



NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

January 2021

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Updated your contact information

We want to hear from you! Please email [Pat Pierret](mailto:ppierret@nchstx.org) your contact information, job, education, and family updates. We want to be sure we have the most up to date information so we can mail and email all upcoming events, reunions and opportunities to get involved.

Send your news to us via [NCHS Website](http://www.nchshigh.org) and we will highlight it in the next newsletter.



FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Dear Alumni,

Welcome to 2021 and a new format for the Alumni e-News and Class Notes. This month, we are making changes to the Alumni webpage on the Nolan Catholic website to make it more user friendly. Take a look through the month to see the changes. As we inch into 2021 this week, let's look forward to a year of Hope and Wonder. Despite the unfortunate effects of COVID-19 on our lives, we can all look back at 2020 and see something positive about the year! What's your positive?

Businesses have been fluctuating over the year – some up, some down. Take a chance on highlighting your business in the Alumni e-News one month this year. Drew Chimento '13 is doing just that. Prairie Maid House Cleaning is a professional home cleaning business. See what they have to offer in the Business Highlight section.

Vikings are back to school in person and virtually. Studies are showing that students want to be in school for lots of reasons. Of course, there are those who are unable to for a lot of reasons as well. At Nolan Catholic, we are supporting both options.

Catholic Schools Week will take place at the end of January. What a great time to reminisce about your days at Nolan and your elementary school. February brings us the Annual Auction and Dinner which will be held virtually on Saturday, Feb. 13. More information will be sent to you in the near future as to how to entertain your Valentine this year.

In the meantime, please contact me if you need anything, especially prayers. We wish you a blessed and wonder-filled New Year!

Sincerely,
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ALUMNI BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT: Prairie Maids

Join fellow alumni in registering your business on the [alumni web page](#) of the [Nolan Catholic website](#). Send your name, class year, the name of your business and a link to your site. You can also join the [Nolan Alum Biz page](#) on Facebook. The e-news would like to highlight your business. For information on all of these, contact [Pat Pierret, Alumni Relations Coordinator](#).

Prairie Maids

Drew Chimento, Class of 2013

Prairie Maids House Cleaning, a professional home cleaning business which services the entire DFW Metroplex, is owned and operated by Drew Chimento, Class of 2013. Drew explains the services provided along with the purpose and goals of his company.

“Inviting someone into your home involves trust. All Prairie Maid cleaners are carefully vetted and chosen to be the right person to care for your home, undergoing background and reference checks, as well as test cleanings. They possess a minimum of 2 years of professional housekeeping experience. We are licensed, bonded, and insured for your peace of mind. Cleanings are backed by our 100% Happiness Guarantee - if you're not satisfied with your cleaning, we will come back out and make it right.

Each cleaning is unique. We provide standard cleanings, deep cleanings, and move-in/move-out cleanings. Specified checklists - listed on our website - are followed and completed. Cleanings can be scheduled weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly with discounted prices. One time cleanings are welcomed. Cleaning supplies and tools are furnished by us. For a complete list and description of our services and to view our 5-Star Google Reviews, please visit our website <https://praiemaids.com/>

Services can be booked easily online or by phone (214) 915-2432.



EVENTS



January 21
Yoga with **Diana Andrews Roehl '73**



January 31 - February 6
Catholic Schools Week



February 13
Join us virtually for an evening of fun and fundraising!

In case you missed it ...



Gift Wrapping with Ellen Timberlake-Volz '73



NCHS Christmas Concert

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May perpetual light shine upon them

Virginia Sabin '83, Nov. 25

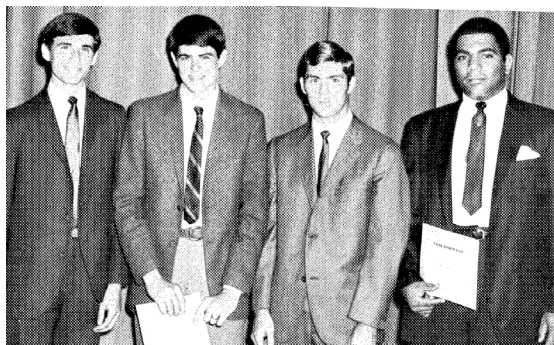
David Blaschke '65, Dec. 4

Nathan Schattman '87, Dec. 28

JANUARY 2021



January 2021 #1



January 2021 #2



January 2021 #3

December Alumni Find

December Alumni Find #1: Renee Solis '91, Joel Steffel '91, Jason Mills '91, Lela Maxey Wallis '91, Jason MacEachern '91

December Alumni Find #2: Paige Harris '11

December Alumni Find #3: Bill Cope '70, Vance Driscoll '70



#1



#2



#3

Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur

Share your stories of how the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur impacted your life and learning. Help the sisters to continue to spread the good Word and their legacy of care.

A digital “quilt” of stories has been created to serve as a time capsule to preserve the order’s legacy of care. You can share your story of how your life has crossed paths with the sisters on the [Legacy of Care Quilt](#). Besides sharing your story, you can explore stories, contribute videos and contribute to the care and support fund for the order which will help cover the costs of the sisters in the Western Region as they age and face new challenges of their own.

For more information about the project, please contact Diane Murray, SSMN Oblate, at 817-923-8393.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

4-H Program to Make History

Nolan Catholic students are making history under the first charter for the Diocese of Fort Worth. The students have decided to jump into their first jackpot show this coming Sunday, December 6th at the KCJLS Holiday Classic in Kaufman County at Kaufman County Fairgrounds.

The Nolan Catholic 4-H Goat Show team has trained their animals, learned to brace, trimmed hooves, drench with dewormer, has placed each goat on an exercise regimen, tracked and adjusted a rich diet with probiotics and nutrients, and has engineered their own barn structure. They have also kept up with the daily maintenance of stalls and care for the barn area. The growth of these students over the past few months has been inspirational to watch.



As our student show team continues to train, they have opted to jump into competition-mode for some experience before they enter full show-mode in February. As the Kaufman Holiday Classic is a practice show, the students will clean, lightly groom animals, and go through the process of preparing, loading, registering, weighing, and working through the show process. Nolan Catholic will have four show team exhibitors for Sunday and three NCHS show team members joining us to observe. There are 14 other students wanting to show goats and lambs. Stay tuned for our Chicken Show Team in the Spring.

Nolan Catholic Fund



Everything we do at Nolan Catholic, every step we take and everything we say, is done with meaning and purpose. We are dedicating more than 100% of our effort to providing our students with the opportunities for faith, academics, and student life.

Tuition only covers 80% of the cost to educate a student at Nolan Catholic. Gifts to the Nolan Catholic Fund help to bridge this critical gap in the operating budget and touch nearly every component of school life, thereby benefiting each and every Nolan Catholic student.

We are grateful for your generosity! Help us reach our goal this year of raising \$150,000!

Join us today by going online to www.nolancatholic.org/give!

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January 2021 Class Notes

1960s & 1970s

A few alums went to Casa Mañana before the holidays to see **Eugene Gwozdz '79** perform "Motown Christmas." Eugene will be back in February for Casa Mañana's Valentine show, "Bennett and Babs." Pictured here after the show, l. to r.: **Tom Kleuser '68**, **DeeDee Donohue Potete '79**, **Eugene** and Eugene's friend, Aimee Pietsch. *(Photo 1)*

1990s

In December, **Tan Parker '89**, Texas State Representative and University of Dallas Trustee, presented an **EnCore Lecture at UD** on the book he edited, [Making Government Work](#).

2000s

Holly Lutz '05 studies bats. She earned an AB from University of Chicago in 2009 and has traveled throughout Africa and the US questioning why bats "are such frequent vectors for diseases that are ultimately transmitted to other mammals, including humans." **Read about Holly's adventures** to investigate bat physiology and viral strains and host-switching and COVID-19.

Dani Lewis Forrest '08 made it official in Dec. She has a post professional clinical doctorate. She is a Registered Occupational Therapist with a Master of Occupational Therapy and a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy. She is pictured here with her son, Oliver. *(Photo 2)*

Will Jung '09 and Amanda Herring were engaged over the Christmas holiday. *(Photo 3)*

Madeline Ross O'Bryan '09, her husband, Greg, and son, Connor, welcomed baby girl Molly Catherine to their family on Dec. 28, 2020. **Dexter and Amber Averette Sanchez '09, '09** will be Molly Catherine's Godparents. *(Photos 4-5)*

2010s

Marianne Burnett '10 finished up her post-doc work at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City this summer and took a position at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. She is an Instructor of Practical Applications teaching in a laboratory.

RJ McWilliams '10 graduated from George Washington University in August 2020 with a Masters in International Terrorism.

Kendall Rickey '10 and his wife, Katie, welcomed baby boy, Hudson, on Nov. 11, 2020. The Rickeys are living in Plano. *(Photo 6)*

Stephen and Mary Crimmins McWilliams '12, '12 made it a family of three with the birth of their daughter, Eloise, on Dec. 17, 2020. Stephen and Mary are back in the Metroplex. Stephen is working for **BWI**. *(Photo 7)*

David LaPointe '12 celebrated his Candidacy Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral on Dec. 6. By this rite, the Church recognizes David, the seminarian, as a candidate for the priesthood. *(Photo 8)*

In the University of Dallas' recent bulletin, "An Education that Ennobles and Enables," **Barton Holdridge '13** is pictured presenting his senior project to a professor. *(Photo 9)*

Drew Chimento '13 owns, operates and manages **Prairie Maids**. Read about it in the business highlight of the e-news.

January 2021 Class Notes Photo Gallery



1. Tom Kleuser '68, DeeDee Donohue Poteete '79, Eugene and Eugene's friend, Aimee Pietsch.



2. Dani Lewis Forrest '08 and son, Oliver.



3. Will Jung '09 and Amanda Herring



4. Molly Catherine, daughter of Madeline Ross O'Bryan '09



5. Molly Catherine and Connor O'Bryan



6. Hudson, son of Kendall Rickey '10



7. Stephen and Mary Crimmins McWilliams '12, '12 and daughter, Eloise.



8. David LaPointe '12

INTERNSHIPS

Here are examples of student internships secured with the assistance of UD's Office of Personal Career Development

- ABMO Financial Group
- Enterprise Holdings
- Google
- Trend Micro
- Catholic Charities
- Fidelity Investments
- Koupon Media
- Tritech Software
- CHRISTUS Health
- Goldman Sachs
- Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- St. Vincent de Paul
- World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth

SENIOR PROJECTS

Each undergraduate major requires some sort of thesis or culminating senior project and/or a comprehensive examination. For example, computer science major (and UD soon forward) Barton Holdridge, BS '17, designed and trained a neural network to analyze input from electromyography equipment, using electrical impulses from leads attached to people's temples to track their blinks with 99% accuracy thereby determining whether they were about to fall asleep. This technology was created for a company with which dridge had interned, for the use of long-haul truckers.

9. Barton Holdridge '13