



MOUNT MICHAEL
BENEDICTINE SCHOOL

Featuring The David "DJ" Sokol Learning For Life Building

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Alumni News

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 63rd Fall Festival a great success! Mount Michael's Fall Festival was named one of the winners in the Recreation & Entertainment category of the Omaha World Herald's 2018 Omaha's Choice Awards for the 2nd year in a row! We are honored and grateful for the recognition. We were happy to welcome thousands of guests who enjoyed our famous throw-back cake tent, petting zoo, inflatables, horseback and hayrack rides, and more! We hope you can join us for next year's Fall Festival on September 15th, 2019.





Letter from the Abbot

Some years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a workshop for physics instructors at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. The lab hopes to replicate conditions inside the sun. By confining hydrogen nuclei – essentially protons - with intense magnetic fields, the nuclei can be forced to fuse together just as they do in the sun. The result is the release of extravagant amounts of energy. The trouble is, hydrogen nuclei don't like each other. A physicist at the lab likened the challenge to squeezing jello between your hands. No matter how hard you try, the jello eludes your efforts at confinement.

After reflection, I decided the same analogy applies to high school boys. I lived with our students for many years. Despite efforts to corral unruliness, their proclivity for noncompliance always manages to emerge - just like jello escaping between your fingers. The best that you can hope to achieve is to have the zaniness manifest itself in as harmless a manner as possible. So we have firecrackers going off in stairwells in the middle of the night. We have balloons filling offices so that it is impossible to get in the door. We have furniture from the rooms of the deans suddenly decorating the shower rooms. At times you wonder what kind of education is occurring.

This past summer, two alumni both from the class of 1983 gave me reason not to lose faith. Neither were exactly saints during their four years at Mount Michael. Apart from providing our students with what we believe is a first-class education, we also hope to help them grow personally and spiritually. Mount Michael Benedictine began its life as a seminary for the Archdiocese of Omaha. Because it is part of our heritage; because it is important; whenever we can and in whatever we can, we try to encourage students to consider a vocation to the priesthood or to the religious life.

Jeff Jamrog is currently the head coach of the football team for Midland University in Fremont. In early August, Jeff brought his football team to Mount Michael for four days of training camp. We were delighted to be able to host Jeff and his team. We hope that any success they enjoy throughout the season can be attributed at least in a small way to their short stay with us. More to the point, although Jeff did not pursue a religious vocation, he has a son Brett who is a seminarian for the archdiocese of Omaha. We pray that he will soon join the ranks of the priesthood.

About the same time that Jeff brought his football team to Mount Michael, I traveled to Des Moines for a diaconate ordination. Jeff's classmate, Rob Stark, had decided after some years of consideration to become a deacon for the diocese of Des Moines. It was a great privilege to be able to attend a beautiful ordination ceremony. On August 4, Bishop Pates ordained Rob to the permanent diaconate along with sixteen other men. After the ordination I had the opportunity to visit with Rob, his wife, his son and daughter, and especially his mother Helga whom I remember well from the days when Rob was a student. More importantly, Rob's son Nick is a seminarian for the diocese of Des Moines. It is quite possible that Jeff's son Brett and Rob's son Nick will be ordained in the same year.

So we were unable to convince either Jeff or Rob about a priestly vocation. But the dream is being carried on by their sons.

All that is a round-about way of saying that grace can be a bit like jello slipping through your fingers too. Sometimes grace manifests itself in unexpected ways and unexpected places.

Michael Liebl, OSB





Announcements

IN REMEMBRANCE

Joan Sullivan, mother of former student Brennan Sullivan

Dale Swanson, grandfather of Grant Ramm '13

Ellie Wingender, grandmother of Robert Wingender '02 and Andrew Wingender '99

Joe Gibney '58

Josephine Bennett, mother-in-law of Steve Gass '79 , grandparent of Alexander Gass '12

Andrea McMahan, grandmother of Brennan McMahan '21

Dickie Lee Bell, grandfather of Ian Kirwin '16

Neill J Everitt, father of Stephen '79 and grandfather of Jacob Rapoza '19 and Zachary Rapoza '21

Leland Monson, friend of Mount Michael

Kay Yarns, grandmother of Jack Colaric '10 and Neal Colaric '12

Chuck Grady, father of Kent Grady '89, father-in-law of Paul West '94, grandfather of Liam West '21, uncle of Chris Hanke '94

Suzanne Rose (Murphy) Mathey, grandmother of Nicholas Mathey and Grant Mathey '06

Stella Roman, wife of Thomas Roman '60

Susan Watson, mother of William Watson '13

Richard Raymond "Dick" Lynes, grandfather of Lucas Lynes '20

Adelaide Ann "Corky" Ertmier, friend of Mount Michael

Patricia Kern, grandmother of Jack Blaser '18, and mother of Amy Kern

Marjorie S. "Marge" Hartnett, friend of Mount Michael

Mike Eggers, former student at Mount Michael

Margaret Richmond, grandmother of Adam Terasinski '15.

Patrick A. "P.A." Almgren, friend of Mount Michael

Marie Bova, grandmother of Jacob Bova '16 and Liam Bova '18

Maryanne Pape, grandmother of Jack Pape '12 and Ben Pape '13.

Margaret Witt, mother of alumni parents Gary and Molly Witt and grandmother of Patrick Witt '07 and Matthew Witt '09

Millard Thurmond, friend of Mount Michael

John Lednicky, grandfather of Sam Eberle '19

Albin Sindelar, grandfather of Sam Gustafson '21

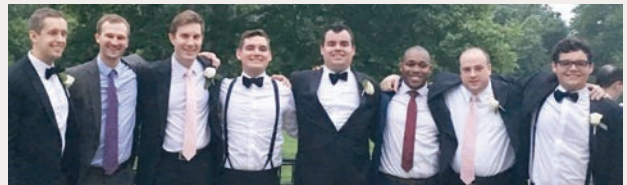
MARRIAGES

Sean Murphy '10 married Tiffany Wieser on August 25th, 2018. Fellow knights in the bridal party included **Nate Evans '10, Zach Murphy '12, Addison Morris '12, Jonathan Bucyana '12, Austin Ramaekers '14, and Jacob Ramaekers '16.**



(Back row from left to right) Joey Hoffman '10, Pat Scheer '10, William Denton '10, Michael O'Donnell '10, Josh Devereaux '10; (Front row from left to right) Gunhee Park '10, Paul Slater '10, Tom Wendt, Josh Charvat '10, Tommy Christenson '10, Sean Murphy '10 (groom), Brendan Walsh '10

Tom Horgan '08 married Mary Hyland on June 23rd, 2018. Fellow knights in the bridal party included **Andrew Jewell '08, Jack Horgan '07, Nick Hall '07, Andrew Collins '01, and Joe Horgan '17.**



(Left to Right) Andrew Jewell '08, John Lundgren '08, Nick Hall '07, Tom Horgan '08 (groom), Jack Horgan '07, Julius Agonor '08, Andrew Collins '01, Joe Horgan '17

Tom Murphy '06 married Megan Landes on August 25, 2018. Fellow Knights in attendance included **Tim Huss '06, Jono Matt '06, Ben Vaca '06, Tim Backes '06, Sean Cox '06, Marc Jergovic '06, Tony Michaelsen, Matt Goldsmith '06, Phil Schulte '06, and Mike Gibilisco '06**



Tim Huss '06, Jono Matt '06, Ben Vaca '06, Tim Backes '06, Sean Cox '06, Tom Murphy '06 (groom), Megan Landes Murphy (Bride), Marc Jergovic '06, Tony Michaelsen, Matt Goldsmith '06, Phil Schulte '06, Mike Gibilisco '06.

BIRTHS

Dave Dworak '07 and his wife Stephanie welcomed their daughter Harper Jane on Aug 13, 2018.

Steve Dunning '06 and his wife Molly welcomed twins, Harvey Gerard and Helen Bernadette on July 27, 2018.



Head of School ● ●

Summer vacation is just winding down as I write this Michaelleen article. It has been an eventful summer as work was completed on the second story of the *David "DJ" Sokol Learning For Life Building*.

When we opened our doors for classes this fall, the subject areas of Social Studies/History, Foreign (World) Languages and English are now taught in the nine brand-new classrooms on the second floor. The original building, the St. Benedict Building, houses the following: Art, Music/Choir/Band, Academic Decathlon, Robotics, Physical Education, Strength and Conditioning, Engineering lab, Theater, Speech, coaches' offices, and an expanded bookstore.

A big thank you to Mr. Jim Lewis and his entire maintenance and facility crews for all their work getting the school ready to open. Other projects this summer included concrete work done all over campus, resurfaced tennis courts, a water line has been installed in the armory along with the weight room, and work is just getting completed on a new locker room area on the bottom floor of the St. Benedict Building.

SCHOOL AND ABBEY WEBSITES UPDATED

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The school website has been updated. Thanks to our webmaster, Br. Luke for his work on this project which began last November. The Chip Thompson Designs company designed and created our new webpage. The abbey website has also been updated. Note the use of .com for the school and .org for the abbey. When you get a chance please take a look and tell us what you think.

To get a snap shot of how our students perform, we look to standardized test data. Comparing ACT and SAT scores are one way to do that. Standardized means that the conditions need to be the same wherever the exam is administered. Tests are given on specific days and at specific times. You try to standardize the condition to limit the variables. This increases the accuracy and validity of the test instrument.

Annually, our ACT and SAT scores are well above the state and national averages and are top in the state of Nebraska. We are proud of these scores and celebrate how successful our students are.

Another healthy way to compare our program is through results of AP (Advanced Placement) exams. We are proud of our AP classes and the results our students achieve on them. AP exams are given nationally and world-wide. They are generally administered during the first two full weeks of May. For a student to receive college credit on these exams they must achieve scores of 3, 4 or 5. This year we had 87 students take AP exams. They represent 78% of our junior and senior classes. They took a combined 192 total AP exams. This resulted in a combined average of 83.9% of them achieving a score of 3 or higher on the exam! So, as a school we had about an 84% pass rate to achieve college credit. In the state of Nebraska, the pass rate (scores of 3, 4, 5) was 61.2%. Globally the average was 61.3% that achieved scores of 3, 4 or 5. The results of our Mount Michael students on these exams are simply incredible. We are extremely proud of our teachers who prepared them, and the young men for their hard work and impressive scores.

AP EXAM

Pass rate to achieve college credit

Mount Michael .. 84%
Nebraska..... 61%

Thank you for your continued support of Mount Michael Benedictine School. Your support is essential to our very existence. This year marks our forty-eighth year as the premiere college preparatory school in the Midwest.

Mount Michael Benedictine School is a Catholic college preparatory residential/day high school rooted in Benedictine values for young men committed to excellence. Students develop spiritually, intellectually, and socially through the comprehensive curriculum and communal experience to become future leaders.

God bless and take care,

David J. Peters. Ed.D.
Head of School



Admissions

Every year, Mount Michael welcomes a new freshmen class that is undoubtedly unique and wide-ranging. This year certainly doesn't stray away from that trend, as we are graced with 64 new Knights originating from the United States, China, South Korea, Hungary, and Benin. Additionally, these young men enter Mount Michael after completing their education from 32 different grade/middle

schools. Beyond being eclectic, this class brings many talents and experiences to The Mount. From team captains, accomplished musicians, altar servers, taekwondo black belts, and numerous academic achievements, this class is a tremendous addition to the Mount Michael brotherhood!

Thomas Maliszewski '13
Director of Admissions

2018-2019 NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

Matt Ebberwein
Senior Dean

Eric Koch
7-Day International Dean

Colin Koehler
Spanish

Shanna Sedlacek
Engineering

Scott Townsend '14
Junior Dean

John Von Dollen '12
Development Officer

Eric Westra
Theology

ESTABLISHED

1970

GRADES
TAUGHT

9-12

CURRENT
ENROLLMENT

237

RESIDENTIAL
STUDENTS

152

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

25

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

14

CLASS OF
2019 ACT

29.3



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OUR MISSION

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"Mount Michael has instilled in my son the work ethic and skills that he needed to not only get by, but truly blossom as a student and individual."

- Mount Michael Parent

5-YEAR
AVERAGE ACT
TEST SCORE

28

AP SCHOLARS
SINCE 2010

200

GRADUATES
SINCE 2010

466

STUDENT-TO-
TEACHER
RATIO

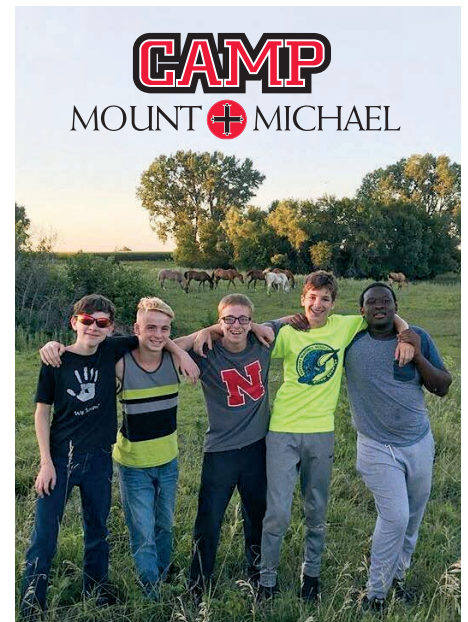
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ACTIVITIES
OFFERED

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STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Mount Michael welcomed nearly 300 campers to Camp Mount Michael this summer. Campers enjoyed archery, horseback riding, and other fun summer activities.

COMMUNITY HOSPITALITY INTEGRITY SERVICE MODERATION

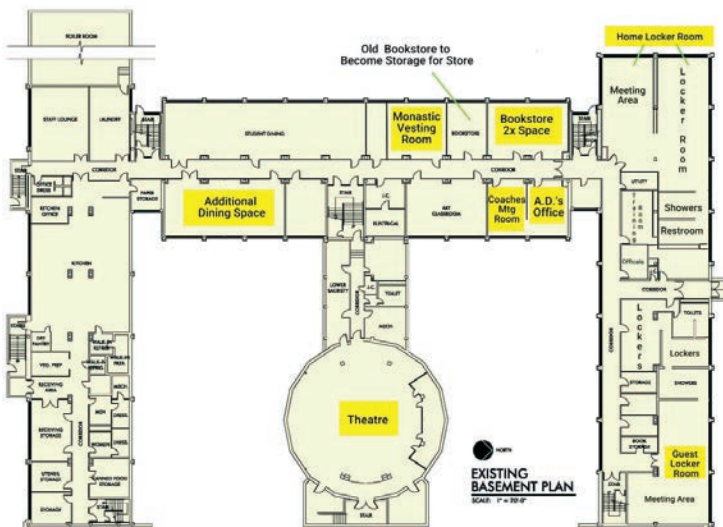


SUMMER RENOVATIONS OF THE SAINT BENEDICT BUILDING

Br. Luke Clinton O.S.B.

- Now that we are going to fully occupy the *David “DJ” Sokol Learning For Life Building* many people are asking what we are doing with the vacated areas in the newly named *Saint Benedict Building*?

With the exception of the athletic locker rooms most renovations have consisted of a fresh coat of paint, the occasional opening up of a wall for a doorway, or a bit of carpet.



BASEMENT LEVEL

Dining Space

Additional dining space has been created out of two classrooms. This space has had a long history of change. In the seminary days it was used as a dining space so it is returning to that original function. It has also been used in the 1970's as a game room for pool and ping pong. With the building of the Student Union/Armory it went back to dining. In the 1990's it was used as the Monastic dining room. When the Abbey addition was completed in 2007 the monks started eating in the monastery. About that time it was divided into two theology classrooms.

Monastic Vesting Area

A multi-use classroom now serves as a vesting area for the monks. Previously they used the Crypt below the chapel for keeping their liturgical robes.

Theater

The crypt below the chapel was used as a combination of religion classroom, robotics center, and vesting area for the monks. Now it is devoted exclusively to the Drama program. The Drama program had been using the stage area connected

to the gym which was shared with athletics during the football and wrestling seasons. It was an odd and challenging sharing arrangement.

Bookstore

Later this fall the bookstore will move next door into what was the French classroom. This will double the size of the bookstore which has always been quite crammed. The old bookstore will then be used for bookstore storage.

Athletics Department

The biggest beneficiaries on the basement level is the athletic department. The Spanish room is being divided into an office for the Activities Director and a coaches meeting room.

Athletic Locker Rooms

Both the home and guest locker rooms have seen major renovations. This was made possible by a special \$125,000 donation at the Night of Knights. Each locker room has been renovated and expanded into areas that had been being used as classrooms. The home locker room has expanded into space that was used for study halls, Spanish and the Academic Decathlon. The guest locker room has expanded into space that was occupied by the Drafting/Engineering Department.

1ST FLOOR

The first floor which had hosted most of the schools classrooms and administrative offices has had major changes in occupancy but minimal physical upgrades. The Academic Decathlon room even still smells like a chemistry lab. It might take several more AcaDeca championships before the odor has faded.

Drama & Speech Classes

The Drama and Speech classes now have classrooms exclusively for their use. Previously they used whatever space they could find in the recesses of the building.

Business Offices

The administrative space has been taken over by the Business Office. This will take some getting use to. They were largely hidden from the rest of the world. Most students didn't even know there were business offices.

Robotics

Robotics now sees daylight as they have moved from the crypt (1960's Nuclear Bomb Shelter). They now have two classrooms which have been opened up into construction and testing/practice areas.

1ST FLOOR (FORMER SCIENCE WING)

Engineering Work Area

The Engineering department besides having a computer lab located in the new building, also lays claim to the former physics room and English offices. This area will be used for engineering construction projects.

Academic Decathlon

As mentioned earlier they now occupy what was the chemistry lab complete with vents and chemical stains.

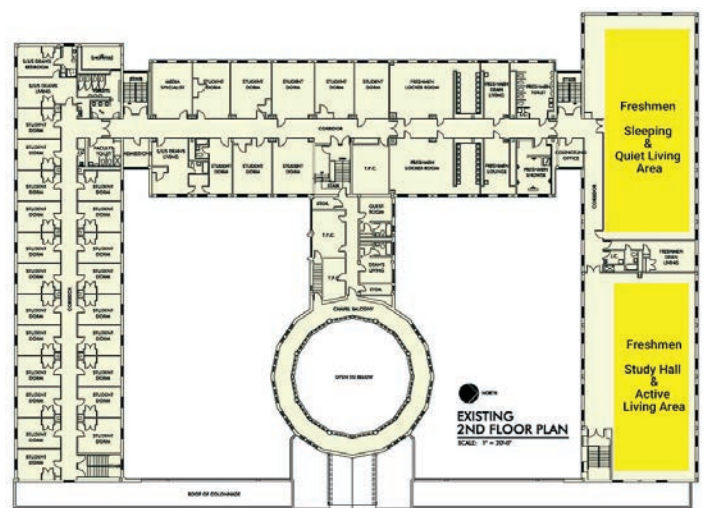
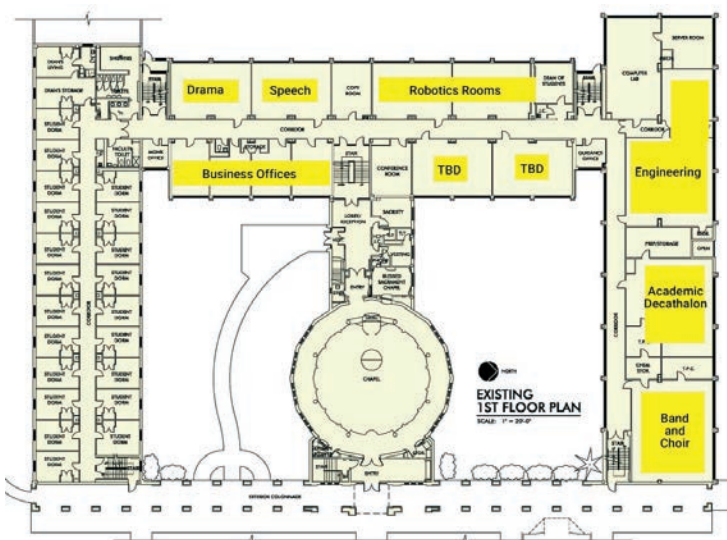
Music Department

Band and Choir have found a new home in what was the biology classroom. In the past decade the music department was evicted, by the Drafting Lab, from their longtime home. Since then they used the back corner of the Student Union/Armory. The Freshmen, living above the new music room, will be the beneficiaries of live music at 7am several times per week.

2ND FLOOR

Freshmen Residence

The freshman have received a tremendous addition of space. The living area has doubled with the move of the library to the new building. The freshmen living and sleeping space had been crammed into a shared space since the early 1980's. The library space has now been converted into a separate sleeping area away from study hall and active living area.





MOUNT MICHAEL CLASS OF 2022

Matthew Allen of St. James/Seton School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judd and Erin Allen of Fort Calhoun, NE. Matthew was on the honor roll all semesters of Junior High at St. James/Seton and received the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Along with playing soccer and basketball for St. James, he participated in the production of his school's yearbook. He has also volunteered at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo for the past four years.

Christopher Angel of St. Margaret Mary School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick & Marisol Angel. Christopher received the Highest Academic Honors at St. Margaret Mary and a President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Christopher received the True Grit MVP and Outstanding Performance track awards for the 2018 season at St. Margaret Mary. He earned a regional piano competition award at UNO. Christopher loves to work with horses, and often spends time on his grandparents' farm in Mexico.



Caleb Brester and Jack Pritchard '07

Jacob Becker of Cathedral of the Risen Christ School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris and Susan Becker of Lincoln, NE. Jacob was named a St. Thomas Aquinas Academic Scholar. He participated in MATHCOUNTS, cross country, and basketball and was a member of Safety Patrol.

Jurgen Beller of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jude '92 and Alexis Beller of Elkhorn, NE. Jurgen earned the Sportsmanship Award for basketball at St. Patrick's. He was selected for the Olympic Development Program for soccer for the state of Nebraska. Jurgen was awarded the Knight Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Casey Bilau of Otte Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris and Betsy Bilau of Blair, NE. Casey has been active in his community as an altar server and church volunteer. Casey is a member of 4H and is a recycle center volunteer. As an avid reader, Casey competed in the Battle of Books.

Jose Bonilla-Gaytan of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, son of Mr. Alan Diaz and Ms. Elizabeth Gaytan of Omaha, NE. Jose was awarded a medal for participating in flag football at Kroc Center. He was also part of a trophy-winning football team at Kroc Center.

Caleb Brester of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of the late Dr. Matthew Brester '90 and Michelle Brester. Caleb was part of the Duke TIP program. He was chosen as a select artist in the Art & The Holocaust Program. Caleb was awarded the Most Improved Swimmer award at his swim club for the 2017-2018 season. He was awarded the St. Raphael Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Luke Broderick of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. Tom Broderick of Elkhorn, NE and Ms. Tracy Broderick of Omaha, NE. Luke was selected for the 2018 All-State Showcase team for USAAA 14 and under Majors Baseball. He was team captain of his football team. Luke received the President's Award for Educational Excellence and qualified for state recognition based on his Duke TIP Program ACT score. He won third place in the Eighth-Grade Division of the Archdiocese Pro-Life Essay Contest. Luke was awarded first honors for nine quarters at St. Vincent de Paul. Luke received the Abbot Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Nathan Buresh of Christ the King School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Leigh Buresh. Nathan won a Serra Club Altar Server Award. He was the recipient of the Christ the King Knights of Columbus Scholarship and the Monsignor Hupp Scholarship.

Carter Cline of Bishop Neumann Jr./Sr. High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rob and Kelly Cline of Wahoo, NE. Carter was on the John Neumann Honor Roll in both seventh and eighth grade. He qualified for Nebraska State Wrestling three years and placed in the state tournament one year. Carter received the St. Benedict Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Andras Cserna of Barcsay Jenő School, son of Dr. Geza Jed Cserna and Mrs. Kinga Hambach of Szentendre, Hungary. Andras was born and raised in Hungary. He was an avid swimmer and was a member of the water polo team for six years. Andras has been a skier for nine years, and has always placed in the top three in local skiing competitions.

Tucker Cudmore of Otte Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent and Kit Cudmore of Fort Calhoun, NE. Tucker is an active Boy Scout and is currently working toward Eagle rank. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and a past participant and new staff member for BSA's National Youth Leadership Training Camp. Tucker was recognized as Student of the Month during his seventh-grade year, received the 2017 Outstanding Junior Sailor award from the Lake Manawa Sailing Association,

has been honored with a Serra Club medal, and was awarded an Abbot Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Dominic Cyr of Christ the King School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Amanda Klapperich of Omaha, NE. Dominic received an Altar Serving Award the past two years for being a responsible and faithful servant of God. He was also the recipient of the Mount Michael Booster Club Scholarship.

Raoul Djidjoho of St. Mary's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre and Alougba Nicole Djidjoho of La Vista, NE.

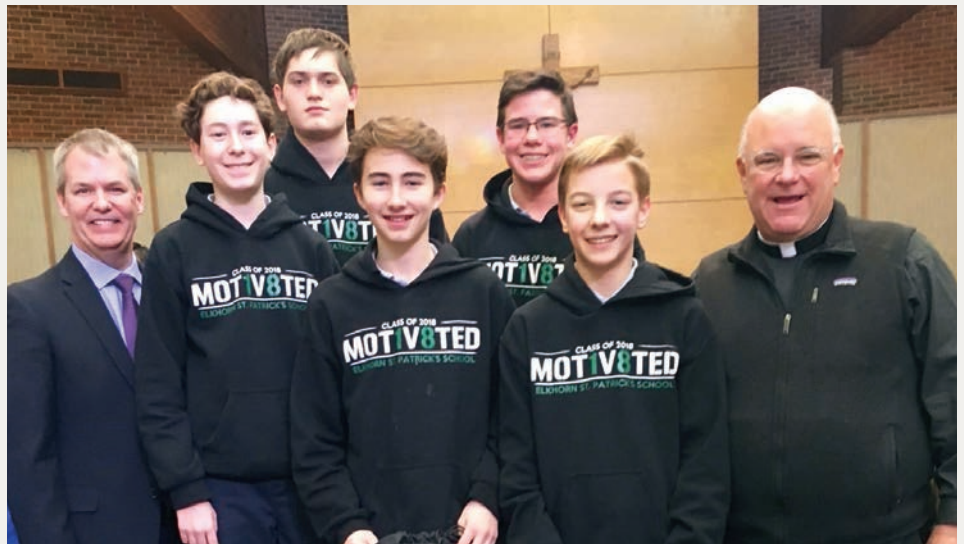
David Drews of Christ the King School, son of Mr. Dennis Drews and Ms. Karen Drews Wells of Omaha, NE. David was a Duke TIP National ACT Award Winner and a UNL Duke TIP Scholarship winner. He enjoys football and basketball. David was awarded the Abbot Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Colin Eich of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Melanie Eich of Omaha, NE. Colin was awarded the St. Benedict Scholarship from Mount Michael.



Jack Pritchard '07 and Brendan Farrell

Brendan Farrell of St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, son of Ms. Christine Neuharth of Omaha, NE. Brendan received First honors every semester in middle school at St. Wenceslaus. Brendan also received the St. Raphael Scholarship from Mount Michael.



Dr. Peters, Connor Size, Jagger Hastings, Jurgen Beller, Colin Eich, Max Vossen and Fr. Tom Fangman

Marc Fayad of Christ the King School, son of Drs. Pierre and Maya Fayad of Omaha, NE. Marc was awarded the Saint John Berchmans Altar Server Scholarship during his seventh-grade year at Christ the King. Marc was also awarded a Presidential Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Landen Fogle of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben and Liz Fogle of Omaha, NE. Landen was awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence and High Honors during his eighth-grade year. Landen received awards for competing in science and mathematical Olympiad. Landen also received multiple awards for percussion.

Grant Foster of St. Thomas More Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Mandi Foster of Omaha, NE. Grant was selected for the Rotary Club and was awarded a medal from Serra Club. He was part of the CYO All-Star Basketball Team. Grant was awarded three scholarships from St. Thomas More, including Sportsman of the Year.

Aiden Frazier of St. Augustine Indian Mission School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Teresa Frazier of Walthill, NE. Aiden won third place in the Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Commission Art Contest, and first place in a St. Augustine Art Contest. He was part of a tournament-winning

basketball team, and his junior high basketball team was undefeated in the 2017-2018 season. Aiden graduated eighth grade at the top of his class and was top in the eighth grade computer math program. Aiden was named St. Augustine Runner of the Year for 2018.

Peter Gates of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie and Kim Gates of Omaha, NE. Peter was awarded a medal for the Serra Club Altar Server Award. Peter also received the St. Raphael Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Benjamin Gathje of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. John and Melissa Gathje of Omaha, NE. Benjamin was a Core Team member for Saint Patrick's Youth Group. He received the Serra Club Altar Server Award.

Jack Giitter of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Dr. Michael and Mrs. Tami Giitter of Omaha, NE. Jack achieved the rank of first degree black belt in taekwondo. He was awarded a fifth-place medal in the Geographic Information team competition at the 2018 Nebraska Science Olympiad and qualified for the 2018 U. S. Geography Olympiad National Championships. Jack was also the 2018 History Bee eighth grade regional champion and was a quarterfinalist at the 2018 National History Bee in Atlanta, Georgia.

Keegan Gress of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Ann Gress of Omaha, NE. Keegan won the 2017 Leadership Award and the 2018 Spiritual Award at St. Stephen the Martyr.

Dillon Haliburton of Buffet Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derrick and Carolyn Haliburton of Omaha, NE.

Andrew Hartin of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Polly Hartin of Elkhorn, NE. Andrew was awarded the Presidential Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Jagger Hastings of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. David and Lindsay Hastings of Waterloo, NE. Jagger received the Benedictine Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Charles Janecek of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Kerry Janecek of Omaha, NE. Charlie was a member of the Honor Roll at St. Vincent de Paul. He has studied piano for the past six years and has served his parish as an altar server. He has attained the rank of Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 99, where he has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Historian.

Matthew Janecek of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Kerry Janecek of Omaha, NE. Matthew was awarded the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement and was a member of the Honor Roll. He currently

holds the rank of Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 99, where he has served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. He has served his parish as an altar server and has been a piano student for six years.

Xavier Johansen of Christ the King School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Akemi Johansen of Omaha, NE. Xavier is a two-time geography bee class champion and a gold medalist in swimming. He also won the Christ the King Chili Cook-Off.

Eric Kaps of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron and Darci Kaps of Omaha, NE. Eric was awarded the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul Award and the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. Eric achieved Honor Roll all four quarters of 8th grade. Eric was also awarded the St. Michael Scholarship and a Mount Michael Booster Club Scholarship. Eric qualified for the regional and national History Bee.

Hyun Sung Kim of Younghoon International Middle School, son of Mr. Jong Won Kim and Mrs. Hyea Ryeon Choi of Seoul, South Korea.

Michael Kult of St. Pius X/St. Leo Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Kristin Kult of Omaha, NE. Michael is a black belt in Taekwondo, plays for the Elkhorn Soccer Club on the 2003 Under-15 Ajax team and was a Camp Mount Michael Warrior. Michael received the St. Michael Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Kuon Kuon of Papillion Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miyong and Nyajuok Kuon of Omaha, NE. Kuon has won numerous awards, including winning a basketball tournament with the OSA under-14 team. Kuon was always one of the highest-learning students at his middle school.

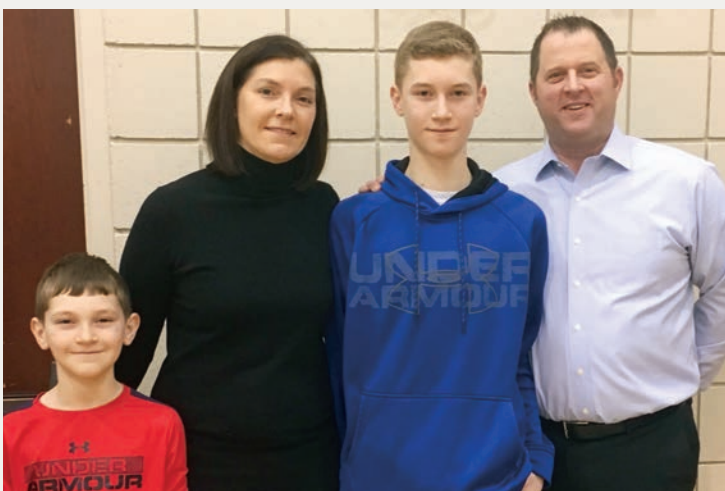
Bradán Leahy of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. David and Christina Leahy of Elkhorn, NE.

Andrew Lee of Younghoon International Middle School, son of Mr. James Lee and Mrs. Eun Young Choi of Seoul, South Korea.

Haitao Liu of Xi'an Aizhi Middle School, son of Mr. Jianji Liu and Mrs. Hu Mei of Xi'an Shaanxi China. Haitao was awarded the "Progressive Student" and "Merit Student" awards several times during middle school. He attended Jordan's Training Camp in 2016 where his team won second place.

Sam Lund of Christ the King School, son of Mr. Jay Lund and Ms. Jackie Conway of Omaha, NE. Sam was involved in many teams in middle school, including Book Bowl, Bible Bowl, Science Olympiad, basketball, and soccer. He was a 2018-2019 Heartland Family Service Student League member and made the Honor Roll. Sam received the Abbot Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Yu Fan Ma, son of Mr. Zhi Feng Ma and Mrs. Hui Li Duan of TazYuan Shanxi China.



Peter Gates and family



Luke Wooten and family

William Mallisee of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Stephanie Mallisee of Omaha, NE. Will was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Book Bowl, Science Team, Math Counts Team, and was on the honor roll in eighth grade. He participated in the all PAL Spelling Bee in seventh grade. In sports, Will was part of the Junior Knights and the St. Vincent de Paul basketball teams, part of the tennis team for four years, and captain of the St. Vincent de Paul track team in eighth grade. Will was awarded a St. Michael Scholarship.

Daniel Mondy of All Saints Catholic School, son of Mr. Jino Mondy and Mrs. Suzan Deyi of Bellevue, NE.

Michael Mullin of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Lori Mullin of Omaha, NE. In seventh grade, Michael received Grand Recognition for his performance on the ACT as part of the Duke TIP program. Michael was proud to win the Archdiocesan Math Competition for the past three years and was honored to be part of the 4-person team representing the state of Nebraska as a national finalist in the Raytheon MATHCOUNTS Competition series in Washington, D.C. his eighth-grade year. Michael was awarded the Abbot Scholarship from Mount Michael and the St. Vincent de Paul Family Guild Scholarship.

Ethan Pentel of Archbishop Bergan Middle School, son of Dr. Adam and Mrs. Kerri Pentel of Fremont, NE. Ethan was a Life Scout for Boy Scouts troop 109. He was an All "A" Honor Roll student and a member of 2016-12A Nebraska State Baseball champion team. Ethan participated in student congress, chess team, band, and the theatre program at Archbishop Bergan.

Thomas Recker of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, son of Dr. Bob '84 and Mrs. Beth Recker of Omaha, NE. Thomas was awarded First Honors during seventh and eighth grade. He earned first place for his science fair project, participated on an award-winning Quiz Bowl team, and was selected to present his artwork in the Holocaust Survivor Art Contest. Thomas performed numerous award-winning speeches in Duet Acting,

Poetry, and Humorous Interpretation, and served as Vice President of his Student Council.

Bernard Rempe of Mary Our Queen School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Shelley Rempe. Ben received The Spirit of John Paul II award during his eighth-grade year. He was accepted into the Duke TIP programs and received a high score on the ACT. Ben was awarded the St. Benedict Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Colin Robb of Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Torrey and Denise Robb of North Wales, PA. Colin previously volunteered at Fontenelle Forest and Grief's Journey, formerly known as Ted. E. Bear Hollow.

Ethan Roepke of Christ the King School, son of Mr. and Mrs. John and Kim Roepke of Omaha, NE. Ethan was an altar server for four years. He was a leader on his basketball and soccer teams at Christ the King and won a Presidential Fitness Award. Ethan was part of the second-place Junior Knights basketball black team.

Hazem Sarmin of All Saints Catholic School, son of Ms. Hessnia (Mary) Laragia of Omaha, NE. Hazem participated in drama and played on the All Saints basketball team. He was baptized this year at Saint Francis Cabrini Catholic Church.

Callan Schroder of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Maree Schroder of Omaha, NE. Callan was recognized with the Serra Club of Omaha Alter Server Award, President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, First Honors Award, Vocations Essay Award, and Duke TIP Award. He is a Life Scout and was recently nominated for the All State Showcase USSSA Baseball. Callan was also awarded the St. Benedict Scholarship from Mount Michael and the Knights of Columbus Scholarship from St. Vincent de Paul.

Mark Schroll of St. Robert Bellarmine School, son of Mr. And Mrs. Leland and Kristie Schroll of Omaha, NE. Mark was awarded the Serra Club Altar Server



Ben Rempe and family

Award and recognized as an honor roll student at the end of his eighth-grade year. He is a Life Scout currently working toward his Eagle Rank. Mark was awarded the Msgr. Eugene Kerwin Scholarship from St. Robert Bellarmine.

Akilan Sivakumar of Saint Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. Rathinavelmani Sivakumar and Mrs. Shanthi Thangavel of Omaha, NE. Akilan received a second degree L2 Black Belt in taekwondo. Akilan also received a 24 on the ACT as part of the Duke TIP program. Akilan was awarded the Abbot Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Connor Size of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. John and Angie Size of Omaha, NE. Connor's middle school robotics team won Tournament Champions and an award for design. The team participated in the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Regional and the U. S. Open tournaments. Connor was accepted into the Duke TIP Program based on his ACT score and was awarded the Knight Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Andrew Skaggs of Blessed Sacrament Center, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Ann Marie Skaggs of Sioux City, IA. Andrew was part of the Quiz Bowl team and participated in the Math Bee. He plays basketball, soccer, and ran cross country this year. Andrew also played trumpet in the school band.

Andrew Strunc of Christ the King School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Janine Strunc of Omaha, NE. At Christ the King, Andrew was awarded the St. Dominic Savio Scholarship. An avid Boy Scout, Andrew earned the Ad Altare Dei Badge and is on course to become an Eagle Scout. Andrew volunteers at the homeless shelter and is very active in his Catholic faith.

Sawyer Thompson of Elkhorn Valley View Middle School, son of Dr. Mike and Mrs. Michelle Thompson of Elkhorn, NE. Sawyer was awarded First Honors all eight semesters of Middle School. He has been on two mission trips to Kansas City, MO and to Colorado Springs, CO with his church. Sawyer was awarded the Presidential Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Wyatt Torczon of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Sarah Torczon of Omaha, NE. Wyatt received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and made First and Second Honors during his eighth-grade year at St. Vincent de Paul. He placed second in the Individual Algebra division of the 2018 Archdiocesan Math Contest. Wyatt was awarded the St. Benedict Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Max Vossen of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin and Nicole Vossen of Omaha, NE. Max received state recognition for his performance on the ACT as part of the Duke TIP Program in seventh grade

and maintained a 4.0 average each year at St. Patrick's. Max was named captain of his football team, and he received the St. Raphael Scholarship to Mount Michael.

Wyatt Walters of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Mr. Matt and Dr. Paula Walters. Wyatt scored a 20 on the ACT as part of the Duke TIP program. He was elected Student Council President and was a member of the Pius Quiz Bowl team that won the Brownell Talbot Tournament. Wyatt was awarded a St. Michael Scholarship from Mount Michael.

Christopher Wolf of St. Patrick's Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris and Mary Wolf of Omaha, NE.

Luke Wooten of St. Columbkille Catholic School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave and Teresa Wooten of Papillion, NE. Luke is active in scouting and is currently a Star Scout. He was awarded the NBZ for Mid-America Council. Luke earned the Lion's Club Young Leaders in Service Award in 2016 and 2017. He has been on the honor roll and received the St. Michael Scholarship to Mount Michael.

Joon Ho Yoon of Yongmoon Middle School, son of Mr. Jaehong Yoon and Mrs. Mi Jeong Park of Busan, South Korea. Joon was awarded a medal from the Scientific Research Presentation Competition held in Yongmoon Middle School.

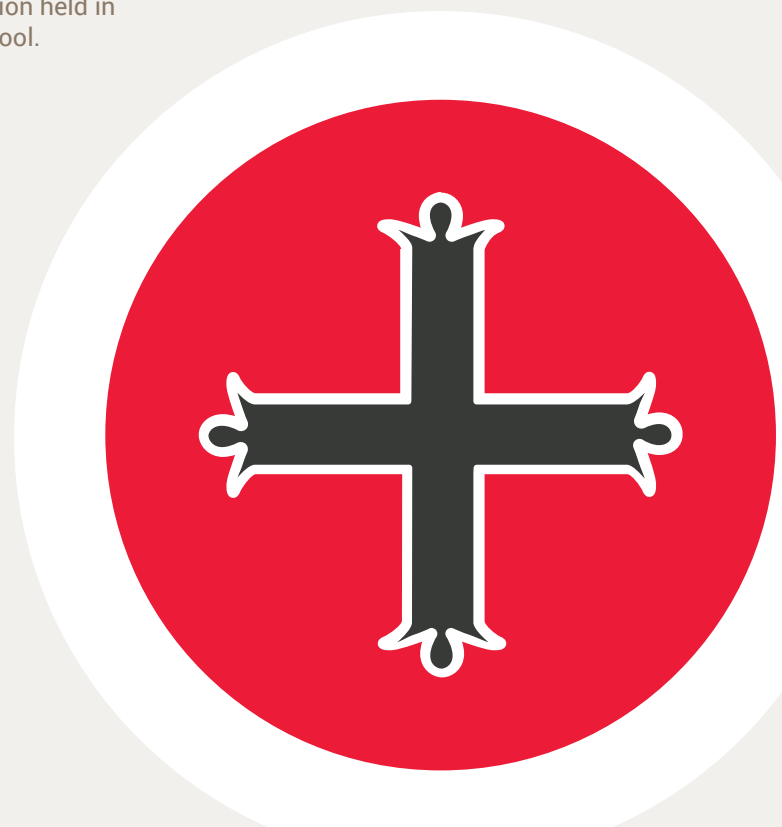
Bangjian Zeng of The Experimental High School attached to Beijing Normal University, son of Mr. Ming Zeng and Mrs. Ying Chen of Beijing, China. Bangjian was awarded a Second Award in junior high school for the city-level Applied Physics Knowledge Competition in 2018. He was also awarded a Second Award in the district-level Beijing Xicheng Photography Competition in 2016 and an Excellent Award in the 2015 National Geographic Photography Competition.

Turner Zetterman of Alice Buffet Magnet Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin and Julie Zetterman of Omaha, NE. Turner was an avid basketball and lacrosse player and bowler. He qualified to take the ACT as part of the Duke TIP program. He was a spelling bee finalist and finished eighth grade cum laude.

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Michael Kult, Wyatt Walters and Dr. Peters





Alumni News



2018 ALUMNI CROSS COUNTRY MEET



Jacob Idra '18 was recently recognized as an outstanding Alumnus of the Omaha's Children's Scholarship Fund.



Marty Anderson '12 has been accepted into the Postulancy of St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS



Rob Stark '83 was ordained a deacon in the Archdiocese of Des Moines.



Daniel J Beninato, DDS '91 worked with Heart Ministry Center to set up a dental clinic here in Omaha to assist those who otherwise could not afford quality dental care. Premier Dental

also proudly participates in Dentistry from the Heart, an annual day of free dental care for the less fortunate.



Jacob E. Connealy '11 is a seminarian for archdiocese of Omaha. He is Pre Theology at Kenrick-Glennen in St. Louis.



Ed Glotzbach '66 (left) is the president of Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, which hosted the PGA Championship Aug 9–12, 2018. Ed was featured in an article by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch along with the Gateway PGA Reach Foundation for their philanthropic contributions to fund programs aimed at youth, veterans, diversity and inclusion, mostly targeted for North St. Louis. Ed and his wife Julie will also be the Guests of Honor for our 2019 Night of Knights (Knights On The Fairway; Going For The Green).



Jeremy Fitzpatrick, MM '90 an attorney at Kutak Rock, was awarded "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers 2019.



Paul Hottovy '07 is starting his candidate year studying to be a Salesian priest in Orange, New Jersey.



Nicholas Hall '07 was recently named Alumni President of Mount Michael Benedictine Alumni Association.

Chase Goddard '15 was named President of the Newman Center at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology



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