

Highlights from March 2020 to August 2020

FALL 2020

2020



The
Legacy

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Congratulations Rivet Graduates

2020

22

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graduates

Offered \$612,588 in Scholarship Funds



A NOTE FROM THE CEF PRESIDENT



How can one explain all the changes, cancellations, closings, disasters, craziness, and COVID19 that has been going on since March?

Well, I know there isn't a good explanation, however, that is how things have been going and what many have been facing. As we all have had many challenges to deal with for several months, I think of the good that has come out of this and I count my blessings every day.

Families have learned to spend time together again, and reunite in staying home, slowing down, and eating meals together at the table, whether it be home cooked or carry in. Friends have learned how important they are to one another. They have learned to call each other on the phone, Skype, Zoom, or meet up while social distancing and wearing a mask.

I know these times have been very challenging for everyone, but with our Faith, Prayers, and God, we are learning a new way to survive and live our lives during this time. As our teachers and students made changes and adjustments during this time of year at our Vincennes Catholic Schools, Faith has allowed them to continue to move forward in their lives and start the new school year the best that everyone could. Yes, we lost part of our Rivet school building to the terrible storm in April, but what a blessing that with the current situation going on, no one was in the building when this happened. Things could have been so much worse and our teachers and students could have been harmed or even lost their lives. We all should count our blessings that throughout our county, only buildings and homes were damaged and no one was injured or lost their life.

Unfortunately, COVID19 has caused many health issues and how we get to take care of our loved ones. God Bless all of our caregivers and thank you for doing what you do for everyone.

I would like to ask everyone for prayers for one of our very own seniors this year, Victoria Linn and her family. Victoria has been fighting very hard and is recovering and building strength from a difficult brain tumor surgery this summer. Wonderful news is that the tumor was benign. What an amazing young girl and family that is staying strong with everyone's prayers to help Victoria in her healing process. Everyone is backing her and staying "Patriot Strong" to bring her back to her Senior Class.

I never imagined our CEF annual fundraisers would get cancelled, rescheduled or re-planned, especially for a long period of time, but with everyone's amazing support, along with our golf outing, donations, and drive-thru Germanfest, we are moving forward together step-by-step. Every day is precious and I believe that God gives us these various hurdles once in a while to make us stronger and to slow down and enjoy life. With each other's help, Faith, and prayers we will get through these tough times.

Please enjoy our Legacy and see the many great accomplishments and memories of our School Family.

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

Debbie Thomas

Debbie Thomas, President
Christian Educational Foundation

2020-2021 CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall Gathering September 19	Mega Bingo November 8	Mega Bingo March 7	Golf Scramble May 7	Rendezvous May 29-30
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Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on our events & so much more!

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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

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!



The Rivet students are riding in style thanks to the generosity of the CEF. We were in much need of a bus and they stepped up and assisted financially with the purchase of the slightly used bus. **THANKS CEF!!**
- Janice Vantilin-Jones, Rivet Principal

Please help us keep these buses rolling with your continued support. *Gifts of any size are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.*

SCHOOL BUS UPDATES

Please note **"Yellow Bus Fund"** on your donation and make checks payable to: Vincennes Catholic Schools and mail to 210 Barnett Street, Vincennes, IN 47591.

Within the last few years, the Vincennes Catholic Schools have been able to upgrade their transportation for our students with the help of our generous donors and the CEF! **A 2020 Yellow School bus has found a new home with us!!** This new bus replaces our two oldest buses. **A newer 'Patriot Bus' has also joined our transportation line,** along with the two new mid-buses that were purchased a few years ago. We are still running our faithful bus #94, which was purchased brand new back in 2004.

Storm Damage

On the evening of April 8, 2020, a severe thunderstorm made its way through Vincennes and Southern Indiana. Straight line winds 85+ mph ripped trees and damaged buildings all around town. Rivet was especially hit hard and lost the roof and outside wall of the science classroom, revealing its inside to the Memorial.

Both science classrooms had to be completely gutted. All desks and cabinets were removed, mostly due to water damage. A make-shift roof was added to the high school science room to shelter it from the weather.



Vincennes Catholic Schools... families, friends, alumni & supporters,

The Christian Educational Foundation (CEF) is working to help the schools with the damages to Rivet. If you would like to help, please mail donations to CEF, 229 Church St, Vincennes and mark them 'Storm Relief' or PayPal is available on the CEF website: **vincennescef.org.**

Thank you for your support and prayers.



Reconstruction of the Rivet Building is happening!

We are so grateful for the numerous volunteers that assisted with clean-up and those who have graciously donated to the Christian Education Foundation's Rivet's Storm Relief. We feel so blessed by the outpouring of prayers and support we have received. Thanks for helping make us **PATRIOT STRONG!**



TEAMS

TESTS OF ENGINEERING APTITUDE, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

Rivet High School competed in the TEAMS competition at Rose Hulman on February 11, 2020. The Junior Varsity team competed at the 9/10 grade level. The Varsity team competed at the 11/12 grade level. Both teams coached by Beverly Adams.

Essay questions were written by each team & submitted prior to the competition. The Essay question was about how to modify a zoo in the state of Indiana that would maximize economic, environmental, and/or societal benefits, as well as the quality of life for the zoo animals. Day of the competition, each team worked together for 90 minutes to solve 80 multiple choice questions, focusing on 8 engineering scenarios related to the annual competition theme of Engineering in the Wild. Teams then had 75 minutes to complete a hands-on design challenge using designated materials. Students designed & built a structure that lifts as many pennies as possible. National Ranking was made available and TEAMS announced that the National Competition will not be held this year.

The Junior Varsity team consisted of left to right: Katie McGuire, Thomas Herman, Emma Spurgeon, Curtis Shake, Danica Dunn and Katie Daugherty. Not pictured is Morgan Alderton and Maddi Halter.

Their National Ranking in Division 1 is as follows:

Overall score: 4 out of 36 schools

Essay score: 2 out of 26

Design Build: 6 out of 36

Multiple Choice: 13 out of 36

The Varsity team consisted of left to right: April Tripp, Noah Donovan, Cedric Schleiss, Grant Freeman, Drake Dunn, Charlie Niehaus and Aaron Wyatt. Not pictured is Kathryn Herman.

Their National Ranking in Division 1 is as follows:

Overall score: 13 out of 68 schools

Essay score: 7 out of 53

Design build score: 19 out of 68

Multiple Choice score: 21 out of 68



Academic Super Bowl Competition

Rivet High School participated in the Academic Super Bowl Blue Chip Competition at South Knox on Monday, March 2, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS



Math Team - 2nd Place

Cedric Schleiss, Luke Weiss, Drake Dunn,
coach Beverly Adams



Interdisciplinary Team - 2nd Place

Taylor Lammert, Caroline Herman,
Grant Freeman, Cedric Schleiss



Fine Arts - 4th Place

April Tripp and Taylor Lammert



Social Studies - 4th Place

Guy Farber, Jacob Campbell, Grant Freeman,
Luke Weiss, April Tripp, coach Dyan Lewis



Science Team

Noah Donovan, Caroline Herman,
Grant Freeman, Cedric Schleiss, Katie Daugherty,
coach Kayley Brian



English Team

Kathryn Herman, Maggie Earley, Maddi Halter,
Tia Tolbert, Emma Spurgeon, Taylor Lammert,
coach Jillian Herb



RIVET HIGH SCHOOL *2020 Masked Graduates*



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 2019-20 school year, 28 families benefited from these scholarships (totaling \$14,000), 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 2020 - August 2020

Doyle & Janet Antley
Raymond & Joan Beckwith
Earnest & Gayle Bledsoe
Vernon & Leslie Brown
Bill & Judy Carie
Donovan & Donovan
Leon & Robin Halter
Robert E. Hess
Marvin & Carolyn Keller

James McKenna
Mike & Janie O'Toole
Steven & Janice Phegley
John & Kathleen Reigelman
Robert & Nancy Schukai
Jim & Lynn Smith
Ann Telles
Thomas Pea Insurance Agency
Doug & Carole Wirth

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.

Germanfest 2020





Welcome New Teachers

Brooklyn Paris, 4th Grade

Miss Paris is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. She grew up in Clarksville, Indiana, where she attended St. Anthony School and Our Lady of Providence High School. She is still a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, but is looking forward to becoming a part of a new parish closer to her home in Princeton.

Miss Paris played golf and was part of several musicals in high school. She enjoys traveling, listening to music and exploring new restaurants around town. She has a lab puppy named Maggie. We are excited that Miss Paris has decided to join the Patriot family!



Haley Elpers, Kindergarten

Mrs. Elpers is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. She was born and raised on the West Side of Evansville, until she married her husband. They relocated to Haubsadt and are now members of St. James Catholic Church in Haubstadt.

Mrs. Elpers loves to watch the St. Louis Cardinals, spend lots of time with her family and travel with her husband. She is very excited about teaching kindergarten, as the early years have her heart. We are excited that Mrs. Elpers has decided to join the Patriot family!



Samantha Vaughn, Kindergarten

Miss Vaughn is a graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education. She grew up in Evansville, Indiana, where she attended St. Philip Catholic School and Mater Dei High School. She has taught as a substitute in various Catholic schools within our diocese for the last two years.

Miss Vaughn has been involved in several activities at St. Philip Church and received the Maria Goretti Award as a senior. She enjoys spending time with family and friends at the lake and crafting with her cricut. We are excited that Miss Vaughn has decided to join the Patriot family!



Brittany Buttrum, Flaget Music and Technology, Rivet Music

Mrs. Buttrum is a graduate of Oakland City University with a Degree in Criminal Justice. She grew up in Boonville, Indiana, and has been surrounded by music for much of her life. Her instrument of choice is the saxophone. Before becoming a teacher, she worked for the Department of Child Services as a Social Worker.

In her free time, Mrs. Buttrum likes to read, bake, and play with her cinnamon husky, Groot. We are excited that Mrs. Buttrum has decided to join the Patriot family!



Señora Mosher, Spanish

Senora Mosher was born in Peru and is a native Spanish speaker. She attended Saint Isabel of Hungary High School and was part of the Catholic Youth Group and basketball team. She holds a Chemical Engineering degree from the National University Saint Agustin of Arequipa. Now, she lives in Vincennes with her husband and son. She loves spending time with her family and friends, baking, going camping, traveling, and enjoying the beautiful colors that Fall season brings! We are excited that Señora Mosher has decided to join the Patriot family!



Judy A. Halter Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Olivia Lankford • Noah Donovan • Macee Hamilton

This was the second year the Judy A. Halter Memorial Scholarship was presented. This scholarship opportunity is about one act of generosity leading to another generous act. Judy 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! 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.



Pictured standing are Leon Halter, Olivia Lankford, Noah Donovan, Macee Hamilton, Jamie (Halter) Kroeger, Bill Kroeger and seated is Francis Halter.

2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN THROUGH CEF:

NOLAND & ELIZABETH MCCLURE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

— CHRISTINA CREECH FAMILY

LEONA CONN SCHOLARSHIP — SARAH WILL FAMILY

CATHERINE RUPPEL SCHOLARSHIP — SHANE & HEATHER COOPER FAMILY

HUGH WICKENS SCHOLARSHIP — IAN & CARA GILMORE FAMILY



The 2020 Mr. Ralph Holscher "Up & Beyond" Teacher Award was presented to Flaget teacher, Mrs. Kristie Fisher.



The 2020 Hugh Wickens Scholarship was awarded to the Ian & Cara Gilmore Family. Pictured is Leela Gilmore and Samantha McClure, Flaget Principal.



The 2020 Mr. Ralph Holscher "Up & Beyond" Freshman Scholarship was awarded to Ella Benson, daughter of Nicholas & Ashley Benson.



STANDING TOGETHER - 6 FEET APART



1. Faith over Fear. Celebrating our Catholic Faith at weekly Mass. It may look different, but COVID didn't stop us from praising our Lord! Thanks to Fr. Tony and Fr. Jose for making this happen!!

2. Lunch Time: COVID-style. A huge THANK YOU to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for letting us use the Parish Center and church grounds. We have enough room to social distance. Together we will get through this!!



3. The Annex is once again filled with Rivet students and lockers. How blessed we are that the Annex, with some renovation, is allowing us to stay on our Rivet Campus while the Rivet building is being repaired. We have a new office and updated classrooms that we will continue to use once repairs are complete.

Alumni News

Local Man Graduates from US Army War College



Col. Mike Grundman, U.S. Army, graduated from the United States Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania with a master's degree in Strategic Studies on July 24, 2020.

A native of Vincennes, Col. Grundman graduated from Rivet High School in 1989 and Indiana University in 1995. He is currently assigned as Commander, 138th Regiment (Combat Arms).

The U.S. Army War College's two-year distance education curriculum educates and develops senior military officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, as well as senior foreign military officers and civilian officials from a variety of federal agencies, to serve in strategic level command and staff positions worldwide.

WOW – what a challenging year 2020 has been!!! I hope this finds you all well! Sadly, we had to cancel the 2020 St. Rose Academy Alumnae Reunion scheduled for September 26, 2020. This would have been our 26th Annual Reunion. The Class of 1970 also had to cancel their plans. This class was planning a big celebration for their 50th reunion. Central Catholic and St. Rose Academy Class of 1970 were the last classes to graduate from Central and St. Rose. I understand that they plan to celebrate in 2021.....just a little late! I know several classes from Rivet had also made plans to celebrate reunions at the annual Germanfest. Unfortunately, the Germanfest was also cancelled. They were able to continue with a drive thru for food only, which turned out to be very successful. I am looking forward to 2021, which I believe will be filled with many long overdue reunions!!! Vincennes Homecoming is scheduled for the weekend of September 17-18, 2021. Mark your calendars!

Stay safe and well, my friends!

Mary Ann Thacker

To inform of any alumni updates, please contact Mary Ann Thacker at 812-890-2902 or marypearl66@yahoo.com.

In Memory OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Anne (Schoonover) Nugent - 1939
Aline (Arnold) Mascari - 1941
Virginia (Ostendorf) Favignano - 1942
Betty (Durham) Collier - 1949
Mary E. 'Betty' (Bumgarner) Bayne - 1950
Marilyn (Hunckler) Prather - 1954
Suzanne (Cardinal) Coffman - 1955
Judith (Wendling) Cook - 1955
John Lemon - 1955
Emma (Nowaskie) Robinson - 1957
Beverly (Kixmiller) Todd - 1957

Judith (Larson) Wilkinson - 1957
Phillip Pace - 1958
Cletus "Tom" Hess - 1962
Morris Johnson - 1962
Michael Anton - 1965
David Palmer - 1965
Gloria (Palmer) Shipley - 1967
Mark Schulze - 1969
Marcia (Carie) Wykoff - 1969
Orval Umfleet - 1970
Matt Frey - 1972

Donations to CEF In Memory of

March 2020 through August 2020

Dixie Bouchie
Kathryn 'Susie' Coffman
Zelia Deem
John Lemon
Julie Marchino
Aline Arnold Mascari
Gilbert H. Miller
Anne Nugent
Beverly Rupprecht
Leland Snapp
Mary Arnold Weiler

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 from Rivet 2005-2006 Photo Archives

