

Highlights from March 2018 to August 2018

FALL 2018

2018



# The Legacy

A Publication of the Christian Educational Foundation



**RIVET CLASS OF 2018**

23 GRADUATES, OFFERED \$612,958 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!



## A NOTE FROM THE CEF PRESIDENT



Here we are with our feet firmly planted in autumn with the new school year well underway. A lot has happened for CEF and the Vincennes Catholic Schools since we last met in the spring issue of The Legacy. A few of those happenings include a record setting Mega Bingo, the first ever Rivet Ladies Track Sectional Championship, the CEF Golf Outing, Rivet graduation, and Germanfest to name only a few. We are always and forever grateful for the many selfless volunteers who make our events possible... and of course for all of you who turn out to support our events. Whatever part you play in our success, we sincerely thank you! But most of all we thank God for His love and support; and especially the blessing of Catholic education in Vincennes.

There is always activity in the school buildings over summer break, but this year it came packaged as a major upgrade in security for both Flaget and Rivet. Principal Lori Wissel wrote a proposal through the state of Indiana requesting funding for additional security for the schools, and was awarded a matching grant! Often times these grants are very difficult to come by; even if you have a valid, well written request...so way to go Mrs. Wissel!! The majority of the physical work is finished (camera installation etc.), but there is still some fine tuning going on behind the scenes. Please, take a moment to say a big thank you to Mrs. Wissel for her hard work on this important project. As always, she's putting our students first!

Finally, I want to share the names of the current VCS Board representatives with you. I encourage you to share your ideas, concerns and suggestions by either attending a board meeting or reaching out to individual members. It is important that we continue working together to improve our schools and student outcomes.

Fr. Dave Fleck  
Dan Herman – President  
Mike Mouzin – Vice President  
Pam Andrews – Secretary  
Kelly Wehrheim – Treasurer  
Janice Jones – Rivet Principal

Lori Wissel – Flaget Principal  
Ashley Benson  
Nichole Carie  
Karen Halter  
Julie Marchino  
Mike Mills

I also encourage you to attend CEF meetings or reach out to our membership as well. When we work together...we can accomplish great things!! May God bless us all in the work of supporting our Vincennes Catholic Schools!!

Julie Marchino  
President  
Christian Educational Foundation



**FAST FACT:**  
Beth Roellgen was a 1973 State Qualifier in Low Hurdles with a time of 11.8.



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8:00-9:30am available by appt only

### CEF Meetings:

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm. **All are welcome to attend.** The office is located inside the "Old Catholic School" across the parking lot from Rivet. Come and join us in our support of our Vincennes Catholic Schools!



# Yocum Family

## ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED

The Christian Educational Foundation was recently notified that Mr. John J. Yocum, Jr. of Vincennes has established three very generous endowments to provide scholarships to Rivet and Flaget students in the future. Mr. Yocum established one of the endowments in his name; while naming two others in memory of his parents, and his sister and brother in law. His parents are the late John J. & Emma (Hamke) Yocum. His sister and brother in law are the late William & Rosemary (Yocum) Johns. Rosemary was a member of the Saint Rose Academy class of 1941.

We at CEF are very appreciative of Mr. Yocum's most generous and thoughtful gift! We look forward to assisting families of the Vincennes Catholic Schools in the future!



# WE NEED A BIG YELLOW BUS!!

Please don't forget that **FUNDRAISING IS ON** for a new or pre-owned big yellow school bus for the Vincennes Catholic Schools! The newest bus in our fleet is 15 years old!! The other two buses were purchased used and are even older at 17 and 25 years old. We are overdue for an upgrade! Please help! Gifts of any size are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! Please be sure to note "yellow bus fund" on your donation and make checks payable to Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Mail to:  
Vincennes Catholic Schools  
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Vincennes, IN 47591

For questions or more information, contact CEF at 812-882-5889. Thanks in advance for your support!!



## 2018 ACADEMIC TEAMS

Rivet Social Studies team finished 3rd at the State Competition at Purdue University on May 5, 2018. The team was coached by Mr. Joe Keller. Team members competing were Grant Freeman and Rahul Bajaj.



Rivet High School competed in the TEAMS competition at Rose Hulman on March 6, 2018. TEAMS stands for Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science. Rivet had one Junior Varsity team, which competed at the grade 9/10 level and two Varsity teams, which competed at the grade 11/12 level. All three teams were coached by Beverly Adams. Essay questions were completed by each team and submitted prior to the competition. The day of the competition each team of 8 students worked together for 90 minutes to solve 80 multiple choice questions focused on 8 engineering scenarios related to the annual competition theme. Then the teams had 75 minutes to complete a hands-on design challenge using designated material.

**Rivet's Junior Varsity team** consisted of (left to right) Kathryn Herman, Noah Donovan, April Tripp, Grant Freeman, Cedric Schleiss, Aaron Wyatt, Charlie Niehaus, and Drake Dunn. They finished 1st in Indiana in the Design Build and 2nd in the Nation in Design Build (out of 43 teams). They also finished 10th in the Nation in the Multiple Choice, and 23rd in Essay and Overall ranking in the Nation.

**Rivet's Varsity B team** consisted of row 1: Lexi Worland, Nicole Sterling, Megan Niehaus, Gracie Smith, Row 2: Cameron Lawless, Vince Atkinson, Faith Herman, and Luke Spurgeon. In the National Ranking, out of 84 teams: they finished 19th in Multiple Choice, 31st in Essay, 32nd in Design Build, and 56th overall.

**Rivet's Varsity A team** consisted of row 1: Isabel Miller, Savannah Cook, Katie Freeman, Susan Evans, Row 2: Rahul Bajaj, James Hancock, Grace Waggoner, and Rachel Black. In the National Ranking, out of 84 teams: they finished 13th in Multiple Choice, 12th in Essay, 6th in Design Build, and 10th overall. The team was 4.54 points away from qualifying for National Competition.



*Rivet JV Team*



*Rivet Varsity B Team*



*Rivet Varsity A Team*

# FINISH STRONG

Rivet High School was a Top 10 Overall Scorer Statewide in the Academic Superbowl competition. There were 126 schools competing in Class 4. The score was based on the cumulative score of English, Fine Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Interdisciplinary rounds at the April 17th State Qualifying meet.

Congratulations to the following students: Rahul Bajaj, Savannah Cook, Susan Evans, Grant Freeman, Katie Freeman, Caroline Herman, Faith Herman, Taylor Lammert, Isabel Miller, Colten Mouzin, Katie Niehaus, Megan Niehaus, Molly Niehaus, Cedric Schleiss, Gracie Smith, Grace Waggoner and coaches: Beverly Adams, Jill Herb, Joe Keller, Dave Weiss.



Rivet High School competed in the Academic Superbowl on April 17, 2018 at North Knox High School. Students work as a team to answer 25 multiple choice questions in time lengths of 20 to 40 seconds. Rivet competed in Division 4, which consisted of 9 schools.



*Social Studies Team*

Rivet's Social Studies team finished 1st. Team members were left to right Grant Freeman, Isabel Miller, Rahul Bajaj, Grace Waggoner. Coached by Mr. Joe Keller. The students scored high enough to qualify for the State Final Competition at Purdue University on May 5th. Only 5 schools out of the 65 in Division 4 move on to the State Finals.



*Math Team*

Rivet's Science team finished 2nd. Team members were left to right Grant Freeman, Grace Waggoner, Savannah Cook, Susan Evans. Coached by Mr. Dave Weiss.

Rivet's Math team tied for 2nd place. Due to tie breakers they finished 3rd. Team members were left to right Rahul Bajaj, Faith Herman, Megan Niehaus, Cedric Schleiss. Coached by Miss Beverly Adams.

Rivet's Interdisciplinary team tied for 2nd place. Due to tie breakers they finished 3rd. Team members were left to right Rahul Bajaj, Grace Waggoner, Grant Freeman, Taylor Lammert, Susan Evans.

*Science Team*



*Interdisciplinary Team*







## Catherine Ruppel Gifts Estate



*Catherine's family has been involved with the Vincennes Catholic Schools from 1929 to the present. Her family has attended Gibault, Central Catholic, St. Rose and Rivet with approximately 60 graduates and one current Sophomore.*

CEF received a wonderful surprise from Catherine Ruppel when we were notified shortly after her death in January of 2013, that she had named CEF to receive her entire estate, including her small family farm. Per Catherine's wishes, the farm was to be held for a period of five years after her passing and then be sold. Last March, the five years had elapsed, so the farm was auctioned off and CEF received the proceeds in May. This is believed to be the largest ever one-time gift in CEF's 47 year history.

Born and raised on the family farm at St. Thomas, south of Vincennes, Catherine spent her life there. Born in 1915, she was the youngest of 9 children. Educated at St. Thomas School, and then at St. Rose Academy, Catherine graduated in 1933. Her childhood was typical of that time, living a very modest life built around church, family and work. Hardship was common in those early days. Catherine's family grew much of their own food. They also raised cattle and chickens, for both food and income. Catherine and her brother George were the last two children at home, which meant working the farm together; planting and harvesting crops, caring for the animals and tending to all of the chores.

The depression and WWII left an indelible mark on Catherine. She learned by necessity that every penny counted and nothing was to be wasted. She scrimped, saved and did without most of her life, but Catherine blessed many others because of it. At the end of the year if she had extra money, she would donate it to the church, help family members or give it to charity.

Catherine found a passion in educating herself about the proper care of the land; which meant staying as close as possible to organic farming, using no synthetic chemicals that might harm the soil. She developed a true admiration for life in all forms and felt everyone should be guardians of the land and treat it with respect.

Passing away at the age of 97, Catherine was many things: farmer, environmentalist, homemaker, philanthropist and friend. She lived simply, and dedicated herself to faith, family, charity and the land. She was a "giver" in this life.

It is impossible to fully express our gratitude to Catherine for remembering CEF with this bountiful gift. We have undoubtedly lost a most true and generous friend. May God bless you abundantly Catherine for a life well lived!



# KELLER *to be honored*

Mr. Matthias "Matt" Keller graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1964. As he graduated, little did he know he would return to his alma mater to build a life-long career as an educator. Mr. Keller taught at the Vincennes Catholic Schools for 48.5 years in the science department. He also served the VCS as a bus driver. Keller retired in the summer of 2017, only to return to teaching part time for the 2017-18 school year. Now officially retired, our students were blessed to have Mr. Keller as their teacher.



We will honor Mr. Keller with a retirement reception on Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center in Vincennes. Everyone is invited to attend to celebrate, share memories and wish this life-long educator a healthy, happy retirement!

## UPCOMING CEF EVENTS:

- Mega Bingo—November 4, 2018
- Golf Scramble—May 10, 2019
- Germanfest—August 9 & 10, 2019
- Mega Bingo—March 3, 2019
- Rendezvous—May 25 & 26, 2019

## *Benefits of SGO Scholarship Program*

Indiana's Tax Credit Scholarship program or SGO was created as a way to help families get a financial boost, making it possible for them to send their children to a private school. Each year private donations are collected through the Institute for Quality Education (IQE) in the name of the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Those donations are then given as SGO Scholarships to those who qualify, enabling these students to attend Flaget or Rivet. Without this financial assistance, our schools may not otherwise be an option.

The IQE receives, manages and distributes these private donations as SGO Scholarships for our qualifying students at Vincennes Catholic Schools. In the 2017-18 school year, 30 families benefited from these scholarships, allowing parents to make the choice to send their children to the Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Each year, we must raise funds for these SGO Scholarships. Individuals and companies in Indiana are eligible to receive a state tax credit equal to fifty-percent (50%) of the amount donated. Since IQE is a 501c3, these donations are eligible for a federal tax deduction as well. Please consider making a donation today!

You may contact Rivet or Flaget if you have questions or need more information. Or to make a donation to the Institute for Quality Education for Vincennes Catholic Schools, please go to <http://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors> IQE can also answer questions or provide more information.





## Golf Outing 2018



*And a good time was had by all!*



**FAST FACT:** The Senior Class of 1978 was also the first graduating class from Rivet Junior High.





# 46TH ANNUAL GERMANFEST

Vincennes and the surrounding area recently celebrated the 46th Annual Germanfest! The idea for our Germanfest originated with Central Catholic graduate Ralph Ruppel. Ralph traveled many times to Germany and attended different festivals and celebrations. When he returned home he wanted to do something similar here and eventually a plan for a local party was hatched. Over the years, that party has morphed into the Germanfest we know today. This celebration should not be missed! It has become THE place for friends from near and far to gather! We encourage you to make plans now to attend the 47th Annual Germanfest on August 9 & 10, 2019!!





## Congratulations



This year the 2018 Mr. Ralph Holscher “Up & Beyond” Freshman Scholarship was awarded to Katie Daugherty. Katie is the daughter of Curtis and Jamie Daugherty.



The 2018 Mr. Ralph Holscher “Up & Beyond” Teacher Award was presented to Flaget teacher, Mrs. Jhan Kocher.

## RIVET, FLAGET AWARDED SAFETY GRANT

The Indiana School Safety Grant was created in 2013 to help support schools in their plans to ensure school safety. This fund provides matching grants to schools applying in order to do any or all of the following:

- Purchase equipment to restrict access to the school or expedite the notification of first responders.
- Conduct a threat assessment.
- Employ a resource officer.

The Vincennes Catholic Schools applied in 2017 and were awarded the grant. The funds were earmarked for equipment to restrict building access and expedite notification of first responders. New equipment was installed at both Rivet and Flaget over this summer (2018), between June and the start of school in August. All rooms received a new phone system, which allows direct communication throughout the building and the ability to call out from each room. The phones are equipped with an all school paging system and door releases. Cameras were installed throughout the buildings. The exterior doors are now using a keyless entry system. This system will allow first responders easy access if needed.

School corporations were able to apply for grants and awarded funding based on their average daily attendance. Schools with membership of less than 1000 could apply for up to \$35,000. As a matching grant, VCS paid \$70,000 up front for the project, but will be reimbursed \$35,000. We are grateful for the much improved security of our schools.



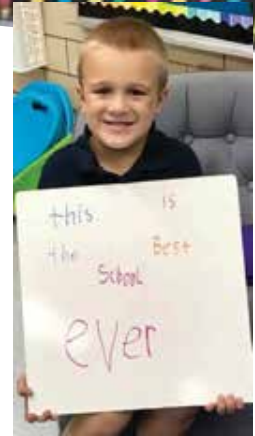
# FLAGET NOTES

This year the theme for the Catholic schools in the diocese of Evansville is "Lighting the world with hope". How fitting, as we begin a new school year, to remind our students that they should not only have hope, but bring it to others! With all the challenges the world can bring, we are happy to spend this year living and teaching this message of hope! We are looking forward to another successful year with our amazing students!



Our enrollment is up this year. In addition to the students in the new all day Pre-K, our kindergarten enrollment is up to a level we haven't seen in several years and we are thrilled.

Things are really looking good at Flaget too! Our new and improved security has improved safety, but the upgrades also bring some new conveniences to teachers and staff. Also, our floors were professionally stripped and waxed this summer thanks to CEF! So we've started out the new school year looking all neat and tidy! We are also happy to welcome Mr. Ron Cardinal as our new maintenance man. We appreciate his knowledge, abilities and quick reaction time to our many requests. Thank you Mr. Cardinal!



## FLAGET ADDS ALL DAY PRE-K

An exciting new adventure has been added at Flaget...and that is all day Pre-K! The new all day class is taught by Mrs. Kristie Fisher, who has been teaching at Flaget for 18 years. The all day program is full with 17 wonderful kiddos who enjoy learning through play and good times! The day consists of center time, circle/meeting time, music and movement, recess, lunch, rest time, snack, and bible story time. It's a busy day filled with learning and laughter. Mrs. Fisher says she is feeling overjoyed and very blessed with this new teaching experience.

If you would like more information about the all day Pre-K program for the 2019-20 school year, contact Flaget, or email Kristie Fisher at [kfisher@evdio.org](mailto:kfisher@evdio.org). We would love to tell you all about it!





## 3RD ANNUAL MEET & GREET



CEF hosted the 3rd annual Meet & Greet on Friday, August 24th at the Highland Woods Community Center. It was an opportunity for parents, students, teachers and even some alumni to gather as school got underway. As always, the bounce houses for the kids were a big hit. While the kids were busy playing, the adults had some time to talk, compare notes and hopefully get to know each other a little better. The crowd was treated to pizza from Old Chicago along with a few other goodies. It was an enjoyable evening with a good turnout that provided a little real “face time” and an opportunity to visit and have fun. We are already making plans for the 4th annual Meet & Greet...we'll see you there!!



**FAST FACT:** Class of 1973 Valedictorian-Beth Allega and Salutatorian-David Ostendorf

## A *thankful* GRADUATE

The spring edition of the Legacy reported on 2017 Rivet graduate Gabi Hancock and her first year at Wittenberg University playing Division III Volleyball. We saw Gabi back at Rivet this summer hitting the gym with the Lady Patriots volleyball team. Gabi said working with the team was a way to give back and say thank you to the school and people who had done so much for her!

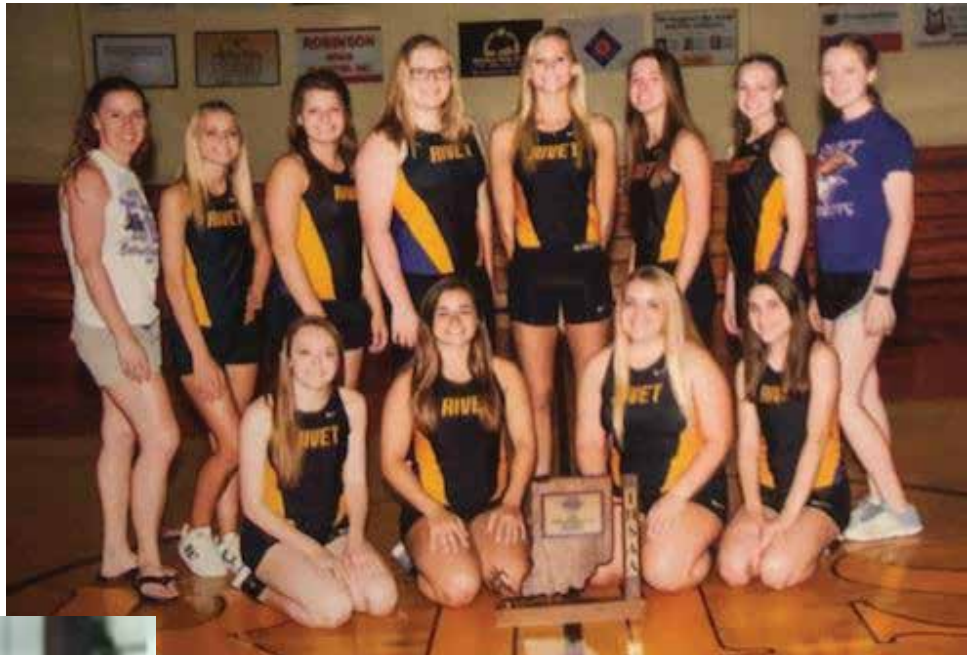
Because of Rivet's high academic standards, Gabi was well prepared to keep up with her studies and maintain her GPA while traveling with her college team. She also noted she was able to manage her time and multi-task as a college freshman because she had learned to juggle academics, athletics and service hours in high school. According to Hancock, Rivet truly is a special place that prepares students for success in life! Grateful for the many experiences at Rivet, she is looking forward to the future knowing she can build on her solid academic, athletic and spiritual foundations. Gabi says thank you Rivet...and of course, GO RLPV!!





# RLP TRACK

The Rivet Lady Patriots Track Team won their first ever sectional title last spring. Team member Grace Waggoner went on to compete in the state finals in the long jump and 100 meter hurdles.



# RLP TENNIS

Macee Hamilton and Christina Smith took home the Doubles Sectional Title.

## RIVET FIGHT SONG

Come on you Patriots, up on your toes  
 Give your best to Rivet!  
 Fight for your colors, and strive through your foes  
 We are with you, in glory and defeat,  
 so let us cheer for our Patriots,  
 and keep our banners high, carry onward to victory,  
 Rah for the Purple! Rah for the Gold!  
 Rivet High School!  
 Fight, Beat 'em, Bust 'em,  
 Beat 'em, Bust 'em, that's our custom  
 Go Fight  
 GO FIGHT WIN YEA!

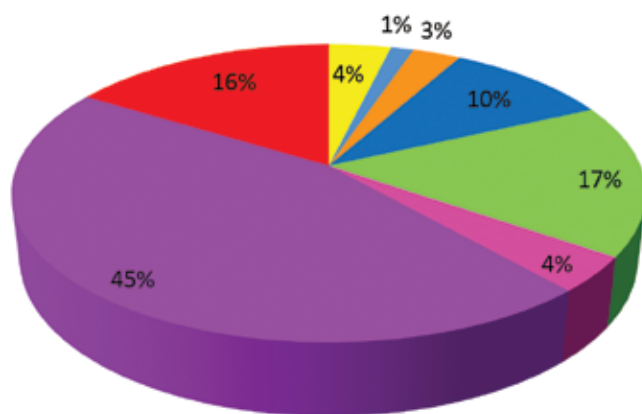


### 2018-2019 Scholarships given by CEF:

- Noland & Elizabeth McClure Foundation Scholarship—Jerry & Ashley Burton Family*
- Leona Conn Scholarship—Travis & Sara Davis Family*
- Catherine Ruppel Scholarship—Willie & Susan Lewis Family*

## CEF FUNDRAISERS 2017

- GOLF OUTING    ■ RENDEZVOUS    ■ KC FAIR BOOTH
- GERMAN FEST    ■ FALL GATHERING    ■ SCRIP
- BINGO    ■ MEGA BINGO



**FAST FACT: 1978**  
 Highlight of the boys Varsity Basketball season came when the Patriots beat Lincoln in the Holiday Tourney, 59-48

### CEF Fundraising Facts

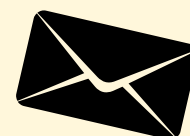
- > At the present time, CEF holds eight fundraisers each year.
- > These fundraisers help us meet our annual financial obligation to the schools.
- > In 2017, CEF fundraisers earned \$231,206.
- > Of the amount earned \$141,036 or 61% was generated from Bingo & Mega Bingo.
- > In 2017, CEF gave away \$251,706.
- > Fundraising is only possible with volunteers like you!
- > Please join us for the rewarding work of financially supporting the Vincennes Catholic Schools! Call 812-882-5889 to volunteer today!

### Many thanks to the individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope: March 2018 — August 2018

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 Armand Bastin  
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### YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED



The envelope attached in the middle of the booklet is for your use! Please consider donating to the Christian Educational Foundation. We can also accept donations through PayPal on our website, [www.vincennescef.org](http://www.vincennescef.org). Your donations will help us meet our monthly obligations to the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We truly appreciate your support.





# Alumni News

A reminder to all St. Rose Academy, Central Catholic and Rivet Alumni to keep your contact information up to date with Mary Ann Thacker at 812-890-2902 or marypearl66@yahoo.com Also you can keep up with alumni information and happenings on Facebook at Vincennes Rivet Alumni and Central Catholic-St. Rose Academy Alumnae. We'd love to add more members to our pages and post your pertinent information there to help keep everyone in touch!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 1995 Homecoming Celebration Invitation for the 25th Anniversary of the Class of 1970



## In Memory OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Helen Jacqmain Fox - 1939  
 Juanita Steele Westfall - 1945  
 Joan Halter Gowen - 1946  
 Ruth Laue Cramer - 1947  
 Marian Sievers Kaiser - 1949  
 Beverly DeRolf Duffey - 1950  
 Suzanne Morgan Mahrenholz - 1951  
 Marianne McCrary Todd - 1951  
 Esther Glass Mohr - 1952  
 Sondra Davis Sievers - 1953  
 John J. (Jamie) Jansen - 1954  
 Linda Joary Myers - 1954  
 Lawrence Joseph Ray - 1954  
 Rose Mary Welton Thompson - 1954  
 Leo Doll - 1955  
 Herbert Elliott - 1955  
 Jane Frey Lambert - 1955

Roland Ridge - 1955  
 Donald Lamberg - 1956  
 Bette Jo McKean Banet - 1958  
 Mary E. Luking Spurgeon - 1958  
 John Yochum - 1958  
 Janet Heinz Garrison - 1960  
 J. Robert Hendershot - 1960  
 Rose Mary Cardinal Kaiser - 1960  
 Ramona Sievers Redman - 1962  
 Jerry Stangle - 1963  
 Tony Kaiser - 1966  
 Becky Deem - 1967  
 Joann Turner Snyder - 1970  
 Carol Bodart Witshork - 1971  
 Jim Weiler - 1972  
 Greg Ruppel - 1980

### Donations to CEF In Memory of

March 2018 through August 2018

**Steve Churik**  
**Mary Herman**  
**Dan Herman, Sr.**  
**Jonathan Huff**  
**Bette Ann Jones**  
**Ellen Kahre**  
**Ray Keller**  
**Brenda Maier**  
**Charles Rath**  
**Mary Spurgeon**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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## *Flashback Photos from Rivet 1973 & 1978 Yearbooks*

