



NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

April 2021



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FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Hi, Alumni,

Here we are in April and a lot of things are happening at Nolan Catholic and with our alumni.

With all the flowers and trees blooming, it's time to get your spring family photos taken. **Sarah Absher '08** works for Dr. Susan Hollar, DDS, taking dental-related photos, but she also has her own photography business recording all types of events as well as portraits of families and children. You'll read more about her in the Alumni Business Spotlight.

Do you know someone who should be inducted into the Nolan Catholic High School Hall of Fame? Read the criteria and get the nomination forms from the [Hall of Fame page](#) on the NCHS website. You'll see all of the inductees on that page as well.

Our current Vikings are doing amazing things in the world outside of Nolan Catholic. They have excelled in 4-H, e-Sports, the Smithsonian and we have a Miss Teen Texas. There's lots more to be said about that in "Around the Circle."

There's lots of activity among the alumni especially the more recent ones. Check that out in Class Notes.

Christ's resurrection from the dead at Easter gives us the hope of salvation. May you have a blessed Easter season.

Continue the relationship!

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STAY CONNECTED

Update your contact information

We want to hear from you! Please email [Pat Pierret](#) 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](#) and we will highlight it in the next newsletter.

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Amanda Rutledge

A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LEAH RIOS

Dear Nolan Catholic Alumni and Families,

Thank you for your support and outreach as we continue to grow our students to know, love, and serve God in all they encounter.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new steering committee for Nolan Catholic High School. This committee will take a deep dive into all campus activities and develop a three-year plan, including a speaker series proposal to address and create learning experiences focused on cognitive bias, and address the important issues of racial inequality. This team has also begun exploring outside trainings and speakers. As this is important to the growth of our educators, families, students, and community, two committee members have stepped up to help educate on implicit bias training and social media awareness.

- Tiana Sanford, Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County and alum of Nolan Catholic, Class of '00 and Our Lady of Victory, has offered to provide training for staff, parents, and students on cognitive bias this semester.
- Mr. James Wilkinson, retired military officer and VP of Enterprise Information Security, has also offered to provide training this semester and has already delivered his presentation to the Nolan Catholic staff last week.

Steering Committee members may also serve as a liaison for the school and topics of concern regarding diversity and culture on campus.

Steering Committee Members:
(Meet weekly for the remainder of the school year)

Tiana Sanford
Assistant District Attorney, Division Chief
Presenter for Implicit Bias Training
Alumna, Class of 2000

Mike Short
Director of Security for Fort Worth Catholic Diocese

Dr. Joann Sanders
Chief Quality Officer, Cook Children's Hospital

Dr. Arica Prado
All Saints Catholic School, Principal
Alumna

James Wilkinson
Head of Third Party Application Engagement at MUFG Bank
Presenter for Social Media Smarts

KJ Williams
Strength and Conditioning Coordinator, NCHS

Olga Watson
Campus Ministries Director, NCHS

Alex Mechalske
Executive Director for Communications and Marketing, NCHS
Alumna

Sister Ana Imelda, O.P.
NCHS Theology Teacher
Assistant Vocations Director for Dominican Sisters

Dr. Symionne Quarles
NCHS Counselor

It has been approximately two years since we have had a speaker on campus. In an effort to get some outside voices in front of our students, please find the following tentative schedule for upcoming events.

Social Media Smarts Training for Staff (Mandatory for all employees)

March 24 (2:30 - 4 p.m.) *Completed*
Cognitive Bias Training for Staff (Mandatory for all employees)
April 7 (2:30 - 4 p.m.) *Confirmed*

Virtual Parent Information Night (Cognitive Bias and Social Media Awareness)
April 15 (6 - 8 p.m.) *Tentative*

Social Media & Cognitive Bias Student Information Session (Juniors & Seniors)
April 16 (8 - 9:30 a.m.) *Tentative*

Social Media & Cognitive Bias Student Information Session (Freshmen & Sophomores)
April 23 (8 - 9:30 a.m.) *Tentative*

Mass and Talk with Bishop Olson
April 29 (8 a.m.) *Tentative*

As we continue on our educational journey and partner with our educators, families, and students, I look forward to working with each of you in providing the best educational experience in forming our students to know, love, and serve God with every encounter.

Prayerfully yours,

Leah Rios

ALUMNI BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Sarah Lynn Photography

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](#).

Sarah Lynn Photography + Art of Dentistry

Sarah Absher, Class of 2008

Sarah has been working as a Lab Technician, making porcelain veneers in her mother's (Dr. Susan Hollar) dental practice since 2010. The dental practice is family owned for 35 years. It is conveniently located in Arlington near I-30. The practice is focused on cosmetic dentistry, restoration and aesthetics.

"It is rewarding to be able to create something for someone that is so life changing! One of the most unique things about the practice is having an in-house lab. This allows us to have complete control of our cases from start to finish. It is great to be able to work side by side with my mom."

In 2017, Sarah started her photography business. It all began with photographing customers in the office after their work was



complete. She had a vision and wanted to capture smiles in a more artistic way, using nature and natural light to add life into an "after" photo. In no time, Sarah started expanding her photography skills into other areas, including engagement photos, family photos, and newborns.

"It's so interesting how life unfolds. For the past 10 years, I thought I had a clear vision for my future and career in the dental world! Photography started off as just a fun hobby, but it soon became a small business that started organically just from word of mouth. Around year 3, my client list had grown so much that I was getting requests for photoshoots weekly.

Today, I can say with complete confidence that I have found my true passion! I have yet to face a session I can't handle and I have yet to face one I haven't loved."

Check out Sarah's work on instagram: [@Sarah Lynn Photo](#)

Services can be booked by phone or email: 817.946.2171 - sarah@susanhollar.com

Dental Page: [@Susanhollardds](#)

Art of Dentistry website www.Susanhollar.com/



EVENTS

April 10 - Athletics Open House

April 11 - Project Graduation '21 Senior Show

April 16 - Spring Pep Rally

April 17 - Fine Arts Open House

April 23 - Junior Leadership Day & Senior Community Day

April 24 - Junior/Senior Prom

May 7 - Jazz Band Concert and Festival

Click [here](#) to see the Nolan Vikings Athletics Sports Schedule.

EN MEMORIAM



May perpetual light shine upon them

Johnny Pustevjovsky '74 - March 9, 2021

EXPERIENCE THE POSSIBILITIES

VIRTUAL TOUR

Click here to watch a virtual, student-led tour of the Nolan Catholic High School campus. Get an overview of the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness that permeates every corner of our school.

The Admissions Office would like to invite you to experience the many renovations to our campus! Various clubs, organizations, and academic departments will be hosting events to showcase the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness on our campus.

While you are here, we encourage parents to consider if Nolan Catholic is the right choice for your child's education. This is your chance to meet students, moderators, and coaches specifically in your child's areas of interest.

It is not too late to register for one of the events or a personal tour of our campus! Please visit <https://www.nolancatholic.org/events-and-tours> to register with our admissions team. We look forward to seeing you!

[Click here to register for Spring Preview](#)

OPEN HOUSES

April 10 Athletics

April 17 Fine Arts

[Click here](#) for details and to register for an upcoming departmental Open house

For more information, or to schedule an on-campus tour, contact Donna O'Malley, Executive Director for Admissions & Enrollment, at domalley@nchstx.org, or at 817-395-0245. Visit <https://www.nolancatholic.org/application-process> for application assistance.



AROUND THE CIRCLE

4-H SHOW TEAM AT TCJLS

The Nolan Catholic 4-H Show Team in its first year of establishment has already made quite the splash at the competitive level. This past week they took their animals and talents to the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show and came away with a handful of awards and belt buckles!

Sophomore Sophia Rios won Grand Champion and incoming freshman Hudson Rios won Grand Reserve Champion, the two highest awards at show.

Junior Sophie Munro took 1st in her class with Daisy.

Other notables:

- **Kate Farry '23** - 2nd in Class
- **Olivia Delvac '21** - 6th in Class
- **Ethan Hamende '24** - Top 20 in Class
- **Isabella Rodriguez '24** - Best Rabbit Breed



eSPORTS CHAMPS!

In its inaugural season, the NCHS eSports team won the Fall season of the TAPPS State Competition Rocket League. eSports is included in the Fine Arts TAPPS competitions. Congratulations to Ethan Pearson, Josh Russell, Jason Russell.



MISS TEEN TEXAS

Congratulations to our very own Katie Hoang! She won Miss Teen Dallas and recently won Miss Teen Texas. Way to go, Katie!

AROUND THE CIRCLE

THEATRE NOLAN'S SPRING MUSICAL

The Nolan Catholic theatre program is nothing short of resilient and determined. It was only fitting their spring musical resonate that same message. With any obstacle or roadblock they came across, they faced it with poise, faith, and a smile. The Theatre Nolan program performed their spring musical, *Newsies*, six times to accommodate COVID protocols that limited the number of fans that could be in attendance.

One thing is for sure -- they *SEIZED THE DAY!* The musical even featured some special appearances by some of our beloved teachers, Mr. Cox, Mr. McNichol, Mr. Reyes, and Mr. Mabry.



The musical was full of energy, high-intensity choreography, and powerful solos. If you did not have the opportunity to catch a performance, don't worry, we have you covered! The musical will be available for purchase beginning the week after spring break. You will

be able to purchase a one-time streaming link to watch from the comfort of your own home.

Congratulations, Theatre Nolan, on a job well done!



AROUND THE CIRCLE



NCHS Alumni Spirit Gear

Alumni Spirit Gear is here for you to purchase. Go to [this site](#), pick out your favorite and pay online. Your purchase will be mailed to you.



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. Our goal is \$150,000 and we have raised \$140,000! Please help us reach our goal!

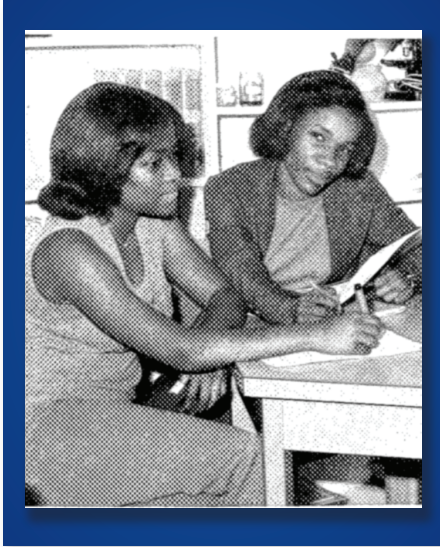
Join us today by going online to www.nolancatholic.org/give!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Fr. Moon, NCHS Chaplain, will include your prayer requests in daily and weekly NCHS Masses. Submit your prayer requests to [Pat Pierret](#).

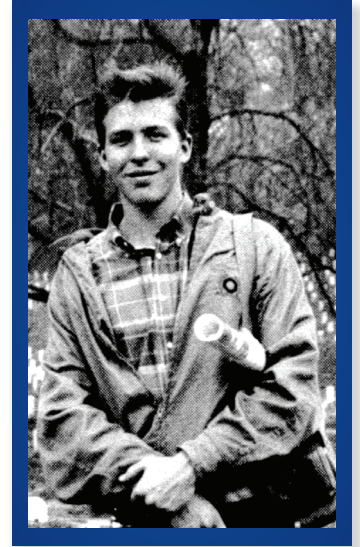
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April 2021 #1



April 2021 #2



April 2021 #3

March 2021



March 2021 #1

Adrienne Tucker Smith '70



March 2021 #2

Janae Greene Tinsley '80



March 2021 #3

Erick Fernandez '06

April 2021 Class Notes

1970s

Celeste Mulry Balwin '73 is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Regis College. She's still living in Hawaii though and teaching asynchronously online.

Returning to Texas to celebrate his father's birthday, **Vince Lubrano '76**, an OB-GYN in the Cincinnati area, visited NCHS for a tour with his brother, **Andy '80**. *(Photo 1)*

Kevin Foster '78, currently a lieutenant with the TCU Police Department, found this photo in the TCU archives of Fr. Robert Nolan at the 17th Annual Convention of the City Marshals and Chiefs of Police Union of Texas in 1911. Fr. Nolan was a deputy on the force. Did you find him? Third row from the bottom, 4th from the right. He may be the only person in the photo with a clerical collar. [Here's an article](#) that Kevin found about the commissioning and why it had to happen. *(Photos 2 & 3)*

1980s

Andy Lubrano '80 made a visit to campus for a tour with his brother, **Vince '76**. Highlight of the tour for Andy? The baseball field, of course! *(Photo 1)*

Team **Dario (Lorenzetti '88)** is still running strong. Dario's family (Kirstin, his widow; his three daughters; and his dad) along with other close relatives have run The Woodlands half marathon or 5K in Dario's memory for the past nine years. They most recently ran The Woodlands 5K and are pictured below. Kirstin and **Jason Cowen '88** as Team Dario are preparing to run the Army 10 miler in 2022. T-shirts with the Team Dario logo on them can be purchased. *(Photo 4)*

Karla Brizzi '83, former lead Royelle, would like to get together with other Royelles of the early 80s. [Interested?](#)

1990s

Christy Sulak Koelzer '91 along with her husband and their four children which includes one Nolan alumnus, **Scott '11**, and two current students, **Amanda '22** and **Zachary '24**, are featured in the "[North Catholic Texas' The Domestic Church](#)" [column](#).

Charles Molinets '91 is deployed again. This time he is supporting Operation Spartan Shield in Germany. Charles is conducting logistical support for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to soldiers in the Central Command area of operation. In December 2020, he marked 25 years in the Army!

2000s

Lucy Carter Reardon '07, her husband, Frank, and daughter, Delaney, welcomed Otto Jeffrey Reardon on March 1, 2021.

Emily Elizabeth was born on March 18, 2021 to **Hannah Robinson Kopriva '08** and her husband, Bryant. Per Hannah, "Big brother, Grayson, is already doing a spectacular job in his new role." *(Photos 5 & 6)*

2010s

Paul Horton '10 and Stephanie Ellis were married on August, 29, 2020 in Houston where they now live. Paul is a mechanical engineer for Valero in Texas City. *(Photo 7)*

Victoria Bittmann's ('10) career path took a turn and she is now the Donor Relations Associate for [CASA of Tarrant County](#). She wears a lot of different hats in her role at CASA including obtaining donations, planning events, working with donors and assisting with financials.

Evangelini Inocando '12 is now Mrs. Adam Horton. **Adam ('13)** and Evangelini

married on March 6, 2021 at Saint Andrew Catholic Church, They live in San Antonio. Adam is a Field Engineer for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. Evangelini will graduate in May from the University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry with a Doctor of Optometry degree. *(Photo 8)*

Riley Aronson '13 is moving down the Eastern Seaboard from New Hampshire to North Carolina. Our newest veterinarian will be interning at North Carolina State University.

Avery Boley '18 is proving her worth for the Texas A&M – Commerce Lions softball team. The Lions' catcher and some-time first baseman has had a hot bat this season. [Check out that big smile!](#)

Katie LaCicero '18 volunteered to help out with measuring the seniors for costumes for the Project Graduation '21 Senior Show. *(Photo 9)*

Alison Bryant '18, a member of the track and field team at Franciscan University, was named [USTFCCCA Runner of the Week in March](#).

Jacob Watson '19, a sophomore pitcher at Franciscan University, got a [shout out from his conference](#), President's Athletic Conference, for his second win of the baseball season.

Colin Schwartz '19 was hired by the NCHS Theatre Department to be the lighting designer for *Newsies*, *The Broadway Musical* and to teach the students about light design and the light process.

2020s

Claire Elrod '20 volunteered on a Saturday to help out with the NCHS set crew of *Newsies*, *The Broadway Musical*. The crew benefited a lot from Claire's advice.

April 2021 Class Notes



1. Andy Lubrano '80 and Vince Lubrano '76



2. Father Robert Nolan



3. Father Robert Nolan



4. Team Dario (Lorenzetti '88)



5. Hannah Robinson Kopriva '08



6. Emily Elizabeth Kopriva



7. Paul Horton '10



8. Adam Horton '13 and Evangeli Inocando '12



9. Katie LaCicero '18