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CAN YOU FIND THE VIKING
HIDDEN IN THIS ISSUE OF
THE SHIELD?

front cover

At the end of May, Nolan Catholic opened for use its new front entrance. See page 18-19 for master plan.



LEAH RIOS
PRESIDENT

**WELCOME BACK TO
*THE SHIELD!***

What an exciting school year it has been! I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as President for Nolan Catholic High School. It has been a blessing to watch each class grow and mature.

As our graduates of 2019 continue their journey to know, love, and serve God, they have exited Nolan Catholic with over \$15.4 Million in scholarships. Each student, in their own way, set a powerful example in leadership, and we look forward to their return as alumni. Although our recent graduates are moving on to new experiences, they had one last chance to leave their mark on Nolan Catholic. Our seniors signed their names and wrote prayers on the concrete beneath the new terrazzo flooring in the front entrance (see page 16).

Now, their kind thoughts will forever be in the bones of the school.

Throughout this issue, you will have an opportunity to see renderings, photographs, and more details regarding our Expanding the Experience master plan project. In addition to growing our campus's physical footprint, we are also committed to implementing student-initiated programs. I have been so impressed with the ideas our students have presented! Plans are underway to develop an engineering academy, incorporate more collaboration in the classroom, establish new health and wellness programs, and create more off-campus opportunities with our community partners. We have hired a part-time Outdoor Learning Specialist to implement programs and to train our faculty how to integrate outdoor learning into their individual disciplines.

We are Expanding the Experience at Nolan Catholic, but we are retaining the legacies and traditions that over 10,000 alumni have established over the course of our school's history. We truly appreciate the ongoing commitment, support, and passion. We look forward to the new school year, which will provide new opportunities to instill Truth, Goodness, and Beauty in all that we encounter and to continue forming our students to become lifelong learners in knowing, loving and serving God. ♦

EXPANDING THE EXPERIENCE

*Class President Caroline Seyer at the
Ground Breaking Ceremony, December 2018.
See page 18.*





WILLIAM PERALES
PRINCIPAL

Expanding the Experience. At Nolan Catholic, we are building upon our strong foundations and seeking ways we can continue to expand the experience for our students through improved facilities and a guiding vision that provides students with ongoing encounters with Christ and opportunities to grow in His life and be His disciple, with an enriched and time-tested classical curriculum that prepares students for academic excellence, and with a variety of student activities that allow them to discover and develop their gifts and talents.

Catholic Classical Education is the formation of faith, virtue, and wisdom in students by nourishing them on Truth, Goodness, and Beauty through a Christ-centered environment, excellent academics, and formative student activities so that each student is a disciple of Christ and prepared to respond to God's call.

Our academic goal is to develop and nurture the tools of lifelong learning in students so they grow in wisdom and the right use of their knowledge and freedom, so they more deeply understand the principles of each subject area and know how to apply them successfully in today's world—from the core classes to electives like engineering, bioethics, and our technology classes. We will do this by teaching according to a paradigm known as the classical trivium where students will:

- Learn to wonder about the world and acquire the foundational knowledge and vocabulary of each subject area.
- Develop their intellectual skills by understanding content on a conceptual level and not just knowing that something is but understanding why it is.
- Develop the art of communication throughout their courses by reflecting upon what has been learned, taking this deeper and enlarged understanding and organizing its key ideas in a logical and ordered way, and then applying this effectively or communicating it eloquently in a persuasive and beautiful manner.

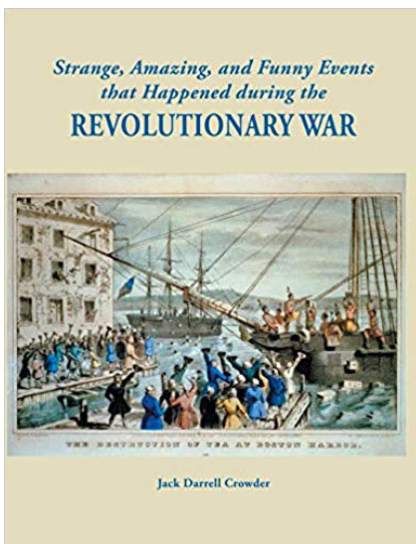
Through this classical approach and in the words of a classical motto, our students will be educated to read well, think well, write well, and speak well. They will be led towards academic excellence. As students matriculate through the curriculum, they will not only be prepared to excel in college but will develop the foundations for lifelong learning and continued success through forming these intellectual habits and growing into knowers of things that are True, thinkers who can identify and judge what is Good, and communicators who can express thoughts persuasively and eloquently because they have been nourished on and formed by Beauty. ♦



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jack Crowder has been busy since retiring from Nolan Catholic! His sixth book, *Strange, Amazing, and Funny Events that Happened during the Revolutionary War*, was released in March. He is working hard on his next book that he hopes to finish this summer.



Mary-Margaret Meyer Soknich '06 just finished her eighth year of serving as the Choir Director at NCHS. Last summer she completed her Masters in Music Education from the University of North Texas. On Sundays, you'll find Mary-Margaret play-



ing the piano and directing the 9:15am Contemporary Choir at Holy Family Catholic Church. She also regularly performs with the acappella choir Voices of Fort Worth.

Last summer, **Troy Wilhelm**, Dean of Students, finished the principal certification program through U.N.T. and in September, he passed the state exam to become a certified principal.

Madeline Ross O'Bryan '09 was asked to serve on the Texas State German Contest Steering Committee, a small group of German teachers that organizes and puts on the annual TX State German Contest for approximately 1,000 high school German students from all across Texas. She has served on the regional Winterfest Executive Committee for 4 years and looks forward to becoming more involved in both the regional & statewide competitions.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK HONOREE



GRANT THOMAS

This year's Catholic Schools Week honoree has been with Nolan Catholic for three and a half years. In that short time, he has managed to heat up and cool down the classrooms, reorganize items in long-term storage, manage a team of people who keep our school running, keep our students and staff safe in the classrooms, and post the equivalent of 20 miles of walking on his Fitbit during Homecoming. In addition, he has been integral to coordinating "Expanding the Experience" activities.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO COACH HOLMES AND MR. JONES!



Thank you so much to both of you for your many years of service to the Nolan Catholic Community!

ESTO DUX AWARD



Congratulations to Julia and Peter Ermish - the 2019 Nolan Catholic High School Esto Dux Award winners.

Thank you for your tremendous time, talent and treasure!

Pictured (left to right): Peter Ermish, Julia Ermish, President Leah Rios.

PAST ESTO DUX AWARD RECIPIENTS

1993 Adele B. Colvin

1994 Elizabeth & Robert Connelly

1995 Mary Frances & Ben Duskocil

1996 Marge & Ralph Caesar

1997 Award not given this year

1998 Kathleen & Guy Thompson

1999 Rose & Bill Hall

2000 Mary Ellen & Bob Byrnes

2001 Kathy & Jim Buttry

2002 Carol (Walsh) '75 & Jim Leito '75

2003 David D. Beane

2004 Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

2005 Donna & Mike Cook

2006 Mary Ann & Tom Kleuser '68

2007 Gloria & Akram Rihani

2008 Marianist Province of the United States

2009 Cheryl (Brown) '75 & Mark Schreiner

2010 Judy (Parnell) '65 & Pat Vader '64

2011 Kerry & Jerry Reis

2012 Beverly & Dudley Griffith

2013 Letty & Lupe Ayala

2014 Jeanette & John Hernandez

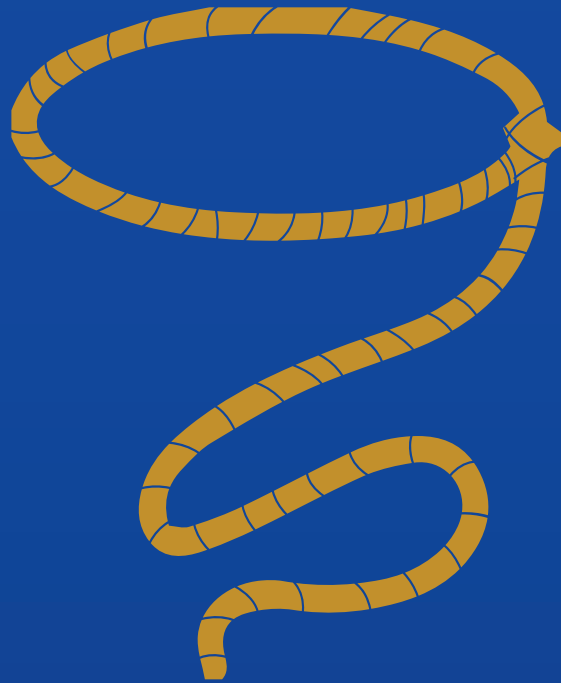
2015 Ann & Jay White

2016 Kathy & Jim Breen
Fr. Richard Eldredge, TOR

2017 Steve Evans '86

2018 Anne (Vecera) '77

& Fred Fernandez



SEMESTER ROUNDUP



MARKET DAY

Another successful year for the Economics students' big event!

Every semester, Mrs. Mandy Lester's Economics classes put on an "Economics Market Day." Students come together in groups to create, market, and sell a product during the day. The week before the big day, "A-hall" is covered in posters advertising what the students are selling. All students at Nolan Catholic are welcome to support the event by purchasing goods from their peers.

All funds that are made during the event go to support multiple charities. This semester's Market Day was once again was a huge success! The Spring Semester event raised a total of \$3,657.22. Of that, \$1,454 is going to Catholic Charities, \$200 is going to the St. Francis Fund, and \$1,998 is going to the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur.



MADELINE O'BRYAN
DEPARTMENT CHAIR
GERMAN

WanderbUS VISIT

On April 14th, the “WanderbUS” made a pit stop at Nolan Catholic High School

This past summer, the Goethe Institute (a well-respected international organization for the advancement of German language and culture) announced that they were sponsoring the “WanderbUS,” a large traveling bus that holds an interactive exhibit celebrating the German-American relationship and German language and culture. It was designed by the German government for students to gain information about studying abroad, working abroad, visiting Germany and to connect youth in America with their counterparts abroad.

The WanderbUS began its journey this spring and will be visiting over 60 schools and universities across the USA this spring and next fall.

The Goethe Institute requested that the WanderbUS make a stop at Nolan Catholic High School. Nolan Catholic was not just their only stop in North Texas -- it was one of only three stops in all of Texas! This was an amazing honor and speaks to the efforts and involvement of our students and parents in making this German program so awesome that it is recognized even outside of our state!

All students who were a part of the German program were invited to participate. The exhibit aimed to be fun and interactive, “50% information and 50% entertainment,” included a quick presentation, time for students to explore, and a trivia quiz with prizes.



Semester Roundup



ROBO VIKES

In April, the Robo Vikes won The Chairman's award at the Dallas Competition which allowed them to compete in the State Competition in Austin. The Robo Vikes ranked 34th out of the 64 teams present. Congratulations to everyone for a successful year!

VIKING CHOIR

Back in April, the Viking Choirs competed in the TPSMEA Vocal Concert and Sight-Reading Contest.

The men's choir and the women's choir earned Excellent ratings for their concerts and their sight-readings. Our mixed choir earned an Excellent rating for their concert and a Superior rating for their sight-reading.



CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE 2019

Nolan Catholic students, parents, and volunteers were all busy at this year's Charles Schwab Challenge. Pictured above are freshman men's golf star, Sloan Henggeler, who made the cut for the Colonial Pro-Am; the men's golf team, who got the chance to meet Jordan Speith; and our wonderful volunteers for Viking Club.



MU ALPHA THETA

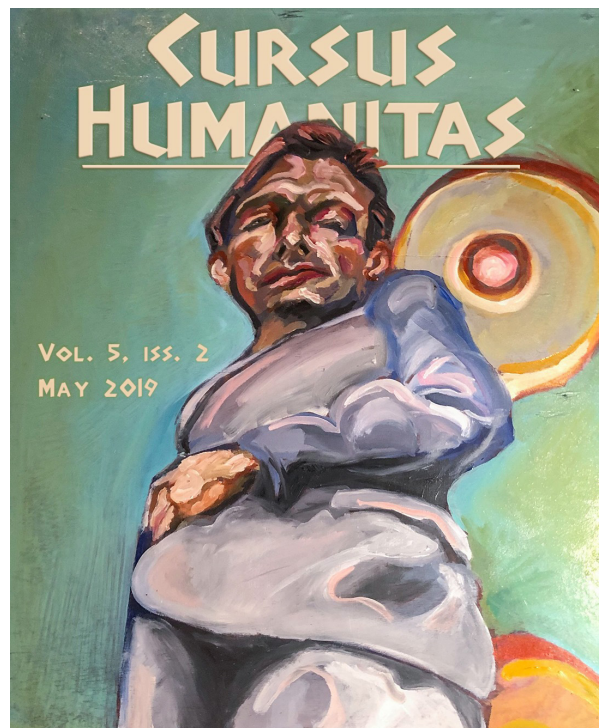
Mu Alpha Theta math honor society members recently earned First Place - Division I in the Catholic Math League. Way to go Vikings!



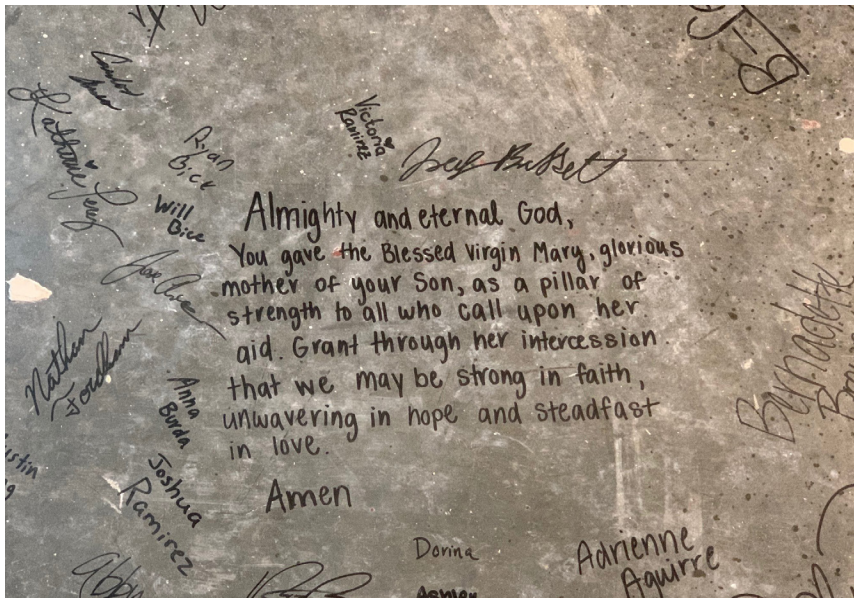
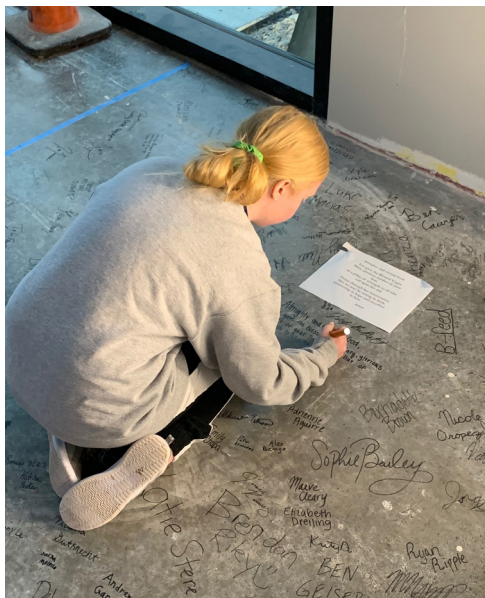
CURSUS HUMANITAS

www.nolancatholic.org/cursus-humanitas

Cursus Humanitas is the Nolan Catholic High School academic journal that showcases outstanding student work in the form of academic essays, lab reports, creative writing, photography, and art. Cursus Humanitas is a student-run publication that is released at the end of each semester. The faculty moderator for Cursus Humanitas is Mrs. Donna Brown, and the 2018-2019 editor-in-chief is senior Hayle Chen. Joey Bickett and Delaney Wessel are student editors.



Semester Roundup



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Class of 2019 concluded their high school years at Nolan Catholic by reflecting upon the many accomplishments and experiences they had over their time here. From growth in Christ and the many hours of service for their community to nationally-recognized academic honors to competing on the state level and earning superior marks in athletics and fine arts, the Nolan Catholic Class of 2019 has definitely made a difference. Whether it was because of their strong faith foundation, their academic excellence, or their highly developed gifts and talents, the Class of 2019 received widespread recognition, culminating in more than \$15.4 million in scholarship offers. Congratulations, Class of 2019! We look forward to seeing how you will continue to make a difference as you enter the next chapter of your life.







EXPANDING THE EXPERIENCE

WALK WITH US AS WE ENHANCE OUR CAMPUS BLUEPRINT

BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESS



99%

of Nolan Catholic students attend college

\$15M+ TO 138

in college scholarships

students in 2019



770 STUDENTS

enrolled in 2019-2020

6 ALUMNI

pursuing religious life within the past 5 years



NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

since 2014



9

national finalists

17

semifinalists

30

commended

BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

Nolan Catholic High School is Expanding the Experience. We are not just renovating our building. We are reimagining our environment through the lens of **Truth, Beauty, and Goodness**. Over the next two years, we will open new academic, social, and spiritual facilities that will provide our students the opportunity to grow as thinkers, citizens, and servant leaders. We are preparing today's Catholic students to be tomorrow's Catholic leaders.

GUIDING STUDENTS TO KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE GOD IN ALL THEY ENCOUNTER

Our new facilities will allow us to go further in connecting our students to God in all that they see and do. We are converting our courtyards into beautiful outdoor learning environments that will provide new, experiential learning opportunities in arts, sciences, and more. Improved athletic facilities will foster community and spiritual growth through competition and school pride. Even the floors and structural upgrades have been designed with intention: to reshape our facilities into a space that reinforces our school's spiritual and academic mission.

CREATING ACADEMIC ADVANTAGES

Expanding the Experience is not just about building new spaces – it's about filling those spaces with opportunities. Upgrades to the equipment in our engineering, technology, and arts programs will provide students with brand-new, industry-standard equipment that will prepare our Vikings for college and careers. Our faculty and staff will continue to instill students with the knowledge and confidence to succeed, and new technology will offer students the hands-on experience needed to prepare for tomorrow.

FOSTERING HEALTHY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The expanded Nolan Catholic High School experience will put a new focus on developing community, fostering collaborative education, and developing healthy social growth.

The IDEA Building, which includes a multipurpose facility, will provide performance space for dance, music, and theatre, and an art gallery will allow students to connect through the beauty of self-expression. New learning spaces will allow faculty the freedom to design curriculum with a focus on collaboration, interaction, and hands-on experiences. And our athletic facilities will enhance our Vikings opportunities to form fraternal bonds through athletic competition.

GROWING OUR K-8 CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

These enhancements will engage us with our K-8 schools and community, which will ultimately create sustainable growth for Nolan Catholic and Catholic education as a whole.

MASTER PLAN



NATATORIUM

Nolan Catholic High School will be the only private school in Fort Worth with an on-campus natatorium. The multi-purpose aquatic center will feature a 25-meter swimming pool with 10 lanes, a diving platform, and a spectator area that will showcase our student-athletes. The natatorium will be open to all students, faculty, and staff, and the aquatic center will also host a wave of health and fitness programs throughout the Diocese.

THEATRE

The theatre and auditorium now feature state-of-the-art audio and video equipment, which will create a wealth of learning experiences for our Technical Theatre students. We also upgraded the seating in the auditorium, so students, faculty, and patrons of the arts will have an even more enjoyable experience at plays, musicals, recitals, and other events.

MAIN BUILDING

We've greatly enhanced safety and security without sacrificing aesthetics. Students and visitors will immediately feel welcome as they enter through the modern front entryway. Guests will also notice the eye-catching terrazzo flooring, additional restrooms, and open-air courtyard that can be used for spiritual reflection or as an outdoor learning space.

INTEGRATED DESIGN OF ENGINEERING AND ARTS (IDEA) BUILDING

This collaborative learning space and multipurpose facility will allow our award-winning Robo Vikes team to compete at a higher level with the best high school programs in the country. The IDEA Building is at the center of our premiere engineering academy, which is a series of classes designed to prepare students for college and careers. The IDEA Building will also be the home to our arts, broadcasting, and photography courses, and the multipurpose center will feature an art gallery and a stage for artistic performances.

FIELD HOUSE

The field house will provide athletic and fitness opportunities for all Vikings. More than half of our students currently use the weight room, and our planned expansion will improve function and capacity. This will include the ability to open the weight room doors directly onto the playing field and extending training outside.

PROJECTED TIMELINE

COMPLETED!
MAY 2019

Auditorium refresh

IN PROGRESS
AUGUST 2019

Main Building Enhancements

COMING SOON!
JANUARY 2020

Natatorium

SPRING 2020

IDEA Building
Field House

CIRCLE DRIVE COMPLETION DATE: AUGUST 2019

When our students return in August, they will immediately notice a beautifully reimagined Circle Drive that will offer safer and easier pick up for both students and drivers.



FIELD HOUSE & IDEA BUILDING COMPLETION DATE: SPRING 2020

The Field House will offer an upgraded health and wellness facility that is open to all Nolan Catholic students.

The Integrated Design of Engineering and Arts (IDEA) Building (seen above Field House) will feature an art gallery, performance space, technology classrooms, and an engineering and robotics work area.



FRONT ENTRANCE

COMPLETED: MAY 2019

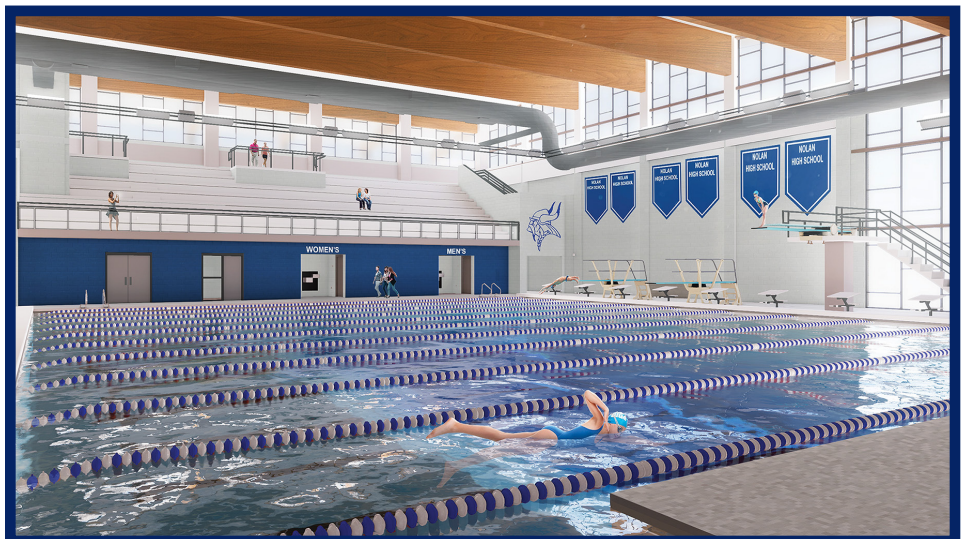
Our entrance has been redesigned with a clean, modern aesthetic. The new lobby will provide a safe and secure area for guests to check in before entering the main building.



NATATORIUM

**COMPLETION DATE:
SPRING 2020**

A 10-lane pool with two diving boards, locker rooms, and spectator seating will be located on the west side of Hartnett Arena. This facility will allow us to hold events, competitions, and outreach programs with our partner schools and community organizations.





Nolan Catholic High

SENIOR CLASS 2019



*Valedictorian &
National Merit Scholarship Finalist*

Anna Gale Browder (Left)

Salutatorian

Angelica Morales Castro (Right)

184 scholarship offers exceeding \$15.4 million
have been awarded to the Class of 2019.

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School Class of 2019

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WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Abilene Christian University | George Mason University | University of Louisiana | Pratt Institute | Texas Tech University |
| The University of Alabama | The George Washington University | Loyola University Chicago | Queens University of Charlotte | Texas Wesleyan University |
| Arizona State University | University of Georgia | University of Mary Hardin-Baylor | Radford University | Texas Woman's University |
| The University of Arizona | Hampden-Sydney College | Michigan State University | Regis University | The University of Texas, Arlington |
| Auburn University | Hardin-Simmons University | Millsaps College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | The University of Texas, Austin |
| Austin College | Harding University | Mississippi State University | Rhode Island School of Design | The University of Texas, Dallas |
| Baylor University | University of Hawaii at Manoa | University of Mississippi | Rhodes College | The University of Texas, El Paso |
| Benedictine College | Hofstra University | Montana State University, Bozeman | University of Rochester | The University of Texas, Tyler |
| Blinn College | Holy Names University | Nazareth College | Sam Houston State University | The Ohio State University |
| Boston University | Houston Baptist University | University of Nebraska at Lincoln | Samford University | Trinity University |
| Bridgewater State University | University Of Houston | New Mexico State University | Savannah College of Art and Design | U.S. Army |
| Chaminade University of Honolulu | Howard Payne University | University of North Texas | Seton Hall University | University of the Incarnate Word |
| Chapman University | University of Idaho | Northern Arizona University | Southern Arkansas University | Villanova University |
| University of Colorado at Boulder | University of Illinois at Chicago | Notre Dame de Namur University | Southern Methodist University | Western Colorado University |
| Colorado School of Mines | Indiana University at Bloomington | University of Notre Dame | St. Edward's University | Western New Mexico University |
| Colorado State University | Johnson C. Smith University | Nova Southeastern University | St. Mary's University of San Antonio | University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| Creighton University | Kansas State University | Oklahoma State University | Stephen F. Austin State University | University of Wyoming |
| University Of Dallas | Kent State University | Oklahoma Wesleyan University | Tarleton State University | Xavier University |
| University of Denver | Lake Forest University | The University of Oklahoma | Texas A&M University | |
| University College Dublin | Lawrence Technological University | University of Oregon | Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi | |
| Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University | LeTourneau University | University of Pittsburgh | Texas Christian University | |
| Franciscan University of Steubenville | Louisiana State University | University of Portland | Texas State University | |



ALUMNI
HAPPENINGS

HALL OF FAME 2018



Charles S. Molinets '91



Phyllis Farrell Norman '65



Robert F. Long '93



John Joseph Ryan '74

DID YOU KNOW...

that 21 Nolan Catholic High School alumni have returned to work at their alma mater?



Tia (King) Beekerich
Class of 2009



Geoffrey Calvin
Class of 2004



Melinda Cantu
Class of 2005



Rick Garnett
Class of 1999



Andrew Goodridge
Class of 2001



Lisa (Halden) Griffith
Class of 1980



Mary Heidt
Class of 2012



Elizabeth (Moore) Keoughan
Class of 1985

Alumni Happenings



Jack King
Laneri HS, Class of 1961



Alex Mechalske
Class of 2008



Madeline (Ross) O'Bryan
Class of 2009



Pat (Gilmore) Pierret
Class of 1978



Patrick Simeroth
Class of 2001



Mary-Margaret (Meyers) Soknich
Class of 2006



Sr. Rosemary Stanton
Class of 1967



Janet (Mata) Thomas
Class of 1985



Kristi (Adeock) Trampe
Class of 1978



Joe Weik
Class of 2006



Michelle (Anish) Wessel
Class of 1990



Rebekah Yarmchuk
Class of 2012

1960's

Did you catch the picture of **Cathy Guinn '67** with her mom and dad in the Star-Telegram on Monday, Jan. 21? It was a "Time Frame" of them celebrating Dr. Guinn's election to the Fort Worth City Council.



together with Mark Tompkins' wife, Belinda, and Mark Veteikis' wife, Jan, over the Christmas holidays to celebrate their life long friendship.

1980's



Mike Lyons '65 was in town and toured Nolan Catholic in February. He shared many memories of his time on the track team. He is pictured above with Elizabeth Moore Keoughan '85 handing him his transcript.

Lee Ann LaCoix Rottler

'76 was in town for her father's 100th birthday and to participate in the Cowtown Marathon with him. She brought her daughter, Caitlin, to Nolan Catholic to speak to the Ecology and AP Biology classes about Caitlin's experiences post-doc with the different types of ecology.

Robert DeLuca '70 was elected President of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians this past March at the Sheraton Grand Chicago.



Dr. Erin Vader '88, pictured with parents, Judy Parnell Vader '65 and Pat Vader '64, earned her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Texas Wesleyan University.

1970's

Mike Wallace '77, Mark Tompkins '77 and Mark Veteikis '77, classmates from kindergarten at SMG through NCHS and UT Arlington, got



The North Texas Catholic's column, "Take 5 with Father," featured **Father Tim Thompson '74**.

Jason C. N. Smith '86 was recognized by *Fort Worth Magazine* as a Top Attorney for 2018. Jason practices employment and personal injury law.

Joseph Dalton '81 has published another book, *Washington's Golden Age*. Booklist called it "a heady insider's view of the capitol's political and social swirl from the 1930's to the 1980's... well-documented, engaging and loving." He has been nominated as Music Journalist of the Year in the inaugural year of the Eddie Awards (Capitol Region Thomas Edison Music Awards). Thirty-four different awards were given saluting outstanding contributions to the Capital Region music scene.



Tom Hernandez '85 honored his brother, **Tony Hernandez '84**, with a golf tournament in March. The tournament was at Rockwood Golf Course.

Carol Hunter Klocek '85, CEO of Center for Transforming Lives (CTL), was interviewed regarding CTL's report, "The Hidden Homeless: Early Childhood Homelessness in Tarrant County." She was interviewed and featured on KERA, KRLD, WFAA and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Read the story on CTL's website which reported 14,981 children in Tarrant County are homeless each year.

Lawrence Lubrano '85 emceed this year's gala, "A Night at the Museum," at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Kris Russell Nethers '87 and Dr. K's Biker Babes is working to wipe out MS.

Jason Ainsworth, husband of

Johanna Goheen Ainsworth '82 and owner of Pro*Am Events, invited **Emily Collins '10** to be the pro of the team he took to the Pro-Am Pebble Beach Tournament. Emily placed second in the Pro division. Her home course is Maridoe.



1990's

Jay Stegall '96 is working to wipe out MS.

Chandler Burgess '96 is the creative and content manager in the marketing department for Killington Resort and Pico Mountain in Vermont. He has been proclaimed the King of Spring.

2000's

Elizabeth Eder Northern '05

posted times in the Chevron Houston Marathon that will take her to the next step on the path to the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Look for Elizabeth in the Atlanta Olympic Trials.

Elizabeth Eder Northern '05 and Caitlin Keen '10

have both qualified for the 2020 marathon Olympic Trials in February of 2020. The two train together with a team of women called the Fort Worth Distance Project. NCHS assistant cross country and track coach, Luciana Bartholomew, is also a member of their team. Elizabeth is a Tarrant County College researcher;



Caitlin is the TCU Women's Cross Country Coach.

Brant Shipferling '07

 was conferred a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering with an emphasis in Tissue Engineering and Compatibility from the University of Texas-Arlington's Department of Bioengineering, and his second Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Biology. Brant participated in the UTA genetics lab research under Dr. Fujita and in the biomechanics laboratory under Dr. Liao studying hydrogel formation and the biomechanics of the heart. The team's research was published and presented at the 2018 Biomedical Engineering Society Conference. Brant earned a BS in Education & Human Services from the University of Nebraska in 2011. He has accepted a position at Alcon Research Laboratory in Fort Worth with the intent of maintaining his passion to ensure those in need receive the best medical devices to improve their quality of life.

Adrean Indolos '08

, owner of Adrean I Photography, won the 11th Annual WeddingWire Couples' Choice Award for the third year in a row. Adrean I Photography received this esteemed award based on their outstanding experience working with real newlyweds. WeddingWire features more than three million reviews, and these notable vendors all received prompt, reliable, and quality feedback.

Karin Ruppel, wife of **Chris Ruppel '01**, and their son Ayden (residents of Freiburg, Germany) visited the German IV class on the invite of **Frau O'Bryan '09**, German teacher. Karin carried on an all-German conversation with the four students in the class. Ayden is pictured with **Colin Smith '19 & Coleman Meadows '19** in his version of the NCHS polo shirt.



Clare Neece Shawaker

'09 is the Campus Minister of Marketing and Women's Ministry at SMU. She and her husband, Blaine, and their daughter, Lyla Marie, live in Dallas.

Daniel Hernandez '07 was part of the entertainment for Theatre Arlington's Gala, "Roast Mayor Williams." He was also the musical director for Theatre Arlington's recent children's production, "Junie B. Jones."



Tia King Beckerich '09 is the Marketing Coordinator at Nolan Catholic. Tia will be working with social media, *The Shield*, and all things "marketing."

Elizabeth Eder Northern '05

admits that her proudest running accomplishment so far is claiming her first national title on Sunday at the USATF 50K Championships in Long Island, NY. This win along with her time qualifies her to compete on Team USA in September at the World 50K Championships in Romania.

Sarah Mbemba '08 and Jennifer Wegman '94 together helped with organizing the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) at All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas, TX. They are the first CRHP team at All Saints to use polo shirts.



Christina Cornevin '03 will be performing as Rosalia in "West Side Story" at Merrick Theater on Long Island.

Katie Ruglic '02 is on the road to recovery after suffering a stroke in March.

2010's



In late December, **Antonio Coffee '15 and Abby Pfaff '15** attended the 45th Biennial Alpha Phi Omega National Convention in Austin. Antonio and Abby will serve as presidents of their chapters: Antonio for Alpha Alpha Zeta at St. Mary's University; Abby for Gamma Rho at University of North Texas.

Megan Ecklebarger '14 is a government consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, DC. She specializes in data science and technology.

Justin Norris '17, a sophomore at University of Oklahoma, performed the role of Jimmy in OU's Weitzehoffer School of Musical Theatre's spring production of "Grand Hotel."

Maria Fernandez '18 assisted the Hardin-Simmons Cowgirls on the basketball court this season.

John Ratliff '11 is one of 12 students chosen to test-drive Texas A&M College of Dentistry's new patient-care model which began in June 2018. John finished school this semester and began his oral surgery residency in Shreveport, LA.

These recent alumni were named to the President's or Dean's List at University of Alabama: **Isabelle Landrem '17 (Dean's), Caroline Workman '15 (President's), Kevin Sweeney '16 (Dean's), Will Ramon '15 (Dean's) and Keely Hanson '17 (President's).**

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) held their Broadcast Excellence Awards ceremony in March and the ABC12 (in Flint): Your Trusted Source! WJRT-TV team earned several awards including **Ann Pierret '10** for "Ann Pierret Reports."



RJ McWilliams '10 has moved to Washington, DC and is an intern working for the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Caitlin Keen '10 has been in the news a lot lately. She won the Cowtown 10K one week and got mauled by a dog on Trinity Trails the next. Caitlin is recovering well and ready to prepare for her next marathon in May.

Kathleen Keoughan Sparks '13 is in her second year of the Texas Tech Doctor of Physical Therapy program on the Odessa campus. Her husband, Travis, is a geologist at Concho Resources. They live in Midland with three dogs and a cat.

Zach Mendoza '18 was "Greek of the Week" at Texas A&M this spring. Here's how his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, describes him: "He is only a freshman, yet he has already accomplished a lot. He got into IFC Lead, won the Academic Phi Scholarship in our fraternity, was nominated for the IFC Rising Star Award, was nominated for the Beckman Scholarship, is taking 17 hours, has a 3.6 GPA, is involved in research, was a top 40 finalist in this year's Raymond Ideas Challenge, and participated in a 24 hour hackathon where he helped develop code for a company called SmartCar. Not to mention he holds a leadership position in Phi Delta Theta as our secretary."

Emily Rayball '15, senior at Boston College, ran in the Boston Marathon to raise awareness and to empower girls. "Girls on the Run" was at the heart of her training and running.

Avery Boley '18, with a home run and RBI Fielder's Choice, had a big role in Texas A&M -Commerce's softball win over Texas A&M among other games in which she played this season.



Austin Perrotti '12 has been awarded a Rotary Global Grant to the University of Reading in England to study under acclaimed philosopher

David Oderberg. He will be studying in the UK for one year and pursuing a master's of research in philosophy. University of Reading carries the reputation of the third-ranked Philosophy program in the world.

WE REMEMBER

James Hanlon '07
May 19, 2018

Christina Miller Skotnik '65
June 25, 2018

Jolice Wiedenhoff '91
July 12, 2018

Kathy Clare '69
July 19, 2018

David Swihart '82
October 17, 2018

Chris Devero '92
November 13, 2018

Barbara Bourland '71
November 23, 2018

Vickie Breezy Quinn '68
Feb. 27, 2019

John Helbing '70
March 15, 2019

Jackson Weller '14
April 3, 2019

Colleen Corbett Schumacher '72

May 17, 2019

Josephine "Mama K" Koziol
February 17, 2019

Mary-Ann Kleuser
April 23, 2019

Mike Dauphin '73
June 3, 2019

Jeff Galloway '89
June 4, 2019

Richard Moore
June 6, 2019

Bob Fuhrman '75
June 9, 2019

"In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.

In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever & ever.

Amen."

HOMECOMING 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, October 11

The Nolan Catholic Varsity Football team will be taking on Liberty Christian this year at homecoming. Go Vikes!

REUNIONS

To volunteer to coordinate your reunion or questions about your reunion, contact the Alumni Office.

1964: 55 Years

1994: 25 Years

1969: 50 Years

1999: 20 Years

1974: 45 Years

2004: 15 Years

1979: 40 Years


2009: 10 Years

1974: 35 Years

2014: 5 Years

1989: 30 Years

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