represented at the highest echelons of achievement by our athletic teams. The CCH Swim Team had another successful season finishing as the State Runners-Up. The CCH Basketball program again brought positive attention to our school and community by repeating as 9th Region Champions and playing valiantly into the Final Four of the 2015 KHSAA Sweet 16 state tournament, following our championship win in 2014. Still in its infancy, our wrestling program is establishing a strong foothold, and in this our second season, hosted our first home wrestling match. Looking forward to the spring, we anticipate the completion of the tennis courts complex (located in the northeastern quadrant of our campus) in the next month with the blessing of good weather, and expect to celebrate great accomplishments from the tennis team as well as the other spring sports teams.

Socially - The Robotics Team competed strongly in multiple competitions throughout the Commonwealth, and we are celebrating the inaugural implementation of the Colonel Corps of Cadets. Many other newer and long-standing clubs offer a wide array of great opportunities for every student to pursue his interest(s).

Witnessing the outpouring of support for our Colonels at Rupp Arena reminded me how blessed we are to be part of a faith community which continually rallies behind this school and our students, be it during athletic events, in our academic endeavors, or through fundraisers and functions which support our Mission. For that, I am eternally grateful.

God's blessings,
Bob Rowe

MARCH FOR LIFE

The following accounts of the January, 2015 March for Life trip are edited from the perspectives of a student (senior **Tyler Micek**, in an article published in the *Covington Catholic Times*) and a parent chaperone (Jerry Timmerman, parent of Troy, Class of 2011, and current junior Lucas, from a letter he sent to school upon return from the trip). This year's trip included the largest group ever from Covington Catholic, as well as the largest ever from the Covington Diocese.

Colonels March For Life

(Tyler Micek, *The Covington Catholic Times* – January 2015)

After an exhausting full day of classes on January 21, nine teachers and almost half the student body departed for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. This was the first time since 2013 that the Colonels would attend, due to a powerful snowstorm that created hazardous and unsafe driving conditions last year.

March for Life is one of the largest annual protests in America, with approximately 650,000 attendees every year, and all the Colonels were ready to defend their views on abortion and participate in the action in D.C. Although attending the protests was the primary purpose of the trip, some of the Colonels got distracted by the beautiful monuments and significant political institutions scattered across the city, and wound up seeing some great sights, like Arlington Cemetery or the Lincoln Memorial.

By the end of the trip, all the Colonels were exhausted from marching on Washington for an entire day and a nine-hour bus ride; they were ready to come home. Since the bus arrived well after midnight on Friday morning, Bishop Foys pardoned all students who marched from attending school Friday, leaving the other students and teachers with a huge void in their classes for a second day.

March for Life...CCH Style

(Jerry Timmerman)

It has been little more than 48 hours since I climbed aboard bus #4 of the five buses for the 2015 CCH March for Life trip. Though I have had many powerfully positive experiences in my years as a CovCath parent, THIS trip stands out as a story worth telling for many reasons.

In his briefing to parents, Mr. Flesch acknowledged the inclination to believe that our boys participate solely for the “48-hour party on wheels” and two days of missed school. While there is no doubt many Catholic groups organize a more humane version of this trip complete with hotels before and after the march, I can assure you, the fact that over half of our total time away was spent in a bus in the wee hours of the morning is by definition more penance than party. In the 12 hours our boys were afoot in DC, they went to Mass, met our pro-life congressman on the steps of the Capitol, spent several hours marching, and then what?

Well this is the interesting part. The march is technically over once you reach the Supreme Court. I had talked to my group of boys about which Smithsonian museum or DC attractions they wanted to visit after the march was finished. As we passed the Supreme Court, I attempted to gather them to start touring, at

which point I lost control. They had turned around to go back towards the Supreme Court with a larger group of Colonels. They began to talk to a group of pro-choice demonstrators, a recipe for certain disaster. I saw them circle this group holding up their signs obscuring the pro-choice group signs; the plot thickened. When they got within discussion range, they initiated a quiet and reasoned but passionate conversation with this group. They were on point, they had the facts and logic to make their case and did. At the end of one such conversation, one of our boys removed his scapular and gave it to the pro-choice demonstrator. No one can argue against love. If this doesn't give every parent cause for hope in our next generation, I don't know what will.

This episode was not an isolated case. I spent the day with kids thrown together alphabetically and they were from all ends of the spectrum, jocks and scholars, shy and outspoken. The only common denominator was their royal blue CCH hats. I continued to hear one conversation after the next from multiple different groups of boys telling their similar stories, discussing in detail the pertinent issues related to abortion. They know the issues, they hold dear their faith and THEY will be the generation that lifts this atrocity from our culture. I could not be more proud.

VOLLEYBALL BENEFITS EMERGENCY SHELTER

In January, a group of fine Colonel athletes crossed Dixie Highway to take on the State Runner-Up, Notre Dame Academy Panda volleyball team in a match of epic proportions! A faculty match between the two schools followed the student match. All proceeds from the event benefitted the Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky.





Life's 5th Quarter

March for Life in Washington, D.C., takes place annually. The Colonels for Life, the Pro-Life Club of Covington Catholic High School, believes that a duplication of the March for Life is needed in the Greater Cincinnati area. On January 31, 2015, Mary's Mantle Prayer Vigil for Life began holding services on the 5th Saturday of the month throughout the year (four in total). These services include an 8am Mass at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, followed by Benediction Service, then the Rosary Service in front of the Auburn Avenue's Planned Parenthood Facility and finally a return to Holy Name Church to

complete the Benediction Service.

Services had never been held on the 5th Saturday of the month, and since there are only four such Saturdays during the year, we should encourage the youth of both the Diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to join forces and become a witness for life as we do in Washington, D.C.

We call these services LIFE'S 5TH QUARTER, symbolizing two things: (1) a 5th Saturday occurs once in each quarter during the year (January 31st, May 30th, August 29th and October 31st in 2015),

and (2) we are in the 5th quarter (using football terminology) of our battle to stop the killing of babies.

The goal is to involve every high school, college, and youth group, as well as seminarians in the Diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. While the Colonels for Life are taking the lead, we cannot do it alone. We need support from all the Pro-life Clubs in the area.

Please keep these youth and other supporters in your prayers. Contact Rich Andolina at randolina@covcath.org for more information.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Colonels hit the slopes during the winter months with the Special Olympics.



BLOOD DRIVE



BEFORE THERE WERE CRAZIES

(by **Joe Pieper**, Class of 2015, reprinted from the *Covington Catholic Times*)

Before there were Colonel Crazies, there was the all-male CovCath Cheer Squad. Brother **Tom Pieper**, SM, a 1963 graduate of Covington Catholic and member of the team, combined the Spirit That Will Not Die with the Marianist ideal of Jesus through Mary, and became a Marianist Brother. On November 1, 2014, he celebrated 50 years as a Brother and renewed his vows as a Marianist. He continues to lead others to Christ as a campus minister and leader of the Appalachian Summer outreach at the University of Dayton.

Over his years as a Marianist brother, Brother Tom, or BT, as he is called by most who know him, also followed his vocation as a teacher at Marian-Purcell, and served as the director of novices for the Marianist order at Mount St. John in Dayton. Tom Pieper, the second son of **Lee Pieper**, Class of 1936, was inspired by the strong Marianist values that were the core of Covington Catholic High School at its founding in 1925. In April of his senior year, Tom and two of his friends considered joining the Society of Mary. By graduation, he was the only one still planning to enter the novitiate, and in his distinct optimistic manner, his response to the 50-year celebration was, “Well, I’m still here.”

While the teaching and coaching Brothers no longer have a physical presence at CCH in 2015, all Colonels should remember their roots. Brother Tom summarizes the Marianist Mission: “Jesus Christ, Son of God becomes the Son of Mary for others. [We] get to do Mary’s mission of continuing to bring Jesus to others...there’s a sense that no matter where [we] go, no matter what [we] do, [we] can always bring Christ to other people. It doesn’t sound like a whole lot, the possibilities and creativity involved with that always makes [us] think about how we can incarnate Jesus in our world today.”

So as all you Colonels rally ‘round, you should not forget all those who have filled the valley with not only a mighty sound but also the ideas that have brought Covington Catholic to its present successes. Let us know that being a Colonel is being a Colonel for life. Let us all retain the same school pride that Brother Tom felt as he was introduced at his recognition reception: “the boy from Covington did good... once a Colonel, always a Colonel.” Congratulations to Brother Tom Pieper, SM, and his Pieper family of Colonels: **Tim Pieper ’61, Ken Pieper ’66, Mike Pieper ’71, John Pieper ’14, and Joe Pieper ’15**, who celebrated with him.



Brother Tom’s celebration with family: L to R Tim Pieper ’61, Brother Tom Pieper ’63, (Mary Pieper Biedenharn NDA class of ’64), Ken Pieper ’66, (Jerry Pieper NCC ’68), (Marla Pieper Kelly NDA class of ’71) and Mike Pieper ’71.



Brother Tom is now a “big head” passed around in the student section of the University of Dayton (the “red scare” crazies).



Current Crazies Seniors L to R: Jack Schrage, Nate Bailey, and Noah Galvin.

SCHOOL NEWS highlights the activities and accomplishments of our current students and staff. In between issues, be sure to check CovCath.org or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date news.

ACADEMIC HONORS

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS

Covington Catholic is proud to announce that 23 students have been acknowledged for their writing abilities in the Northern Kentucky Region of the Scholastic Writing Competition for 2015.

Juniors **Coire Ayres** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Michael Pikar** (Short Story), and **Peter Schaefer** (Science Fiction/Fantasy) each received a Gold Key Award, representing most exceptional honors. Their works will now be entered into the national competition in New York City. Gold Key recipients show outstanding writing of which is the most original, demonstrates the best technique, and has a personal voice. Peter Schaefer received a Silver Medal in the National level competition and is invited to accept his award in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Juniors **David Armstrong** (Short Story), **Logan Boyle** (Dramatic Script), **Mitch MacKnight** (Short Story), **Graham Merten** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Peter Schaefer** (Humor), **David Wood** (Short Story), and sophomores **William Breen** (Journalism) and **Logan Franxman** (Science Fiction/Fantasy and Critical Essay) each received a Silver Key Award. Silver Key recipients demonstrate high honors on the regional level.

Honorable Mention Awards were also given to seniors **Cullen Lewis** (Humor) and **Bo Schuh** (Journalism), juniors **Jared Becraft** (Flash Fiction), **Andy Flood** (Short Story), **Connor Hodge** (Short Story), **Graham Merten** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Ben Schoborg** (Short Story), and **Nathan Sucher**

(Science Fiction/Fantasy), and sophomores **Ben Boydston** (Personal Essay/Memoir), **Aidan Donaghy** (Short Story), **Nick Flesch** (Science Fiction/Fantasy), **Logan Franxman** (Critical Essay), **Joseph Gray** (Personal Essay/Memoir), and **Marcus Maier** (Humor), and freshman **Michael Schaefer** (Critical Essay). This honor recognizes artistic potential in the recipient.

All winners, their parents and family members are invited to attend the 11th Annual Northern Kentucky Scholastic Writing Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 26th at Covington Catholic High School's Griffin Centre at 3 pm. Students from all of Northern Kentucky will be in attendance to receive awards.



Aidan Donaghy receiving his \$1000 award from the Secretary of State at Rupp Arena.

In a separate competition, **Aidan Donaghy** won 1st place for the tenth grade in all of Kentucky in the 26th annual essay contest sponsored by the office of Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes. The contest invited high school students to write essays regarding the First Amendment and the role news media plays in elections. Aidan received his \$1,000 cash award and accolades at center court in Rupp Arena on Friday during the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament.

LITERARY MAGAZINE RECOGNIZED WITH STATE ACCOLADES

(by **Robert Lilly**, Class of 2015, reprinted from the Covington Catholic Times)

Each year, Covington Catholic High School enters the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) program to recognize excellence in student literary magazines. The NCTE identifies schools, their faculty, and their students for the outstanding literary magazines that are produced each year.

Last year, the Colonel literary magazine entitled *The Beauty In The Process* received an "Excellent" award from Kentucky's coordinator Dr. Fran Helphinstine. The contents of the magazine are wide-ranging, from hours of time spent on portraits to doodles students enjoyed doing in their free time and everything in between. The poetry and short stories the students created were put on display for many, and the well-deserved recognition that followed was gratifying for those who were published in the magazine. The magazine's editors were **Kurt Stegman** and graduate **Brian Menke**, but the magazine would not have been possible without the Literary Magazine Advisor Diane Ruth, who consistently has led CCH to top placements in Kentucky year in and year out, for the past ten years.



QUICK RECALL TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE

Congratulations to Mr. Thaman and the CCH Quick Recall team for taking 1st place in the Academic District Championships in January! Way to go Academic Colonels!

The TEAMS competition took place on Wednesday, February 25th at the University of Cincinnati. We had two varsity teams and one junior varsity team compete, with the JV team finishing second in their division.

STUDENT RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST AND A U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATE



Covington Catholic is proud to announce that senior **Adrian Neff** has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a Finalist, making him one of only 15,000 students nationwide to receive this designation. Adrian also scored a 36 on the ACT, and has been selected as a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. The winners of that

extremely selective and prestigious honor will be announced later this spring.

Adrian is the president of the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society as well as a member of the Kentucky United Nations Assembly and the Chess Club. Adrian was selected to participate in the esteemed Governor's Scholars Program in 2014. In the summer of 2013, he attended the University of Dayton Engineering summer camp. Within his community, Adrian volunteers with the St. Elizabeth Healthcare STARS grief support program and works with swimmers in Special Olympics. Adrian is the son of Kerry and Janie Neff of Fort Wright and is a member of St. Agnes Parish.

Principal Robert Rowe commented, "The Covington Catholic community is very proud of Adrian on being named a National Merit Finalist. This young man is an excellent student who is an active participant in both the school and local community. Covington Catholic takes great pride in its academics as illustrated by our consistently high ACT scores and educational accolades, but more importantly, we are proud of the well-rounded community leaders we produce."

Covington Catholic is also proud to have 2 National Merit Commended Scholars. They are **Aaron Buckley** and **Christian VanDusen**. Junior **Logan Byle** also received a 36 on the ACT.

BRIEDE WINS CONTEST

Mark Briede, a sophomore, was recognized for his essay in the Martin Luther King Essay Contest, held as part of the Northern Kentucky regional celebrations of King's legacy. He read his essay at the MLK Prayer Service held at the Cathedral Basilica in January.



Mark Briede (at left) was recognized for his essay at the Cathedral Basilica.



WILEY CARR MAKES EAGLE SCOUT

On February 7, 2015, Boy Scout Troop 820 in Lakeside Park, Kentucky, held a Court of Honor to celebrate two significant milestones in its history. Troop 820 celebrated its 50th year in scouting and also celebrated the advancement to the rank of Eagle Scout by Covington Catholic senior **Wiley Nelson Carr III**. His advancement marked the 50th Eagle Scout produced by Troop 820 in its 50 years.

Wiley is the son of Ana and Wiley Carr (who also attained the rank of Eagle Scout at Troop 820) of Florence, Kentucky. They are members of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, and Wiley attended Camp Ernst Middle School prior to Covington Catholic. He has been active in the academic club, band, theater, the Pro-Life Club, the National English Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. His Eagle project involved redesigning a pond in the courtyard of Tichenor Middle School into a Koi pond at the request of the Tichenor Art Department and with the support of Children, Inc. Through the project, Wiley taught art students about Zen culture and how to maintain an ornamental ecosystem.

PREVIEW TO THE BLUE

On Sunday, January 18th, 129 eighth graders attended the annual Preview to the Blue event at CCH. This event was the first large gathering for members of the incoming freshman class, and the evening was filled with fun activities, food and prizes. The eighth graders also received a Class of 2019 t-shirt, which they wore proudly!

Registration is underway for the incoming freshmen, and the Class of 2019 is expected to be one of the largest classes CCH has seen in the last 45 years. The potential incoming class, combined with current returning student projects CCH's total enrollment to over 600 students for the first time since the early 1970's!



STUDENTS RECEIVE NOMINATIONS TO U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

Covington Catholic is proud to announce that current senior **Joseph Marino** and 2014 graduate **Thomas Hiltz** have received nominations to U.S. Service Academies from U.S. Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky's 4th district.



Joseph ("Joe") is an Eagle Scout and a member of Covington Catholic's wrestling team, participating at the state level in 2014, the inaugural year of the team. He received nominations to the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD) and the United States Military Academy (West Point, NY). Joe is the son of Michael and Geraldine Marino of Fort Wright and a member of St. Agnes.



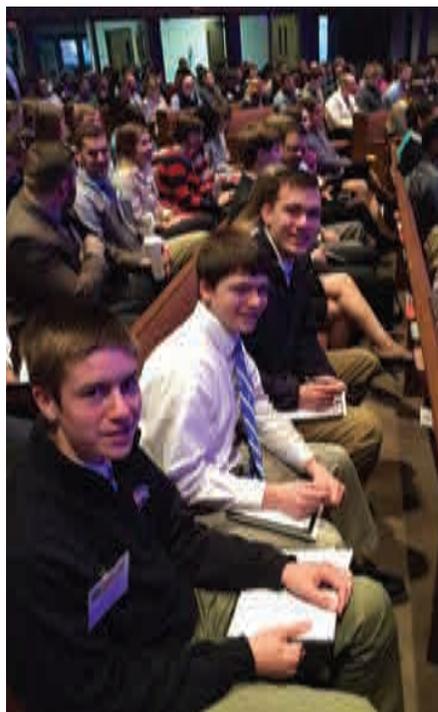
Thomas Hiltz is a 2014 graduate of Covington Catholic. He received a nomination to the United States Air Force Academy. Thomas is the son of Paul and Kristen Hiltz of Fort Wright and a member of St. Agnes.

In a press release about his 27 nominations for the class of 2019, Representative Massie said, "I applaud these individuals for their desire to serve our country and further their education. I am confident that if selected, they will make constituents of Kentucky's 4th District proud. I look forward to seeing them succeed."

STUDENTS ATTEND WEST POINT LEADERSHIP & ETHICS SEMINAR

Covington Catholic juniors **David Rice** and **Brennan Kamer**, sophomore **Logan Franxman** and teacher Mr. **Andy Zerhusen**, Class of 1995, attended the third annual Leadership & Ethics Seminar hosted by The West Point Society of Cincinnati on February 6, 2015. The seminar provided sophomore and junior students and faculty members from seventy-three high schools in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana the opportunity to experience leadership and ethics training developed for cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

All participants received letters of recognition and encouragement from Governors John Kasich of Ohio, Mike Pence of Indiana, and Steve Beshear of Kentucky, as well as from Congressional Representatives of those respective states.



L to R: Logan Franxman, Brennan Kamer, and David Rice.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE (IBL)

(Excerpts from the Covington Catholic Times' writers **David Dinn**, **Grant Guenther**, **Ben Kindt** and **Ben Zumdick**)

Grant Guenther: "The Intramural Basketball League is probably the most anticipated extracurricular activity of the school year. Over 300 students participate on one of the many grade level teams. IBL runs over six weeks from January through March under the direction of Mr. Nick Hovan and Mr. Ryan Lubbers. There is nothing better than the pride of winning an IBL championship."

Ben Kindt: "On January 11th, the world stopped for a moment to tip off another great season of sophomore IBL at Covington Catholic."

Ben Zumdick: "Week two did not disappoint. Teams Micek vs. Huber kicked off the week with a nail-biter. The final game was the best of the day as Team Foertsch and Team Ficke went to battle."

David Dinn: "It is shaping up to be a great season and as the games progress, the intensity will only go up. Look into going to some of these games as they are leading to some very interesting playoffs."



Be sure to keep up with all the news from CovCath through our website CovCath.org, Facebook pages, Twitter @CovCathColonels and LinkedIn — Covington Catholic Alumni Network Group.



KUNA AND NHS

Congratulations to the following members of the CovCath KUNA (Kentucky United Nations Student Assembly) “New Zealand” Team: **Logan Boyle, Adrian Neff, Kurt Stegman, Lucas Timmerman, Ben Darpel, Brett Ziegler, Daniel Foster, Coire Ayres, Nick Heeb, Coleman Sweeney, Connor Duell, Ethan Sammons, Mitch MacKnight, Miso Rokvic, Graham Merten, Cullen Lewis, Ian Summe, Nathan Urban, and Aaron Buckley.** With CovCath in its third year of participation at the Assembly, five members (**Logan Boyle, Coire Ayres, Ethan Sammons, Mitch MacKnight** and **Connor Duell**) argued their Fair Fishing Resolution and were chosen 1st in committee and successfully passed the resolution in the summit. They presented to the secretary general and were given an outstanding resolution award. The delegation was chosen as a delegation of distinction and Logan Boyle was chosen as a recommended ambassador.

In a joint service project with the NHS organization, the CCH KUNA delegates delivered 3000 pairs of donated shoes to the conference. These shoes will be used to help support the 1300 people, four schools and one health center in Kaabowa Village, Uganda, that currently has no safe water source by enabling the installation of fresh water pumps and purifiers (see WaterStep.org). Thank you to all the NHS and KUNA members who brought in shoes, especially Andy Flood and Grant Romes who met the challenge of collecting over 100 pairs of shoes each. A special thank you to Joe Mangan and Chris and Patty Heeb for making the transportation of so many shoes possible.

“CRAZY” FOR STEM AND THE COVCATH ROBOTICS CLUB

Covington Catholic High School students are well recognized for supporting their sports teams. The student section, known as the “Colonel Crazies,” even won the State Tournament Pep Award at the 2014 Sweet 16, when the CovCath Basketball Team also brought home the state trophy.

But, the ‘Crazies’ celebrate accomplishments off the court and field, too. Recently, the student body convened in the gymnasium for a pep rally to raise awareness about the school’s new “STEM” (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program as well as



Members of Covington Catholic's Robotics Club

to recognize its first season with a competitive Robotics Team. The raucous but respectful crowd cheered loudly during a robot challenge between the classes. The Juniors’ robot won, entitling them to a coveted “out of uniform day,” and the right to choose the menu for an upcoming lunch to thank students who sold at least 10 tickets in the Cash Explosion raffle (proceeds from which benefit the STEM program). Three students won technology-oriented prizes for correctly answering a short STEM quiz: **Tyler Micek** won a Bluetooth speaker, **Ryan Lape-Gerwe** took home a new Kindle, and **Justin Colvin** scored the 1st place prize, an ASUS two-in-one tablet. The prizes were donated by Global Business Solutions and the CCH Alumni Association.

Teacher and STEM Coordinator Mr. Bob Lind spoke more on the achievements of the Robotics Club. The club members, dressed in CCH Robotics Club T-Shirts donated by AlloyFX, competed as three teams in multiple competitions across the region this season: the RoboColonels; the ColonelBotics; and House Cats. The matches required engineering prowess and creativity to build and modify the robots to meet the challenge of a given competitive course. They also demanded teamwork and collaboration, not only within one’s own team but also with another school as teams were paired together to jointly score points in a match. The first season was very successful for CovCath’s teams with strong showings in each competition and the RoboColonels receiving a bid to the final state competition. At state, they made it to the finals, losing by one point in the final decisive game of the match.

Mr. Lind said of the teams, “I am very proud of you all. We had a fantastic first year! You have laid the groundwork for future Robotics Teams and the Engineering Program at CCH.” Mr. Lind also provided an update on the STEM Program, which begins during the 2015-16 school year with two introductory engineering courses. The curriculum is provided by Project Lead The Way (PLTW), and offers the opportunity for college credit, with institutions like the University of Kentucky accepting six credit hours for PLTW courses.



Three winners in a STEM-focused quiz contest at Covington Catholic High School, L to R: Tyler Micek, Justin Colvin and Ryan Lape-Gerwe.



Five members of Covington Catholic's Robotics Club, L to R: Zachary Lind, Tyler MacKnight, Justin Gallagher, Josh Hildreth, Whit Hammond.

ARTS



CHAMBER CHOIR WINS CONTEST

Excerpted from The Catholic Beat / Sacred Heart Radio.com (Dec. 16, 2014):

For the third year in a row, Covington Catholic High School's Chamber Choir won the high school division of Q102's Christmas Choir Competition, bringing home a \$5,000 prize.

"With only four members returning from last year I wasn't sure of what the outcome would be," said CCH choir director Jim Wolfe. "I had 14 new members join the choir and I couldn't be prouder of this group as a whole. They worked so hard to produce such a high quality piece."

The CCH choir sang a version of Hark, The Herald Angels Sing/Angels We Have Heard On High arranged by Mr. Wolfe, who is also the music director at St. Mary Parish in Alexandria (KY) and the assistant music director at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption Parish.

"Our entire learning community is really excited for the Chamber Choir and our school," said Principal Bob Rowe. "This award is a validation of the Chamber Choir's hard work and dedication. Mr. Wolfe has the gift of transferring his passion for music to his students. Teaching music here is truly a ministry for Mr. Wolfe."

Looking forward, CCH will again be producing a Christmas CD for 2015, featuring current students as well as alumni. The CD will be available in the fall, with distribution and promotional support from Joseph Beth Booksellers.



HONORS BAND

Isaac Boldery, a freshman at CCH, placed 3rd in his Alto Sax audition for the Honors Band at NKU. The Honors Band performed a concert at NKU's Greaves Hall in January.

WINTER DRAMA SHOWCASE

The winter drama showcase was a huge success! The show sold more tickets than any other in NDA/CCH history with three of the four shows selling out before we even had a chance to open the box office. The fairy tale showcase featured a variety of talents including dancing, singing, and acting from popular movies and musicals such as *Cinderella*, *Aladdin*, *Snow White*, *Wicked*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and more. The students worked extremely hard and had a lot of fun producing what was definitely a memorable show. The spring musical *Little Shop of Horrors* is up next. It will premiere April 17th and run through April 19th.



WINTER SPORTS RECAP

SWIM/DIVE

Once again, the Colonel Swim and Dive Team completed a very successful season. The AquaColonels finished their regular season with only two losses, one to the eventual Ohio state champion, Cincinnati St. Xavier and the second loss was to Louisville St. Xavier in the Kentucky state championship on February 28th.

The team won the conference and regional championships decidedly. The final score in the regional swim and dive meet had the Colonels at 654, while the runner-up Dixie Heights finished with a score of 245. This was the 17th straight regional title for the AquaColonels. Meet records were recorded in the 200 and 400 Freestyle relays and in the individual 500 Freestyle when Junior **Brendan Meyer** broke the oldest regional record by 2.7 seconds. The 500 Freestyle record was previously held by Covington Catholic's **Scott Ryan** and was set in 1987.

In the state championship, the Colonels placed second to the St. Xavier Tigers who won their 27th state title. The Colonels and the Tigers continue to distance themselves from the rest of the field and have established themselves as the two powerhouses in the state. This was very evident in the very first event at finals, the medley relay. Both St. X and the Colonels broke the state record in this event with the Colonels getting out touched by less than a quarter of a second.

The senior swimmers and divers made their final meet count by performing at



Mike Summe

high levels. **Mike Summe** took second place in both the 200 IM and 100 Breaststroke events, **Robbie Newman** placed third in the 200 Free and 100 Butterfly, **Todd Sheets** was tenth in the 50 Free and third in the 100 Free, **Louie Hunt** was the Diving champion, shattering the state record, and **Caleb Summe** was tenth in Diving as well. Two other outstanding



Louie Hunt

performances came from Junior **Brendan Meyer** who won the 500 Freestyle and was part of the 400 Freestyle Relay (that also included seniors Newman, Summe and Sheets) that broke the state record and beat the second place St. Xavier relay by .08 seconds.

The AquaColonels have grown to a team of 43 student-athletes and show signs of continued growth and success. The team looks forward to next year and feels confident that it competed at the highest level possible this season.



Swim Team headed to State.

MAJOR TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Freshman Regional Swimming Champions
 Scott Eagle Classic Champions
 Conference Champions
 Regional Champions
 State Championship Meet-Runner-up

INDIVIDUAL STATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Evan Brungs

Diving – 3rd Place

Bryce Day

100 Free – 14th Place

200 Freestyle Relay – 3rd Place

Blake Hanna

200 IM – 12th Place

100 Backstroke – 12th Place

Louie Hunt

Diving – 1st Place (State Record, CCH Record)

Jake Lentsch

200 Freestyle Relay – 3rd Place

Evan McMillen

200 Medley Relay – 2nd Place (CCH Record)

50 Freestyle – 15th Place

200 Freestyle Relay – 3rd Place

Brendan Meyer

200 Medley Relay – 2nd Place (CCH Record)

500 Freestyle – 1st Place (CCH Record)

100 Backstroke – 3rd Place

400 Freestyle Relay – 1st Place (State Record, CCH Record)

Robbie Newman

200 Medley Relay – 2nd Place (CCH Record)

200 Freestyle – 3rd Place

100 Butterfly – 3rd Place

400 Freestyle Relay- 1st Place (State Record, CCH Record)

Todd Sheets

50 Freestyle – 10th Place

100 Freestyle – 3rd Place

200 Freestyle Relay- 3rd Place

400 Freestyle Relay – 1st Place (State Record, CCH Record)

Josh Smith

200 Freestyle – 12th Place

500 Freestyle – 8th Place

Nick Smith

200 Freestyle – 5th Place

500 Freestyle – 4th Place

Caleb Summe

Diving – 10th Place

Mike Summe

200 Medley Relay – 2nd Place (CCH Record)

200 IM – 2nd Place

100 Breaststroke – 2nd Place

400 Freestyle Relay – 1st Place (State Record, CCH Record)

Ben Wolber

500 Freestyle – 15th Place

SPECIAL AWARDS

Most Improved Swimmer: **Nick Smith**

Ron Flerlage Most Valuable Swimmer/Diver: **Brendan Meyer**

Corbett Award: **Todd Sheets**

Outstanding Performance Award: 400 Freestyle Relay

WRESTLING

The Covington Catholic Wrestling Team, led by Head Coach Dave Johnson, concluded its season in March, with many takedowns of CCH opponents. The team, in only its second year, had the following results (all representing substantial progress from the first year):

- Earned its first team trophy by placing 2nd at the Silver Knights Dual tournament at Summit Country Day
- Earned seven match victories
- Three wrestlers placed in the NKAC (**Joe Marino**-2nd 285lbs, **Jake Lentsch**-4th 160lbs, **Mike Meyer**-5th 152lbs)
- Two wrestlers placed in the Regionals (**Joe Marino**-5th, **Jake Lentsch**-6th)
- Hosted the first ever wrestling match at CovCath on January 6th and went 2-0 on the night beating Roger Bacon 58-12 and Western Hills 60-18. It was also the first senior night and seniors **Joe Marino**, **Craig McGhee** and **Alex Beckes** went undefeated on the night going a combined 6-0 with four pins.

The following individuals had significant achievements:

- Senior **Joe Marino** won 32 matches this season and was a NKAC Runner-up, Regional Placer and State Alternate. For his career, he finished with 43 career wins and was a two-time Regional placer. He became CCH's first state qualifier as a junior by placing 3rd in the Region. He was also selected as one of the captains of the team.



Joe Marino



Wrestling Seniors

- First-year wrestler **Jake Lentsch** had an outstanding season as well, winning 22 matches and placing in both the NKAC and Regional tournaments.
- Senior captain **Craig McGhee** showed great leadership throughout the season with his tremendous work ethic. His 20 wins and placement results at several tournaments were a testament to his hard work.



Jake Lentsch

Juniors **Mike Meyer** and **Dan Branch** and freshman **Keaton Barnes** had strong records and contributions in several key tournaments.

The future looks bright with four seniors leading next season's team, which should finally possess enough experience to make a run at state. Half of the roster this season was made up of freshmen, so the varsity experience those wrestlers gained will be of tremendous benefit over the next few years. This experience, combined with the new middle school team, bodes well for the future of Covington Catholic High School wrestling.

BOWLING: STRIKES AND SPARES

(By **Noah Helbling**, reprinted from the *Covington Catholic Times*)

The bowling season has unfortunately come to a close, but not before the bowling Colonels made much progress during the course of their fun-filled journey. With only thirteen bowlers, Coach Gary Wagner knew there would be little time to waste with this young group.

The bowlers only had a few practices before their first match against Scott High School, but the Colonels beat the Scott Eagles 7-0. The bowling Colonels won their next match against Boone County, a team that would eventually have two bowlers advance to the state tournament. The Colonels lost their next three matches against Cooper, Simon Kenton, and Campbell County.

The Colonels' annual tournament took place on the 3rd of January. During the tournament, sophomore **Adam Zimmerman** turned quite a few heads, bowling games of 243 and 200, putting him on the All-Tournament team with the third highest series of 443. The Colonels did not perform so well as a team, however. Both Colonel teams lost in their first series

and were knocked out of the tournament quickly. Following the Covington Catholic Invitational, Boone County held their own singles tournament, in which ten Colonel bowlers participated. Junior **Lewie Smith** and sophomore **Adam Zimmerman** had quite a day for themselves. Both bowlers were on their game and earned themselves a spot in the final four bowlers of the tournament. Unfortunately, Smith was defeated in the semifinal, but Zimmerman advanced to the final, where he lost in a tight battle.

Aside from such success, the Colonels began to decline toward the close of the season. In their final match, they fell to the Scott Eagles 4-3. The regional tournament followed with an upset loss to Holy Cross in the first round, ending the season and bowling careers of seniors **Tyler Kathmann** and **Noah Helbling**. Although the season ended with a disappointing loss, the Colonel Bowling Team has a lot to look forward to in seasons to come. With the loss of only two seniors, the team has many young and experienced bowlers, including its four best bowlers in **Adam Zimmerman**, **Lewie Smith**, **Tyler**

Pelletier, and **Nathan Wagner**. Not only do they keep these four, but sophomores **Luke Lonneman** and **Mark Briede** are progressing quickly and will surely be forces to be reckoned with by their senior seasons.

BOWLING STATS: TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Baker Average 158
Baker High Game 227
Baker High Series 415
Overall Record 43-34 3rd place division 1 -
5th and 6th region combined

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

High Game **Nathan Wagner** 262
Boone County High School Invitational
High Series Two Game
Adam Zimmerman 443
Season High Average
Adam Zimmerman 175
6th Region Championship 8th place
Tyler Pelletier
All Tournament CovCath Invitational
Adam Zimmerman
Tournament Runner-up Boone County High
School Invitational **Lewie Smith**

BASKETBALL

The Colonels followed up their state championship performance of 2014 with a second consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 with a Final Four finish, after winning the 35th District and 9th Region championships. For the second straight year, the team finished with over 30 wins. Their overall record this season was 31-6.

Bo Schuh and **Cole VonHandorf** were both first-team Northern Kentucky Basketball Coaches Association (NKBCA) selections with head coach Scott Ruthsatz receiving the 9th Region Coach of the Year. Both Bo and Cole also reached the 1,000 point plateau, with Bo scoring his 1,000th



Bo Schuh Cooper Theobald Grant Romes Matt Shumate Tony Bessler

against Purcell Marian and Cole against Campbell County at Rupp Arena during the first round of the Sweet 16. To finish the season, both Bo and Cole were Sweet 16 All-Tournament selections.

Seniors on the team included **Bo Schuh, Cooper Theobald, Grant Romes, Matthew Shumate** and **Tony Bessler**.

According to Coach Ruthsatz, their leadership was a big part of the success of this team. **Cooper Theobald** averaged 13 points per game while leading the team with tremendous toughness. **Grant Romes** stepped in as a new starter, providing excellent defense and key rebounds throughout the year. **Matthew Shumate**, along with junior **Andy Flood**, gave the Colonels clutch outside shooting. This senior class finished their varsity careers with a three-year record of 91-15. "These guys were very instrumental in continuing the success of the basketball program. They were a very determined group of guys who really worked hard to become the best players and teammates they could be. They were very disciplined and unselfish, which I believe is what directly led to their success on the court. They will be greatly missed."



BEST BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Who has the best boys basketball program in the country? USA TODAY High School Sports recently gave fans the opportunity to decide. The most recent installment of the "Best Of" contest series was the Best Boys Basketball Program. Each state, as well as Washington D.C., had five schools nominated. The contest started with 255 schools, including Covington Catholic, with the overall strength of all the individual basketball programs as the criteria for inclusion.

Criteria:

- On-court success (all levels)
- Coaching/Player Development
- Fans/Attendance (community support)
- Facilities/Training/Uniforms

CovCath lived up to its 2014 state title by winning the state-round competition. Thanks to everyone who voted!

RUNNING AWAY WITH AWARDS

(edited from article in the Covington Catholic Times by Noah Helbling)

Before his junior year of high school, **Jake Erpenbeck** had never set foot on a track, other than crossing its path to get to the football field, but all that changed last year.

Track and Field Team Head Coach Joshua McCoy was looking for new runners to join his already fast team when he came across Jake Erpenbeck. Jake had played football in his three years at Covington Catholic, and was, to say the least, fast. Jake had never really considered running track until Coach McCoy approached him last year.

When winter workouts began last January, Jake was just a part of the team. But by the first meet of the season, he was the Track Colonels' clear-cut fastest runner. Jake was great, earning center stage in every meet in which he competed, making other teams' best runners seem mediocre. The only word opposing coaches could use to describe him: incredible.

Jake's accomplished season earned him a spot in the state championship meet. Facing the best talent from every corner of Kentucky, Jake once again made his name known by everyone in attendance.

Jake competed in both the 100 meter (taking 1st place) and 200 meter (2nd place). With these results, he was named Kentucky's High School Track and Field (Class 2A) Athlete of the Year.

Joining the CCH Track Team turned out to be one of the best decisions that Jake ever made. Jake and his teammates look forward to another exciting season in 2015, but with having such success last year, Jake will surely have a target on his back. Jake is the runner to beat in Kentucky this season. Best of luck to Jake and all the Track and Field Colonels!



Group Photo at KHSAA Hall of Fame Awards Banquet in Lexington, KY on January 3, 2015, L to R: Coach Joshua McCoy, Carole Erpenbeck, Donna Erpenbeck, Ray Erpenbeck (Class of 1956), Jake Erpenbeck (Class of 2015), Wayne Erpenbeck (Class of 1978), and Julie Boerger.

NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH EDDIE EVISTON

Covington Catholic High School is pleased to announce that Eddie Eviston has accepted the position of Head Football Coach.

“My family and I are extremely excited about this opportunity to be the next head coach at Covington Catholic High School,” Mr. Eviston stated. “It is no secret that great things are happening there and we are looking forward to being a part of it. I want to thank Mr. Rowe, Mr. Guidugli, and everyone else who has been involved in this process for their commitment and belief in me to lead this tradition-rich football program. I also need to thank Georgetown College and Coach Cronin for all they have done for me and my family over the last 2 years. We cannot wait to get to work on this next chapter in our lives and continue the tradition of excellence that is Covington Catholic and CovCath football!”

Mr. Eviston comes to Covington Catholic from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, where he has been the offensive coordinator since January, 2013. Under his leadership, Georgetown averaged 506 all-purpose yards per game for the last two seasons and finished the 2014 season ranked 9th nationally in scoring offense.

Prior to coaching at the collegiate level, Mr. Eviston was the head coach at Newport Central Catholic High School from 2010-2013. During his tenure as the head coach at NCC, Mr. Eviston compiled a record of 35-8 and led the Thoroughbreds to the KHSAA class 2A State Championship in 2010 and 2012. Prior to being the head coach, Mr. Eviston was an assistant coach at NCC from 2006-2010.

Mr. Eviston was a standout student-athlete at Newport Central Catholic, earning 2nd team All-State honors in 1996 and winning the prestigious “That’s My Boy” award from the National Football Foundation in 1997.

As a player at Georgetown College, Mr. Eviston was a two-year team captain, three-time NAIA National Player of the Year, a three-Time All-American, and was a member of the 2000 and 2001 national championship teams. He compiled a 41-1 record as a starting quarterback at Georgetown, and was also a National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award Finalist.

Eddie, his wife Selina, and their three children will relocate to Northern Kentucky in the coming months.



Coach Eddie Eviston and his wife Selina

Covington Catholic Athletic Director Mike Guidugli said of the hire, “Eddie is a very impressive young man who has achieved success at every level in football, as a player and as a coach. We are confident that his enthusiasm along with his leadership skills will inspire our student-athletes to reach their full potential both on and off the field. We are very pleased to have him join the CCH coaching staff, and look forward with excitement about the future of the CCH football program.”

ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

The following CCH athletes have signed at these colleges:



Adam Wagner
Georgetown College
Football

Alex Wagner
Georgetown College
Football

Sam Murrer
Miami (OH)
Football

Jacob Roth
Centre College
Football

Austin Hussey
University of Kentucky
Tennis

Paul Huber
University of Cincinnati
Golf



FROM THE ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR

LAURA J. SAGE, ED.D.

Dear Alumni and Colonel Community,

I am excited to start a new chapter in my life as the Advancement Director for Covington Catholic High School. As a parent of three children, I know the sacrifices I have made, as well as others, to ensure that my children received a Catholic education. Our role as parents, grandparents, and alumni is crucial in continuing the legacy of a Catholic education.

CovCath needs your help NOW more than ever! As we prepare our young men to be the future leaders of tomorrow, we must also keep up with the needs of the ever-changing work force, technology, and global economy. But as we do this, we must never forget that our main mission is to “embrace the gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate young men spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.” Thanks to your support, we are able to accomplish this.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$ 72,880 through the 2015 Spring Cash Explosion, with \$36,440 being retained for the CCH STEM program after splitting the pot with the five raffle winners. In addition, the 2014-2015 Annual Appeal has raised \$ 242,499 to date. If you want your name to appear in the 2014-2015 Annual Appeal Honor Roll, then your donation must be received by June 30, 2015.

Thanks to your generosity:

- CovCath provides needs-based financial aid to 17% of our student body; that’s one out of six students who need your help.
- CovCath’s students continue to score academically among the top high schools in Kentucky.
- CovCath will be opening a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Program.

THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

We need your help to continue this Colonel tradition of generosity. There are numerous ways for you to support our students.

- Annual Appeal. This is our MAJOR source of funding for tuition assistance.
- Endowment. This type of gift allows the school to use the interest earned on the principal for scholarships, tuition assistance, operating expenses, and program funding.
- Bequests and Wills.
- Life Income Gifts, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Lead Trust provides you with income and tax benefits while also benefitting the school.
- Gift of Life Insurance. You can purchase a life insurance policy and name CovCath as the beneficiary of that policy.

Give the gift that someone gave you....a CovCath education.

Blessings,

Laura J. Sage, Ed.D.



2015

NORTHERN KENTUCKIAN OF THE YEAR

Andrew J. "Andy" VonLehman

Please join us as we recognize the 2015 Northern Kentuckian of the Year, Andy VonLehman, on Thursday, May 7, at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center.

Individual tickets as well as table sponsor and advertising opportunities are available. For more information, to order tickets or advertise, visit covcath.org/NKYL.

Andrew J. VonLehman (Andy) was born and raised in Northern Kentucky, and his steadfast belief in family and his community is part of everything he does. Both privately, and as part of VonLehman CPA and Advisory Firm, Andy has worked tirelessly to help build a strong and vital Northern Kentucky community. Since 1946, the VonLehman firm has been an integral part of the regional business community -- providing accounting, tax and business advisory services to thousands of individuals and hundreds of family-owned and family-managed companies. Now serving Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, the firm is one of the largest private accounting and business advisory firms in the region. Through Andy's influence, the firm is also known as a generous and responsible corporate citizen, providing scholarships, financial and business support, and vigorous advocacy for our region's not-for-profit community.

Andy joined the firm shortly before graduation from Thomas More College in 1975. Throughout the past forty years, he has been passionate about the firm's commitment to helping and promoting the success of its entrepreneur clients, regardless of the business or industry. During his time as president of the firm, he implemented many strategic initiatives including expansion of consulting services for both commercial and not-for-profit clients. Andy now serves as chair of the firm's Manufacturing and Distribution Service Group which includes various multi-generational family-owned and foreign-owned entities.

A compassionate leader with an extensive record of community and professional service, he has served as the past President and long term Board member of The Point (an organization that provides opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities). In addition, he is a Trustee Emeritus of Redwood School, Vice-Chair of the Northern Kentucky Port Authority, has served as a member of the Major Gifts Committee of Thomas More College, and has participated on numerous capital campaigns for organizations with which he has been associated. Andy was a recipient of the 2011 Bishop Hughes Award and has chaired the Covington Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. He is past President of CPAmerica International, an association of leading, private CPA firms throughout the United States.

Andy is a 1971 graduate of Covington Catholic High School and played basketball on three consecutive Ninth Region Championship teams. He also pitched for CCH's 1970 Ninth Region Champion baseball team.

Andy and wife Barb have been married 39 years and are long-time members of St. Pius X. They have two married adult children and five grandchildren. Andy's deceased father (Joseph) was a 1938 graduate of CCH and son Drew is a 1998 alum. Three other brothers and numerous nephews have attended CCH as well.

When asked about the future, Andy's top bucket list item is to stand in the Winner's Circle at the Kentucky Derby as an owner, friend of an owner, jockey or horse...whatever it takes.

The Northern Kentuckian of the Year luncheon benefits Covington Catholic High School's financial assistance program. In 2014-15, 95 students were awarded \$413,000 in financial aid. Covington Catholic and its alumni positively impact the Northern Kentucky community, and the luncheon provides a vehicle for the business community to support Covington Catholic's tradition of excellence in education. In the fall of 2007, Covington Catholic was designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Covington Catholic was one of only three private/parochial high schools in the nation in 2007 to receive this national award. This year, the school enrolled 150 freshmen from 24 different middle schools, public, private and parochial.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Advancement Department of Covington Catholic High School is pleased to announce the establishment of several new scholarships which will provide financial assistance to students who attend CovCath.

The donors and the endowments that they have established will have a lasting impact on the lives of CovCath students. Approximately one out of six students at CovCath receive scholarships and/or need-based financial aid.

The donors providing these scholarships are continuing the CovCath tradition of helping others. We sincerely THANK these new donors, as well as many legacy donors who have provided similar support over the years.

JOE AND GINNIE SCHMIDT SCHOLARSHIP

Covington Catholic High School is proud to accept the Joe and Ginnie Schmidt Scholarship. **Joe Schmidt** is a 1961 graduate of CCH and Ginnie (Bohman) is a 1961 graduate of Notre Dame Academy. They have been married for over 50 years and have two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren. Their son **Mike** graduated from CCH in 1982 as valedictorian and their son **Tom** graduated from CCH in 1983 as salutatorian.

Joe and Ginnie were active at CCH as Bingo volunteers and Boosters. Joe served on the Covington Catholic School Board, St. Augustine Finance Council, and the Diocesan Messenger Advisory Board. The Schmidts also extended their generosity to NDA by establishing a scholarship there.



L to R, Dr. Laura Koehl (NDA President/Principal), Ginnie and Joe Schmidt, and Mr. Bob Rowe (CCH Principal)

The Schmidts really liked the idea of endowed scholarships that continue to aid students with financial need as long as CCH and NDA exist. The gifts were given from an IRA using the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) rules, providing a charitable deduction to the Schmidts. Joe and Ginnie said that funding the scholarships was an opportunity they could not pass up, with the bonus of a tax benefit in the process as well!

ANONYMOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

There were two anonymous scholarships started this year by two generous families to help pay tuition for young men who need financial assistance.



On March 14th, during the Colonel Stag event at Covington Catholic, the winners of the Colonel Cash Explosion were pulled. The total jackpot of \$72,880 set a new record for the annual raffle!

Congratulations to the winners of the Colonel Cash Explosion!

GRAND PRIZE: Gary Lee (parent) - \$29,152

2ND PLACE: Coach Eddie Eviston - \$5,102

3RD PLACE: Ciaramitaro Family;
4th Place: Larry Slusher;
5th Place: Mark Galvin;
 3rd-5th place winners each received \$729.

Of course, the biggest winners are the students of Covington Catholic who benefit from \$36,440 to help fund the STEM Program!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE RAFFLE!



Grand Prize winner Gary Lee and 2nd Place winner Coach Eddie Eviston receiving their checks from Mr. Bob Lind, IT and STEM Coordinator.

ENDOWMENTS

In Memory of Jon Biedenharn '98
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schmidt '61

The Boerger-Wiggins Family Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Boerger
The GE Foundation

In Memory of Nancy Brewer
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Snyder '64

Class of 1949 Scholarship
Anonymous
Dr. & Mrs. Carl J. Brueggemann '49
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Moser '49

Elmer B. & Ruth C. Maschinot Cleves Scholarship
Ms. Cindy B. Cleves

In Memory of Kenneth Copeland
Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Gallenstein '68

In Memory of Jerry Ficke
Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Gallenstein '68

In Memory of Anne Flannery
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Carroll
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Heimbrock
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Larkin
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Schaber '73
Mr. & Mrs. William Schult
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Hank Wise

In Memory of Martin and Theresa Foy
Most Reverend Roger J. Foy D.D.

In Memory of Jon Gallenstein '95
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Bondick '71
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Erpenbeck '94
Mr. & Mrs. Jason T. Gallenstein '93

In Memory of Augustus Gill
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rapiere

In Honor of Evan Haag '10
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Venard

Bob & Mary Evelyn Hebbeler Scholarship Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Hebbeler '79
Duke Energy Foundation

The Hiltz Brothers Scholarship
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hiltz
Mr. Greg Hiltz '02
PIMCO

In Memory of Marcia Klaine
Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Gallenstein '68

In Memory of Robert Klensch
Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Gallenstein '68

In Memory of Linda LaVelle
Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas Gallenstein '68

Longshore/Duncan Scholarship Fund
Dr. & Mrs. Robert T. Longshore

John L. Muething Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald M. Higdon '62
Mr. & Mrs. David Muething

Wm. T. (Bill) & Joan Wernersbach Robinson III Scholarship Fund
Mr. & Mrs. William T. (Bill) Robinson, III

Joe & Ginnie Schmidt Scholarship Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Schmidt '61

Frederick S. & Mathilde H. Schuhmacher
Ms. Elizabeth Schumacher
Rev. George J. Schuhmacher

Dr. Jerome & Marianne Schutzman Scholarship
Dr. Jerome & Marianne Schutzman

Max Nicholas Seligman Scholarship
Ms. Sharon Edwards
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Maynard
Ms. Whitney Mulrone
Mr. & Mrs. Nate Thamann '99

Tim Shields Class of '61 Scholarship
Anonymous
Mr. Richard Maile '61
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B. Schmidt '61

Charles and Jane Summe Family Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Summe '84
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Summe '98
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Summe '81
Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Summe '83
Mr & Mrs. Scott Summe '94

In Memory of Sue Wagner
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Ammerman
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Knochemann
Mr. & Mrs. C. Tim Larkin
Ms. Karen Menke

In Memory of Rick Williams '70
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Dyas '70

In Memory of Della Wulfeck
Mr. & Mrs. Terrance Arlinghaus '72
Family Watch/Chris Hiltz
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Metz
Mr. Dan O'Hara '90
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Pauly
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rensing
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Snyder '64
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Tuemler
VonLehman & Co.



Two Colonel Stag Committee Members having fun setting up for the event (Joe Walter and Mark Keller – Class of 1979)

FIRST COLONEL STAG

The first Colonel Stag event was held at CovCath on March 14th. Many positive reviews were received by those who attended, including this one from a Booster parent:

“Great event... the food was spot on, and there was much to keep everyone entertained - basketball, horse racing, cards, and story-telling! It was cool to have Alumni and fathers like myself celebrating the CCH experience in a laid back fashion. It's a great way connect with old friends and new ones! Next year will be even better!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S COLONEL STAG:
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016.**

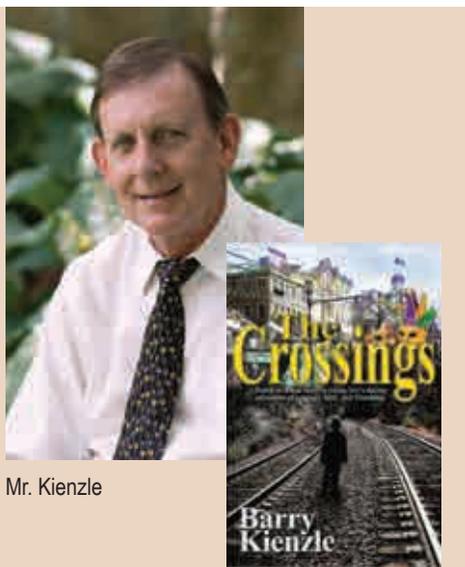
WHAT'S HAPPENING

1960

Ron Schneider was recently awarded the prestigious Bill Cappel Volunteerism Award for serving Northern Kentucky for over 50 years. The award was presented to him by the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame.

1969

Pat Raverty and the Florence Rotary helped lead the 2014 Steinford Toy Foundation drive in December, 2014 at local businesses. Pat was pictured, along with other Rotary members, in the November 20, 2014, edition of the Community Recorder.



Mr. Kienzle

Cover of his book, *The Crossings*

GRAD WINS FIRST PRIZE

Barry Kienzle, Class of 1969, won the Grand Prize in the 2015 Great Southeast Book Festival for his fiction novel *The Crossings*, based on a journey taken by Barry's father in 1932. Georgie is an altar boy, but he hops a freight train and is determined that nothing will stop him from seeing Mardi Gras in the Big Easy. The colorful characters and vivid setting make a perfect young adult novel, which has also been recognized by the Mom's Choice Award and hit #1 on Amazon's Young Adult/Family category listing. Barry and his wife, Mary Jo, travelled to Hollywood in March to receive the award at the Roosevelt Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard.

1977

Keith Hill retired on August 1, 2014, from the position of Police Chief of Campbell County, Kentucky Police Department after 32 years of service with the Department. Keith served as Police Chief from 2004 to 2014. Keith's daughter is CCH English teacher Ellen Hill.

1978

Tom Schuh has been named by Bishop Foys to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Covington Advisory Board for a term of three years. Tom is Managing Partner of P.L. Marketing and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

1982

Paul Carl has been named Vice President – Investments and Retirement Plan Consulting at Horan. He previously served with Huntington Bank as Vice President – Retirement Plan Services. Paul is a graduate of Thomas More College with degrees in Accounting and Computer Science.

Chris Fischer has been named by Bishop Foys to the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Covington Advisory Board for a term of three years. He is the President and founder of System Insight, Inc., an IT company.

1983

Tom Fritz and his wife Molly are thrilled to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Evan David Fritz, born August 23, 2014.

1987

Charlie Bradley, who is a board member for Catholic Charities, attended an event where his parents, Jim and Nancy Bradley, were awarded the Angel of Hope award by Catholic Charities. The three of them were pictured with Bishop Foys in the November 21, 2014, edition of *The Messenger*.

1995

Brennan Sweeney started a new company called HOA Next. HOA Next provides the framework, technology platform, resources and business structure for a successful HOA management business. He has also operated Sweeney Consulting since December 2004 and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

DURRETT APPOINTED TO SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE

Steve Durrett (Class of 1977) was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in January 2015 and serves as the Regional Business Director for the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He provides executive strategic leadership and technical expertise for the Division and its seven districts located in Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; Buffalo, NY; Pittsburgh, PA; Huntington, WV; Louisville, KY; and Nashville, TN in operating as a Regional Business Center.

The Division executes engineering, design, construction and project management for flood protections, locks and dams, reservoirs, military design and construction, environmental work, and international and interagency support in the region. Steve is responsible for managing the Division's Regional Business Center operations and oversees the Business Technical, Business Management and Business Resource Divisions. In addition, he is the lead liaison between regional technical boards and the seven district offices.

1996

Bryan Berger has started his own law firm, The Berger Firm. He previously was an attorney with Berger and Cox, PSC. Bryan is also the owner of Marco Polo Travel in Florence, KY. He earned a Marketing degree and Doctor of Law degree from Northern Kentucky University.

1997

Adam Brandner joined CDK Global as Supervisor of Client Services, serving previously as a National Support Representative at ADP. Adam earned his MBA from Xavier University in 2012.

1998

Mike Finke, Jr. and his wife Kristin are proud to announce the birth of their twins, Kate Marie (7 lbs., 20 inches) and Michael John III (5 pounds 15 ounces, 19 inches) on December 18, 2014.



Matt Reardon joined the FAA as an Aviation Safety Inspector in Salt Lake City. Matt previously was a Captain and school instructor with Chautauqua Airlines and a flight supervisor with the Delta Connection Academy. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he played football.

Pete Shively was named Social Media Manager at Anytime Fitness. He also serves as the Media Technology Director at Burlington Baptist Church. Pete earned a bachelors in Fine Art, Electronic Media from the University of Cincinnati.

1999

Nate Rosing was married in December 2013 to Leah Martin. Nate and Leah have a four-year-old son, Austin, and welcomed a new baby daughter, Isabella, on September 5, 2014. Nate is a manager at the Fort Wright Skyline Chili.

2001

Ryan Heringhaus was promoted at Fruition Partners to Technical Manager, responsible for the oversight and management of team leads and technical consultants within technical shared services. Ryan earned a bachelors in Information Technology from Northern Kentucky University.

2002

Joe Gastenveld (current Math teacher at CovCath) and his wife Jen welcomed a baby daughter, Iris Daniel Gastenveld, into their family on February 25, 2015, at 7:55 am. She weighed 9 lbs, 6 oz., and was 21" long. Everyone in the family is happy and healthy.



2003

Brad Goessling joined Beam-Suntory in Louisville as Senior Category Buyer. He previously worked as a Senior Purchasing Manager at Procter & Gamble. Brad earned a bachelors in Management from Northern Kentucky University.

2006

Zach Spradlin was promoted to Investments Representative at Fidelity Investments. He previously served as Investment Planning and Guiding Consultant. Zach graduated from Georgetown College, where he played football and earned a bachelors in Economics and English.

Jonathan "Jay" Sutton is now living and working in Boston, MA. Jay is doing a two year post doctorate program/fellowship at Harvard's Brigham & Women's Hospital.

2007

Tyler Groneck was promoted to Assistant Cashier/Analyst with the Bank of Kentucky. He previously served as the bank's Operations Support Analyst. Tyler is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University with a degree in Computer Information Technology – Networking & Security.

OPERATION GRACE WHITE

In December, 2014, Covington Catholic partnered with "Operation Grace White," a foundation formed to honor Grace White, the young daughter of Lt. Colonel **Scott White** (Class of 1993) and Amy White (NDA Class of 1994). Grace was diagnosed in the fall with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a very rare form of a brain tumor that usually affects children between the ages of 5-7. This is the same cancer from which Mount St. Joseph's Lauren Hill suffers.

A triple-header of freshman, junior varsity and varsity basketball games against Holy Cross were organized as a fundraiser. During the evening, announcements were made about the foundation, donations were collected, and the CovCath student

body wore t-shirts in support of the White family. All proceeds from shirt sales totaling \$4,726, went directly to the foundation.

For more information about Operation Grace White, see the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OperationGraceWhite. In an update on the page in mid-March 2015, Scott reported that "Grace is back at school as a first grader in Fayetteville, NC [post many weeks of difficult treatments at Cincinnati Children's Hospital]. She continues to show no DIPG-like symptoms, and if it wasn't for the bald spots, there would be no signs whatsoever of a brain tumor. We are so blessed that she has taken so well to the treatments. Every day that Grace remains



a normal 6-year old girl is a good day to say the least!"

Please keep the White family in your prayers.

Donations to the Operation Grace White Fund can be made by check/mail to:
The Operation Grace White Foundation
536 Beaumont Court
Fort Wright, Ky 41011

GRANT GUESS DOES GOOD

We are often reminded of how Covington Catholic grads are impacting our community locally and across the country. Recently, **Grant Guess** (Class of 2012) was recognized for the amazing work he is doing in Togo, Africa.

As profiled by UCLA Editor-at-Large Mackenzie Long in an article, "Grant Guess Does Good," Grant has established Project Kpalimé (Pah-Lee-MAY), empowering children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Togo. Originally denied grant funding from UCLA, Grant pursued his project independently, raising over \$13,000 through a kickstarter campaign. With these funds, he travelled to a school in Kpalimé and spent two and a half months there, continuously meeting and conquering new challenges. Ultimately, he helped create and build a sustainable livestock farm, providing the school its single largest source of revenue but also empowering the special needs students via their responsibilities in maintaining the farm. The work went well beyond the initial goals, creating capacity for 144 animals (vs. 8 in the original design) with electricity and drainage systems, as well as the installation of WiFi. Grant also donated an iPad to the school director to help him manage school business as well as access educational programs for the children.



Now, UCLA has named Grant a 2015 UCLA Global Citizens Fellow, awarding him \$5,000 toward his plan to return this summer to Kpalimé to diversify the farm and create a social media platform to reach other volunteers and donors. Longer term, his vision is to have the Kpalimé school become a flagship for change at other schools for special needs children in the region.

For more information or to support funding needs for this work, please see the following websites:

- <https://fundly.com/project-kpalime>
- http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mackenzie-long/grant-guess-does-good_b_6130102.html
- <http://globalcitizens.studentaffairs.ucla.edu/>



Bill Schult and his wife Lindsay (NDA Class of 2007) welcomed their son William Paul on December 18, 2014. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.



Justin Sommerkamp is attending New York University to earn a Juris Doctor of Law. For the summer of 2014, he was an associate at the New York based law firm Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Justin has a bachelor's degree in Marketing from the University of Kentucky.

2008

Michael Borgmann joined Huntington Bank as a Commercial Real Estate Analyst. He previously worked at US Bank. Michael earned his bachelor's in Accounting from the University of Kentucky.

2009

Jake Burns joined the Bank of Kentucky as a Customer Service Representative. Previously, he worked at Fifth Third Bank. Jake earned his Accounting bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky.

2010

Mickey Sutton graduated Magna Cum Laude in May, 2014 from Siena College in Loudonville, NY. He recently became a Law Clerk at Freking & Betz, LLC, and a Legal Intern at UpTech, Inc. Mickey is a Juris Doctor Candidate at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Joe Graue has joined CBTS as a Technical Sales Engineer. He graduated from the University of Louisville. Joe was previously a Marketing Consultant with Fourth Street Live in Louisville.

2011

Joseph Fredrick became a Clinical Assistant at the University of Kentucky's CASPER Autism Clinic. He is seeking a bachelors in Psychology and is applying to clinical graduate schools where he can

continue researching child development, in particular developmental psychopathology. Joseph is also constructing an Honors Thesis examining Cummings & Davies "Emotional Security Theory" in children of divorced parents.

John Leo Schaefer ("Leo") was promoted at Course Hero, Inc. to Student Manager. He formerly worked as a business development intern. Leo expects to graduate in 2015 with a Marketing degree and Spanish minor from the University of Louisville.

Adam Shumate was named Academic All-Conference in baseball for the Miami Harriers where he is a starting pitcher. After winning their conference championship last season, Adam and his teammates are looking forward to the 2015 season. Adam and the Harriers will again travel to historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida, to play their spring training games. Adam is studying Kinesiology at Miami and plans to apply for graduate school to get his doctorate in Physical Therapy.

2012

Drew Bamberger joined St. Vincent de Paul as Advancement Office Assistant, where he assists the Advancement Director with the Annual Appeal, special programs, special events, planned giving, and grant writing. Drew attends Northern Kentucky University, where he is involved with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Relay For Life.

Ian Dollenmayer participated in the University of Dayton's D.C. Flyers political science internship program last summer, one of 15 UD students selected. During the 10-week internship, Dollenmayer had the opportunity to develop personal talents and gain real-world experience through a placement with Alaska Congressman Don Young and Speaker of the House John Boehner.

Clay Heidrich is seeking a Computer Information Systems degree from the University of Louisville. He recently became a student intern at UofL's Delphi Center, performing general trouble shooting and maintenance on the student teacher web domain.

Ben Kleier was chosen to show his work along with one of the most significant local artists, Cedric Cox. Cox has shown work throughout the U.S. and is considered by many as one of the nation's top emerging artists. The "Spherical Perspectives" showing was presented at the Eva G. Farris Gallery at Thomas More College during March, 2015.

2013

Cameron Murphy is now a sales representative for Vector Marketing. He is also a member of the pro shop staff at Summit Hills Country Club. Cameron is studying Entrepreneurship and Finance at the University of Louisville.

THELEN HELPS KNIGHTS

Jake Thelen, Class of 2011, was selected as a first-team All-American by the Division II Bulletin, the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Basketball Times and Daktronics. The Bellarmine University senior forward was chosen to the All-Tournament teams at the GLVC Tournament, the Midwest Regional of the Division II NCAA Tournament and the Elite Eight. Jake was named the Most Outstanding Player of the regional.

In leading Bellarmine to a 31-4 record, a GLVC regular-season title, a Midwest Regional championship and a berth in the Final Four, Jake averaged team bests of 18.6 points per game and 10.7 rebounds while shooting 66.7 percent from the floor. Jake racked up 18 double-doubles, the last of which came in the national semifinals against top-ranked Florida Southern when he ripped down a career-high 19 rebounds and collected 16 points.

In a recent article in the *Louisville Courier-Journal* by Michael Grant, Jake reflected on his time at Bellarmine, saying "Being here has been my best experience." He will graduate with a Business Administration degree and plans to pursue professional basketball overseas and later pursue Pharmaceutical or Medical Sales.



TIMMERMAN'S POST

The following is an excerpt from a profile of Troy Timmerman (Class of 2011) posted on the Air Force Academy Football website on Feb. 4, 2015:

Q: Looking back on signing day up until this point in your senior year, how have you changed over the past four years as a person on and off the field?

A: I have transformed over the last four years physically into the best football player I could be, mentally I have worked hard to receive one of the best educations in the nation, and I have matured as

a result of the new responsibilities I have been granted. On the field I was part of a senior class that orchestrated the greatest turnaround in college football winning 10 games, the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, and our bowl game. Off the field I am simply a different person than I was when I showed up. I have learned what it is to be dependable and accountable on and off the field.

Additionally, Troy will be reporting to Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi in August to begin pilot training. Before that, he and a group of football teammates are going to Croatia for a tour they call "Yacht Week." They will cruise along the Adriatic Sea, stopping at different ports each day for some well-deserved R&R.



CCH HALL OF FAME DINNER

On January 28, 2015, Covington Catholic inducted five new members to the prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame! The inductees were (from L to R, in photo): **Coach Steve Sorrell '75**, **Adam McCormack '93**, **Dan Barczak '99**, **Greg Deye '98**, and **Coach Mike Listerman**. The contributions of these men to Covington Catholic athletic (and other) programs are truly exceptional and inspirational. Read more about their legacies on the Athletics page of the CovCath website (www.covcath.org/athletics).

Congratulations to the inductees and thank you to all who were involved in making the night memorable for all in attendance.



NORTHERN KENTUCKY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

Mr. **Paul Verst**, current CEO of Verst Group Logistics and CCH Class of 1973, was recently inducted into the Northern Kentucky Business Hall of Fame. *NKY Magazine*, in partnership with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, sponsors this program. It recognizes the rich tradition of success and civic involvement in the region's business community, specifically honoring men and women who have made a lasting contribution to the community in economic, cultural, and civic endeavors.



FROMMEYER NAMED 30 UNDER 30

Alex Frommeyer, CCH Class of 2006, was named to the Forbes magazine list of "30 Under 30 in Manufacturing."

Alex was among the group of 30 innovators under the age of 30 who are "modernizing the way things are made in a greener, tech-savvy world," according to a story released January 6.

Frommeyer is co-founder of Beam Technologies LLC, a company that makes smart toothbrushes that connect to phones and measure how well and often customers brush their teeth. He received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Louisville in 2010 and his master's from UofL in 2011.



Alex Frommeyer was the guest speaker at the fall 2014 Academic Awards assembly.

The Forbes 30 Under 30 in manufacturing list was compiled from nominations from a variety of sources. The judges were Ted Duclos, president of Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies; Jenny Lawton, CEO of Makerbot; and John Nottingham, co-founder of Nottingham Spirk.

REMEMBERING GREG KELLER



Many Colonels gathered and remembered **Greg Keller** at the 15th annual Greg Keller Euchre Tourney that took place at Scott McKinley's house. Greg, an alum from the Class of 1980, died in 2000.

CLASS OF 2004 MOMS GROUP

A group of Colonel moms have stuck together for more than a decade since their sons graduated in 2004. They meet every month at the Greyhound Tavern to keep in touch and get updates on each of their CCH grads. The ladies are: Lisa Kirn (son **Brad**), Mary Fangman (**Alex**), Janet Muck (**Stephen**), Colleen Kramer (**Scott**), Debbie Kennedy (**Ryan**), Kathy Wise (**Chris**), Barb Erpenbeck (**Greg**), Jane Votel (**Ross**) and (not pictured) Jane Spaulding (**David**).



REUNION UPDATES

RECENT REUNIONS

The **Class of 1959** celebrated its 55th reunion on September 26, 2014, at the Griffin Centre Alumni Hall. There were about 26 attendees. “We just sat around and talked and had a good time.”

The **Class of 1999** got together on October 4th for its 15-year reunion. The day started with the football game, watching the Colonels take on the Beechwood Tigers. After the game, they went into the school cafeteria to catch up over drinks and snacks while the 1997 CovCath/Highlands “Mud Bowl” played on the projector. A group of guys re-convened later in the evening at Dickmann’s on Orphanage Road for more stories and a few more beers. It was great getting to see everyone doing so well!



Class of 1999 15-year Reunion

The **Class of 2009** gathered at the Griffin Centre Alumni Hall for its 5-year reunion on November 22, 2014. It was great to see everyone and catch up!



Class of 2009 5-year Reunion

If for some reason you did not receive word about your reunion, please go to www.covcath.org/alumni and send in your updated information under the “Submit Your News” tab.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1960 – Save the date for August 29, 2015, at the Griffin Centre. Details to follow at a later date.

CLASS OF 1965 – 50th Reunion plans are underway for the weekend of October 9 – 10, 2015. There will be golf, the football game and an evening dinner/social. Please make plans to attend one or all of the events!

CLASS OF 1970 – Greg Brinker (gregab@twc.com) is chairing the 45th reunion.

CLASS OF 1975 – The 40 Year Reunion will be on Saturday, October 17th, 2015. It will include a memorial Mass, home football game vs. Highlands, a post game activity, and an evening activity. Rick Lux (ricklux@fuse.net) is chairing the event.

CLASS OF 1980 – Make plans to attend the 35th reunion scheduled for October 9 – 10, 2015. There will be a Friday evening social, football game vs. Grant County followed by a gathering in the Alumni Centre on Saturday. Greg Moser (greg.moser@clearpatient.com) is chairing the event.

CLASS OF 1985 – David Collins (david.collins@twc.com) is chairing the 30th reunion.

CLASS OF 1990 – Reunion chair for the 25th reunion is Justin Kruer (justinkruer@yahoo.com).

CLASS OF 1995 – Please contact the alumni office if you are able and willing to serve as reunion chair.

CLASS OF 2000 – Brian McDermott (brian.mcdermott1@gmail.com) is making plans for the 15th reunion.

CLASS OF 2005 – Ten years already! Jordan Pauly (jordanpauly@gmail.com) would love to hear from you regarding the reunion.

CLASS OF 2010 – Will Ammerman (William.ammerman92@gmail.com) will be making plans for the first reunion. Details to follow at a later date.



FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

RICHARD DICKMANN '80

Colonel- from Italian *colonnello* 'column of soldiers.' What better mascot for the men of Covington Catholic. We are thousands of soldiers of God throughout Northern Kentucky, the US, and the world making a difference in our communities and beyond.

The campus of Covington Catholic is not only an institution of higher learning, it is a training facility for developing young men spiritually, academically, physically and socially. To members of the Colonel Community, alumni and those outside looking in, CovCath is the school where young men are provided great academic and athletic opportunities. While this is true, the fact is, these opportunities are but one part of a much larger picture. At the core, a Covington Catholic Colonel is a young man that possesses compassion for others through service and dedication to his fellow brothers. He understands that his community has many needs and he is committed to serving as a faith-minded leader for others.

There is no better example of this commitment than that presented by the Covington Catholic community service program. A program of unparalleled success, it thrives because of the students, the soldiers on the ground. These Colonels daily serve others by developing young students' minds in the reach and teach mentoring program, assisting the elderly in the community, and working with many special needs programs like Special Olympics-as well as many other service projects.

Each graduating class accumulates over 15,000 community service hours during its four years at Covington Catholic High School. It is "cool" to serve the community at CovCath. Our all-male population instills in these men the freedom to experience and display sensitivity to the community's needs. CovCath's environment helps to develop soldiers for our communities, now and in the future.

We alumni are great examples of the kind of men that are developed by the experience that is a Covington Catholic education. We are those Colonels who were trained to understand the role we must play in the community as leaders in the arenas of faith, family, business and service to others. The young men of Covington Catholic are more than advertised. They are leaders spiritually, academically, physically and socially.

It is very important that we do not take for granted the role that Covington Catholic High School played in who we are today. Please stay connected with your alma mater and support its mission however you can. We are thousands of soldiers of God with a "Spirit that will not Die!"

GO COLONELS!

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED LOVED ONES OF THE COVINGTON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY - ALUMNI, STAFF, PARENTS AND FRIENDS

*Those listed below have passed away since November 2014 or we have become aware of their passing since the last issue of the Covington Catholic Journal.
Preceded in death

ALUMNI

Robert Ballman, Class of '65, father of Brian '86, Scott '90 and grandfather of Alex '18

Robert Flick, Class of '61, father of Scott '97

John Kreutzjans, Class of '59, brother of *Tony '58, Hank '63 and Nick '69

E. Dwight McGarvey, Class of '51

David Olliges, Class of '66, brother of Larry '54, Tom '59, and Charles '64

Lawrence Olliges, Class of '54, brother of Tom '59, Charles '64 and *David '66

Steve Schewene, Class of '74

Charles Paul Thoerner, Class of '51

FAMILY MEMBERS

Cheryl Barth, wife of Joe '79

Stephen Brewer, father of Mike '90, David '91 and Marc '95

Rick Callahan, father of Eric '12 and Adam '18 Schneider

Margaret "Kay" Cassidy, grandmother of Jeff '03, Ken '05 and Greg Schipper '08; Kevin '92, Patrick '98, and Brian McDermott '00

Colleen DeFraitcs, grandmother of Burke '09

Evelyn Elfers, mother of Robert '67, Ray '69, Dan '72, Joe '74, and Pat '77; grandmother of Jason '99, Ray '94, Chris '01 and John Wehry '08; great grandmother of Bryan Greene, '17

Charles Fasbender, father of Kevin '03

Jerry Ficke, father of Ryan '93

Anne Flannery, mother of Patrick '76 and grandmother of Patrick '07

Sue Frommeyer, grandmother of Alex '06 and Kevin '17

Bobby Hartman, brother of Charlie, CCH Faculty

Mary Lou Gastright, grandmother of Ryan Kennedy '04, Alex Ives '09, and Noah Lenhof '16

Yvonne Gibson, mother of Paul '65 and Pat '70; grandmother of Pat '94, Jeremy '97, Chris '00, Brady '04, and Jason Elfers '99

Augustus Gill, grandfather of Kevin '07 and Brian '15

Celine Greene, mother of Terry '68 and Tim '70

Jayne Hertsenberg, mother of Al, CCH faculty

Thomas Kathman, grandfather of Samuel '15

Marcia Klaene, mother of Brian '88, Kevin '90 and Matt '98

Robert Klensch, father of R. Thomas Klensch '75

Marie Kreutzjans, mother of Rudy '69 and grandmother of Ross '01

Linda LaVelle, mother of Philip '02

Sheila Maschinot, mother of Matthew '87 and Greg '91; grandmother of Chad '09, Connor '11 and Corbin '13

Carol Nealon, grandmother of Joe Shaughnessy '01

John Nienaber, father of Tony '79

Diane Nugent, mother of Joe '81

Margaret Mary O'Brien, mother of John '68, grandmother of Pat '94, Jeremy '97, Chris '00 and Brady '04 Gibson

Frances Ogden, grandmother of Ben '01, Andrew '02 and Mark '09

Don Powell, grandfather of DJ Powell '13

Martha Sandfoss, grandmother of Chad '05

Carolyn Scheben, mother of Matthew '89

Joan Schulte, mother of Bill '72 and Jude '79; grandmother of Kevin '01 and David '08 Moser

Charlotte Schwarte, wife of Paul '47, mother of David '67 and Michael '69

Kathy Smith, mother of Blake '12

Bettejean Urlage, sister of Reverend Robert Urlage '49

Susan Wagner, mother of John '03

Ruth Warning, mother of Rick '71 and grandmother of Nick Marsh '91

Della Wulfeck, mother of Jim '64, Rick '70, Gary '74 and Ken '77; Grandmother of Chris '90, Dan '92, Jeff '99, Eric '03, Andrew '04 and Jason '07

COV CATH LEGACY BRICKS

Commemorate the one you love in a lasting legacy by having his or her name added to the Grotto. This would make a great graduation, Father's Day, or birthday gift!

Legacy bricks are \$100 per brick and the proceeds provide for the perpetual care of the Grotto. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at (859) 448-2247 or order online at CovCath.org/bricks.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

COLONEL BUSINESS CONNECTION

The Colonel Business Connection (CBC) is a networking group that meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00 AM in the Griffin Centre.

CBC meetings include a complimentary breakfast and the chance to network with other business people in the area. If you are not currently receiving C-Notes emails from the Alumni Office, please notify Richard Dickmann at rdickmann@covcath.org to be added to the list. You will be notified of CBC meeting dates and topics, as well as other events around the school.

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| APRIL 17-19 | Spring Musical "Little Shop of Horrors" |
| MAY 1 | First Friday Mass, 7:15 am in Chapel |
| MAY 7 | Northern Kentuckian of the Year Luncheon |
| MAY 10 | Band & Choral Concert |
| MAY 19 | Baccalaureate & Graduation |
| MAY 20 | Colonel Business Connection |
| MAY 31 – JUNE 7 | Wyoming Trip #1 |
| JUNE 6 – 13 | Nicaragua Mission Trip |
| JUNE 17 | Colonel Business Connection |
| JUNE 22 – JULY 12 | KHSAA Dead Period |
| JUNE 28 – JULY 5 | Wyoming Trip #2 |
| JULY 15 | Colonel Business Connection |
| AUGUST 17 | First Day of School – All Students |
| AUGUST 21 | Football Opening Game |

SAVE THE DATE:

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| SEPTEMBER 4 | 33rd Annual Alumni Golf Outing at Summit Hills CC |
| SEPTEMBER 18 | Ladies Golf Outing at Devou Park |
| SEPTEMBER 26 | Homecoming |

VISIT COVCATH.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY EVENT