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The Class of 2026 Captains, our tenth group of House System Leaders, gathered on the front steps of our school.

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FELLOW PATRIOTS



Our beloved alma mater has always been a special and unique place for growth in faith, academics, and community for generations of Patriots. However, over the last ten years, the implementation of a House System - similar

to the ones at the University of Notre Dame, Catholic high schools in other parts of the country, and yes, even the *Harry Potter* series, has been a critical piece of establishing community and growing leadership in our students. We created six Houses: Baltimore, Charity, Gonzaga, Mercy, St. Mary's, and Trinity. These houses have strengthened student camaraderie, grown academic achievement, and provided a safe haven for students adjusting to high school. We are very excited to celebrate the tenth year of our House System at Archbishop Carroll High School.

In honor of this milestone, we are sharing the stories that have made the House System feel like home. In this edition, you'll get a closer look at the inspiration behind our decision to implement the House System and the steps we took to craft and develop the program to enhance the Patriot experience. We also talked with current Carroll faculty and staff who have been involved in Carroll's House System as both teachers and students as Genesis Captains. Most importantly, you will find stories from current students who lead their Houses by uniting their peers, fostering a positive environment, and giving back to those in need.

While we could go on about the various competitions and the Patriot Cup Championship, we are most proud of how the House System has positively affected how we live out our mission at Archbishop Carroll High School. It is not uncommon to see seniors walking with freshmen in the hallway, students with different interests working together as a team, Family Rooms worshipping together in Adoration, and Houses cheering on each others' hard work at competitions like the Lip Sync Battle. I am continuously amazed by how much the House System has impacted the bond that our students have with each other and the mentorship happening in Family Rooms between educator mentors, senior leaders, and the entire student body. Because of the House System, every member of the Carroll community truly has a place to belong!

Everyone in the Carroll community places some value on the House System. I have been so impressed with what it does for our kids and our community. When talking about Carroll outside of campus, the House System is often a point in conversation. I say this a lot to alumni and families considering Carroll for their children: It's not just something we do. It really has become who we are. I look forward to seeing how the House System will positively influence our students this year and the inspirational ways in which they will share that positivity with our Patriot family and beyond.

Blessings,

Matthew Sableski '91

Principal



HOUSE KEEPING | PATRIOT HOUSE CUP













2025 Champions: St. Mary House

Congratulations to St. Mary's House on winning the Patriot House Cup for the second year in a row! The Doves rolled to victory in three of our four House Event competitions this year: Carrollympics, Lip Sync Battle, and Field Day. With their second-ever finish at the top of the standings, St. Mary's joins Charity as the only House to win the Patriot House Cup more than once. Best of luck to all Houses in 2025-26!





SPOTLIGHTS

A look at some of the highlights from within and around our amazing student community

ACADEMICS



CARROLL ALUMNI, PUBLIC OFFICIALS INSPIRE A NEW GENERATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

The American Culture and Social Responsibility class visited Dayton City Hall and were led in discussions about how to be active citizens in their community. The students learned about the mission of the Welcome Dayton program, an initiative to help immigrants adjust to their new lives and homes throughout the region. Riverside Mayor, Peter Williams '98, and Dayton City Commissioner, Matt Joseph '90, both serve as board members for the organization. They shared their insights as elected officials with students about the importance of participation in local government.

"I enjoyed hosting the Carroll students at City Hall and talking with them about how we communicate with city residents," Joseph said. "They were bright and enthusiastic outside of their classroom setting. I suspect that talking about actual examples of residents' complaints and discussing how the city responds to them will be helpful to them in the future, whether they are serving on a city council themselves or they're just trying to get something done in their future neighborhoods."

HOW CARROLL EDUCATORS ARE NAVIGATING AI-GENERATED CLASSROOM TOOLS THROUGH BRISK

The mission of Archbishop Carroll High School is the holistic formation of its students for a life of virtue, academic excellence, and service to the common good. With the ever-advancing tools and resources available, students and teachers alike are learning how to navigate the rapid advances in technology, specifically in Al usage. Students are not permitted to use Al to compose or create work that is supposed to be original and authentic. Likewise, teachers are not to rely on Al to do all of the heavy lifting when it comes to their work in the classroom. Is there a way for Al to be used as a tool to enhance the classroom experience?

This is what Computer Science teacher Diane (McNelly) Keller '80 has been researching and developing for her



own classroom. Diane has been implementing tools from BRISK, an Al-powered Google Chrome extension geared towards education that syncs with websites and internet tools that are already being used in the classroom setting.

Diane and her daughter, Hannah Keller '17, were discussing ways to use Al to enhance their respective classrooms, and Diane Keller gravitated towards what BRISK had to offer teachers. Keller, along with fellow educator Acacia Morrell became certified in the software and shared the BRISK tools with their fellow peers throughout the various academic departments.

With any new AI technology, there are often concerns about the dehumanization of the classroom experience. Keller is positive that educators at Carroll will be using the technology as a tool to enhance their classrooms. Regardless of the material AI generates, teachers still need to fact-check and to refine the material to make sure it aligns with their intentional instruction. Said Keller, "If there are teachers out there expecting it to do 100% of the work, it's not," as nothing can take away from the human, personal care and attention teachers give to their students in the classroom.

ENGINEERING GROUP WINS NATIONWIDE STEM CONTEST

Leah Casas '25, Claire Jordan '26, Caleb Weitz '26, and Ella Westgerdes '25 are national champions of STEM Education. The group finished in first place in the Presentation category at the Technology Student Association's Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science at the national conference in Nashville. This group also finished in fourth place in the Design/Build category.

The competition required the students to research heat islands, urban areas with high temperatures, throughout the state of Tennessee and devise a plan to reduce the effects of manmade structures that lead to abnormal conditions. The group focused on Memphis and devised three tactics to lower the city's temperature: build wind catchers to cool buildings with renewable energy, create more green spaces in the city, and transport cool air from the underground reservoir to the surface to absorb some of the heat.

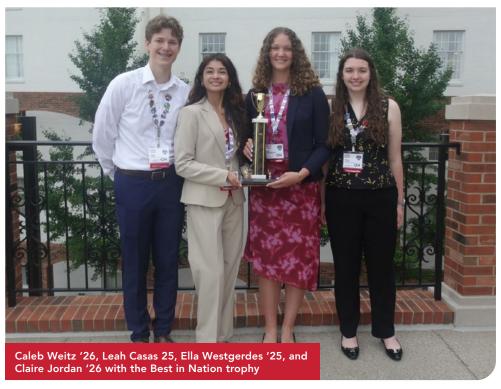
After spending hours researching Memphis's heat island effect and preparing equations to justify their solutions, the group created a slideshow presentation for the judges to evaluate.

"It was a fun group effort to work together and figure out what challenges we could overcome," Jordan said.

The team of Corrin Neidhard '26, Juliana Johnson '26, and Olivia Rodriguez '26 finished in fifth place in Mathematic Modeling.

Congratulations to these outstanding students and their coaches, Mrs. Mary Ollier and Mrs. Laurie Fuhr!





ARTS



FREEDOM PLAYERS CAP AWARD WINNING SEASON WITH PERFORMANCE AT SCHUSTER CENTER

This spring marked yet another successful year for the Carroll Freedom Players. In March, students created magic-literally and figuratively- onstage in Disney's Mary Poppins. Students sang many of the show's famous songs, including A Spoonful of Sugar, Jolly Holiday, and Chim Chim Cher-ee. Students also danced on rooftops as chimney sweeps, made objects come to life, and flew Mary and Bert across the stage, much like the scenes from the beloved Mary Poppins novels and the Disney film. The cast learned to speak in multiple British accents and learned how to tap dance for the show-stopping number, Step in Time. Much hard work was put into this technically-difficult show, and they pulled off an impressive production. The Freedom Players met rave reviews from packed audiences throughout the show's run.

The Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards adjudicators also gave Mary Poppins high accolades. Three leading performers from the show (Via Mongelli '26, Graysen Thompson '25, and Caleb Weitz '26) earned Outstanding Lead in a Musical awards, and they performed selections from their roles at the Schuster Center this past June. In addition to their solos, the entire high school cast of Mary Poppins earned Outstanding Musical and performed Supercalifragilistic expialidocious at the Schuster Center ceremony as well. In total, the Freedom Players earned a whopping 43 MVHSTA awards- both in the Outstanding and Merit categories- for both Mary Poppins and the fall play, Radium Girls.

ALLY WALLS '25 MAKES SCHOOL HISTORY AT GOVERNOR'S ART SHOW

Placing one piece of art into Ohio's top showcase for high school artists is rare. Creating four works that are among the best is nearly unthinkable, but Ally Walls '25 accomplished that extraordinary feat.

"I worked on these pieces throughout my high school career. Each work had its own moment, and it was cool seeing my work displayed among other top artists from Ohio."

-Ally Walls '25

The Governor's Youth Art Exhibition "offers students from across Ohio the opportunity to step into competition, raise their art abilities, their confidence, and to reach personal goals and challenges," according to its website. Students, their families, and teachers are invited to an awards ceremony and reception, and the winning pieces are displayed in the



Ally Walls '25 with her acrylic painting, *The Grass is Greener* on the Other Side, at the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower

James A. Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus in April and May. Walls remembers a feeling of shock when she learned that she had the second-most number of pieces by any individual that would be part of the event.

CARROLL JUNIOR SELECTED TO PERFORM IN 2026 ROSE PARADE

A Carroll Patriot will march through the streets of Pasadena on New Year's Day with some of the best high school musicians in the country. Danielle Edgington '27 was selected as a member of the 2026 Bands of America Honor Band, a prestigious,

audition-only group that performs in the annual Rose Parade.

Danielle learned about the opportunity at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis at the end of the Marching Patriots' 2024 season. Her recorded audition on alto saxophone and experience as a musician that dates back to her time as a student at St. Brigid Catholic School in Carroll's Youth Band Program impressed the organizers enough to offer her a spot in the ensemble.

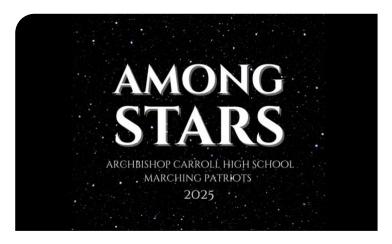
"It's surreal," Edgington said. "It's an amazing opportunity that I'm grateful for, but I never imagined that I would do something on this scale."

Danielle and her family will travel to Los Angeles right after Christmas for day-long rehearsals and other performances in the lead up to the parade on January 1, but she is already at work learning music for *We're an American Band* by Grand



Danielle Edgington '27 on field with the Marching Patriots during a performance of their 2024 competition show *Birdland* in Ohio Stadium

Funk Railroad, *Times Like These* by the Foo Fighters, and a special arrangements of *Reflections of Earth* from the Disney's EPCOT *Illuminations* fireworks show as well as *For Good* from the musical, Wicked.



MARCHING PATRIOTS SHOOT FOR THE STARS WITH 2025 COMPETITION SHOW

The award winning Marching Patriots are proud to present their 2025 competition show, *Among Stars*, this fall. The show features arrangements of *Astral Dance*, by Gordon Stout, several works by Hans Zimmer, and original music by Director of Bands Carl Soucek. Drum Major River Demmy-Stover '26 will lead the Marching Patriots on the field at several competitions throughout the region including the Mid States Band Association circuit and two Bands of America Regional Championships in Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind.

SERVICE

ARCHDIOCESE HONORS CARROLL STUDENTS FOR SCOUTING AND FAITH

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Committee on Scouting presented Religious Emblems at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains to three Archbishop Carroll High School students involved in Boy Scouts of America.

Stephen Bartsch '27 (Troop 85, St. Luke Parish) and Jack Williams '27 (Troop 329, St. Helen Parish) earned the Pope Pius XII Emblem, which recognizes Scouts for their understanding of the Catholic faith and their commitment to serving their community.



Rich Derbis '28 (Troop 530, Incarnation Parish) earned the Ad Altare Dei Emblem, which honors Scouts for their deepening understanding of the sacraments and their spiritual growth.

LUNCH BREAKING IN A RE-IMAGINED SPACE

Future classes of Carroll seniors have a new place to break bread with their friends thanks to the leadership of one of the school's newest alumni.

Sam Smith '25 spearheaded the effort to transform the school's courtyard into a functional space for seniors to enjoy their lunch period. The idea formed during Smith's freshman year when he and some of his friends dreamed about sharing a senior lunch in the space just outside of the cafeteria.

What Smith did not know was that Audrey Dezur '26 and Kayleigh Crossman '26 proposed the same concept for the courtyard as a "bill" in AP Government. School administrators gave the project a greenlight in the fourth quarter of the academic year. With guidance from Mr. Chris Sorrell '83 and financial support from money raised through the House System, an underutilized area of campus became the setting for a new school tradition.

Even though Smith and his classmates were able to enjoy



the outdoor dining space for just a few weeks, Sam's vision for the courtyard extends well into the future.

"I know I left a good impact on the rising seniors, and I hope it's something that continues for years and years to come. I hope it becomes a staple of life at Carroll because that would show me I did something good here."

COMPETITION FOR A CAUSE: A MARCH MADNESS-THEMED FOOD DRIVE



Andrew Cornelli '25 and his peers have always looked for ways to have some House-related fun surrounding March Madness, and they made it possible this past March. Inspired by a similar event during his time at St. Luke Catholic School, Cornelli and Bryce McEachen '25 figured out a way to include each Family Room while fighting hunger in Dayton.

The event was two-fold. First, each Family Room collected canned goods and food items to donate to Dayton's Food for the Journey project. The Family Room who brought in the most items was able to make the first pick of the NCAA

men's basketball team that they thought would win the tournament. This year's winning team was chosen by St. Mary's Room 206 Family Room, and they earned a free lunch provided by the Food for the Journey food truck.

The other portion of the competition was a door-decorating contest. Once a Family Room selected their team, the students worked together to create a work of art on their canvas as they cheered their teams through tournament runs. The door voted Best Decorated won donuts for their Family Room. This was a great way to involve students who don't usually follow March Madness. "We had kids in my family room that don't follow sports, but they helped out with the art design," said Cornelli. Gonzaga Family Room 312 and their monument to the Memphis Tigers won, as their door included each person in the Family Room. Cornelli said that one of the highlights of this event was walking around the halls and seeing all of the creative door entries.

Overall, the students had a lot of fun while helping the Dayton community. The students brought in enough items to fill up a van for the Food for the Journey project, an organization that provides mobile meals to Dayton communities suffering from food insecurity and hunger. Said Cornelli, "We're helping out a community that needs a lot more help than we do."





It started as a chat. Director of Mission Martha Saurine and former Social Studies teacher, Matt Normile, were discussing ways to enhance Patriot student experiences on campus. Normile, who had completed his student teaching work at Archbishop Moeller High School, had been exposed to a house system that the school had implemented. Seeing that this could be something that would benefit Patriot students, the idea of Carroll's house system started to take form.

When Normile and Saurine presented the idea to principal Matt Sableski '91, he first responded with skepticism. "I thought it was kind of a neat concept, but...I felt like we do a lot already," recalled Sableski, "I wanted to make sure that the benefits for our students and community as a whole would outweigh the work effort that might have to go into this change." Though Sableski had concerns, he gave the green light to Normile and Saurine to

create a research and development committee that would observe high schools who implemented similar systems in order to see if this was truly something that would benefit Patriot students.

For the next year, teachers in teams of three spent time talking with and witnessing the administration, staff, and students in three specific high school house systems closest to Dayton:
Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Ohio; Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus, Ohio; and Trinity High School in Louisville, Kentucky.
After the school visits, teachers met to discuss their observations, the benefits of the structure, and the challenges that come with a house system.

Though originally met with skepticism, Normile and Saurine were persistent. The benefits of this type of formation were too good to pass up at Carroll. "The primary philosophy was that every kid belonged," said Saurine, and she felt that this system only

strengthened the Patriot family that Carroll already provides. "I knew Carroll was a special place that had special faculty and staff that could make it work," said Saurine; "It just fits so beautifully into the philosophy of not only a Catholic school, but Carroll."

Sableski credits Normile and Saurine's persistence and the principal from Bishop Hartley with his change of heart and ultimate approval of the House System implementation at Carroll. Said Sableski, "Bishop Hartley is a school that is very, very similar to Carroll, and he had a lot of really positive things to say about it, encouraged me to be patient, and told me to give it four years."

With the approval to begin the development stage, many teachers from the research and development team decided to take on the role of Deans of the various Houses. They, along with others who volunteered to become Deans, gathered at Indian Lake for a development and branding

retreat. The center at Indian Lake provided a place for the team to focus on the rollout of the House System. It was here that the names of the houses came to be as well.

The team would quickly discover that Bishop Hartley's principal was correct about being patient: the implementation of the house system was challenging and difficult. "It's a tremendous amount of work," said Saurine, as she recalled all of the little details - student leadership roles, crests, colors, and more - that went into the development and implementation of those early years of the House System. "I don't think we've done a year, two years in a row, (where) we've done exactly the same thing, but I like that. It's a dynamic system." Added Sableski, "People should know how valuable our teachers and staff members have been throughout this process. Even though it's student-led, the teachers and staff really had to come out of their comfort zones to embrace this and to help get this thing going. People wanted to see the value in this and wanted to make it work."

Because of that dedication, this system has evolved into something truly special. Saurine recalled that the first year of House competitions, students



The House System became a critical piece of school life at the height of the coronavirus pandemic. Family Rooms provided not only logistical support for limiting the spread of the virus, but also a steady form of social interaction for students.



Starting in 2024, the House System became a focal point at graduation. Graduates sit with their Housemates, are greeted by House Deans at the foot of the stage before receiving their diplomas, and are congratulated by the faculty members of their House.

only cheered for their particular House. In more recent competitions, students cheer for each other, regardless of House affiliation. Said Saurine, "That gave me goosebumps, that they're able to compete and celebrate each other at the same time."

Though dynamic, the house system is rooted in three pillars: faith, academics, and community. "We're a Catholic educational institution, and so everything we do should be in the light of faith," said Saurine. "So if we do those rigorous academics, it's in the light of faith. And so, when we build community, it's in the light of faith. We're in the light of being a Catholic school."

It's in moments of community that both Saurine and Sableski see the biggest impact. In recent years, a couple of students have had parents pass away. At each of the viewings held, Carroll students' family rooms went together to support the student at their time of need. While walking through the receiving line for one of the students,

Sableski recalls that he heard the student call out "'Hey, everybody, this is my family."

He then recalls that the student proudly explained to others at the viewing that these are people who she's with every day at school. Sableski remembers that she then said, "They're in my Family Room and I love them."

What started out as a chat has become something that has become a unique part of the Patriot experience at Archbishop Carroll High School that will be talked about for years to come. "Even if we have people come in and want to know about House, it cannot be duplicated exactly in any other school because no other school is exactly Carroll," states Saurine, "We have Deans and Family Room mentors who are so committed to making this place better and helping our students and service to our students, and the House System is just conducive to helping us serve our students better."



STUDENT REFLECTION | ELLA WESTGERDES '25

Faith, Academics, and Community – these are the three pillars of the House System that have supported Archbishop Carroll High School for a decade now. When Carroll students step foot on campus, we're called by name to take part in their House. Within these Houses is where a Carroll student becomes a Carroll Patriot and learns to use faith, academics, and community to become a better part of the world. My name is Ella Westgerdes, and Carroll's House System inspired me to be a true Patriot through the communities we build and lead.

Allow me to set a scene: children are gathered around a table where they ask their counterparts to crack jokes and tell stories as their guardian pleads with them to clean up their mess. I'm sure that this scene might be reminiscent of your times of childhood, gathered beside your brothers and sisters, but it is also exactly what a day in Family Room looks like. When we call it "Family Room", we mean it. Spending every day with the same students for four years can make you feel like they are your siblings. When I talk to students of other schools, they seem surprised that Carroll gives up a half hour of precious time every day for the House System. I don't think it should be surprising at all. I formed little families throughout the school with my friends, in my classes, and with teammates. None of these little families reflected the bond of a true, sometimes chaotic, family like our times in Family Room. Watching your classmates grow up and flourish at Carroll is truly a gift. It's no secret that a lot of transformation happens between freshman and senior year, and I am so proud of my family room brothers and sister—Addison, Preston, Blake and Jack – for the Patriots they have become.

Not only does the House System provide comfort while at school, it helps us apply skills we learn in class to the community. Mr. Todd



Tayloe and Mrs. Toni (Hemmert) Weitz '86, our Family Room Mentors, can vouch for me when I say that I was quiet and reserved as a freshman. Scared to seem too eager or stand out, I sat in the corner and only participated if necessary. After I realized that my House was there to support, not judge, I fully embraced Baltimore House. Soon enough, I became a Captain and tried my best to make Baltimore a place where students truly felt like they had a family. In other words, we made our Baltimore House a Baltimore Home.

The House System provides a space that students can call their home base. We grow our faith through service and prayer, practicing Catholic Social Teachings and bringing comfort to marginalized groups outside of the Carroll community. We support each other academically in helping tutor our family room classmates on academic days and keep each other accountable. And finally, we build communities that bring students of all different grades, sports, clubs, and academic abilities together to create chaotic, unique Family Rooms. I know that I will use the skills that I gained and the love that I learned in my next steps, always being a Carroll Patriot at heart.





In the House System, each House event, fundraiser, and point-awarding activity that occurs throughout the year leads to the ultimate goal: The Patriot Cup Championship. Charity House has won the most championships, with three wins to its name thus far. For Charity House students, however, the community-building and goal-setting opportunities are what make the lasting impacts on its alumni.

For Julia Roberts '23, being a part of Charity House was something that she looked forward to, especially watching her older sisters take part in the Charity House events, like the Lip Sync Battle. Once she entered high school, she enjoyed being a part of a community within her family room that allowed her to grow closer to and connect with students in all four grade levels.

For Julia's senior year, she was chosen to serve as both Captain in her Family Room as well as Communications Captain for her House. Within those positions, Julia worked and bonded with her fellow Charity Housemates over things like creating social media content, running House events, creating Charity's dolphin mascot, and ultimately winning the Patriot Cup Championship in 2023. "Being able to

be a senior leader...and helping mentor the younger ones and show them how much the House community at Carroll meant to us was so much fun," said Roberts, "It was always competitive, but everyone was so supportive of each other's House."

Julia not only graduated from Carroll with a House Cup Championship to her name, but she took valuable leadership skills with her as a current student at the University of Dayton. She currently holds multiple leadership positions, including Vice President of Inclusion of UD's Kappa Delta chapter, where she plans events, mentors her peers, and works with creating digital content for social media, among many other responsibilities on campus.

Roberts also gives a lot of credit to the teacher leaders and role models she had during her time in Charity House as inspiration for her future career as a school Intervention Specialist. "The teachers at Carroll have made a very lasting impact on me," she said, "They all were super supportive." She hopes to provide that same support to her future students and lead them to their own classroom victories.



PATRIOT HOUSE CUP WINNERS

2016-17: Charity House

2017-18: Baltimore House

2018-19: Charity House

2019-20 and 2020-21: No Cup Awarded Due to

COVID-19 Pandemic

2021-22: **Mercy House**

2022-23: Charity House

2023-24: **St. Mary's House**

2024-25: St. Mary's House





Julia Roberts '23 competes in a House Event during her senior year.



Anna Cate Seltsam '26 has only vague memories of her brothers' time as students in Gonzaga House. Hearing stories from her brothers Jack '17 and Ryan '21 about competing against other Houses or bonding with the other students in their Family Rooms made her eager to experience the House System for herself.

"I liked the idea of it, and I knew I always wanted to be a Captain from the second I stepped foot in Carroll."

Now as a senior, Anna Cate has seized the opportunity to lead her Family Room and carry on the legacy Jack helped establish as a Genesis Captain.

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He's someone I look up to and is one of the hardest workers I know. I think he's a great leader, and I just want to be like him in that aspect of life.

"It's cool when your younger siblings do the same stuff you did and you can bond over that," Jack said. "For her to say that is really good to hear. Anything you do, you want to make the people in your family proud of you."

Jack has carried the lessons he learned as a Captain with him into his career coaching college basketball. The upcoming season will be his first as the Director of Operations for the Murray State University Men's Basketball team and his ninth total in the program. Leading and teaching young players on the court has a lot of similarities to serving his peers as a House Captain, Jack explained.

"You're going to be around people you've never met before, so you have to find some way to build relationships and connect with them. You're stuck with each other, so sharing meals and drawing connections between their life and yours is important. It's the same thing with the House System. There are students you don't know, so you have to spend time and build relationships with

them, and try to learn about the highs and lows of their lives."

Inspiring the next generation of leaders and helping Gonzaga claim its first Patriot House Cup Championship are at the top of Anna Cate's list of goals heading into her senior year, and the example set by Jack is the biggest reason why.



Anna Cate Seltsam '26, Ryan Seltsam '21, Jack Seltsam '17, Amy Seltsam, and Patrick Seltsam on Jack's graduation day.



One of a House Captain's main responsibilities is welcoming new students and helping them adjust to life as a Patriot, but one Genesis Captain had the unique opportunity to welcome her father back to Carroll as a new teacher thanks to the House System's emphasis on family and a bit of serendipitous timing.

Chris Sorrell '83 accepted a spot as a Social Studies teacher on the final day of exams in 2016 after the school leadership had already established the framework of the House System. The teacher he was replacing was slated to be a member of a different House than



Day during Marina's senior year.

Chris's daughter, Marina '17. Keeping families together under the roof of one House meant that Marina and another Captain must swap Houses, and after a trade, the Sorrells were members of what would be named Mercy House at the House Leadership Retreat during the summer.

"When the job opened up right before her senior year, I remember Marina telling me that she'd be happy to show me around," Chris laughingly recalled. "She had been here for three years and considered it her school, regardless of the fact I'd been there since the 80s."

"I felt like it was time for him to come over," Marina said. "I felt like it was going to be a seamless transition."

On the first day of Marina's senior year in August, she was inspired and ready to serve as a leader like the seniors who embraced her as a new student. Coming from an elementary school where few students typically attend Carroll, Marina knew firsthand how much of an impact a friendly senior could have on a freshman, or even a first year teacher.

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Each year, we try to add a little bit to our tribe in Mercy. We try to remember and acknowledge those early Captains in what was the hardest year to be a Captain.

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"It took me a while to make friends my freshman year," Marina said. "The House System is an extension of what I experience through things I was involved in. For Carroll to build in that support system for underclassmen, it builds a lot of empathy and leadership skills for students."

Chris now serves as one of Mercy House's Deans along with fellow Genesis Faculty Member Tara Knopp, guiding each new group of Captains as they begin their journeys of leadership like his daughter did when the House System was new. Adding to the foundation that Marina and her fellow Class of 2017 Captains built for Mercy House is one of the highlights of Chris's role at Carroll.



It's one of the most anticipated days of the school year, one where every student and faculty member come together under the spotlight to put on a show for the rest of the school. The Lip Sync Battle has grown from just another competition in the quest for the Patriot House Cup to a must-see experience.

Ruby Gross '25 helped lead St. Mary's House to victory in this year's contest as a Captain. She describes the process as electric.

"The energy grows day-by-day, and once it finally gets here, there's a buzz in the air," Gross said. "You can definitely feel the energy as soon as you walk in the gym when everyone's in there and it's time to perform."

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Nothing compares to seeing the full masterpiece altogether. It's so much fun to watch everyone because you know their students and teachers worked just as hard as you did. Being able to watch another part of the school have such a fun time on stage is something really special.

Before the show can go on, two Houses take the lead in planning the event. They select a theme like Disney songs, Decades Time Warp, or One Hit Wonders – the theme for 2025. Each House chooses a song that fits the theme, and the Captains begin designing costumes, choreographing dance moves, and implementing props.

Turning ideas into an entertaining performance requires the Captains to put their leadership skills to the test. While House Deans and other adult mentors help along the way, the Captains are responsible for making most of their plans outside of school hours. Having a clear vision as well as finding ways to engage the other students in the House is critical to the performance's success.

"It's a little nervewracking, but once the curtains open, everyone fits in and gets in the groove. We've practiced for weeks or even months, and everyone is smiling and having a good time."

Even though Gross and the rest of St. Mary's celebrated a winning performance of lyaz's Replay, watching her friends and teachers from other







Houses put their hearts into their own songs was as impactful as having her own dedication and effort rewarded.



Generations of Patriots have been involved in service towards others in the community. In addition to the many service opportunities Archbishop Carroll provides, the House System has fostered even more ways for students to make a difference in the community alongside their housemates.

For Trinity House's Megan Pham '26, service wasn't always something that she participated in during her younger years. Upon coming to Carroll, however, she started immersing herself in many different service opportunities, beginning with her freshman year and increasing throughout her time at Carroll. For Pham, many of these service opportunities have come through the House System. Together with her fellow housemates, she has done service projects within her Family Room, House-wide projects, and even

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I actually developed a love of service because I felt I was actually doing something for the community. schoolwide projects facilitated by the various Houses.

Of the many projects she has worked on with her peers in Trinity House Family Room 208, she really enjoyed doing a virtual reading project, where she and her peers recorded themselves reading children's books and sent the videos to kindergarteners in Dayton. In Family Room, Pham discovered the true joy of helping others. "I actually developed a love of service because I felt I was actually doing something for the

Pham also has had many moments that she calls "eye-opening" through her recent involvement with the week-long Mission Dayton project. Having completed her Mission Dayton projects, Pham feels called to do more, and she credits her family room advisor, Mrs. Melissa (Balsom) Fisher '83, with that inspiration. Fisher has taught

community."

Pham that "there is always a need to do more." Said Pham, "If we keep doing service, we'll eventually get to the point where we can fix the problem."



Megan Pham '26 volunteers at the Wesley Center as part of the Mission Dayton program

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GRADUATION | CLASS OF 2025

Adriana Ahrens

Jacob Akehurst

Spencer Albright

Julio Arguelles Rivas

Maximilliano Arias-Camacho

Allison Arias-Rodriguez

Blake Arrowood

Benjamin Austria

Ashley Ballachino

Marcus Barnes

Haillie Bobbitt

Anthony Borger

Emma Boyte

Dominick Braun

Jacob Brazel

Grace Brown

Miles Brown

Tay'Shawn Brown

Madeline Bruns

Christian Bryant

Jim Bui

Maximilian Bultemeyer

Jorja Burke

Trey'von Camp

Peyton Carr

Ella Carusone

Leah Casas

Presley Cattabiani

Dakota Clark

Sierra Clark

Caedon Cooper

Michael Copeland

Madison Corcoran

Andrew Cornelli

Quinn Cromwell

Roy Crossman

Hope Danis

Josie Deschapelles

Jose Diaz Palma

Raul Diaz

Marlynna Dooley

Simiya Dunson

Simon Englefield

Alex Espinoza Huerta

Aidan Fermier

Makenzie Fleming

Emilio Flores

EmmaGrace Fox

Samantha Frederick

Sophia Fullenkamp

Luis Garcia-Mariano Iesus Gavtan Rivera

David Gervais

Rachel Gervais

Isaiah Gibson

Jude Girtman Mathew Glenn

James Green

Alexander Grey

Ruby Gross

Kael Grothaus Lyric Hamilton

Alexis Hapner

Cayla Harris

Lucas Hartley

Sarah Hartzell

Charles Hatmaker Andersyn Heaton

Havden Holbrook

James Holkema

Joshua Holzinger

Jieun Hong

Mallory Howard

Theodore Hubbard-**Thompkins**

Rory Hughes Cooper Husted

Grace Iacobacci

Leonel Jacinto-Juarez

Andrew Janson

Ava Janson

Giovanni Jimenez Hernandez

Mallory Johnson

Laura Kabban

Marin Keferl

Gabrielle Kilby

Ava Kim

Kathleen Kolsti

Madeline Kramer

Allison Kuli

Breeanna Kwofie-Davies

Calvin Lachey

Luci LaJeunesse

Audrey Lawhorn

Addison Linard

Rongjun Liu

Caydence Lloyd Sky Londergan

Angel Macas Mariduena

Angelina Madden

Luke Magnone

Erik Marquez Pantaleon

Evan McCormick

Alicia Mcdaniel

Bryce McEachen

Claire McEachen

Jakob McGeady

Collette Merland

Bryce Miller Richard Mitchell

Jacob Moddeman

Heeveon Moon

Madison Morris

Mary Muntz

Citlalith Navarro

Makinzi Neff

Caitlin Neidhard

Sarah Nemeth

Khaeem Nickerson

Samuel Norman

Derek O'Bleness

Lyla Oliver

Linnea Onder

Xander Osborne

Charlotte Overholser

Anahi Pascual Lopez

Lukas Pleiman

Kameron Pooler

Isabel Powders

Angel Quinde Tamay

Isaiah Ramsey

Christopher Reid

Crosley Reid

Noah Remy

Madeline Reuter

Jackson Reynolds Madison Richardson

Alessandro Richmond

Emma Rickert

Christopher Rowe

Luke Rudd

Hannah Russ

Adin Salomon

Gabrielle Sandlin Gabrielle Savage

The Class of 2025 is the 61st graduating class in the history of Archbishop Carroll High School. The 177-student class earned more than \$22 million in merit-based scholarships and performed 18,110 hours of inspired, not required, community service throughout their time at Carroll. Join us in congratulating the newest class of Carroll alumni!

Patriots of the Year: Ella Westgerdes and

Theodore Hubbard-Thompkins

Valedictorians: Leah Casas, Mathew Glenn, Grace Iacobacci, Gabrielle Kilby,

Bryce McEachen, Claire McEachen, Madeline Reuter

Salutatorian: Colin Schmuck







Colin Schmuck

Richard Schumann

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Emma Sexton

Shawn Seymour

Gunnar Shiverdecker

Samuel Smith

Bailey Snyder

Graham Spencer

Abby Springer David Stolz

Aaliyah Tevis

Terrell Thomas Graysen Thompson

Zachary Tipps Abigail Tokarz

Ava Treon

Shelby Trusty

Skyler Tunmore

Konnor VanTress

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Isabella Vignon

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Ella Westgerdes

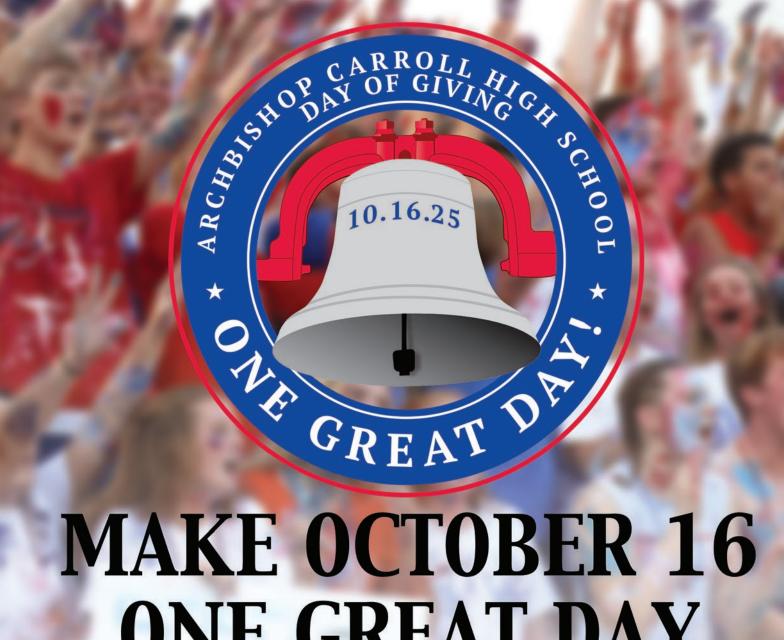
Maggie Williams Alivia Williamson

Christian Wilson Nicolas Young

National Honor

Tessa Zimmerman

Legacy Student



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ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL OHIO FAMILIES

All students in the State of Ohio qualify for as much as \$8,407 per year in financial aid to attend Archbishop Carroll High School. Under the traditional scholarship program, families who reside in designated public school districts are eligible for the full amount of the scholarship. The expansion scholarship designates families whose household income is at or below 450% of the federal poverty line as eligible for the full amount of the scholarship. Families with a higher household income are eligible for a prorated amount of the scholarship.

Scholarship Award Levels								
FPL	Amount	% of Maximum Scholarship						
0% - 450%	\$8,408	100						
500%	\$5,945	70						
550%	\$4,204	50						
600%	\$2,972	35						
650%	\$2,102	25						
700%	\$1,486	17						
750%	\$1,051	12						
Actual award amount is prorated based on income								

Federal Poverty Levels with Gross Annual Amounts										
Household Size	200%	450%	500%	550%	600%	650%	700%	750%		
2	\$42,300	\$95,175	\$105,750	\$116,325	\$126,900	\$137,475	\$148,050	\$158,635		
3	\$53,300	\$119,925	\$133,250	\$146,575	\$159,900	\$173,225	\$186,550	\$199,875		
4	\$64,300	\$144,675	\$160,750	\$176,825	\$192,900	\$208,975	\$225,050	\$241,125		
5	\$75,300	\$169,425	\$188,250	\$207,075	\$225,900	\$244,725	\$263,550	\$282,375		
6	\$86,300	\$194,175	\$215,750	\$237,325	\$258,900	\$280,475	\$302,050	\$323,625		
7	\$97,300	\$218,925	\$243,250	\$267,575	\$291,900	\$316,225	\$340,550	\$264,875		
8	\$108,300	\$243,675	\$270,750	\$297,825	\$234,900	\$351,975	\$379,050	\$406,125		
For Each add'l										
person, add:	\$11,000	\$24,750	\$27,500	\$30,250	\$33,000	\$35,750	\$38,500	\$41,250		



Families can continue to renew their scholarship at the high school level or apply as a first time applicant after being accepted to Archbishop Carroll High School.

Contact Director of Enrollment Heather (Taylor) Terbay '98, visit carrollhs.org/admissions/ohio-edchoice.cfm, or scan this QR Code for more information about the EdChoice Program.

ATHLETIC HONORS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Season Record: 22-3
GCL Champions

Kiera Healy: 2nd Team All Ohio, 1st Team District

15, 1st Team All GCL

Maura Petrovic: All Ohio Honorable Mention, 1st

Team All GCL

Lyla Oliver: 2nd Team All GCL **Eva Snyder:** GCL Honorable Mention

Coach Cecilia Grosselin: District 15 Coach of the

Year, GCL Coach of the Year

Coach Mike Austria '85: District 15 Assistant

Coach of the Year

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Season Record: 9-14

Noah Dent: District 15 Underclassmen Team, 1st Team All GCL

Zach Tipps: District 15 Senior Team, 3rd Team All Southwest Ohio, 2nd Team All GCL

Shawn Seymour: GCL Honorable Mention

GIRLS' WRESTLING

Season Result: 2nd Place in GCL

June Pyles-Tresser: District Qualifier, All Area

Special Mention

Marin Keferl: District Qualifier, All Area Special

Mention

Zoria Ostrowske: District Qualifier, All Area

Special Mention

Aubrey Volkerding: District Qualifier, All Area

Special Mention

Kenzie Neff: District Qualifier, All Area Special

Mention

BOYS' WRESTLING

Season Result: 2nd Place in GCL

Vince Sefic: State Placer, District Qualifier, All

Area Special Mention

Jackson Reynolds: All Area Special Mention Graham Spencer: All Area Special Mention Marco Keferl: All Area Special Mention Jeremiah Baker: District Qualifier, All Area

Special Mention

Christian Wilson: District Qualifier

GIRLS' BOWLING

Season Result: 1st Place in GCL

Stella Sharp: District Qualifier, 1st Team All GCL **Jackie Weitz:** District Qualifier, 1st Team All GCL

EmmaGrace Fox: 1st Team All GCL

BOYS' BOWLING

Season Result: 2nd Place in GCL

Caleb Weitz: 1st Team All GCL

Fabio Arias-Rodriguez: 2nd Team All GCL

Adam Alcid: 2nd Team All GCL Evan Brun: GCL Honorable Mention

Coach Mitch Weitz '17: GCL Coach of the Year

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Claudia Fernandez-Deardurff: State Placer Georgia Collins: District Qualifier Claire McEachen: District Qualifier Lily Summers: District Qualifier

BOYS' SWIMMING

Max Bultemeyer: State Placer
Kaheem Nickerson: District Qualifier
Ian Dean: District Qualifier
Bryce McEachen: District Qualifier

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

Season Record: 8-16

Kael Grothaus: 1st Team All Region, 1st Team All

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Sam Brun: 2nd Team All Region, 2nd Team All

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Ryan Snizik: All Region Honorable Mention, GCL • Honorable Mention



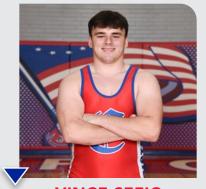












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ATHLETIC CONT.

GIRLS' INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

GCL Runners-up, District Runners-up

Ruby Gross: All Ohio, Academic All Ohio, Regional Runner-up, District Champion, GCL Champion

Anna Thurman: All Ohio, Academic All Ohio, All Region, District Champion, GCL Champion Makayla McLoughlin: All Ohio, Academic All Ohio, All Region, District Champion, GCL Champion

Alyssa Fast: All Ohio, Academic All Ohio, All Region, District Champion, GCL Champion

Rachel Gervais: State Qualifier

Miryam Brandon: Academic All Ohio, State Qualifier, All Region, GCL Runner-up Emma Wineberg: All Region, All District, 3rd

Team All GCL

Audrey Molnar: District Champion, GCL

Champion

Madeline Reuter: All District, GCL Runner-up Breeanna Kwofie-Davies: All District, 3rd Team

All GCL

Abby Springer: All District Mara Yoder: GCL Runner-up

Abby Tokarz: GCL Honorable Mention

BOYS' INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

GCL Runners-up

Finn Rollins: Academic All Ohio, State Qualifier, Regional Runner-up, All District, GCL Champion Hayden Holbrook: Academic All Ohio, State Qualifier, All Region, All District, GCL Champion Andrew Janson: State Qualifier, All Region, District Champion, Indoor All Ohio Team Jacob Moddeman: State Qualifier, GCL Honorable Mention, Indoor All Ohio Team David Gervais: State Qualifier, All Region,

Andrew Dirks: State Qualifier, Regional Runner-up, All District, GCL Champion Connor Kramer: State Qualifier, Regional Runner-up, All District, GCL Champion

Emilio Dessert: State Qualifier, All District,

GCL Champion

Collin Mueller: GCL Champion

Christian Martin-Hernandez: GCL Runner-up

Jack Williams: 3rd Team All GCL Luke Tokarz: GCL Honorable Mention Cameron Riggins: GCL Honorable Mention Caedon Cooper: GCL Honorable Mention David Bowens: GCL Honorable Mention

BOYS' TENNIS

Season Record: 3-12

Christian Bryant: 2nd Team All GCL **Andrew Woolley:** GCL Honorable Mention

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Season Record: 3-16

Samantha Frederick: 2nd Team All Region Leah Casas: All Region Academic Team Ava Ford: GCL Honorable Mention Annaliese Ford: GCL Honorable Mention

BOYS' LACROSSE

Season Record: 3-16

Quinn Tucker: 1st Team All GCL Dominic Braun: 1st Team All GCL Max Bistrek: 2nd Team All GCL Aiden Wical: Second Team All GCL Lyric Hamilton: GCL Honorable Mention







SOFTBALL

Season Record: 17-10

Tatum Browning: All District Team, 1st Team All

Emma Sexton: 1st Team All GCL Abby Springer: 2nd Team All GCL Kayla Rodriguez: 2nd Team All GCL Jacklyn Weitz: 2nd Team All GCL Marin Keferl: GCL Honorable Mention

BASEBALL

Season Record: 4-22

Lucas Hartley: 2nd Team All Area,

1st Team All GCL

Zach Tipps: 2nd Team All Area,

2nd Team All GCL

Crosley Reid: 2nd Team All Area,

GCL Honorable Mention

Mitchel Schmidt: All Area Honorable Mention,

2nd Team All GCL 💠







Three Genesis Captains from the Class of 2017 serve today's Carroll students as full-time faculty and staff members. They shared their memories of building the House System's foundation, its evolution, and how their time as student leaders prepared them for careers in Catholic education.

MITCH WEITZ Baltimore House



Fostering an environment rooted in family values at Carroll was nothing new for Mitch Weitz. The grandson of longtime English teacher Jim Hemmert and son of Bookstore Manager and Freedom Players Director Toni (Hemmert) Weitz '86 says he grew up at Carroll and jumped at the opportunity to write a new chapter in Carroll history. Weitz led Baltimore Family Room 113 with fellow Captain Dana Koesters, another Genesis Captain whose vocation would bring her back to Carroll. Connecting familiar faces with their unfamiliar voices still stands out as Weitz's favorite part of the House System's inaugural

"I didn't know most of the kids in my Family Room, but I was always outgoing and able to talk to people," Weitz said. "I still talk to people today that I was in a Family Room with, just because of those experiences."

Today, Weitz takes care of our home

at Carroll as a member of the facilities team and is still a proud member of Family Room 113 with its original adult mentors, Mr. Todd Tayloe and his mother, Toni. He draws on his experience as one of the first Captains to foster relationships with current students.

"I get to see how these new Captains take over and help if they have any questions. I can definitely tell when I show up that they're excited. They grab me and pull me in, and I get to talk to everybody. I've taken on a lot of roles in adulthood. In each one, I've found myself as a leader or somebody that can take charge, and it's mostly because of the House System."

DANA KOESTERS Mercy House

Each group of House Captains is full of leaders, but the Class of 2017 were trailblazers. Dana Koesters remembers that first year as one full of unknowns and learning.

"We were the guinea pigs. We had no idea what was going on."

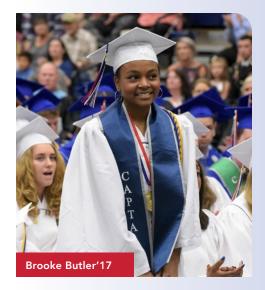
All Captains learn leadership skills in real time because of the emphasis on planning ahead needed to succeed as the head of a Family Room.

The responsibility of managing a classroom, adapting, and responding to unforeseen changes gave Koesters a headstart on her career in education. Thanks to her service as a Captain and total experience as a Carroll student, Koesters felt more prepared for college life at the University of Dayton than the other members of her cohort.

Koesters continues building new branches of community through the House System, now as a member of Mercy House when she returned to Carroll as a Spanish teacher in the 2023-24 academic year. She draws on her experience as a Genesis Captain with no previous examples to help new Captains find their footing at the start of each new year.

"It brings a better sense of community and inclusion to our school. It gives seniors and juniors a chance to mentor the freshmen."

Watching the House System grow into a vital part of the day for all students and witnessing students create their own legacy of leadership has been a rewarding experience for this Genesis



Captain who embraced the unknown challenges of building its foundation.

BROOKE BUTLERTrinity House

Brooke Butler had no reservations about stepping into a leadership role, even one that was evolving with each new day. With leadership positions as a section leader for the Marching Patriots, editing the Yearbook, and serving as an officer on Class Council and in National Honor Society, she felt prepared to help establish the House System as a Charity House Captain.

"I was comfortable in positions where I was expected to do more," Butler said. "I still feel like they put a lot of faith in us."

That investment of faith has paid off as Carroll enters the tenth year of the House System. Butler and the other Captains spent much of the first year as ambassadors for the new program and defining what it meant to be a House Captain. With strong examples to follow, today's Captains are able to focus on character and leadership development that helps the House System continue its growth.

"I'm really big on helping new people come in, and when old people leave, making sure the organization and its quality keep going," Butler said.

That approach to leadership made Butler's transition back to Carroll as the Assistant Director of Bands a smooth one. As an alumna of both the Carroll music program and House System, she draws on her experience connecting with diverse groups of people to serve her students.

"The House System taught me about planning and being comfortable speaking with people who don't necessarily share my interests. It's easy to be a leader in an organization where you share the same interests. In this situation, you're not bound by interests, you're bound by fate. It taught me how to connect with people who don't share."





RETIREES | MRS. MARILOU RULLI & MRS. JOYCE DUNHAM '83

Mrs. Rulli served as the Administrative Assistant for the Athletic Department for 26 years, and Mrs. Dunham cared for Carroll students as School Nurse for 13 years.



MRS. MARILOU RULLI



"Congratulations on your retirement, Mrs. Rulli! Best of luck with life after Carroll! You were always the best!"

- Eddie Meija '03

"Congratulations on your retirement! I'm so excited for you to spend more time with the grandkids. I will always remember almost every afternoon coming and visiting after school; some of my fondest memories."

- Katie (Kronenberger) Cabogason '11

"Thank you for being an amazing person to work with as a coach. Thank you for being a mentor and a listening ear when I needed it. You have done so much for me and the cheer program over my last eight years, and I am forever grateful and appreciative for it all! I wish you nothing but the best in your retirement! I hope you get to visit your kids and grandkids even more now!"

- Jillian (Hiegel) Chaney '13

MRS. JOYCE (POTTS) DUNHAM '83



"Congrats to you on making the decision to retire and to join your husband in enjoying all the good things that life has to offer. You have been such a blessing to Archbishop Carroll High School. Your commitment and dedication to all the students that have been in your care has been outstanding. You had a way of being compassionate and firm at the same time, challenging students to be their best, while taking care of so many of their needs, both physical and emotional. Your wisdom, expertise, and caring nature will surely be missed at Carroll."

- Mrs. Kelly (Sheetz) Becker '82

"Thank you so much for all the hard work you put in over the years. You are a kind nurse who looked after me as a type 1 diabetic, and you were there for each and every student, whether they were sick or just needed someone to talk to. You were always so patient and understanding."

- Victoria Flores '18



Trailblazers for Catholic Education

Our parents and grandparents, along with countless friends and neighbors in our Catholic community, initiated a rich history of giving when they made what could be called the first "planned gift" to Carroll — over 40 acres of land that became the site of the campus and community that we have called home for six decades. The flame that was first ignited from their spirit of charity has sustained everything we have done and aspire to do, and that torch has been passed from one generation to the next as we serve our students with Christ at the center of all we do.

The Torch Society is named in their honor to allow this tradition of planned giving to continue through the generosity of those who would come after them. Planned gifts represent an incredible and lasting way to make a difference for Archbishop Carroll High School. The Torch Society is made up of alumni, parents, and friends who, through estate planning, deferred giving, and other forms of planned giving, ensure that Carroll will have resources at its disposal far into the future.

How Can I Pass the Torch to Tomorrow's Patriots?

- An outright gift during life
- A deferred gift, such as a gift through a will or trust
- A blended gift, such as a gift through a will or trust
- A blended gift, such as a gift from your estate that is added to an outright gift
- A gift directly from your IRA if you are 70 ½ or older
- A donation of a new or existing life insurance policy no longer needed for its original purpose

Light the path to an affordable Catholic education for future Patriots by joining our planned giving society. Contact Director of Advancement Pete Williams '98 at (937) 253-8188 ext. 311 or pwilliams@carrollhs.org to learn how you can pass the Carroll torch to the next generation.

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL | ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Patriots.

Whether you're an alum from decades ago, a recent graduate, or a soon-to-be graduate in the coming years, know that the Archbishop Carroll High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) is here for you and represents over 13,500 graduates.

Our mission is to develop, strengthen and preserve the past, present and future relationships of the Carroll community. As Alumni Association President, I'm proud to report these relationships have never been stronger!

If you've been to St. Pat's Fest, the Alumni Golf Outing, Alumni Homecoming Weekend, or any of our other alumni events, then you know how passionate the members of our Alumni Association are. The CHSAA is truly a community unlike any other and brings together individuals from all age groups, careers, and life stages. However, we all have one thing in common: our love for Archbishop Carroll High School and the memories, opportunities, and relationships it has provided us.

While our various alumni-centered events allow former classmates to reconnect and new friendships to be formed, know that the CHSAA is also firmly committed to supporting current and future students at Archbishop Carroll.

Our continued success depends on alumni such as you, so please contact us with any updates, thoughts,

Funds raised through Alumni Association events are invested directly into the school to serve current and future generations of Carroll Patriots. Examples of recent CHSAA contributions to Archbishop Carroll High School include a digital kiosk for our Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame honorees, refinishing the floor and installing air conditioning in the main gym, replacing the curtains and scenery roller in the gym, purchasing reusable flooring to cover the gym floor for various events, renovating the Carroll Spirit Shop, providing electricity to the Carroll Spirit Shack, and installing a new entrance to the gym that complies with modern safety protocols.

or suggestions on how we may better serve our Patriot community. And please don't be a stranger, as all alumni are welcome at our quarterly CHSAA meetings!

Please contact Julie (Hemmert) Weitz '94, Director of Alumni Relations, at jweitz@carrollhs.org or 937-253-8188 x339 for more information or to learn how to get involved.

It's a great day to be a Patriot!

Warmest Regards,



Marc McNulty '94

President

Archbishop Carroll High School Alumni Association











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President:

Marc McNulty '94

Vice President:

Patty (Hattan) Buhrman '80

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Jack Glaser '69

Secretary:

Elizabeth (Glaser) Rice '01

Committee Chairs:

Sue (Sheetz) Graham '76 Chris Youngerman '79 Jeff Nozar '84 Kelli (Waltemathe) Lawhorn '87 Heidi (Willhelm) Garlow '88 Betsy (Vokits) Carnevale '90 Nell Sharp '94 Gwyn (Fox) Stump '99 Paul Huffman '04

Alumni Representatives:

Katie (Frey) Klain '65 Jeannie (Heid) McManus '66 John Buhrman '68 Mary Ann Wendeln '69 Mark Seiter '72 Nan Christensen '75 Helen (Cantrell) Wyskiver '75 Bob Miller '76 Barb McCoy '83 Lori (Dahlinghaus) Wolff '83 Rocky Twarek '89 Angie (Stauffer) Bolin '98 James Borchers '02 Katy Harvey '05 Nick Wahl '07 Lauren (Dull) Stevenot '10 Amy Gilmore '11 Jillian (Heigel) Chaney '13

Sam Dodson '18

EVENTS RECAP

2ND SEMESTER ALUMNI & COMMUNITY EVENTS | 2024-2025







The 10th Annual Carroll St. Pat's Fest was held March 7-8 and raised over \$108,000, our best year yet! Net proceeds positively impacted the entire Carroll community in funding student scholarships, music program needs, electric for the outdoor stadium spirit shack, and renovation of the indoor spirit shop. Special thanks to all of the committee members, event and booth chairs, volunteers, sponsors, and silent auction/raffle donors (go to www.carrollhs.org/stpatsfest to see the complete list of supporters).

Pictured here are (1) Event Chairs, Kelli (Waltemathe) Lawhorn '87, Ed Lawhorn, Paul Scheidler, Barbie Demmy-Scheidler, Mike Moddeman '87, and Kathy (McDonald) Moddeman '89, with Alumni Director, Julie (Hemmert) Weitz '94; (2) Rylin Morgan '27, Valentina Lark '27, and Madison Corcoran '25 volunteering at the Cake Booth; and (3) Cathy (Wuebben) Jackson '75 with her granddaughter in Leprechaun Land. To see more event photos, go to www.carrollhs.org/alumni/events.cfm.

The 2024-2025 Passing the Torch Alumni Speaker Series finished strong! Speakers included Emily Kronenberger '11, Assignment Editor for FOX13 in Memphis; Kathleen Sellers, PE '77, Technical Partner for ERM-Environmental Resources Management; Matt Gilmore '12, Design Professional for App Architecture; Mia (Middleton) Conroy '13, Project Manager for Madison Design; Olivia Kilby '16, Attorney for the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office; and Stephanie (Bellamy) Wendling '98, Radiologic Technologist for the Beavercreek Health Center (pictured here). This program is a great opportunity for students to learn about various careers from Carroll graduates. For more details or to see recordings of previous presentations, go to www.carrollhs.org/alumni/speakers.cfm.





The annual much-loved Purse Bingo, sponsored by the Carroll Music Department, was held Saturday, April 26. Pictured here is Event Chair, Carol Justice, with excited bingo attendees.

The Carroll Alumni Night Out at the Dayton Dragons returned this year on Thursday, June 19. Over 75 Carroll alumni and drama families (pictured here) attended and had a great time!

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THE HUNDREDS OF
VOLUNTEERS AND
DEDICATED COMMITTEE
MEMBERS WHO PLANNED
THESE EVENTS!

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Reunion photos and summaries will be included in the 2026 Spring Issue of Reflections.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to www.carrollhs.org/alumni/ events.cfm to register or see the latest updates.

One Great Day of Giving

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Mark your calendar and help us ring in Carroll's Annual Day of Giving! Thank you to all those who continue to make such a big impact for Carroll students!



Fall Play

November 14-16, 2025

Don't miss the Carroll Freedom Players' production of Leaving Iowa, a comedy by Tim Clue and Spike Manton. Details and ticket information can be found at www.carrollhs.org.



Saturday, November 8, 2025

Celebrate Carroll Athletics complete with fine dining, wine tasting, friendship, silent auction, and door prizes at NCR Country Club.

Carroll St. Pat's Fest

March 13-14, 2026

Irish fun for everyone! Organized by Carroll Parents, the Alumni Association, and the Carrolleer Band Boosters, Friday evening will be the ever-popular Irish Fish Fry, followed by fun for all ages on Saturday highlighting Irish Dancers, talented bands, delicious food, Leprechaun Land games, and more. The Bourbon Bar and games of chance, such as Blackjack, Showdown, and Texas Hold'Em will be available both nights. For more info on times, sponsorships, class competitions, Irish food and spirits, online silent auction items, special Shamrock Seating reservations, presale, or split the pot tickets, go to www.carrollhs.org/stpatsfest.

Spring Musical

March 20-22, 2026

Save these dates to attend the Freedom Players' performance of *Wonderful Town*!









Class of 2026 Graduation

BACCALAUREATE MASS Thursday, May 21, 2026 GRADUATION Friday, May 22, 2026

Upcoming Reunion Information can be found at www.carrollhs.org/alumni/reunions.cfm.

CLASS NOTES

1967 Richard Campbell co-founded the weekly nonprofit and nonpartisan Oxford Free Press in 2024. The newspaper was named "Organization of the Year" by the Oxford Kiwanis Club and won nine awards in the Ohio News Media Association's Hooper Competition. In addition to writing a bi-weekly column, "Media Matters," Campbell delivers papers on Friday.



1971 Mike Fritz was married on April 26 to Barbara Deane in Millville, Delaware. Following the wedding and reception in DE, they returned to host another reception at the Golden Lamb Inn in Lebanon, OH for family and classmates. Mike and Barbara are retired and currently living their best life in Southern Delaware near the beach and travel often.

1974 Cheryl McHenry retired after a 44 year career at WHIO-TV in Dayton. A true legend in the history of the Dayton media landscape, McHenry earned nine Emmys for coverage of breaking news and a variety of projects. Her work includes the longtime franchise, "Miami Valley Murder Mysteries;" "PTSD: Invisible Wound," a special produced to raise awareness of post-traumatic stress among our military combat veterans; and coverage of the tragic Oregon District Mass Shooting.



She has reported on every important Miami Valley story to happen in the last four decades. Two of McHenry's personal highlights were traveling from Wright Patterson Airforce Base with the 445th Airlift Wing on a 12,000-mile mission to Afghanistan, and to Los Angeles to report on the Cincinnati Bengals 2022 Super Bowl appearance.

1979 Maureen (Burns) Zappala is an indemand keynote speaker, author, and expert on impostor syndrome after a wonderful 14 years at NASA in Cleveland and raising two children. She just released her fifth book, the second on Impostor Syndrome, titled Get Your Best People to Give Their Best Effort: Your Go-To Guide for Recognizing and Defeating Impostor Syndrome in Your Bold and Brilliant Teams which is available for purchase on Amazon. For more info about Maureen, visit her website at www.maureenz.com.



1981 Nick Tomashot retired in January from his last CFO role and is living happily in Tempe, Arizona with his wife of 37 years, Leydiana. He is working part-time as an Adjunct Professor at Chandler-Gilbert Community College teaching courses in Business, Accounting, and Quantitative Analysis.

1988 Fr. Greg Ostdiek, SJ is starting his fourth year as the President of Loyola Academy, a Jesuit high school in Chicago.

1994 Jessica (Rieser) Proffitt and her husband became grandparents this year, and they are overjoyed and excited to enter this new season of life. Her oldest daughter, Cierra, and her husband welcomed their first baby to the family - Troy Rian, born May 29. Jessica's other daughter, Ashley, has started her fifth year working in the operating room as a patient care technician at Miami Valley Hospital. Her son, Matthew, is getting ready to start his third year of college while also playing college football.



1995 Lt. Col. Jared Laurin has served in the United States Marine Corps for 29 years. He is married to Jeanne, with two daughters, Jade and Jazmine. He is stationed in Okinawa, Japan with the 3rd Marine Division.



1999 Lisa (Deis) Hartley is proud to share that she celebrated her second child graduating from Archbishop Carroll High School this year, Lucas Hartley '25. He is headed to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for Aerospace Engineering in the fall. Her daughter, Laila Hartley '29, will be a freshman this year. She is looking forward to another four years as a Carroll Parent. Her oldest child, Kali Deis '17, gets married later this year.

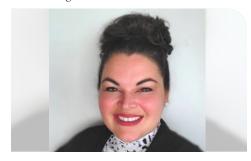


2000 Jonathan Pyles married Melissa Schlactus in 2018. They have two daughters, Emilia Rose and Lily Eloise. They live in Farmingville, NY on Long Island, and Jonathan has been a staff attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York City since 2017.



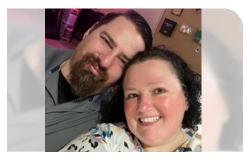
2001 Lisa (Griffin) Chapa married Brent Chapa on January 17 in Sarasota, FL. Lisa and Brent live in Columbus, OH.

2003 Jayne (DeSimio) Bray has made the leap into the medical device industry and has joined Boston Scientific's Endoscopy division as an Associate Territory Manager in Sacramento after spending years in the world of fine dining and Michelin-rated restaurants. She is looking forward to this new chapter and contributing to future scientific advancements.



2005 Mark Becknell lives in Rochester, Minnesota with his wife and three children. He is a Registered Nurse at the Mayo Clinic. He received his Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Cedarville University in 2009, his Master's of Science in Nursing from Winona State University in 2018, and his Doctor of Nursing Practice from Winona State University in 2025.

2005 Kimberly (Price) Perry and her husband just celebrated 14 years of marriage.



2007 Carly Hensley is leading the way in Ohio's restaurant scene. She serves as Director of Operations for Speakeasy Enterprises that includes the original Speakeasy Ramen in Springfield, Speakeasy Miso in Troy, and 571 Grill & Drafthouse in New Carlisle. The group is also preparing to launch a brand-new concept—Speakeasy Ramen Express, located near The Ohio State



University in Columbus. In 2024, Carly was honored as one of the Top 10 Chefs in Dayton at the Diced in Dayton culinary event, where she represented Speakeasy among some of the region's finest chefs and restaurants. Her leadership, passion for hospitality, and commitment to culinary excellence continue to elevate both the brand and the dining experience across each location.

2007 Samuel Miller is now the postmaster of West Milton, Ohio.

2008 John Luckoski is starting his first attending position as an assistant professor of surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine after recently finishing his Trauma and Critical Care fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.



2009 Jennifer (Barker) Paschal is currently in her 11th year of teaching Spanish 2, 3
Honors and 4 Honors at High Point Academy in South Carolina and was nominated for Teacher of the Year in 2024. She is also the Student Council Advisor and plans all of the school's pep rallies, spirit weeks and dances. She is married to David, who is the Athletic Director at High Point Academy and will be celebrating their third wedding anniversary this June. They reside in South Carolina with their baby girl, Charlotte Grace Paschal, who just turned one in March and three dogs: Leo, Jules and Pepper.

2011 Cierra Williams recently completed her fourth and final degree and has accepted the position of Assistant Principal with Dayton Public Schools. She also became a minister at her church.



2012 Nicole (Gilmore) Perhala and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their first baby, a daughter named Aurora, to their family.

2019 Eve (Thorner) Sinacori was married at St. Francis Xavier Church in downtown Cincinnati. She celebrated the day with her parents, Larry and Julie (Thurman) '81 and many of her extended family members who are also proud Archbishop Carroll High School alumni.



2020 Lauren Heil graduated with a Masters degree in Criminal Justice from Marshall University in May and recently started a job at the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office as a Victim Advocate.



2020 Cat McNamara is the graduate assistant for University of Dayton Magazine. She is pursuing her master's in public administration. She assisted in coverage of the 2025 First Four games at UD Arena.





2022 Patrick Sableski finished his third year behind the scenes doing press conferences at the University of Dayton, including the First Four March Madness games.



2023 Cody Booher is a junior at the University of Cincinnati studying Exercise Science. He also joined the Air National Guard with encouragement from his fellow Carroll friends and graduated in March as an Honor Grad, Marksman, PT and Element Leader. He is happy to help anyone looking to serve their country and apply the leadership they learned at Carroll who may want to join and even get free money for college.



2023 Nathan Snizik is a third-year student at The Ohio State University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) and Information Security. As a Naismith Awards social media intern for the Atlanta Tipoff Club, he captured live content from courtside seats at Division I college basketball games to produce high-quality, original multimedia content.



IN MEMORIAM Carroll extends its deepest sympathy for these deceased alumni, parents, faculty, and friends.

ALUMNI & FACULTY

Kenneth J. Kreuzer, Class of 1965, passed away April 11, 2025, at the VA Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Heidi; and his parents, Carl and Arvilla. He is survived by his brothers, Frederick '67 (Barbara Mantz '67), Lawrence '69, Carl '71 (Susan), John '73 (Gail), and Daniel '77 (Chika). Kenneth enlisted in the US Navy the summer after graduation and served in Vietnam from 1965 until his honorable discharge in 1969. He then worked for General Motors as an electrician until his retirement. He was an avid motorcyclist and member of the Miami Valley Trail Riders. He most enjoyed riding to Washington DC for the Rolling Thunder Rally, to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, and bringing awareness to the POW/MIA cause.

Charlene (Huxtable) Potthast, Class of 1967, died March 12, 2025, in northern California after battling metastatic breast cancer for years. She is survived by her husband, Charles; sister, Jeanne Schirm '67 (Christian); and 10 additional siblings.

Andrea Gail (Ourfalian) Volkerding, Class of 1968, passed away May 29, 2025. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Ron; children, Vanessa Rasey '95 (Patrick '95), Michael '97 (Megan), Adam, Alex '04 (Margie); and grandchildren, Andrew, Marissa, Aubrey Rasey '25, Adalynn, Duke, Milo, and Otto. She earned her bachelor degree from the University of Dayton and her master degree from the University of Cincinnati. She was a beloved teacher who touched the lives of hundreds of students. She retired from Mad River School District after 33 years of teaching. Andrea loved spending time with her family and friends at Sunday dinner, card club, or boating at Indian Lake.

Edward William Yauch, Class of 1968, died June 4, 2025, in Cincinnati with his family by his side. He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Catherine; children, Dawn Nichols (Joe), Mark (Danell), Elizabeth; and grandchildren, Abigail, Grace, Samantha, Zachary, Morgan, and Erin. Ed will be remembered for his quiet presence, accepting nature and sense of humor. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Barbara (Voss) Stauter, Class of 1973, passed away peacefully July 23, 2025, surrounded by family and love, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, devotion, and quiet strength. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Richard Voss Jr. '68. She is survived by her sisters, Jan Galiardo '66 and Kelly Collison '77 (Blane); ex-husband, Chris; daughter, Melissa Hunt (Ben); and granddaughters, Lillian Hunt and Lola Hunt. Barbara graduated from Sinclair Community College in 1975 and worked as a radiologic technician for many years prior to serving senior adults with end-of-life care. Her light continues in the lives she touched.

Theresa Marie Affourtit, Class of 1986, passed away at home on March 1, 2025. She is survived by her husband and partner of 20.

is survived by her husband and partner of 20 years, John Terbay '94; children, Emily Wilson and Brandon; parents, Noel and Emma; and brothers, Michael '82 and Patrick '87. Theresa worked for many years at K-Mart and in the Kil Kare Speedway Pizza Shack.

Joseph B. Borger, Class of 2001, died May 21, 2025. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas; and daughter, Amelia. He is survived by his mother, Mary; siblings, Laura D'Autremont '03 (Ross), Andy '06 (Andrea), John (Kassidy); children, Laila, Samson, Eleanor, Elijah; and their mothers, Amber Fox and Taylor Borger. After graduation, Joe worked at FedEx Freight, which led him to move to Florida to continue his career as a truck driver. He found joy in cars and could often be found tinkering with his vehicles. Above all, he was a caring family man and loved his children deeply.

Ronald Scott "R.J." Sticka, Jr., Class

of 2021, left this world far too soon on May 24, 2025. He is survived by his loving parents, Ronald Sr. and Jillian; sister, Elaina '23; and grandparents, Patricia Sticka and Larry & Debbie Knopp. Ronald exhibited a passion for automobiles and a deep love for music. He proudly worked as a tow truck driver, a career that filled him with pride, demonstrating both his dedication to helping others and his skill in navigating the roads. Many will remember his confidence in his faith, a guiding principle that played a vital role in his life.

FAMILY MEMBERS OF STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Jerome Francis Burke: 6/27/2024

Husband of Eileen LaVoy '67; brother of Maureen O'Donnell, Sharon Salvatore (Larry), Cheryl Power; brother-in-law of Carol Burke, Joyce Wessels '69 (Frank), Jan Salstrom '71, John Salstrom, Renee Daly '80 (John), and Ken LaVoy '83 (Michele)

Roy Warren Mead: 8/17/2025

Husband of Linda Edly-Mead '80; father of Alex '23

Rose Marie Morrisey: 1/19/2025

Mother of Patrick '69, Mary Gaddis '70 (Tony '70), Eileen Graves '72 (Greg), Matthew '74 (Barb), Carol Bublitz '79 (Jim), Tom '83 (Beth); grandmother of 12 including Laura Gaddis '95, Emily Gaddis '00, Molly Gaddis '06; great-grandmother of 16

Patricia Ann Polski: 5/3/2025

Mother of Annette Nirode '91 (Adam); grandmother of 1

Donald C. Tangeman: 1/17/2025

Father of Joyce Jordan '74 (Chuck), Rick, Diane Hurtubise '81 (Dave); grandfather of 8; great-grandfather of 8

John Andrew Tincu: 1/31/2025

Father of Colleen '89, Jason (Hayley); grandfather of 4

Margiebelle "Margie" Bulpin: 8/15/2025

Born to Jesse Fox Payne and Zella Mary Payne, Margie grew up in a large family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck; her son, Gary '81; and her brothers Thurman, Hiram, Edward, Marcel, Garland, and Jerry Payne. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Fulton (Tom); her sister, Ruth (Michael) Dewitt; four granddaughters, Ashley (Waltz) Rupp '03 (John '02), Andrea Nelson (Joe '12), Allyson Bulpin, and Katelynn Fields; and seven greatgrandchildren, Penelope and Eloise Rupp, Axel and Avery Nelson, Ayden Stewart, and Carson and Olivia Fields.

Margie and her late husband Chuck were dedicated supporters of Archbishop Carroll High School, especially the marching band and football team. From crafting custom ceramic footballs with each senior player's number to preparing spaghetti dinners for a hundred band members, they made a tremendous impact on countless students during their lives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for the Carroll Athletics and Music Departments.

If you become aware of any Archbishop Carroll High School community members who pass away, please contact (937) 253-8188, extension 339, or email jweitz@carrollhs.org.

We apologize for any errors or omissions.









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Please note: In an effort to save our resources, we have tried to eliminate multiple names from the same residence. Please share your copy with your family members... thank you!

ADMISSIONS DATES

visit www.carrollhs.org/admissions/important-dates.cfm for details Contact Heather (Taylor) Terbay '98, Director of Enrollment, at (937) 253-8188 x305 or hterbay@carrollhs.org

SHADOW DAYS

October - November

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 26th

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, November 22nd

DEADLINE FOR FOR ADMISSION, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID DUE

Monday, December 1st

