

VINCENNES CATHOLIC ALUMNI & FRIENDS



A NOTE FROM THE CEF PRESIDENT



Many of you have heard the saying, "Time flies when you are having fun!" Well, I have to say, that is a very true statement as I reflect on my many years in our Vincennes Catholic Schools. It all began when my mother graduated from St. Rose Academy & my parents raised me & my 4 siblings in the school system. My brothers graduated Rivet Class of

1980 & 1981. As a Freshman, I remember wondering if I would get to graduate from Rivet since there were rumors of closing our school doors. My sister graduated Rivet Class of 1983. My husband, Chad, graduated Rivet Class of 1985. I found my Senior year to be very exciting, as my class had made it through the so called 'scare of closure' and I graduated Rivet Class of 1986. The Catholic Schools tradition continued as our three sons started their school years at Flaget and continued to Rivet. Jared graduated Class of 2012, Tanner graduated Class of 2016, and our youngest son, Austin graduated this past school year, Rivet Class of 2019! Wow... if only the school walls & the Ralph Holscher Gymnasium could speak of the wonderful times and years that I have been blessed with during my life with our Vincennes Catholic Schools! Thank you to all of our past, present and future supporters for making these special memories happen for my family. Without everyone's generosity and big hearts, the tradition of the Vincennes Catholic Schools would not and could not continue. I am always amazed of how so many wonderful friends and family come together to help strive for the same goal - Keeping the Faith and keeping our Vincennes Catholic Schools going.

The 2018/2019 school year came to an end with many wonderful accomplishments and great fundraisers for us all to be very proud of. Our school buildings are looking better & improving each day and our technology is making great advancements. CEF is grateful to be able to provide the schools with the use of such funds which are made possible from all of our great donors! Please help us continue to progress every day and strive for the best education for our children. The wonderful works of God, daily prayer, acts of kindness, and your generosity, all make for a successful continuation of the Tradition of our Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Please enjoy our Legacy and see the many great things happening within our "Family" at the Vincennes Catholic Schools and Christian Educational Foundation.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers, love, and support of our Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Debbie Thomas, President

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Christian Educational Foundation

2019-2020 CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Gathering September 14 Mega Bingo November 3 Mega Bingo March 8 Golf Scramble May 8 Rendezvous May 23-24

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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Tues) 9:30am - 3:45pm Closed for lunch 11:15am-12:15pm 8:00-9:30am available by appt only



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CEF Meetings: 1st Monday of the month - 6:00pm

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm. *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!

Rivet & Flaget Retirees







The 2018-2019 school year ended with the retirement of one of Flaget's finest, **Jhan Kocher**.

After serving Flaget for 33 years, our beloved PreK teacher said goodbye to all the "littles" and the families she so dearly cared for throughout her career.

Miss Jhan's send-off included an enormous card shower, as well as a celebration of all the traditions that became synonymous with Miss Jhan's PreK. During the celebration, students presented Miss Jhan with all sorts of things, from art projects to favorite books to the newly "retired" Tuttles. It goes, without saying, that the halls of Flaget will be a little different this year without our scarf-clad PreK legend.

Thank you, Miss Jhan for loving our kiddos ... and enjoy your retirement!



WE WILL MISS YOU ALL. **Kathryn Anglin** began her teaching career in 1979 at Flaget Elementary, teaching Kindergarten and Third Grade. She retired in 2019 from Rivet Middle/High School as the middle school Religion teacher. She has two sons: Joe (2003 Rivet Graduate) and his wife Vickie, and

Michael, who was called home to his Heavenly Father at the age of nine. Kathryn will be moving to Indianapolis to be close to her two granddaughters, Mikayla and Madi.

Mary Miller has taught for a total of 23 years, 6 of those at Rivet Middle/High School as a middle school Science teacher. She is married to Bill Miller and they have one daughter, Isabel (2018 Rivet Graduate). Mary has now begun her new career as an avid world traveler.



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TEAMS

Rivet High School competed in the TEAMS (Tests for Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science) competition at Rose Hulman on March 12, 2019. The Junior Varsity team competed at the grade 9/10 level. The Varsity team competed at the grade 11/12 level. Both teams coached by Beverly Adams. Essay questions were written by each team & submitted prior to the competition. Day of competition, each team of 8 students worked together for 90 minutes to solve 80 multiple choice questions, focusing on 8 engineering scenarios related to the annual competition theme. Teams then had 75 minutes to complete a hands-on design challenge using designated material.

The Junior Varsity team consisted of Katie Daugherty, Danica Dunn, Drake Dunn, Maddi Halter, Kathryn Herman, Charlie Niehaus, Emma Spurgeon and April Tripp. Out of 10 teams in the state, JV finished 4th in Essay, 5th in Design/Build, 6th

in Multiple Choice and 9th overall.

The Varsity A team (photo) consisted of (LtoR) Savannah Cook, Jack Whitsett, Aaron Wyatt, James Hancock, Grace Waggoner, Cedric Schleiss, Noah Donovan and Grant Freeman. They won the local competition at Rose Hulman, finishing 1st in Division 1. Out of 16 teams, they finished 2nd in the State. Finished 1st in Design/Build, 3rd in Essay and 8th in Multiple Choice. The team advanced this summer to the National Competition in Washington, DC.



JETS to TEAMS: Continuting to Improve Each Year

By: Miss Beverly Adams

My first-year teaching at Rivet was the 1995-1996 school year. I remember early on in the school year, one of my seniors in Calculus asked if I would be coaching JETS, since the previous teacher had coached it the year before. I said I would, and then later learned what JETS was. JETS was the Junior Engineering Technical Society. The competition was held at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute. The competition was held in the fall and then later moved to the spring. Eight students were on a team. Almost every year, Rivet had both a Junior Varsity and a Varsity teams. For a few years, Rivet had a JV and 2 Varsity teams.

At first, the JETS competition did not have a requirement for who could be on JV and who could be on Varsity. Then, a requirement was added that the Varsity team had to be junior/senior students and the JV team had to be sophomore/freshman students. Also, the name was changed from JETS to TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science).

The competition has changed a little over the years. Early on, there were only multiple-choice questions; later on, an essay component was added. The students were required to write the essay during the competition. A few years ago, the Essay part changed to where the students wrote it ahead of time and submitted it prior to the competition. A design/build component is the latest addition to the competition.

Awards and rankings have changed some over the years as well. At the local competition at Rose Hulman, Rivet would compete in our division based on school enrollment. Rose Hulman would award an overall winner. These scores would be used to determine State ranking. My first year at Rivet, the Varsity team finished 3rd in the Nation, but I'm unsure of how that was determined. For many more years after that, I am not sure they even had the National Ranking component. In 2013, an actual National Competition event was added. In 2016, a Rivet junior varsity team and in 2019, a Rivet Varsity team qualified and went to the National Competition. Each year, students involved in TEAMS continue to improve on their skills and continue to make Rivet and the Vincennes Catholic Schools proud of their accomplishments.

National TEAMS Competition in Washington, DC

Rivet High School students competed in the TEAMS National Competition in Washington, DC on June 28 through July 2, 2019. This year's academic competition's theme was "The Engineering Brain". Of the 909 schools that competed at the state level for middle & high school (grades 9/10 and 11/12), only 171 were at the National Competition. Rivet was 1 of 2 schools there from Indiana. A school from Turkey was even at the competition. The team consisted of Savannah Cook, James Hancock, Jack Whitsett, Noah Donovan, Grant Freeman and Cedric Schleiss. Coached by Beverly Adams.

There were numerous components to the competition this year. The Digital Media was due at the end of May. The challenge was to create informative & persuasive digital media (e.g website, infographic, video, digital billboard) to promote the advantages of allowing autonomous vehicles in your city.

The first competition at the National Conference was on Saturday with the Prepared Presentation. The Prepared Presentation was designed ahead of time, and then presented at the competition. The challenge was to design a solution to a problem using Artificial Intelligence.

On Sunday, the Design/Build competition and the Mathematics problems were held. While some team members designed & programmed a robot to navigate city obstacles, other team members worked to solve 25 very challenging math problems. There were a total of 75 teams in the Varsity division at the National competition. Unfortunately, a final standing for all 75 teams is not given, so Rivet doesn't quite know their placing.

While at competition, the students were able to explore the great city! This was a great experience, with many accomplishments, from our very own little Catholic high school. Great job students, and Miss Adams!





















Flaget Welcomes New Principal

We are excited to introduce the new principal at Flaget Elementary. Her name is Mrs. Samantha McClure. She is a

lifelong member of St. Francis Xavier Parish. She completed her undergraduate degree in elementary education at the University of Illinois and her master's in administration at Eastern Illinois University. She has had a diverse experience working with students in many grade levels and coordinating the Talented and Gifted program (TAG).

Mrs. McClure is looking forward to working with the staff and families at Flaget to provide a safe and supportive environment where students can grow spiritually and academically.

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We are very excited to have her join the Flaget family!

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.

Many thanks to the individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope: March 2019 - August 2019

Joseph & Mary Rae Bodart Douglas & Mary Catt David & Lynda Hennon Bob E. Hess James Jackson James McKenna James & Marcia Mossman Paul & Amelia Mouzin Stephen & Jacqueline Risch Lois Ruppel Robert & Nancy Schukai Rocky & Mary Ann Thacker Larry & Mary Wehrheim

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. Your donations will help us meet our monthly obligations to the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We truly appreciate your support.

Entreprenurial Endeavers WithIN Knox County

Published April 16, 2019 by Amber Robinson, Communications Coordinator for Indiana's Office of Career Connections and Talent, www.in.gov

Safety First

Student safety is top-of-mind for Cameron Klein, James Hancock and Colten Mouzin. Students themselves and first-place winners of the 2019 Innovate WithIN pitch competition, the trio set out to invent something to improve the education system.

Innovate WithIN plays a key role in the Hoosier entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing high school students programming that nurtures young innovators. Programs like this equip Indiana students with insight, skills and expertise necessary to support long-term economic growth as our next generation of leaders.

"I think in the back of all of our minds, we wanted to do something that could make a significant impact on many lives. Eventually, school shootings came up in conversation, and I think the little lightbulb above all of our heads went off at the same time, and we all thought we should try to solve that problem," recounts James.

The LyfePack is a backpack combining solar power and student safety for the purpose of bettering student lives inside and outside the classroom. Its charging capabilities make it an ideal backpack for someone, like a student, who is constantly on the move. But what sets LyfePack apart from other backpacks more than modern features is its life-saving ability.

Made with Kevlar, a lightweight bulletproof, stab proof, and flame resistant fiber used to make body armor, LyfePack works to protect the person wearing it, similar to the vests worn by law enforcement and military personnel.

"Making our LyfePack out of Kevlar is specifically for the purpose of keeping students safe in hopefully rare circumstances," notes the team. "As sad as it may be, nobody ever knows what danger they may encounter throughout any normal day, especially high school and college students."





Congratulations to our 2019 Rivet Graduates: James Hancock, Colten Mouzin, & Cameron Klein.





RHS State Academic Competitors







Congratulations to the Rivet High School Academic Teams who competed at the State Qualifying meet on April 16th at North Knox.

The Rivet English Team finished 1st. Team members were (L to R): Coach Jill Herb, Savannah Cook, Tia Tolbert, Abby Niehaus, Kathryn Herman and Taylor Lammert.

Rivet Social Studies team finished 3rd. Team members were (L to R): Coach Joe Hopf, Kathryn Herman, Grant Freeman, Abby Niehaus and Brynn Phillps.

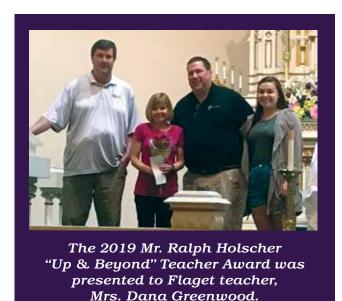
The Rivet Interdisciplinary team also finished 3rd. Team members were Taylor Lammert, Cedric Schleiss, Grant Freeman, and Savannah Cook.

Fine Arts was tied for 3rd, but lost to tie breakers. Team members were Noah Donovan, Taylor Lammert, Colten Mouzin and Tia Tolbert. Math team finished 4th. Team members were Drake Dunn, Cedric Schleiss, and Luke Weiss. Science team members were Savannah Cook, Noah Donovan, Grant Freeman, James Hancock, Caroline Herman and Cedric Schleiss. Congratulations to all!

Rivet Math Team Places 3rd at Blue Chip

Rivet High School students competed in the Blue Chip Academic Super Bowl at Shoals High School on March 7, 2019. Rivet's Math team finished 3rd in the competition. Rivet math team members are (L to R): Cedric Schleiss, Luke Weiss, Drake Dunn, and Aaron Wyatt. They were coached by Beverly Adams.







INAUGURAL Judy a. Halter Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Written by: Jamie Kroeger

This was the first year the Judy A. Halter Memorial Scholarship was presented and we hope to make it a long-time reoccurring thing we can do. This scholarship opportunity is really about one act of generosity leading to another generous act. The scholarship is made possible this year by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, but was a person touched by my mom's caring outreach. Years ago, in the late 70's when we were of high school age, Mom was working at this St Johns parish at the time, learned of a VU student, a Chinese girl, who was in need of a place to stay, and assistance to help her complete her final year of schooling. Mom and Dad,without giving it a second thought, brought this girl in to our home and we welcomed her best we could.

That student went on to complete that year of school, go on to get her PHD, and now is head of an international division for a major multinational corporation. That person was touched by my Moms spirit of giving and wishes to honor that with this scholarship.

How did this unlikely pair and meeting become a 40-year relationship? Really, two things they had in common, the Catholic Faith, and a passion for learning and studies.

Judy Halter, although confined and limited much of her adult life due to serious illness, had a determination to live out her faith life by helping others, and she had a child-like curiosity and fascination of God's creation and a desire to learn. She would encourage those around her to go, learn and do!

It is in that spirit of character, that we wish to present 3 scholarships each for \$1,000.

"In honor of Judy's life of generously giving to others, the recipient is asked to strive to live a life of caring Christian values."

The winners of the scholarships were Olivia Vantlin, Jaelyn Trent, and Savannah Cook.

The scholarship was presented in Judy's (St. Rose Academy 1957) honor by her husband, Francis (Central Catholic 1956), and her children Lisa Brown (RHS 1978), Jamie Kroeger (RHS 1979), and Leon Halter (RHS 1980).



2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN THROUGH CEF:

NOLAND & ELIZABETH McClure Foundation Scholarship

— DANIELLE BICKETT FAMILY

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CATHERINE RUPPEL SCHOLARSHIP — TRAVIS & SARA DAVIS FAMILY
HUGH WICKENS SCHOLARSHIP — TRISTAN & ASHLEY STOELB FAMILY

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CEF joined Flaget and Rivet students and families at the Back to School events. CEF provided everyone with Swirl's Frozen Yogurt to enjoy after they met their teachers and viewed the schools. We hope everyone has a safe and happy school year!





In Memory OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Iackie Keller Edwards – 1948 Richard Williams - 1951 Patricia Brown Werner - 1953 Lawrence Sanneman – 1954 Tom McAllister - 1955 Richard D. Cannon - 1957 Richard Thais - 1957 Sharon McCormick Kras – 1959 C. Kenny Newton - 1961

Ruth Ann Frey Myers - 1965 Sam Marcroft - 1967 Tom Elkins – 1969 Rebecca Lane Siebe – 1972 Diane Fortner Toth - 1972 Martin Fox – 1974 Phil Rath - 1974 Denise Ostendorf - 1980 (Brother) Carl J. Koch - Faculty Donations to CEF In Memory of

March 2019 through August 2019

Richard D. Cannon Mike Dixon Rene "Bud" Dognaux Jr. Elmer Lambiotte Phil Rath **Zachary Tromley**

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.

10 THE LEGACY | FALL 2019



This year will be the 25th St. Rose Academy Alumnae Reunion. The reunion will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

The celebration will begin on Saturday morning with Mass at 9:00AM at the Old Cathedral. Everyone in the Vincennes Community, all alumni of the Vincennes Catholic Schools – spouses and families, are more than welcome and encouraged to attend. We would like to *FILL THE CHURCH*. Father Gary Kaiser will be the celebrant. The Central Catholic and St. Rose Classes of 1969 are planning a beautiful liturgy! The Mass intention will be for all deceased alumni from the Vincennes Catholic Schools.

Immediately following Mass – Rivet High School will be open for tours until noon.

The annual buffet luncheon for St. Rose Academy will begin at noon at the Green Activities Center on the VU Campus. The doors will be opened by 10:00AM. This is for "ladies only" and reservations must be paid in advance. Tables will be reserved for each class.

For more information please contact Mary Ann Thacker at 812-890-2902 or marypearl66@yahoo.com

Rivet Alumni Celebrate Reunions at Germanfest









successful year!
Thank you to all for helping and supporting this great event!

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Flashback from Rivet 1998-1999 Photo Archives



