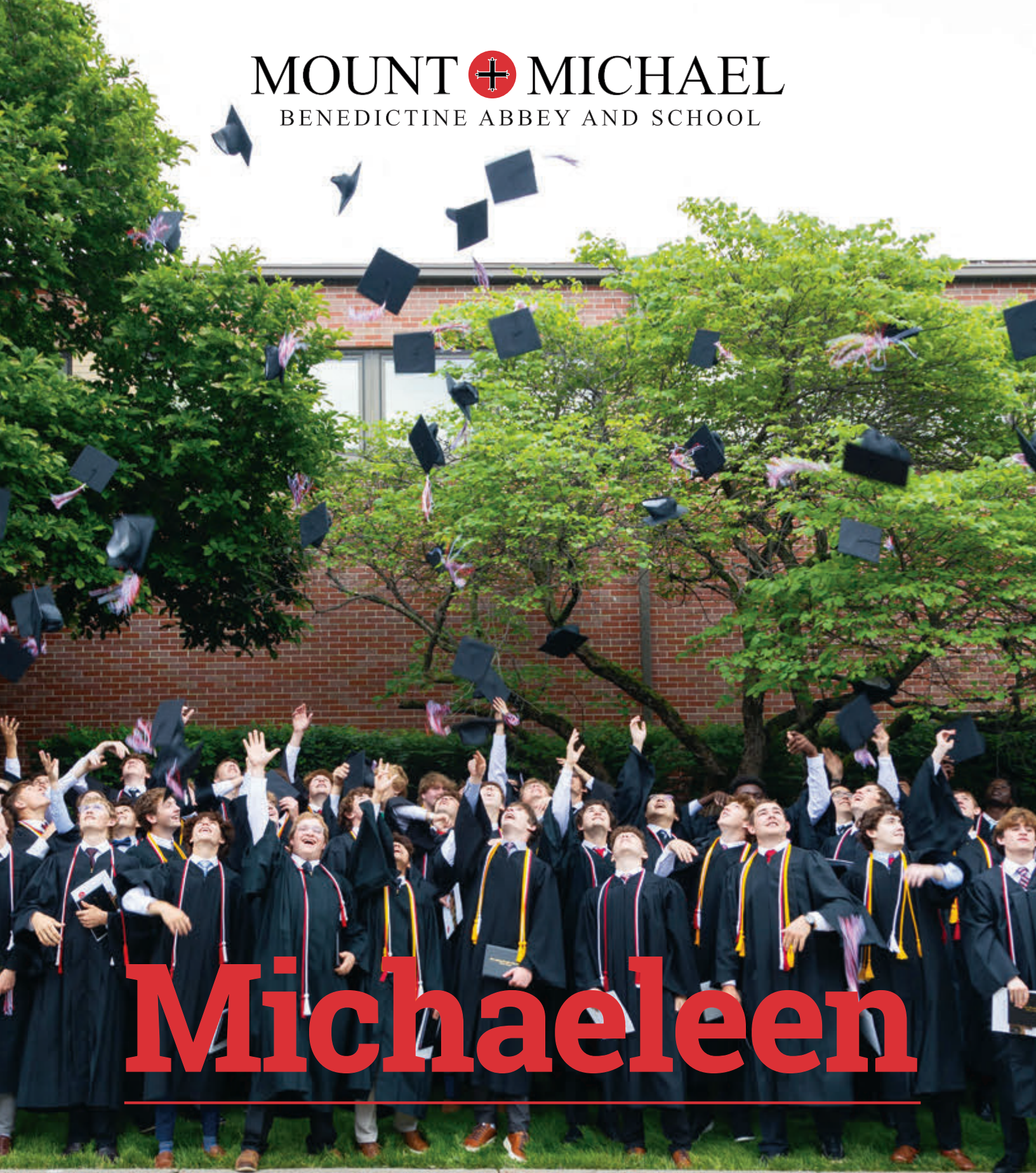


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Letter from the Abbot

Br James Pope, a monk of Mount Michael who died in 2020, had a wry observation about the school year. He would say, "It is like a roller coaster. It has lots of up and downs, thrills, and chills... Only you cannot get off for nine months." Sometimes life feels like that also. There are moments of exhilaration. There are moments difficult to endure. Because the death of Br James came at the height of the Covid pandemic, his only surviving brother Michael was not able to come to his funeral. He finally was able to pay respects at his brother's graveside in late May. It was a pleasure to have him join us for a few days, even though the occasion was marked with a tinge of sadness.

On a personal note, my brother Gus died in May of this year. Because Gus was just a bit over a year younger than I am, I do not remember a day without him in my life. We did everything together. We played checkers, chess, cribbage, Monopoly, and a dozen other board games. We played baseball. We went hunting and fishing. We were altar servers at St Joseph Parish. We rode bicycles all over town. We played tennis together. You would be amazed how high into the air Gus could make a T2000 tennis racket bounce when he was disgusted with a shot. I was older, but he was usually better at everything. I could not begin to touch him on the golf course. He could play the piano and the guitar. I could play the radio. He was charming, witty, and personable. If you look at his graduation picture, he looks like a movie star. I look like a geek. Like me, Gus considered the priesthood. But he eventually married and had two wonderful children, Crystal, and Mike. His death was a low point on the coaster ride for me. The many wonderful memories remind me though that there were far more high points.

It is surely the case that religious life seems a coaster ride of late. In 1965, my freshman year at St John Seminary (the precursor to Mount Michael Benedictine), there were 58,632 Catholic priests in the United States. In 2024, that number stands at 34,344. According to the Ordo of the Swiss American congregation, in 1965 there 1004 monks in the Benedictine monasteries of the congregation. (There are other congregations of Benedictine monks.) In 2024, the number stands at 417. No Catholic needs to be quoted statistics to know that sixty years on from 1965, Catholicism inhabits a different world.

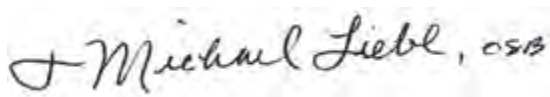
Through the centuries Christianity has been swept along by tides of change. For those who enjoyed the flourishing of the Catholic Church in the post-World War II era, the present experience might seem disheartening. It is easy to be swept along by the ebb and flow of cultural, social, and religious trends. But I suspect it is important to remember that the present moment is just a different point on the coaster ride. In a way, with fewer numbers we are afforded more opportunities to reflect the love of Christ in the world.

Every year at the close of the school year, the monastic community has a retreat. This year we had the good fortune to have Fr Konrad Schaefer as retreat master. Fr Konrad has spent many years serving at monasteries in Mexico and central America. Fr Konrad spoke about the psalms, woven into the fabric of our monastic prayer life. He began with the first line of Psalm 127, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." The line resonates with Chapter 7 from the gospel of Matthew:

²⁴ Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

By the end of this summer, I will have traveled through Greece and the islands of the Aegean, tracing many places the Apostle Paul brought the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus. For those on the pilgrimage, I suspect it will be a high point on their personal coaster ride. St Paul writes to the Corinthians – Corinth is one of our stopping points – “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” We hope that our efforts as a religious community are built on a solid foundation. We give ourselves to the work of the Lord. We trust that our efforts are not in vain. We hold to the rock of Christ in every storm, knowing that with firm footing, we cannot be swept away by the tides of change.

Perhaps no matter where each one of us happens to be on our personal roller coaster ride, it is well to recall Psalm 90. The psalm was fashioned into a lovely song by Janet Sullivan Whitaker with these lyrics which offer the psalmist’s enduring reassurance. “In every age, O God, you have been our refuge. In every age, O God, you have been our hope.”



2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

**FOOTBALL HOME
OPENER AND TAILGATE**
SEPT 6

FALL FESTIVAL
SEPT 15

KNIGHTS IN MINNEAPOLIS
SEPT 22

GRANDPARENTS MASS
OCT 4

KNIGHTS IN CHICAGO
OCT 19

KNIGHTS IN MILWAUKEE
OCT 20

KNIGHTS IN COLORADO
NOV 8-9

HALL OF FAME
NOV 19



HEAD OF SCHOOL :

David J. Peters, Ed.D

The class of 2024 graduated on Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m.
I would like to note some of the achievements of this class.

The Mount Michael Benedictine School class of 2024 had 63 graduates.

The average ACT test score for this class was

27

Rocco Zimmerman had a perfect ACT score of 36.

2 NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

Nick Halpin and Rocco Zimmerman

2 COMMENDED STUDENTS

Ryan Saxby and Thaden Wewel

The 63 boys of the class of 2024 will be attending 28 different colleges/universities.

The class of 2024 earned over \$11 million dollars in scholarships.

They will be attending school in 16 different states.

Our valedictorian was **Rocco Zimmerman**; salutatorian was **Nick Halpin**

Mr. Mount Michael award went to **Rocco Zimmerman**

Athlete of the Year award went to **Thaden Wewel**

Rotary Club Senior Student of the Year was **Ricky Kmiecik**

The following became Oblates of St. Benedict: **Nick Coldiron, Carter Pearson, Leo Ramsey, Joseph Trautman, Tiet Yual, and Rocco Zimmerman**

OWH Key Staffer was **Zach Wooten**

OTHER RECOGNITIONS:

Academic Decathlon State Championship Senior team members:

Henry L'Heureux, Josh Palmer and Rocco Zimmerman.

Journalism State finalists:

Sam Schwartz

(1st/state champion in Photo Illustration)

Matthew Adam

(8th in Headline Writing)

Ashton Schroder

(7th in Headline Writing)

The tennis team finished as state runner-up. Senior **Owen Stricklett** was a varsity member.

Swimming: **Aiden Farrell** NISCA Academic All American

Bowling: **Thaden Wewel** was state runner-up in Class B.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE AWARD

FOOTBALL:

Austin Danahay and Nick Halpin

BASKETBALL:

Jack Skahan

BASEBALL:

Ashton Schroder and

Rocco Zimmerman

MUSIC:

Luke Albers and Josh Palmer

SOCCER:

Luke Albers

BOWLING:

Callaway Deffenbaugh and

Thaden Wewel

TRACK AND FIELD:

Finn Murphy and Jacob Vandenack

SPEECH:

Antonio Stanco and Henry Stanek

JOURNALISM:

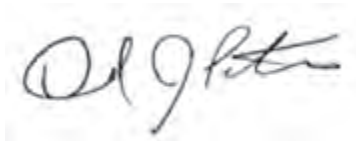
Zach Wooten

The class of 2024 will be attending the following colleges and universities:

Benedictine College
Concordia University-Nebraska
Creighton University
Dakota Wesleyan University
Doane University
Drake University
Florida State University
Gonzaga University
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Marquette University
Metropolitan Community College
Midland University
New York University
Saint Louis University
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
South Dakota State University
Southern Methodist University
University of Arkansas
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Kansas
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nebraska-Omaha
University of Notre Dame
William Penn University
Xavier University

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer. Thank you for your continued support of Mount Michael Benedictine School. God bless you all.

Take care,



David J. Peters, Ed.D
Head of School



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NEW DIRECTOR OF **ENROLLMENT**

We are thrilled to introduce Tim Carlson '10 as our new Director of Enrollment! Tim brings a wealth of experience and a passion for youth development to our team.

After a successful career in business development and corporate sales following his collegiate baseball days, Tim discovered his true calling: working with young people to foster their growth and potential. His recent roles as Athletic Director at St. Vincent de Paul and as a key team member at Madonna School have further honed his skills in mentorship and leadership.

Tim's approach is rooted in the belief that strong relationships and exceptional service are paramount. With over 8 years of combined business and educational experience, he is dedicated to ensuring that every student who walks through our doors has an experience that mirrors his own positive memories of Mount Michael.

In his own words, Tim expresses his deep connection to Mount Michael: "Returning to Mount Michael feels like coming home. My journey as a student here shaped not only my academic foundation but also instilled in me values of integrity, leadership, and community service. I am very grateful to Dr. Peters and the entire Mount Michael monastic community for this incredible opportunity. Now, as I step into this position, I am eager to contribute to the growth and success of future generations of Knights."

Please join us in welcoming Tim back to Mount Michael! We are excited to see the positive impact he will undoubtedly make in the lives of our students and in the future of our school.

Dear Mount Michael community,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of Enrollment at Mount Michael Benedictine School. As an alum, it feels wonderful to be back home, contributing to a place that holds a special place in my heart. I have fond memories of my time here as a student, and I am excited to help shape the future of this incredible institution.

This summer has been both busy and exciting. We kicked off our athletic camps with great success, providing young athletes with an opportunity to develop their skills. Our Camp Mount Michael also saw enthusiastic participation. This camp is designed to give younger students a taste of the Mount Michael experience. From hiking and archery to escape rooms and warball, campers engaged in a variety of fun experiences throughout the summer.

One of the highlights of my new role has been meeting so many members of the Mount Michael community. From current students and their families to alumni and staff, the shared passion for our school is palpable. Everyone I have met has a story to tell about how Mount Michael has impacted their lives, and it is these stories that I will share with prospective students and their families.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the plans we have for the upcoming school year. We are working on enhancing our recruitment strategies, reaching out to more families, and ensuring that every prospective student understands the value of a Mount Michael education. We are also exploring new ways to engage with our alumni, strengthening the bonds that connect our past, present, and future.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has welcomed me back to Mount Michael. Your support and dedication to our school is what makes it such a special place. I am honored to be part of this community and am committed to working tirelessly to ensure that Mount Michael continues to be a place of excellence, growth, and opportunity.

I look forward to the exciting journey ahead and to all that we will achieve together.

Tim Carlson '10
Director of Enrollment

HALL OF FAME



Rev. Daniel Hendrickson, S.J., PhD, '89

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Coach John Gathje

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

David Spenner '63

ALUMNI APPRECIATION AWARD

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

The Mount Michael Alumni Selection Committee selects an alumnus who embodies the core Benedictine values that Mount Michael instills in its students. The main consideration for this award is to recognize an individual who symbolizes what it means to be a Mount Michael Benedictine graduate. Hall of Fame members also include those who were Knighted into the Hall of Fame in coordination with the Annual Night of Knights.

THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Mount Michael Benedictine School Athletic Hall of Fame selects and gives lasting recognition to those individuals, teams, and coaches who have made exceptional contributions to the achievements and prestige of Mount Michael in the field of athletics and who have continued to demonstrate in their lives the values imparted by athletics. Those honored have contributed to the development of athletics at Mount Michael Benedictine School and its overall excellence. Teams, who by their record in their sport, have provided Mount Michael with an example of lasting leadership and success. The individuals and teams recognized must bring honor and a positive recognition to Mount Michael Benedictine School through their sport, their service to the community, and for serving as an excellent representative of all that it means to be a Knight. This Hall of Fame recognition will maintain spirit, pride, and sense of community as well as serving as a historical account of the great athletic tradition that is Mount Michael Benedictine School Athletics.

HALL OF FAME

NIGHT

The Mount Michael Alumni Association
invites you to our third annual
Alumni Hall of Fame Night

Nov. 19th, 2024 | The Relevant Center



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ALUMNI APPRECIATION AWARD

Established in 2021, this award is given annually to a former faculty/staff member or a friend of the Mount Michael Alumni Association that has had a positive impact on current students and/or alumni. This award is a symbol of the alumni association's appreciation for this individual's commitment to the Mount Michael community and their dedication to both past and present students.

2024 SENIOR PLANS



***Matthew Jacob Adam** is the son of Michael and Melissa Adam of Omaha. Matthew has received offers of admission from Benedictine University, Creighton University, University of Nebraska- Lincoln, and the University of St. Thomas. Matthew will attend Creighton University to study Exercise Science.

***Luke Steven Albers** is the son of Steven and Erin Albers of Valley. Luke has been accepted to Iowa State University, Kansas State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Luke plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Biology on a Pre-Med track.

Gianni William Anzalone is the son of Sebastiano and Amy Anzalone of Omaha. Gianni has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Gianni will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Construction Management.

Andrew Joseph Balch is the son of Eric and Jayne Balch of Elkhorn. Andrew has been accepted to Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Andrew will attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where he plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

***Alex Joseph Broderick** is the son of Tom Broderick of Elkhorn and Tracy Broderick of Omaha. Alex has been accepted to the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Alex will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Microbiology.

William Connor Bruggeman is the son of Nicholas and Lisa Bruggeman of Elkhorn. William has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. William plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Business.

***Andrew Paul Busenbark** is the son of Brian and Megan Busenbark of Valley. Andrew has received offers from admission from Indiana University-Bloomington, Ohio State University, University of Kansas, University of Mississippi, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Andrew plans to attend the University of Kansas to study Business.

***Nicholas James Coldiron** is the son of Eric and Emily Coldiron of Omaha. Nicholas has received offers of admission from Iowa State University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Nicholas will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Computer Engineering with a double minor in Computer Science and Business.

****Daniel Sawyer Collins** is the son of Charles and Kara Collins of Omaha. Daniel has been accepted to Benedictine University, Concordia University, Dakota Wesleyan University, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Daniel plans to attend Dakota Wesleyan University to study Biology while playing baseball.

Max John Coover is the son of John and Sharifa Coover of Omaha. Max has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Business Administration and Marketing.

***Austin Michael Danahay** is the son of Michael and Jill Danahay of Omaha. Austin has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Austin plans to attend Creighton University to study Biology.

***Callaway Richard Wittman Deffenbaugh** is the son of Mathew Deffenbaugh and Dimitria Wittman of Omaha. Callaway has received offers of admission from Kansas State University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Callaway will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Biological Systems Engineering.

Kume Gatkuoth Duop is the son of Nyachul Chan of Omaha. Kume has been accepted to Grand Canyon University, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and the



University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Kume plans to attend the University of Nebraska - Lincoln to study Business.

Ayden Francis Earl is the son of Timothy Earl and Angela Mancuso of Omaha. Ayden has received offers of admission from Concordia University, Iowa Western Community College, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Ayden plans to play baseball while attending Concordia University and is undecided on a major.

***Aidan James Farrell** is the son of Patrick Farrell of Omaha and Christine Neuharth of Omaha. Aidan has been accepted to Creighton University, Marquette University, University of Loyola-Chicago, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of St. Thomas. Aidan plans to attend Marquette University to study Biomedical Science.

Luke James Frohardt is the son of Eric and Lea Frohardt of Omaha. Luke has received offers of admission from Auburn University, Creighton University, University of Kansas, University of Mississippi, University of Montana, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Luke will attend the University of Mississippi to study Business.

***Andrew Rene Gates** is the son of Lonnie and Kimberly Gates of Omaha. Andrew has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Andrew will attend the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance.

***Gower Samuel-Thomas Gillispie** is the son of S.Douglas and Holly Gillespie of Omaha. Gower has been accepted to Clemson University, College of the Holy Cross, Creighton University, Iowa State University, University of Arkansas, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Gower plans to attend the University of Arkansas to study History with a Pre-law track.

***Adam Michael Glow** is the son of Richard and Kathleen Glow of Elkhorn. Adam has received offers of admission from Iowa State University, University of Indiana-Bloomington, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Adam plans to attend Iowa State University to study Business.

^+*Nicholas Richard Halpin is the son of Thomas and Mary Kay Halpin of Omaha. Nicholas has been accepted to Kansas State University, Marquette University, Purdue University, and the University of Notre Dame. Nicholas plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study Chemical Engineering.

Nathan Michael Hovey is the son of Michael and Carrie Hovey of Waterloo and Dawn Hovey of Omaha. Nathan has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Iowa, University of Kansas,

University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska- Omaha. Nathan plans to attend the University of Kansas and is undecided on a major.

***Richard Francis Kmiecik III** is the son of Rick and Sandy Kmiecik of Omaha. Richard has received offers of admission from Benedictine College and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Richard plans to attend Benedictine College to study Mechanical Engineering while playing baseball.

Ryan Anthony Kremer is the son of Tim and Rene Kremer of Elkhorn. Ryan has received offers of admission from Grand Canyon University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska- Omaha, and the University of South Dakota. Ryan will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is undecided on a major.

***Martin Emmanuel-Che Kuhn** is the son of Elmer and Ellen Kuhn of Omaha. Martin has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, University of Dallas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Martin plans to attend Creighton University to study International Studies with a minor in Spanish and an emphasis in Pre- Law.

Obadiah Brian Laa is the son of Aban and Jenty Laa of Omaha. Obadiah has received offers of admission from Creighton University, University of Arizona, Loyola University-Chicago, University of Kansas, University of Oregon, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Obadiah will attend Creighton University to study Finance.

Charles James Larsen is the son of John Larsen of Bellevue and Kathy Larsen of Papillion. Charles has been accepted to Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Charles will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Marketing.

***Henry Alexander L'Heureux** is the son of Brent and Katrina L'Heureux of Elkhorn. Henry has received offers of admission from Butler University, Purdue University, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Henry will attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to study Political Science.

MengYao Lin is the son of Zhi Yong Lin and Zi Xia Hu of Shanghai, China. MengYao has received offers of admission to New York University and Pennsylvania State University. MengYao will attend New York University where he plans to study Economics and Math.

Harrison Keith Long is the son of Dewayne Long and Heidi Heiss of Omaha. Harrison has received offers of admission from Point Loma Nazarene University, Southern Indiana University, Rider University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Harrison plans to attend Point Loma Nazarene University where he will study Business Management and Entrepreneurship.

***Micah John Lytle** is the son of Jason and Linda Lytle of Omaha. Micah has received offers of admission to Kansas State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Micah will attend South Dakota State University where he plans to study Interior Design.

Ian Terrance McGrane is the son of Daniel and Jill McGrane of Bennington. Ian has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is currently undecided on a major.

Connor Michael McLain is the son of George and Amy McLain of Elkhorn. Connor has been accepted to the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Connor will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Business.

***Jack Ryan McMahon** is the son of Timothy and Wendy McMahon of Valley. Jack has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Kansas State University, South Dakota State University, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of South Dakota. Jack plans to attend Kansas State University to study Biology.

William Edward Nihsen is the son of Dustin and Sarah Nihsen of Gretna. William has been accepted to Midland University, Montana State University, Southeast Community College, University of Wyoming, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. William plans to participate in Trapshooting while attending Midland University. William is currently undecided on a major.

Class of 2024 Accomplishments

The class of 2024 earned over 11 million dollars in scholarships.
They will be attending school in 16 different states.
57% of the Class of 2024 is staying in Nebraska.

***Joseph Patrick McNeil** is the son of Jeffrey and Kimberly McNeil of Omaha. Joseph has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Joseph will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha where he plans to study Aviation.

Jonathan Shalom Montour is the son of Jacob and Odile Godlewski of Omaha. Jonathan has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Grand Canyon University, Kansas State University, Northwest Missouri State University, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jonathan plans to attend Grand Canyon University to study Business.

***Finn Patrick Murphy** is the son of Daniel and Danielle Murphy of Omaha. Finn has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Loyola University-Chicago, Marquette University, University of Notre Dame, Texas Christian University, and Villanova University. Finn will attend the University of Notre Dame to study Political Science with an emphasis in Pre-Law.

Alexander Emilio Nieto is the son of Emilio and Paola Nieto of Des Moines. Alexander has been accepted to Iowa State University, Linden University, Milligan University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Alexander will attend Iowa State University to study Civil Engineering with a minor in Spanish.

Liam James Ostrander is the son of James Ostrander of Pompano Beach, Florida and Elizabeth Ostrander and Andrew Labs of Omaha. Liam has been accepted to Grand Canyon University, Northwest Missouri State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Liam plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is undecided on a major.

Glen Joshua Palmer is the son of Glen and Victoria Palmer of Omaha. Glen has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Gonzaga University, Loyola University-Chicago, Saint Louis University, Seattle University, University of Denver, University of Saint Thomas, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Glen will attend Gonzaga University where he plans to study International Studies.

Carter James Pearson is the son of Trevor and Shaina Pearson of Omaha. Carter has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Broadcast Journalism.

Leo Robert Ramsey is the son of Matthew and Kimberly Ramsey of Omaha. Leo has been accepted to Metropolitan Community College and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Leo will attend Metropolitan Community College and plans to study in the T-10 Toyota Master Mechanics Program.

***Sebastian Thomas Regan** is the son of Thomas and Obdulia Regan of

Elkhorn. Sebastian has received offers of admission from Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, Trinity University, University of Dallas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Sebastian plans to attend Southern Methodist University to study Economics.

John Robert Rogers is the son of Kirk Rogers of Omaha and Jack and Kimberly Marshall of Omaha. John has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Drake University, Loyola University- Chicago, Marquette University, St. Thomas University, Saint Louis University, and the University of Kansas. John will attend Saint Louis University where he plans to study Political Science with an emphasis on Pre-Law.

***Aiden Alexander Ronk** is the son of Gabriel and Janell Ronk of Gretna. Aiden has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Eckerd University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Xavier University. Aiden plans to attend Xavier University to study Biomedicine.

Zachary David Sall is the son of Craig and Molly Sall of Omaha. Zachary has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Alabama, and the University of Kansas. Zachary will attend Creighton University and plans to study Sports Marketing.

Nadir Dafaalla Nasrall Sarmin is the son of Dafaalla Sarmin and Hassania Lanraiga of Omaha. Nadir has received offers of admission from Nebraska Wesleyan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Nadir will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha to study Pre- Dentistry.

^~*Ryan Steven Saxby is the son of David Saxby of Omaha and Erin Saxby of Omaha. Ryan has received offers of admission from Cornell University, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and University of Nebraska-Omaha. Ryan will attend the University of Colorado- Boulder and plans to study Physics.

***Ashton Daniel Schroder** is the son of Andrew and Maree Schroder of Omaha. Ashton has been accepted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he plans to study Biochemistry.

***Samuel Eugene Schwartz** is the son of Travis and Meg Schwartz of Elkhorn. Samuel has received offers of admission from the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Samuel plans to attend the University of Kansas to study Marketing.

Noah Charles Seward is the son of Robert and Julie Seward of Bennington. Noah has received offers of admission from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Wichita State University, and William Penn University. Noah will attend William Penn University to study Business Administration while playing baseball.

***John Robert Skahan** is the son of Robert and Kathaleen Skahan of Bennington. John has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. John will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Accounting.

***Antonio Gabriele Stanco** is the son of Vincenzo and Anne Stanco of Omaha. Antonio has received offers of admission from Florida State University, University of Indiana, University of Iowa, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Antonio plans to attend Florida State University to study Information Communication Technology.

***Henry Thomas Stanek** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Amy Stanek of Omaha. Henry has received offers of admission from Doane University, Montana State University, Mount Marty University, South Dakota State University, University of St. Thomas, and the University of Sioux Falls. Henry will attend Creighton University to study Finance and Technology in Business Analytics.

Owen Michael Stricklett is the son of Ted and Rachel Stricklett of Omaha. Owen has been accepted to Creighton University, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Wyoming. Owen plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he will major in Business with an emphasis on Pre-Law.

Kale Joseph Sykora is the son of Dave and Helen Sykora of Omaha. Kale has been accepted to Benedictine College, Drake University, Grandview University, Northwest Missouri State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Kale will attend Drake University to study Journalism.

***Joseph Leo Trautman** is the son of Todd and Angela Trautman of Omaha. Joseph has received offers of admission from Benedictine College, Drake University, South Dakota State University, University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Joseph will attend South Dakota State University to study Exercise Science.

***Andrew Gregory Tselentis** is the son of Alex and Jenifer Tselentis of LaVista.

Andrew has been accepted to Kansas State University, Mount Marty University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, South Dakota State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and the University of South Dakota. Andrew will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Biology on a Pre-Med track.

***Jacob Laurence Vandenack** is the son of Joseph and Christine Vandenack of Yutan. Jacob has received offers of admission from Benedictine College, Nebraska Wesleyan University, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Washburn University. Jacob will attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to study Mechanical Engineering.

^~*Thaden John Wewel is the son of John and Lindsay Wewel of Elkhorn. Thaden has been accepted to Doane University, Rockhurst University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Thaden will attend Doane University to study Biochemistry while playing baseball.

***Zachariah John Wooten** is the son of David and Teresa Wooten of Papillion. Zachariah has been accepted to Creighton University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska- Omaha. Zachariah will attend Creighton University to study Pharmacy while participating in ROTC.

Tiet Jal Yual is the son of Peter Yual and Nyakuoth Chany of Omaha. Tiet has received offers of admission to Luther College, Kansas State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Tiet will attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha to study Accounting.

^+*Rocco Wilbur Zimmerman is the son of Robert and Kathleen Zimmerman of Elkhorn. Rocco has received offers of admission from Creighton University, Colorado School of Mines, Marquette University, Saint Louis University, The Catholic University of America, University of Texas-Dallas, University of Tulsa, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Rocco will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Biomedical Engineering.

(*) An asterisk beside a name signifies students who are members of the National Honor Society.

(+) Signifies a National Merit Finalist - Top .5% out of 1.5 million student test takers.

(~) Signifies a National Merit Commended Student – Top 5% of 1.5 million student test takers.

(^) Signifies a Recommended World Herald Scholar.



STUDENT NEWS

AWARDS NIGHT

At Awards Night, we honor the numerous achievements of our students throughout the school year. Congratulations to these outstanding young men!

MOUNT MICHAEL AWARD



This award is given to a senior student who excels in academics, extra-curricular activities, service and attitude. This person exemplifies everything that Mount Michael Benedictine is about, living our Benedictine Values. This year, **Rocco Zimmerman '24** was the recipient of the Mount Michael Award.

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Is given to the year's outstanding senior athlete who is selected by the head coaches of all of Mount Michael's sports programs. This year's recipient is **Thadenewel '24**.

CORE-LUETTEL SCHOLARSHIP



Ricky Kmiecik '24 was awarded the Core-Luettel Scholarship! This scholarship recognizes one of our Senior baseball players who throughout their Mount Michael Baseball career has demonstrated sportsmanship, leadership, and dedication to Knights Baseball.

This award is in memory of Merl Core and Dick Luettel, who were instrumental in the early years of the Legion program, especially in getting the lights installed on the field.

He was also honored as Omaha West Rotary Club's Outstanding Student Citizen!

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

The Academic Decathlon team traveled to Pittsburgh for the national competition. After intense preparation all year, the Knights finished third in their division! Congratulations to Mr. Cormier and the team!



BASEBALL - RUNNER UP

On May 17th, the Knights made history by achieving their highest-ever finish in the state tournament for the spring season, earning the title of Class C State Baseball runner-up. The championship game was a nail-biter, ending in heartbreak as Malcolm scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to win 3-2. Despite the loss, it was an incredible run for Mount Michael to reach the state championship. Congratulations to Coach Tom Swanson and his team for their remarkable achievement!



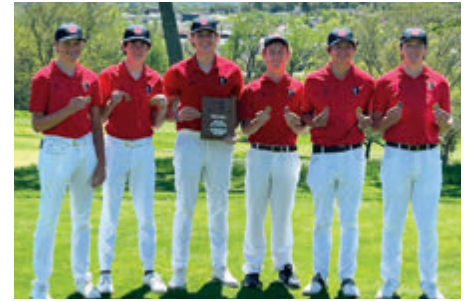
TRACK & FIELD STATE QUALIFIERS



Andrew Balch '24 - DISCUS
Jered Burke '26 - LONG JUMP
Jack Carda '25 - 800
Michael Rodgers '25 -
1600, 3200
Aaron Spanel '26 -
LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP
Jacob Vandenack '24 -
DISCUS, SHOT PUT

GOLF

River Cities Conference Champions:
Lawson Scheppers '26, Finn Mutchie '25, Stefano Anzalone '25, Ian Scott '25, Ben Weber '25, Cody Torczon '25



Mount Michael ESPY Awards

The Knights had a blast at the 2nd Annual Mount Michael ESPY Awards! The event showcased our incredible year in athletics and activities, with students leading the way in the voting process. Each award category featured 4 nominees selected by head coaches, and students made the final decisions. Nominated students prepared one-minute speeches, adding to the excitement.

Here are the award categories and descriptions:

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a first year (freshman, transfer, or first year playing sport) student-athlete who excelled in competition during their season

Linden Behney & Griffin Snyder

STUDENT-MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Assigned to one athletic team manager for their career and assistance to the coaching staff during practices and games

Zack Wooten

PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a specific individual performance during the season

Patrick Killeen & Noah Stricklett

TEAM OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a team's accomplishments during their season

Tennis

ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR

Recognizes an activity's accomplishments during the year

Academic Decathlon

YELL LEADER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a yell leader that showed consistency, sportsmanship, and team pride at games home and away

Andrew Tselentis

MOST IMPROVED

Athlete who displayed exemplary improvement at their respective sport

Jack Stanek

ACTIVITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Given to the most outstanding student involved in non-athletic activities

Rocco Zimmerman

BRICKLAYER

Recognizes a leader on and off the field during their time at Mount Michael

Ricky Kmiecik

MISSION & MINISTRY

By Amanda Schleimer

At Mount Michael Benedictine School, our five Benedictine values are the hallmarks of our tradition. Service, community, hospitality, moderation, and integrity line the arches as you walk into the D.J. Sokol building, they are prominent on the banners in the school hallways, they are the themes for which we begin our weekly chapel on Monday mornings. More than being five words which guide the life at Mount Michael they are meant to be the guiding values for our everyday lives. St. Benedict selected these values to be part of his Rule hundreds of years ago and today they remain a part of life not only for us here at Mount Michael, but for Benedictines around the world.



Since I began my role as Director of Mission and Ministry at Mount Michael in January, I have learned a lot about the Benedictine tradition and experienced countless tangible ways that the community of Mount Michael lives out our Benedictine values. From the way that students' welcome guests and prospective families to finding balance in schoolwork and extracurricular activities, it is clear that Benedictine values are engrained in everything that we do. As a new member of Mount Michael, community has been one of the values that stands out the most in the daily life of our school and abbey.

For St. Benedict, community is the place where the practice of charity is lived out on a daily basis, where God is encountered in the other, and where we find the way to salvation and eternal life. Through community, St. Benedict

tells us that we are drawn closer together as a family through service to one another and that we are drawn closer to God and heaven. This is a powerful statement, and it is one that Mount Michael does not take lightly.

At the end of April, the Elkhorn and Bennington communities were devastated by a tornado that just missed our school. As the students, faculty, staff, and parents of the Mount Michael community took shelter, our neighbors lost their homes, their personal possessions, and many of their sentimental treasures. As a community, Mount Michael was quick to respond to devastation and sought out opportunities to serve our neighbors.

Together, our entire student body, our faculty and staff, monks, parents, alumni, and board members came together to help with the tornado relief efforts. Our group



OBLATION

14 STUDENTS MADE THEIR OBLATION
AS OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT.



Nathan Bluvas, Gabriel Sus, Benjamin Weber, Quinn Wamsley, Brady Quinlivan, David Schmitz, Elijah Walters, Selwyn Vallente, Abbot Michael Liebl OSB, Augustine Vogel, Tennyson Kelsay, Brian Ostrander, Connor Smith, Oliver Sorensen, Michael Fayad.

3 GENERATIONS OF OBLATES



Brian Ostrander with his Great Grandmother Marian Lenz and his grandfather Brian Lenz '80.
(Mother and Brother of Fr. Dan)

Jacob Sykora '23 has started a
Mount Michael Oblate program at UNL and
Jack Svoboda is the first to make an oblation.



Abbot Michael, Jack Svoboda, Jacob Sykora '23.

of approximately 250 people were sent out to a neighboring farm to help collect debris left in the fields from the tornado. The farmers we worked with quickly acknowledged how helpful our hands were when they alone wouldn't have been able to clear all that was left behind in the wake of the devastation. What was powerful to me, as a new member of this community, is that Mount Michael wasn't doing this for recognition or affirmation. They were out there picking up debris for six hours because it was an opportunity to live out their Benedictine value of community. They saw that their community was in need, and they responded. Like St. Benedict stated, as a community we were able to practice charity, to encounter God in our neighbors, and to be drawn closer to heaven through our work. Our school didn't just make an impact on the clearing of debris, but they made an impact on the community.

For me, as someone new to Omaha, having grown up and spent most of my life on the East Coast, community was one of the main things I was looking for when it came to a place of work in a new city away from my family and friends. My husband Frank and I embarked on this journey not knowing who or what we would find. Somehow, God called me to the Mount Michael community. Before our move, I heard about the connectedness, care, and hospitality of people in Omaha. I wasn't prepared for what I had heard to not only be true, but to have found that the sense of community and belonging at Mount Michael is unmatched and unlike anywhere else. I am grateful for this community and to now be able to call it my own.

Community requires participation from all. It cannot depend only on one group of people, but rather takes everyone for true community to be lived out. This is what I have found at Mount Michael. Community is lived out by our students, faculty, staff, families, alumni, board members, and the greater Omaha community connected to Mount Michael. St. Benedict knew that community was a crucial part of the life of his monks and I am grateful that this value has carried on hundreds of years so that it too can be a critical part of the daily life at Mount Michael Benedictine School.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

JACOB IDRA '18

Written by Matthew Dugik '16

During my time at Mount Michael, I have been fortunate enough to share stories on some unbelievable and well-respected alumni and figures from The Mount – David (D.J) Sokol '99, Fr. Daniel Hendrickson '89, and Coach Jim “Killer” Kane to name a few. Today I get to share the story of one, in my opinion, the hardest working and most successful alumni of recent years, Jacob Idra '18.

Jacob comes from South Sudan and his family escaped the Second South Sudanese Civil War in the early 2000s and made the jump to the United States in 2004. Ultimately, Idra and his family landed in Omaha, Nebraska and Idra would enroll at All Saints in 2005. Moving to America, his parents had a vision that stretched beyond their current reality – for him and his six siblings to live out their dreams with no limits.

When it came time to choosing a high school, Idra chose to go to Mount Michael. A considerable influence in his decision to attend Mount Michael was the Dorsey Family (Ray '16 and Jordan '04), Mohammad Elradi '15, and Eric Crawford '00, Admissions Director at that time. “The Dorsey’s and Mo we’re like brothers to me, and they were really the ones to introduce me to Mount Michael.” On Crawford, Idra said that he admired the way that Crawford challenged him to see how Mount Michael Students pushed themselves to high expectation. “Greatness was expected, and that was what drew me to Mount Michael.” Idra would find a home in The Mount.

During his time at Mount Michael, Idra took part in basketball, tennis, golf, choir, Men Of Benedict and was a Eucharistic Minister.

Idra’s biggest influence while at Mount Michael was his history teacher and basketball coach, John Roshone '99. The thing that Idra admired about Roshone was that he always drove Idra to be the best he could be, first in the classroom and secondly on the court. “He helped me realize that life was like basketball. I began taking the disciplines I learned on the court and began applying

them to my life.” Roshone’s history class, along with so many alumni, was Idra’s favorite class while attending The Mount. “It was not a typical history class. Roshone had a way of putting history in story form. His approach to teaching made every day of class engaging and interesting, and I really appreciated that as a student.”

A favorite story that comes to mind for Idra was his freshman year while taking Fr. Richard Thell’s speech class. “There was one rule for Father’s class, and that rule was do not touch Father’s motorized chair!” Idra, feeling confident about the way the basketball year was going to go, made a bet with Fr Richard – Mount Michael makes it to state, I get to take his chair for a free ride. Later in the 2014-2015 year, The Knights would end up securing a bid to the NSAA 2014-2015 State Playoffs, and Fr. Richard was true to his word. “I remember seeing Fr. Richard on his motorized chair after we made it to state and the only thing I said to him was, ‘scoot on over!’”

Following his successful career at The Mount, Idra would go on to major in finance and minor in African American History at Creighton University. While studying at Creighton, Idra would return to Dean at Mount Michael for the 2021 and 2022 school years. I was fortunate enough to be able to dean next to Idra for the 2021 school year and can speak firsthand to the impact and work ethic that Idra instilled in the classes that he had the pleasure to dean over.

In 2019, Idra, along with a group of friends, had a vision to give underserved youth in the South Sudanese community a place to go where they could embrace their culture and receive mentorship and guidance. Idra currently serves as ROSS Leaders Founder and Executive Director. In their founding year, they began with just 20 students and have since served more than 500 co-ed students in six different cities across the United States.

What began as an idea to offer South Sudanese youth the opportunity for mentorship and guidance, has now grown to

the largest South Sudanese youth serving organization in the United States. Led by powerful programs under their four pillars: Academic Support, Health and Wellness, Career Exploration, and Cultural Engagement, ROSS Leaders aim to inspire inner city students to think big and achieve their goals. Idra quotes, "Youth in inner city America, especially minorities, see more than your typical college student or even adult by the time they reach their teenagers. That is just the reality of the America we live in. Since we have experienced many of those challenges ourselves, we view it as our responsibility to pave a better road for the next generation to go further than we have."



heritage. ROSS' immediate goal is to continue to be creative and innovative to ensure that every student within the organization has the resources and programs they need to reach their version of success. The goal is to learn what challenges the new students are facing and serve them best. "The challenges that my generation faced are not going to be the same challenges that our community will face in 30 years. I want to make sure that our leaders in ROSS remain thoughtful, creative, and openminded so we can continue to pave the way for those generations to be better off and more set up for success than we currently are."



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Notably, ROSS Leaders basketball program, known as SO Elite Basketball Training, creates pathways for student athletes to compete in regional and national camps as well as given South Sudanese student athletes the opportunity to connect with their roots and return home to South Sudan to connect with the youth there. "Over 70% of our population in South Sudan is under the age of 30, and we have a booming South Sudanese-American population in the US. So, ROSS serves as the platform where people in our diaspora community can stay connected with our people in South Sudan. We serve as the bridge between the opportunities here in the US and the possibilities that exist back home."

Speaking on the role that basketball plays in the South Sudanese community, Idra adds, "The game of basketball has played such a significant role in the lives of people in our community. Flip on any college basketball game, and you will see a South Sudanese player more times than not. In our organization alone, we have had over 50 students go play college athletics. That means a free education and an opportunity to choose a career that is going to feed your family and change the trajectory of your life's future forever. When you come from nothing, that is a big deal."

The heart of ROSS is their community, and the vision of ROSS is to create a platform for leaders to connect and build communities.

For the future, Idra envisions ROSS Leaders to serve as a community centered organization model that other African Immigrant communities can adapt to build their community in the United States while being connected to their respective

When asked what advice he would share for current students, Idra did not struggle to share his knowledge. "Understand that you are going to be a leader in some way shape or form – so start to practice it now. It can be in the form of leading a team in a group project, on a sports team, or even leading in your own family. As a leader, stick to your philosophies, be confident in them, be willing to learn, but do not back down. Use the Benedictine values as a base and continue to build from there."

I know I speak for so many when I say that I am constantly impressed and admire the work that Jacob has done and continues to do. Over the past 10 years, I have gotten to know Jacob and I can honestly say that I am blessed to call him a friend.

The thing I appreciate about Jacob is how easy it is to just talk with him. Me and Jacob can go two-three months without talking and when we do talk, it is like nothing has changed. His desire to get to know you on a personal level is something that cannot be taught. It just speaks to Idra's character. Ray Dorsey '16, sums it up best, "Jacob is one of a kind. For me, no matter how long it has been, when we connect whether in person or by phone, it is like no time has gone by. He has a knack for connecting with people and he always takes the time to really check in and ask deeper level questions on how I am."

I am honored to get to call Jacob a friend and I know that I can speak for everyone that has had the pleasure to get to know Jacob that he has become a shining spot for the entire Omaha community, and we cannot wait to see what he accomplishes next!



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Alumni News



Peter Kritenbrink '11 graduated with his MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.



Mike Roshone '01, Jacob Idra '18, and Mohammad Elradi '15 won the title of Omaha City Wide Sports Champions in basketball.



J.P. Jensen '19 won a car on The Price is Right playing Pocket Change.



Scott Lindgren, PE, '05 is the Electrical Design Chief for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District and was selected as the 2024 USACE

Electrical Engineer of the Year.



John Paul (JP) Haas, MD '98, has been named the Radiology Residency Program Director in the UNMC College of

Medicine. Dr. Haas is an Assistant Professor of Radiology, specializing in Musculoskeletal and Abdominal Imaging.



ALUMNI BASEBALL SPEAKERS

This baseball season, Coach Swanson and our alumni office have arranged for special guest speakers each week throughout the season to share their valuable insights and experiences with the team. Their inspiration has been instrumental in guiding our players through the season and continues to motivate them during the state tournament. We are incredibly grateful to these former players for generously giving their time and wisdom to inspire our student-athletes. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our program!



Brian Morrissey '84 has joined the law firm of Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P.



Peyton Rosenfels '20 announced that after recently graduating from the Loyola Marymount University, College of Business

Administration, he will be joining the Kitty Wallace Team as a Client Services Coordinator at Colliers in their Brentwood office (Los Angeles, CA).

Alumni News



Ian Kirwan '16 is starting a new position as a Sr. Corporate Accountant at BetaNXT in Milwaukee, WI.

GOLF CLASSIC

Over 200 alumni, family, and friends gathered on Friday, June 7th for the Annual Mount Michael Alumni Golf Classic at Stone Creek Golf Course. We are so grateful for the help of our alumni association, advancement staff, volunteers, and generous sponsors! Over \$70,000 was raised from this event and will help us continue funding student scholarships. Congratulations to the overall winners – Mike and Peggy Huss, **Zach Nelson '79** and **Mark Nelson '77**.



Steve Gass '79 started a new position as General Manager at Surfrider Insurance in Phoenix, AZ.



REUNION

On Saturday, June 8th, we had the joy of reuniting with our alumni at our annual reunion! It was wonderful to welcome them back to campus. We truly appreciate them traveling from all over. For those who couldn't attend, you were missed, and we hope to see you at our future reunions and events as we continue to grow our alumni community.



2019



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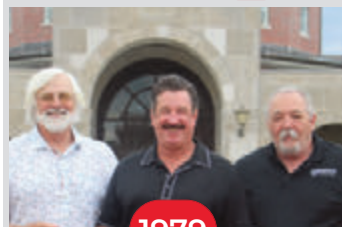
1999



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1984



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1969



1964

WEDDINGS



Curtis Farmer '13 married Kathryn Elliot on July 20th, 2024.



Corey Keegan '13 married Logan Stormberg on May 3rd, 2024.



Colton Starman '16 married Savannah Dannenberg on June 14th, 2024.



Calvin Benson '20 married Maggie Brandt on June 1st, 2024.



Josh Bloomquist '13 married Emmaline Sabin on April 20th, 2024.



If you would like to include an announcement in an upcoming issue of the Michaelen, please contact:

John Von Dollen '12

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Alumni News

BIRTHS



Ben Pape '13 and Erin welcomed their daughter, Charlotte Ruth Pape, on July 23rd, 2024.



Ian Thomas '12 and Christine welcomed their daughter, Cecilia Marie Thomas, on July 18th, 2024.



Clayton Taylor '11 and Keegan welcomed their son, Maddox John Taylor, on June 11th, 2024.



Wesley Clayton '99 and Alison welcomed their son, Aiden Arquero Clayton, on May 26th, 2024.



Cole Bunner '06 and Katie welcomed their son, Tatum Neil Bunner, on April 29th, 2024.



Dan Hassing '02 and Becca welcomed their son, George Andrew Hassing, on May 19th, 2024.



Jared Jamrog '14 and Laura welcomed their son, Jack Jeffrey Jamrog, on April 10th, 2024.



Michael Budler '13 and Madlena welcomed their daughter, Yeva Budler, on May 8th, 2024.



Evan Murray '12 and Sarah welcomed their son, Owen Michael Murray, on February 14th, 2024.



Mass Information

If you find that your pastor is unable to conveniently take care of Masses you wish to have celebrated for your particular intentions, Mount Michael Abbey welcomes the requests for such intentions. We will see to it that the Masses are celebrated as promptly as possible.

The offering you make should correspond with that suggested by the diocese in which you reside. Your pastor will be able to inform you of what the stipend of a particular diocese may be.

Mass Intentions: \$10.00

Please address such requests to:

**Mass Intentions
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Memorial & Tribute Information

Often, inquiries are made about our memorials and tributes for relatives and friends, living or deceased. At Mount Michael one can enroll families or friends in our memorial and tribute foundation. This consists of daily remembrance at the Eucharist and the Divine Office by the monks of Mount Michael Abbey. Upon enrollment, we will notify the family with a card.

The suggested offering for this memorial enrollment is:

INDIVIDUAL
 One Year \$50
 Five Years \$100
 Lifetime \$250

FAMILY
 One Year \$100
 Five Years \$200
 Lifetime \$500

Mark Anderson former student and brother of Rob Anderson, Jr. ('73)

Doras "Penny" Lewis mother of staff member Jim Lewis and grandmother of J.T. Lewis ('10)

Thomas Maliszewski uncle of Tom Maliszewski ('13)

Robert "Bob" Copple father of Justin ('98) and Brandon ('01) Copple

Carl August "Gus" Liebl brother of Abbot Michael

Karen Sall grandmother of Zachary ('24) and Connor ('27) Sall

Patrick Gottsch brother of Mickey Gottsch ('83)

Fr. Lawrence Francis Frankovich, O.F.M. friend of Fr. John Paul

Juanita Distefano mother of Bryan Distefano ('83)

Leroy Timmerman '66

Denis Walsh father of Stephen Walsh ('92)

Roxann "Roxie" Tucker aunt of Gary ('89) and Travis ('90) Smith

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John Peck grandfather of John Kelly ('26)

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