

REFLECTIONS



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Archbishop Robert Casey joined our school community for All School Mass on March 16. Read about his message to our students on page 13.

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FELLOW PATRIOTS



We have so much to celebrate here at Archbishop Carroll High School. It's one of the many reasons why I like to remind the students that "It's a great day to be a Patriot"! Our community is abundantly blessed

to have students who are talented in academics, arts, athletics, and beyond. While I am proud of our students for these accomplishments, I am most proud of how they come together as Patriots to share those God-given and Carroll-nurtured talents with those most in need in the community.

As a Catholic and Christ-centered community, celebrating Mass together is a key part of what we do as a Patriot family. Focusing on Christ's life and teachings is the most important aspect of an Archbishop Carroll High School education, and gathering our students and staff together each month to celebrate Mass is the most important way to do so. This past spring, we were fortunate to welcome Archbishop Robert Casey to the Carroll community in the celebration of Mass. It is not an everyday occurrence that one gets to celebrate mass with the Archbishop, so we are grateful to Archbishop Casey for spending this meaningful time with us and for sharing both God's message and joyful post-mass encounters with our students.

We also want to celebrate the many accomplishments of our staff and student body, as well as highlight the challenges that many in our community have overcome in recent years. In this edition of *Reflections*, you'll meet Brooklyn Talley '29 and hear more about her incredible victory at the OHSAA State Swimming Championships! You'll also read about our Scholarship Coordinator, Susie Sorrell, whose incredible journey navigating a recent heart transplant is something to truly celebrate.

At the beginning of Mass, Archbishop Casey emphasized leaving the darkness of Lent and preparing for the hope that comes through the resurrection of Christ. Since then, we have been celebrating the joy that comes with the Easter season and all that comes at the end of the school year, including celebrating our seniors, House Cup champions, and celebrating the careers of retiring faculty and staff, among other celebratory festivities.

With the start of this new school year, may God continue to bless our school, alumni, and community so that we can both celebrate the many gifts God has given us and share those gifts in return.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew T. Sableski".

Matthew Sableski '91
Principal/CEO



2026 Champions: Mercy House

Mercy House won its second Patriot House Cup in the historic tenth year of the House System! Victories in the second quarter Family Feud and fourth quarter Field Day events helped propel Mercy to the top of the standings for the first time since 2022. Congratulations, Mercy, and thank you to everyone who has helped build our House System throughout its first decade!





FINAL HOUSE STANDINGS

1st Place: Mercy
2nd Place: St. Mary's
3rd Place: Trinity

4th Place: Gonzaga
5th Place: Charity
6th Place: Baltimore

ACADEMICS



Matthew Petty '26

PATRIOT HOLDS THE GAVEL AT STATE AND NATIONAL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT CONFERENCES

Carroll is preparing tomorrow's civil servants with hands-on experiences outside of the classroom. At this year's Youth in Government Conference, Matthew Petty '26 served as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and 23 other Carroll students participated in the event. The group combined to win several awards and earn invitations to nationwide events.

Julia Naguit '28 and Ben Wineberg '28 served in the Governor's cabinet, Natalie Livesay '28 was a member of the media team, and Emma Wineberg '27 and Ava Mendez '27 were both lobbyists.

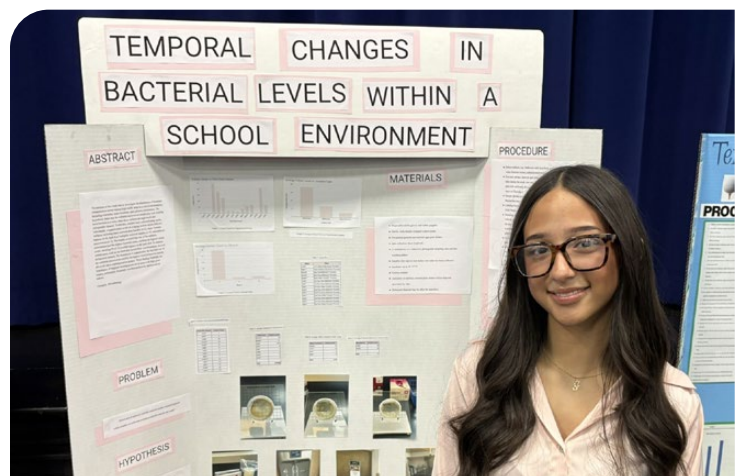
Petty was invited to the 2026 Conference on National Affairs as well as the National Judicial Competition. Along with Petty, Anthony Mongelli '28, Roberto Coronel Ramirez '26, and Julietta Jordt '28 were invited to the National Judicial Competition. Mongelli also won the award for Appellate Court Outstanding Member.

CARROLL STEM EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY NEAR AND FAR

Independent research is the heart of STEM Education at Archbishop Carroll High School, and our students added to the Patriot legacy of achievement at state and national events.

David Bartsch '29, Patterson Brown '27, Henry Collins '28, Elise Conard '27, Danielle Edgington '27, Brayden Foster '29, Nathan Harpenau '29, Nikhil Hopkinson-Jain '28, Julieta Jordt '29, Jessica Kaneza '28, Makayla McLoughlin '27, Julia Naguit '28, Nathan Olmstead '29, Colleen Sableski '27, and Benjamin Wineberg '28 presented research at Ohio State Science Day.

Of these 15 students, 13 received a superior score and earned the opportunity to present their research at State Science Day. Additionally, Foster, Harpenau, Hopkinson-Jain, and



Julieta Jordt '29 presents her research.

Olmstead received special awards and scholarships for the projects.

Four seniors extended Carroll's streak of participating at the Technology Student Association National Convention in the TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) to five years. Matthew Petty '26, Caleb Weitz '26, Olivia Rodriguez '26, and Meg Wittmann '26 represented Carroll at the conference in Washington DC. The theme of the competition was Engineering the Past and focused on problem-solving challenges that explored how engineering disciplines apply to history, including the restoration of infrastructure, the structural integrity of ancient monuments, and the integration of modern systems into historic buildings, according to the TEAMS website.



ARTS

FREEDOM PLAYERS PRESENT A WONDERFUL SPRING MUSICAL

As proven time and again, the Archbishop Carroll Freedom Players love to work on projects that are challenging, compelling, and highly-entertaining. This past spring's show did not disappoint, as the Freedom Players took on the classic musical *Wonderful Town*. The show, with music famously composed by Leonard Bernstein, showcases two sisters played by Via Mongelli '26 and Lucy Reynolds '28 who move to New York City to pursue their dreams. The cast features several unique characters that the sisters encounter during their time in Greenwich Village.

The show featured over 60 students who took on the challenge of learning how to Irish dance, tap, speak in multiple languages, sing, and dance to complex jazz melodies in order to showcase the diversity of the Big Apple in the 1930s. Audiences enjoyed seeing the spectacle of this new-to-many musical.

The show has long been nicknamed a "love letter to New York City," so the students were also very excited to learn about the history of many of the places that they would visit on their spring break trip to New York following the production.





BUZZ BUILDS AROUND MARCHING PATRIOTS

The award winning Marching Patriots return to the 2026 Competition circuit with a new show entitled *Hivemind* featuring original music by Carl Soucek and arrangements of several pieces by The Beatles. Drum Major Danielle Edgington '27 will lead the band this season. The Marching Patriots compete in the Mid States Band Association circuit and the Bands Of America Grand Nationals Championship in Indianapolis. Be sure to cheer on the band at football games and competition performances this season!

SALUTATORIAN CREATES ART TO MANAGE STRESS

Balancing a schedule full of Advanced Placement courses, competing as a multisport athlete, and finding time to enjoy with family friends is an obstacle that not every student can overcome. Stella Sharp '26 relied on the time she spent creating art as a way to relax through it all.

"When I have downtime, I can turn to art to express myself in a facet that is not stressful," Sharp said. "It is nice having a hobby that can keep me grounded and calm."

Sharp describes her style as street art that allows people to express their emotions in unfamiliar ways. Her piece *The Art of Overthinking* reflected the challenge of being a good student, athlete, friend, and daughter.

"I think that piece really shows how you can get lost in a lot of overthinking as a human when you don't always know if you're succeeding in all the ways you should."

Having art as a release from daily stress allowed her to focus on priorities that mattered the most: earning a spot as one of the Class of 2026's Salutatorians and continuing her academic and athletic careers in college as a member of the Wittenberg University bowling team.



SERVICE

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AT ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Carroll students performed 19,924 hours of inspired, not required, community service during the 2025-26 academic year, earning the Ruby Award from national service group Innerview.

19,924

HOURS OF INSPIRED SERVICE



CELEBRATING SERVICE: MEET CALEB WEITZ '26

Each year, Carroll's student body spends thousands of hours serving various organizations and assisting on projects that give back to the greater Dayton community. Though service hours aren't required to graduate, students like Caleb Weitz '26 choose to answer God's call to serve others.

For Weitz, service to his community has always been something that has been a part of his upbringing. What sticks out to him in his early years were the many opportunities to serve through JOOI Club at Ascension. It is here that Caleb participated in various projects and confirmed his commitment to performing works of service in high school.

During his time at Carroll, Weitz credits his inspiring mentors, especially Melissa (Balsom) Fisher '83 and Carroll's campus ministers, in providing opportunities to help others. From his work with service-oriented student organizations, like Revolution, Key Club, and Not By Chance, to his time mentoring his peers as a Revolution Captain for Trinity House, Caleb found many ways to not only help those in need but also help his peers grow closer to Christ through service. Some of his favorite projects include volunteering at St. Pats Fest, With God's Grace Food Pantry, leading retreats, and being a camp counselor for summer camps.

Caleb plans to study music education at Wright State University. While there, he plans on continuing to find ways to serve others and to be a part of the liturgical music ministry program at Ascension Church. "I think that doing service has made me more conscious of the people around me," Weitz said. "Serving others allows a person to truly see that other people are sometimes going through rough times and need some help. I feel like I am now always looking for ways that I can help out."



Caleb Weitz '26 performed 1,000 hours of service as a Carroll student.

FROM SPAGHETTI TO SAVING LIVES: CARROLL TEAM RAISES MONEY FOR BLOOD CANCER RESEARCH

Last school year, Elise Connard '27 and Colleen Sableski '27 formed a student team (along with Anna Schmitt '27, Natalie Hartzell '27, Claire Jordan '26, Danielle Edgington '27, and Kelsea Van Tress '27) to help Blood Cancer United (formerly the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) raise money for blood cancer research. Connard and Sableski's team organized, promoted, and executed several fundraising projects, including restaurant takeovers and a pasta dinner at Ascension Church, in order to raise as much money for the campaign as possible.

At the end of the seven-week challenge, Elise and Colleen's team raised more than \$11,000 for blood cancer research and received the United in Research Mission Power Award for their outstanding dedication to and support of Blood Cancer United's mission. "Winning that for me was really special, because (we worked), to make sure that everybody knew how important this research was," said Connard.

Connard has had two people in her life directly affected by blood cancers. Elise's first cousin, Georgie, battled leukemia as an infant. Elise saw firsthand how Blood Cancer United's support helped in Georgie's battle and cure. Another relative, Rhonda, told the pasta dinner attendees that she survived her battle with lymphoma thanks to blood cancer research, which made for a touching finale to the event.

Unlike some of the other, larger Dayton area schools who participated, the Carroll team credits the 121 individual donors for coming together to help them in their mission. "We raised as much money as we did because we just had so many people who made the small contribution that they could, and that was so inspiring for me," said Connard, "Anybody can do something to make a difference." ✝



GRAND FINALE

Director of Bands Carl Soucek Ends a Chapter of His Career on High Note

“Start with a bang, end with an explosion” is a familiar saying for musicians and performers, and longtime Director of Bands Carl Soucek punctuated a chapter of his career with an exclamation mark.

Soucek made the decision to step down as the Music Department Chair after 24 years in the fall of 2025, and at the encouragement of Principal Matt Sableski ‘91, began writing an original piece to perform at the end of the spring concert.

“The focal point was to make it something that is going to be loud, exciting, fast, and epic to get people wound up about it,” Soucek said. “The middle section of it after the first exciting hit tapers off to be a reflective moment – not for a specific experience of my career, but the opportunity to reflect and think about all the different things that I’ve been through at Carroll. That moment of reflection builds through the course of the piece to the

climax, which represents my final day as the band director.”

Championship performances in prestigious competitions like the 2005 Mid-States Band Association Championships and 2024 Bands of America Regional Championships as well as frequent appearances at the Winter Guard International World Championships Finals for the Indoor Winter Percussion Ensemble are accent marks on a career filled with not just winning performances on the field but teaching life lessons of leadership, dedication, discipline, and integrity to hundreds of students. Several alumni who contributed to those moments returned as guest musicians for the premiere of *Patriot*, a title Soucek chose to honor everyone in the Carroll community who impacted his career and life.

Growing the entire performing arts program and providing new opportunities for young musicians and

actors at Archbishop Carroll High School is Soucek’s new mission as he transitions to serving the community as an Advancement Officer.

“To continue to foster relationships with people who have become my friends through the course of the years in a different capacity is amazing. By writing the piece and realizing the end of my teaching career, I’ve discovered how much this school has meant to me.” ✚



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CELEBRATION

Archbishop Casey Leaves Lasting “Impression”
at All-School Mass

Gathering our students, faculty, and staff for Mass as a school community is our most important celebration as a Catholic family at Archbishop Carroll High School. Albeit the fifth week of Lent, the mood of the monthly all-school Mass on March 23 had a heightened sense of joy, as Archbishop Robert Casey, the recently-appointed Archbishop of Cincinnati, led our school community in Mass. This is the first time the Archbishop of Cincinnati has celebrated Mass at Carroll since the school’s 50th Anniversary in 2011 when Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, Casey’s predecessor, celebrated for the special occasion.

Prior to Casey’s eucharistic celebration, students created signs of welcome to greet him as he entered the gymnasium, and the students involved in the Mass were instructed on the various traditions that come when an Archbishop celebrates Mass. The choir (consisting of students, staff, and alumni), as well as the concert band, rehearsed beforehand in preparation for the Mass celebration.

During the Mass, the Archbishop wasn’t the only celebrant that day. Fr. Len Wenke from the Bread of Life Family of Parishes and Fr. Patrick Blenman from the St. Michael Family of Parishes joined him as concelebrants. Fr. Frantisek Fedorisin, an Eastern Rite Catholic priest (father of Sofia Fedorišínová ‘24, Noemi Fedorišínová ‘26, and Tedy Fedorisin ‘28) also joined to concelebrate.

Archbishop Casey emphasized leaving the darkness and preparing for the light of the Mass throughout his homily. He also spoke of the hope that comes at the end of Lent through the resurrection of Christ. He used impressionist paintings as an example for the congregation gathered. “How you see that painting depends on the distance between you and that painting,” said Casey, and he went on to explain that impressionist art can look “chaotic” from up close. “But if you step back, take a larger perspective, those same brush strokes reveal something intentional,” explained Casey, “When Jesus looks at us, he sees the whole picture.”

The Archbishop addressed both the reading and gospel message in a way that deeply connected with what the students often face in their lives, especially in an age where every comment, post, or opinion can be a reason to judge or alienate people from one another. “When we look at the world around us, when we look at people around us, do we look at it...a little too close, jumping to judgment for the little that we see?” asked Casey, “Or can we step back and become one with Jesus in seeing the fuller picture and how that fuller picture reveals the beauty of God’s abundant love and mercy?”

Students and staff alike were touched by the words of the Archbishop, and they took the time to reflect on his homily and the message of Christ. Meg Wittmann ‘26, who was involved with the opening procession and read the first reading at Mass that day, was deeply impacted by Casey’s homily. “He gave a really wonderful homily with really impactful visualizations,” she said. Principal Matt Sableski ‘91 also expressed a similar sentiment

from that day, sharing, “(Archbishop Casey) reminded us that each person we encounter is far more than what we see on the surface, and when we take the time to recognize this, we build a community rooted in respect, understanding, and love.”

Once the Mass had ended, Archbishop Casey modeled that very same community-building he spoke of by staying with the Patriot community and talking to groups of students and staff. He met with students whose native language is Spanish, and they had an engaging conversation that was conducted entirely in Spanish. Students who had traveled to the National Catholic Youth Conference

were able to reminisce with the Archbishop on their experiences, as he too was present for the event. Archbishop Casey shared memories of baptising new Catholics on Easter Vigil with a newly-initiated Catholic student in the congregation that day. Casey even smiled with students as they took selfies together after Mass.

Whether those around the Archbishop were directly chatting with him or simply in his presence that day, his welcoming demeanor and his approachable way of sharing the Catholic faith had a great impact on the Carroll community. “What struck me is how personable he was with everyone,” recalled Director of Mission

and Worship Coordinator, Martha Saurine, “I got the sense of a genuine person who likes being amongst his people. He is a natural storyteller, which was not only evident with his homily but how he interacted with everyone afterwards.”

The Archbishop’s visit invigorated the school community and united all who were present at Mass that day. “It was such an honor to have the Archbishop at our Mass,” Wittmann said, “His being there really reminded me that Carroll, just a small community, is a part of something even greater: the community of the Catholic Church.” ✝







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STUDENT REFLECTION | OLIVIA MONGELLI '26

It's been two months since I graduated from Carroll, and yet, it still feels like yesterday I was walking up to get my diploma from Mr. Sableski, shaking the hands of all my Mercy teachers, and celebrating with my closest friends. It's an achievement that I can't help replaying in my head, something I'm sure my fellow graduates can relate to. There's something particularly amazing about graduating high school that can't be replicated in any other award ceremony out there. It's something that I'll be looking back on for years to come.

When I arrived at Carroll, I knew exactly who I wanted to become. I was going to be in the Drama Program and I was going to be in Muse Machine. That was decided. I've always loved the theater, but my line of thinking was boxing me in. Carroll encouraged me to do more. In the end, I've been a part of dozens of different clubs. I found so much love for my faith being in Revolution and being a retreat leader, I built family in Mercy as a Captain, and I helped to pump up the student body as a part of Flag Patrol. If it weren't for the teachers and staff at Carroll, I never would have given myself these experiences, and I'm so incredibly grateful.

My Archbishop Carroll High School experience has been full of friendships, celebrations, and amazing wins. My House, Mercy, won the Patriot House Cup this year, and it was one of my biggest highs. I've wanted to win since Mercy last won it in 2022, and I feel so thankful that my siblings, Lily Mongelli '24 and Tony Mongelli '28, have gotten to experience a House cup win at least once. And even more exciting, I won a \$12,000 scholarship from the Miami Valley High School Theater Awards for my talents as a student actor in Dayton. With this scholarship, I will be

attending Wright State in their BFA Acting program so I can become a professional performer, an opportunity that stems from the incredible support of Carroll Drama and the entire Carroll Community.

It's been two months since graduation, but I still feel like I was a Freshman running through the halls just yesterday. Time really does fly when you're having fun, right? I'm so blessed to have an Alma Mater that I can show people and say "Hey, that's my high school!" with pure pride and admiration. Because, truly, I've gotten the once in a lifetime opportunity to grow up in a community that lives out its mission of Love, Education, and Excellence every day. I can only quote Mr. Sableski when talking about how I feel about Carroll because Carroll honestly showed me that every day is truly "A Great Day to be a Patriot!" ✝



Vin Mongelli



GRADUATION | CLASS OF 2026

Adam West Alcid
 Greysen Charles Amara
 Logan William Apwisch
 Fabio Daniel Arias Rodriguez
 Melody Nicole Arnold
Evalynn Marie Austria
 Ethan Michael Bailey
 Matthew Allen Baker
 Jeremiah Haden Baker
 Sydney Elise Barner
 Stephen Emile Berent
Maxwell Robert Kozul Bistrek
 Noah James Bobbitt
Miryam Eve Brandon
 Isabella Maura Branquinho
 Kaylee Renee Bremer
Liam Sean Brennaman
Madeleine Grace Brickner
 Jayd T'hamari Brown
 Tatum Faith Browning
Evan Daniel Brun
Samuel James Brun
Colin Gregory Chandler
Hayley Louise Clary
 Rachael Yahaira Clavijo Yuqui
Georgia Grace Collins
Roberto Jose Coronel Ramirez
 Natalee Jaritze Correa-Quiroz
 Jaden Michael Crawford
Kaleigh-Chandelle Crossman
 Parker Ross Davidson
Isabel Faith Dembiczak
 Gabriel River Demmy-Stover
Noah Gregory Dent

Audrey Eileen Dezur
Gina Marie DiCicco
Grace Elizabeth Dooley
 Garon Andrew Draughn
 William Joseph Drayer
 Caden Jay English
Olivia Grace Falasca
 Noemi Fedorišinová
 Eli Charles Fennig
Claudia Carol Fernandez-Deardurff
 Gracie Ann Fitterer
 Annaliese Marie Ford
 Ava Lynn Ford
Joshua Paul Franklin
 Matthew Dylann Fry
 Robert Charles Gantner
 Daniel Paul Gauder
 Noah Charles Gazdik
 Lydia Winifred Geis
 James Keith Gillispie
 Caleb Garay Goecke
Ellen Michelle Greene
 Joseph Elijah Gutierrez Chavez
 Noah Joseph Haggerty
 Sophia Elizabeth Harsch
Caitlin Janelle Hausfeld
Kiera Marie Healy
 Sienna Eleora Hedrington
 Kathelin Julisha Hernandez Gomez
 Joseph Keegan Hester
Kate Elizabeth Hilgeförd
 Savannah Cheyann Hill
 Rebecca Marlies Hoffmann
 Cristian Jonnatan Huerta Bermeo

Bernadette Mary Huntz
 Parfaite Jolie Laurette Isaro
Juliana Lynne Johnson
Claire Marie Jordan
 Isabella Eva Jordt
Nicholas Francis Joseph
 Jenna Marie Jourdan
 Nelly Kaneza
 Min Gyu Kang
Krista Louise Kates
Marco Andre Keferl
Joseph Michael Key
Isabella Christine Kneer
 Ayden Scott Kocher
Connor Patrick Kramer
 Jack Dylan Lachey
Alexander Christopher Landwehr
 Connor Hugh Lange
 Maxton Bryce Lauricella
 Khoa Anh Le
Colleen Rose Leaman
 Christian Andrew Lelacheur
Velouria Lee Marshall
 Christian Alexis Martin-Hernandez
 Daniel Maxis
Aaron David McClothen
 Isabella Nicole McGowan
Miley Mara McKittrick
Emma Rose McNamara
 Cameron Marie Mercuri
 Randall Jordan Middleton
 Gary Wayne Mills III
Nathan Andrew Moddeman

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Grace Marie Mosher
 Evangaline Cecelia Moylan
 Samuel Mozu
Raymond John Murphy
 Marissa Rayne Nartker
 Jason Curtis Neal
Corrinn Julia Neidhard
 Cody Allen Newsome
 Brooklynn Marie Newton
Claire Elizabeth Overturf
Evan Joseph Perry
Maura Josephine Petrovic
Matthew Santino Petty
Megan Lynn Pham
Ruth Marie Poling
 Roselynn Kate Prindle
 Jimmy Uriel Ramirez Trejo
 Sara del Carmen Ramirez y Ramirez
 Abigail Leigh Randall
 Raegan Lynn Reilly
Hannah Ruby Lee Rice
Dominic Hollis Roach
Olivia Rae Rodriguez
Finnegan Michael Rollins
 Brenda Ruiz Garcia
 Mani Sadri-Lonbani
 Rielly Mitchel Salm
 Matthew Jacob Sandlin
Sophia Jillian Sassenberg
Mitchel Donnie Schmidt
 Jack William Schum
 Dominic Migel Sellers
 Anna Catherine Seltsam
Stella Collier Sharp



Nolan Reed Shepard
 Kyle Dean Shepherd
Eva Danielle Snyder
 Olivia Marie Statesman
Amaura Grace Stratton
Alexis Marie Strehle
Elizabeth Ann Strehle
 Philip-Louie Lazar Studler
 Isabelle Faith Sullivan
 Joshua John Swisher
 Jaime Enrique Tamay Lala
 Jasmin Tapia Valenzuela
Anna Eileen Thurman
Maria Lee Thurman
Quinn Lawrence Tucker
 Eric Patricio Uzhca-Tenesaca
 Amelia Lee Ann Vanderhorst
 Alexandra Marie Waddle
 Kaleb James Walter
Nickolas Matthew Weed
Caleb Michael Weitz
Charles Matthew Williams
 Nevaeh Irene Williams
 Aiden James Willis
Margaret Lucy Wittmann
Marcella Ann Woolley
 Hannah Bella Yohannes
 Chloe Renee Young
 Hailey Christine Zehring
 Ashley Brianna Zimmerman

National Honor Society
Legacy Student

The Class of 2026 is the 62nd graduating class in the history of Archbishop Carroll High School. The 164-student group earned more than \$26 million in merit-based scholarships and performed 18,996 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: Meg Wittmann and Caleb Weitz



BEST OF THE CLASS

From Left to Right:

Salutatorian Stella Sharp, Salutatorian Juliana Johnson,
Valedictorian Olivia Rodriguez, Salutatorian Claire Jordan,
and Salutatorian Nicholas Joseph



ATHLETIC HONORS •••••

GIRLS' WRESTLING

GCL Runners-up

Brooklynn Newton: First Team All Area, State Placer

Grace Stewart: Special Mention All Area, District Qualifier

Zoraia Ostrowske: Honorable Mention All Area

BOYS WRESTLING

GCL Runners-up

Marco Keferl: First Team All Area, District Qualifier

Striker Kenney: First Team All Area, District Qualifier

Andrew LeBrun: District Alternate

James Williams: District Alternate

Jacob Redenbaugh: Special Mention All Area

Jeremiah Baker: Special Mention All Area

Andrew Dabbelt: Special Mention All Area

Kollin Harris: Special Mention All Area

GIRLS SWIMMING

GCL Champions

Brooklyn Talley: GCL Swimmer of the Year, State Champion

Claudia Fernandez-Deardurff: State Placer

BOYS SWIMMING

4th Place in GCL

BOYS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 7-17

League Record: 2-8

Noah Dent: District 15 Senior All Star, All-Southwest District Honorable Mention, 2nd Team GCL

Mitchell Valentine: 2nd Team GCL

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 23-4

League Record: 8-2

Regional Runner-up, District Champions, GCL Champions

Kiera Healy: 1st Team GCL, District 15 Senior All Star, All Southwest District 1st Team

Eva Snyder: 2nd Team GCL, All Southwest District 3rd Team

Maura Petrovic: 1st Team GCL, District 15 Senior All Star, All Southwest District 3rd Team

BASEBALL

Season Record: 9-19

League Record: 1-9

Aaron McGlothen: 1st Team GCL, 1st Team All Area

Lucas Price: 2nd Team GCL

BOYS BOWLING

Season Record: 16-3

League Record: 8-0

Fabio Arias-Rodriguez: State Qualifier, 2nd Team GCL Coed, First Team All Southwest District, District Placer

Caleb Weitz: 1st Team GCL

William Drayer: 1st Team GCL

Ryan McKinzie: 2nd Team GCL

Jack Dunlap: 2nd Team GCL

Coach Mitchell Weitz '17: GCL Coach of the Year

GIRLS BOWLING

Season Record: 13-4

League Record: 6-0

GCL Champions, District Qualifiers

Jackie Weitz: GCL Bowler of the Year, 1st Team GCL

Claire Jordan: 1st Team GCL

Sydney Barner: 1st Team GCL

Stella Sharp: 1st Team GCL

Alex Godby: 2nd Team GCL

SOFTBALL

Season Record: 13-7

League Record: 6-2

Tatum Browning: 1st Team GCL

Peyton Cassidy: 1st Team GCL

Mazie Gross: 1st Team GCL

Emma Ledford: 1st Team GCL

Kayla Rodriguez: 1st Team GCL

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Season Record: 18-8

League Record: 4-6

Regional Runners-up

Parker Davidson: 1st Team GCL, 1st Team All Region, 2nd Team All State

Sam Brun: 2nd Team GCL, Honorable Mention Region

Caleb Goecke: All Region Honorable Mention

GIRLS LACROSSE

Season Record: 5-11

League Record: 2-5

Annaliese Ford: 1st Team GCL, Region 7 Honorable Mention

Ava Ford: 1st Team GCL, Region 7 Honorable Mention

Olivia Rodriguez: Region 7 Academic All Region

Ellen Greene: 2nd Team GCL

Noemi Fedorisinova: 2nd Team GCL

Olivia Falasca: GCL Honorable Mention





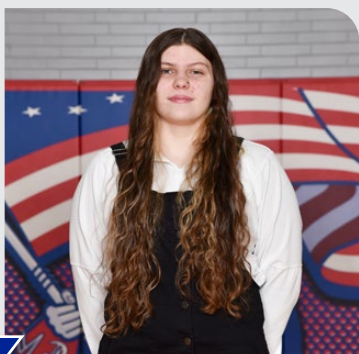
FABIO ARIAS-RODRIGUEZ
School Record 717 Point Set, State Qualifier



PARKER DAVIDSON
2nd Team All Ohio



KIERA HEALY
School Record 1,562 Points



BROOKLYN NEWTON
State Placer

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OUR AMAZING ATHLETES!**



ATHLETIC CONT.

BOYS TENNIS

Season Record: 4-11

League Record: 1-4

Stephen Bartsch: 1st Team GCL

Daniel Maxis: 2nd Team GCL

GIRLS INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

GCL Runners-up

Outdoor District Runners-up

Anna Thurman - GCL Champion, GCL Runner Up, District Runner Up, State Qualifier, Academic All Ohio, Indoor All Ohio Team

Alyssa Fast - GCL Champion, Academic All Ohio, All District, Indoor All Ohio Team

Makayla McLoughlin - GCL Champion, GCL Runner Up, All District, Academic All Ohio, Indoor All Ohio Team

Ava Caraway - GCL Champion, All District

Audrey Molnar - GCL Champion, GCL Runner Up, All District

Miryam Brandon - GCL Runner Up, District Champion, All Region, Academic All Ohio, Indoor State Participant

Mara Yoder - GCL Runner Up, All District

Marcy Woolley - GCL Runner Up, All District, All Region, Academic All Ohio, Indoor All Ohio Team

Ada Rollins - GCL Runner Up, All District, All Region, Academic All Ohio

Emma Wineberg - All District

Adalynn Volkerding - All District

Kaydee Peters - All District

Eva Williamson - All District

BOYS INDOOR/OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Outdoor GCL Champions

Connor Kramer: GCL Champion, GCL Runner Up, All District, District Runner Up, All Region, State Qualifier, Indoor All Ohio Team

Luke Tokarz: GCL Champion, District Runner Up, All Region, State Qualifier, Academic All Ohio

Colin Mueller: GCL Champion, District Runner Up, All Region, State Qualifier, Academic All Ohio, Indoor All Ohio Team

Charlie Brush: GCL Champion, District Runner Up, All Region, State Qualifier

Andrew Dirks: GCL Champion, GCL Runner Up, District Runner Up, All Region, State Qualifier, Academic All Ohio, Indoor All Ohio Team

Anderson Phan: GCL Champion, All District

Marco Keferl: GCL Runner Up

Christian Martin Hernandez: GCL Runner Up

Kollin Harris: GCL Runner Up, All District

Anthony Smith: All District

Cameron Riggins: All District

Joshua Davis: State Qualifier

Eli Burneka: All District

Niko Joseph: All District

Jayden Richardson: All District

Finn Rollins: Indoor All Ohio Team

Jack Williams: Indoor State Participant

Coach Mike Triola '95: GCL Coach of the Year

BOYS LACROSSE

Season Record: 4-14

League Record: 2-4

Quinn Tucker - 1st Team GCL

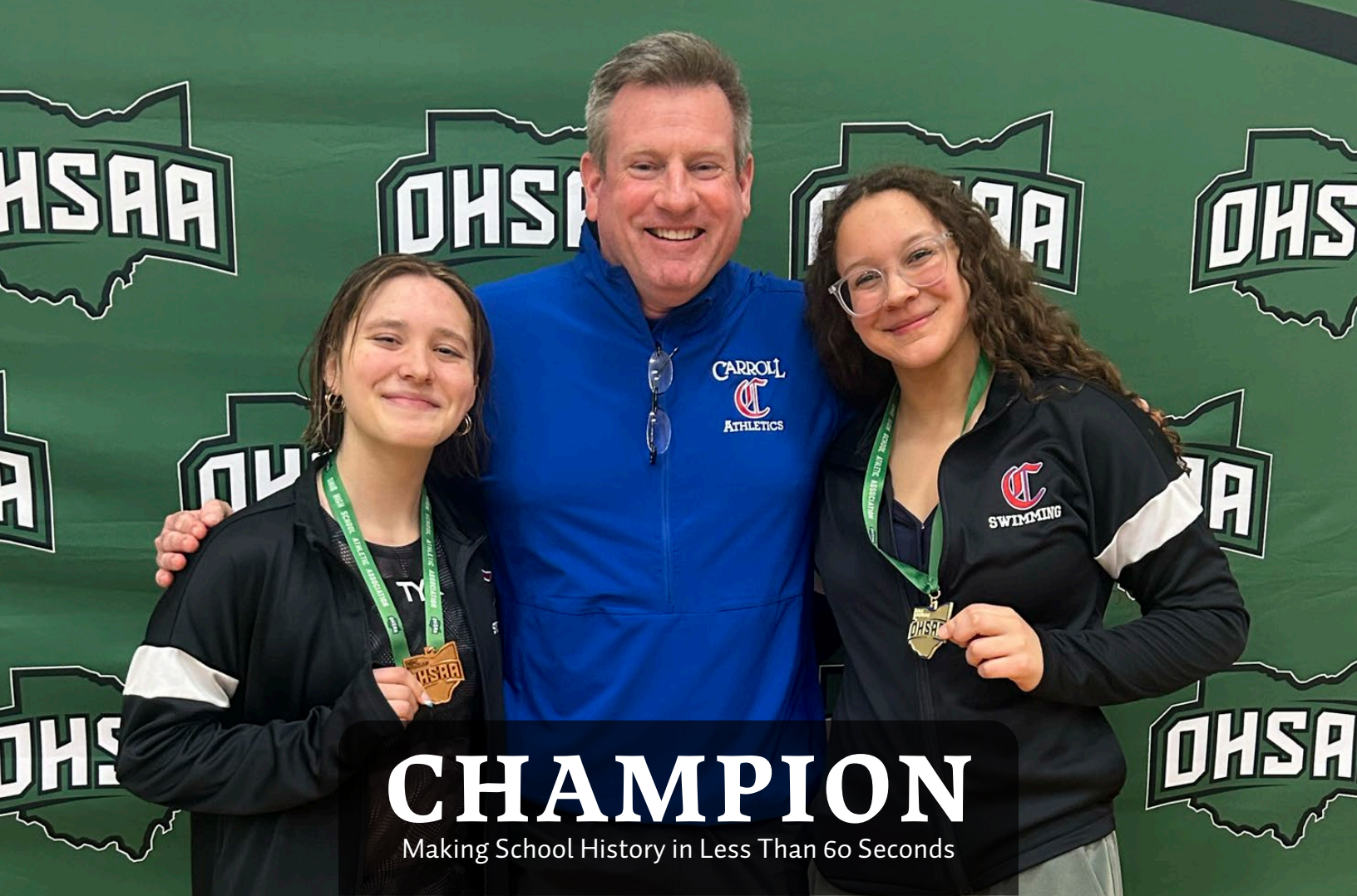
Aiden Wical - 1st Team GCL

Austyn Orris Delong - 2nd Team GCL

Max Bistrek - 2nd Team GCL ✦







CHAMPION

Making School History in Less Than 60 Seconds

As Brooklyn Talley '29 stepped onto the starting block at the CT Brannin Natatorium before the 100 Yard Freestyle Finals, she didn't expect to make school history less than 60 seconds later as the first girl in Archbishop Carroll High School history to win a state championship.

Talley had already finished as the runner-up in the 200 Yard Freestyle, her best event throughout the season, by a fraction of a second. The disappointment of her first result allowed Talley to approach her final event of the season with a clear mind.

"When I was up on the block, I was just thinking about how I was just going to attack the race with everything I had, because I had nothing to lose at that moment," Talley said. "I was really shocked, but then I processed it and was really excited because I hadn't

imagined winning that race. It was a really big moment. I just wanted to make myself proud, and I did."

Talley wasn't the only Carroll Patriot who won a medal at the OHSAA State Championships. Claudia Fernandez-Deardurff '26 brought home a bronze medal for her performance in the 100 Yard Backstroke. Celebrating as teammates along with their school and Dayton Raiders Swim Club Coach Holley Hulett made the wins even more special for the girls.

"It was very easy to celebrate with Coach Holly because I had been with her before, and so we already had a very close connection. Getting to celebrate with Coach Holly, but also with Claudia was amazing," Talley said. "I didn't really know Claudia before the start of my freshman year, but I got to know her throughout the year



Brooklyn Talley, State Champion

because she drove me to practice. It was just really exciting because I knew she had achieved her goal, and I really wanted her to because I knew how much it meant to her."

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	\$324,900	\$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.

ALUMNI PROFILE | ANDREA AND PAMELA OLIVAS '22

Like most twins, Andrea '22 and Pamela Olivas '22 grew up as each other's built-in best friend. The girls were inseparable in and out of the classroom, always shooting hoops, learning to play a variety of musical instruments, performing in ballet recitals, and hitting the tennis courts side-by-side. When they began their freshman year at Archbishop Carroll High School, the girls relied on each other as they transitioned into an unfamiliar setting with no other familiar faces.

"We knew absolutely nobody. A lot of our friends that we had grown up with and went to school with were not with us anymore," Pamela said. "It was kind of scary, but I knew that I wasn't the only one going through this."

Andrea and Pamela quickly made friends and grew more comfortable in their new school community. They continued participating in clubs and organizations that allowed them to continue spending time together. Over their four years at Carroll, they celebrated first place finishes at competitions as members of the Marching Patriots, Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards working behind the scenes with the Freedom Players, and raised the Patriot House Cup Trophy their freshman year as members of Charity House. After celebrating all of their accomplishments at graduation, Pamela and Andrea started to prepare for the next chapters of their lives – one that would separate them for the first time.

Andrea chose to stay close and attend the University of Dayton for its Discover Science program. She declared her major towards the end of freshman year as medicinal pharmaceutical chemistry. Pamela would not be too far away at Xavier University to study nursing. Both of them continued to build their Catholic faith at these two Ohio Catholic universities by playing their string instruments for on-campus Masses and pursuing service opportunities. After experiencing every milestone in their lives together, Andrea and

Pamela were excited to celebrate each other's college graduations as not only sisters, but as individuals.

"Watching her walk across the stage made me really proud," Pamela said. "It was a different perspective, seeing it as an actual audience member instead of graduating alongside her."

"I was so excited to see her on stage," Andrea said. "She accomplished everything [she wanted] and is going to be a great nurse. I'm so excited to see it."

Life will continue to bring new challenges and new separations to the twins, but they embrace this with optimism for the future. Andrea is now pursuing her Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) from Ohio Northern University, and Pamela is serving as a registered nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. They both are achieving their personal dreams without losing their unique lifelong bond. ✝





Andrea enjoying graduation day at the University of Dayton.



“

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Pamela celebrating at Xavier University graduation day.

The Olivas twins enjoyed their Senior Night with their parents, Hernan and Myrna, under the lights.



RETIREEES | BEST OF LUCK IN FUTURE ENDEAVORS

Please join us in thanking these dedicated mentors for their service to our students and wish them well in retirement!



MRS. CECILIA GROSSELIN

You were always so much more than a coach and [my favorite] teacher. You taught me to chase my passions fearlessly and to treat every person I meet with kindness and grace, lessons I carry with me every single day. This past weekend at Mass, our priest referenced Hidden Figures in his homily, and I couldn't help but smile, thinking it was a sign from God to write you this letter. I am forever grateful to have been one of your students and players!

- Eve (Thorner) Sinacori '19



MRS. BETH BRANUM

Thank you so much for your dedication to the students of Archbishop Carroll High School and the Catholic faith. Both my boys (Aaron '26 and Andrew '29) enjoyed your class. Anyone who can get teenagers to enjoy learning is a wonderful, special person.

- Theresa (Davies) McGlothen '97



MR. DON WRIGHT

Mr. Don Wright has been an incredible mentor to my son, Ryan. This year, he gave Ryan the opportunity to assist in the IT Department where he gained valuable hands-on experience and developed skills that will benefit him in his future career. We are truly grateful to Mr. Wright for his dedication, guidance, and commitment at Archbishop Carroll High School.

- Tammy McKinzie



MRS. KATHY WEST

Congratulations on your well deserved retirement, Kathy! At both Ascension and Carroll, we always could count on your caring nature, extreme helpfulness, and genuine kindness. I will miss stopping by for a "quick chat" in your office, but will treasure all our past visits.

- Linda (Edly) Mead '80



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HEARTBEAT

Nearly a Year After Receiving the Gift of Life,
Suzie Sorrell Celebrates Each New Day

A rare, life threatening condition changed life forever for two Carroll faculty and staff members. Nearly a year after receiving the gift of life, Chris and Suzie Sorrell celebrate each new day.

For Social Studies teacher Chris Sorrell '83 and wife Suzie, Carroll's Scholarship Coordinator, many days early in their marriage could have been

chapters in a storybook romance. Days creating joyful moments and overcoming challenges alongside Carroll students and faculty, evenings coaching and cheering on the Patriots, and weekends exploring new restaurants and running trails together filled their lives. That all changed when Suzie blacked out preparing to teach a fitness class.

Emergency room doctors determined that Suzie experienced a temporary loss of consciousness caused by a sudden drop in blood flow to the brain. Further testing revealed that she had ventricular tachycardia, an arrhythmic problem that targets the lower

chambers of the heart, causing heart failure.

"There were fewer things I was able to do," Suzie said.

"[Chris and I] tried bike riding, and I'm having troubles bike riding. I'm having troubles with my stamina, with my balance, with my strength. I felt like my life was shrinking because there were less things I was able to do."

Specialized cardiological care at the Cleveland Clinic, pacemakers, defibrillators, and open heart surgery helped manage Suzie's condition for two years, but nothing solved the problem. In July 2025, doctors told Suzie that her only option is receiving a heart transplant.



“It was shocking, the first time you hear the word transplant,” Chris said. “Then the next time, you meet with the doctors, you hear it three times, and then the next time you start talking about waiting lists.”

Doctors initially put Suzie on a transplant waiting list that could last two years before elevating her status when mitigating treatments became ineffective. For months, Chris and Suzie stayed prepared to leave at a moment’s notice, waiting for a call from the Cleveland Clinic saying that the time for her transplant surgery had arrived. On December 9, Suzie was admitted to the hospital where she would live and wait for a transplant. Chris traveled back and forth from Cleveland to Dayton to close out the semester, and Suzie solved puzzle books, watched livestreams of Carroll basketball games, and read handmade cards to lift her spirits. One gift she received from a group of Carroll students inspired was the namesake for the codeword she used to tell Chris that her time to receive a new heart arrived.

“Octopus. I said, it’s octopus, and he’s like, “Really? Octopus?”

A stuffed, rainbow octopus, an otherwise inconspicuous gift given by a group of Carroll students, was the signal for surgery on December 31. As the sun rose on the last day of 2025, Suzie entered into a procedure that stretched into the new year.



The gift of a stuffed octopus from Carroll students became the signal for the beginning of Suzie Sorrell’s heart transplant surgery.

“I saw her on New Year’s Eve, but she didn’t see me,” Chris recalled. “On [Thursday] the first, she was conscious, and by Sunday, we were watching the Detroit Lions and eating Dewey’s Pizza like always.”

Eating pizza and watching football like any other Sunday was one of the first celebrations Suzie and Chris shared as they began writing a new chapter in their storybook romance. Forty-eight days after moving into a hospital, Suzie was discharged to The Transplant House on the Cleveland Clinic campus as her body continued recovering and adjusting to a new heart. Winter passed, and a return to normal life for Suzie and Chris bloomed along with springtime flowers. ✚



ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL | ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Greetings Fellow Patriots,

Thanks to the generous support of our alumni class representatives, committee members, and Director of Alumni Relations Julie Weitz, the Archbishop Carroll High School Alumni Association has continued to stay busy throughout 2026!

Many of our alumni assisted with putting on another terrific St. Pat's Fest during March 13-14. This year's event ended up being the second-most successful St. Pat's Fest to date, so needless to say I'm thrilled with the results since the net proceeds go toward assisting Archbishop Carroll High School.

At our May 28 Alumni Association Meeting, we voted to donate funds to Archbishop Carroll High School to replace the digital sign in front of the school. This will allow the school to keep up with modern trends and will assist with providing an excellent first impression of the school to potential future Patriots.

This fall, we will honor our newest Athletic Hall of Fame members:

Helen (Edgar) Forsythe '76

Sarah (Rogers) Flach '99

Lauren (Viney) De Coe '00

Chadd Kiggins '11

Ryan Dull '13

Noah Kummer '15

Patrick Hemmert '15

2011 & 2012 State Champion
Men's Soccer Teams

Please be sure to keep up with alumni happenings via our association's Facebook and Instagram pages. Or, if you have any alumni-related news or events to share, please contact Julie (Hemmert) Weitz '94, Director of Alumni Relations, at jweitz@carrollhs.org so that we can post it on our social media. Of course, feel free to attend one of our quarterly meetings to share such information in-person, as we love to see new faces at our meetings!

Warmest Regards,



Marc McNulty '94

President

Archbishop Carroll High School
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The **11th Annual Carroll St. Pat's Fest** was held March 13-14 and raised over \$100,865! Net proceeds positively benefited the entire Carroll community in funding student scholarships, music program needs, and the digital sign and landscaping in front of Carroll. 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 & Staff Chairs, left to right, front row: Kelli (Waltemathe) Lawhorn '87, Julie (Hemmert) Weitz '94, Cindy (Frantz) Ryan '92, and Melissa Leaman; middle row: Steve Leaman and Barbie Demmy-Scheidler; and top row: Ed Lawhorn and Bill Ryan '92; (2) excited alumni & friends cheering on Britches Down in the tent; and (3) members of the Carroll Balloon Club with Mr. Jim Murray. To see more event photos, go to www.carrollhs.org/alumni/events.cfm.

The 2025-2026 Passing the Torch Alumni Speaker Series finished strong! Speakers included Coleen (Harter) Bruening '85, Retired Staff Engineer for Honda of America Manufacturing; Dr. Lori Hemmelgarn '81, Retired Obstetrician-Gynecologist for Suburban OB/GYN Inc.; Stephanie (Fantauzzo) Johnson '96 & Kathy (McDonald) Moddeman '89, both pictured here, Occupational Therapist & Physical Therapist for Miami Valley Hospital South; Adam Harrison '99, Branch Chief for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Dennis Brun '85, Financial Advisor for Stifel Independent Advisors; and Dr. Bryan Herdlick '81, Systems Engineer & Program Manager for John Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. 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 carrollhs.org/alumni/speakers.cfm.



The annual much-loved **Purse Bingo**, sponsored by the Carroll Music Department, was held Saturday, April 18. Pictured here is an excited bingo winner!

The **Carroll Alumni Night Out at the Dayton Dragons** returned this year on Wednesday, April 22. Over 50 Carroll alumni, friends and families attended. This year, the group had tons of fun hanging out in the area behind first base in the Ace Hardware Café Party Deck.



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VOLUNTEERS AND
DEDICATED COMMITTEE
MEMBERS WHO PLANNED
THESE EVENTS!



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Reunion photos and summaries
will be included in the 2027 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 15, 2026

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 13-15, 2026

Don't miss the Carroll Freedom Players' next performance! Details and ticket information can be found at www.carrollhs.org.

Carroll Athletic Club Wine Dinner & Gala

Saturday, February 13, 2027

Celebrate Carroll Athletics complete with fine dining, wine tasting, friendship, silent auction, and door prizes at NCR Country Club. The Bourbon Raffle starts October 30 and the winner will be drawn the evening of the February 13 Gala.

Carroll St. Pat's Fest

March 12-13, 2027

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, pre-sale, or split the pot tickets, go to www.carrollhs.org/stpatsfest.

Spring Musical

March 19-21, 2027

Be sure to attend the Carroll Freedom Players' latest musical performance. Details and ticket information can be found at www.carrollhs.org.

Alumni Trip to Ireland

July 17-25, 2027

Join fellow Carroll alumni, friends, and families on this small-group tour. The tour route explores Dublin, Galway, Killarney, the Cliffs of Moher, and the stunning Ring of Kerry all in one unforgettable journey. Spaces are limited — save your spot at <https://www.carrollhs.org/alumni/travel.cfm>!

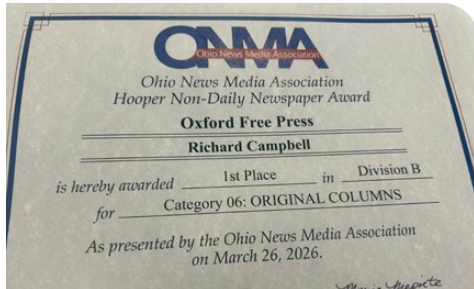
Upcoming Reunion Information can be found at:
www.carrollhs.org/alumni/reunions.cfm

CLASS NOTES

1965 John O'Kane was elected and is currently serving as Chair of Georgia State University's Emeriti Association Board. John was awarded emeritus status in 2022 in recognition of his 31 years as a Professor of Practice with the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

1966 Chuck Nartker, since retiring from WPAFB, has enjoyed volunteering at The National Museum of the USAF, St. Vincent DePaul, and Carroll Alumni Association functions. He has also enjoyed visiting the national parks and, of course, witnessing the adventures of his grandchildren (now all young adults).

1967 Dr. Richard Campbell co-founded the *Oxford Free Press*. The publication received the Hooper Award for the Newspaper of the Year in the Division B category during the Ohio News Media Association (ONMA) and Collegiate Fellowship Day in Westerville, Ohio, on March 26, 2026.



1967 Philip Mullin Jr. is proud to announce that his granddaughter, Elizabeth Mullin, received the Jefferson Way Award at her graduation from Gahanna Jefferson Elementary School in May 2026.

1967 Susan (Lauer) Silverio is serving as president of the newly-revitalized Tranquility Grange in Lincolnville, Maine and is leading an initiative to create a Local Food and Self-Governance town ordinance.



1970 Bill Rehg retired from Saint Louis University on July 1 after teaching there since 1992.

1979 Paula (Jackowski) Bauer retired from Mad River Schools as a para aide after 22 years. She has a wonderful husband of 42 years, 3 grown boys, and 5 wonderful grandkids. She is living in Tipp City and enjoying life.

1980 Anthony Franchina is an Associate Vocation Director for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.), United States Province. He hosts a weekly program on Wednesdays, 12-1 pm eastern time, on Radio Maria entitled "How Is God Calling You?"



1985 Steve Nagel and Jeff Nagel '85, the Cincinnati "Bengal Twins," were selected to represent the franchise in the exclusive "Inner Circle" at the 2026 NFL Draft in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 22-25. The Inner Circle is one of the most prestigious honors for NFL superfans, with only seven primary fans plus a guest selected from each team's fan base annually. For the Nagel brothers, this selection was the culmination of a 44-year journey as season ticket holders and lifelong fans. The Nagel twins really had a blast representing the Bengals! To be in a place with over 300,000 people who love football as much as they do was amazing, and they could not thank the Cincinnati Bengals enough for making this dream come true.



1987 Stacey (Fugate) Norton remarried on July 23, 2025 in Savannah, Georgia. Stacey and her husband, Mike, travel full-time all over the United States and occasionally internationally. As of 2024, Stacey took her lifelong love of photography and finally turned it into a profession.

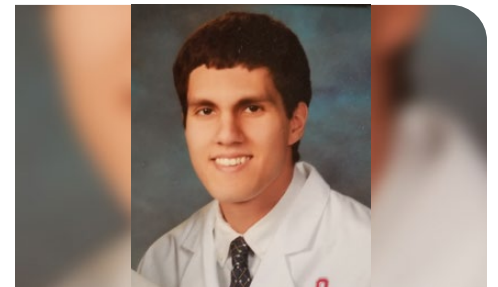


1993 Douglas Lain and his family moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Douglas is currently working for St. Vincent de Paul as the coordinator for the Uniforms for Kids program. During the school year he is working as a supply teacher at a special needs pre-school.

2004 Darren Brown, nearing a decade of work in the theatrical arts in Chicago, recently came off a spring sabbatical in New York and will launch a new freelance theatrical production company this fall. Specializing in everything from directing, design, production management, scenic construction, equipment rentals, script development, and voice and movement coaching, he is excited for this new era of collaborative endeavors.

2006 Ryan Monell and his wife, Brooke, had a baby boy on April 26, 2026 named Matteo. He joins two-year-old big sister, Esmé.

2010 Joseph Gunasekera graduated from The Ohio State University with his DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery) and purchased a dental practice in Richwood, Ohio called Richwood Family Dental (richwooddental.com). He is married to Amanda and they have a 5 year old son, Lucas.



2010 Ronni (Burns) Rush and her husband started their year off with the birth of their baby boy, Easton, and then at the beginning of June adopted their 3 children (Vadyka, Maxwell, and Charles) who they have been fostering for the last 3 years!

2011 Emily Kronenberger moved back to the Dayton area in March after spending 6.5 years in Memphis, Tennessee. She received a career promotion and is now the Manager of Coverage and Content for WHIO-TV, News Center 7. Emily takes care of the day-to-day news coverage planning, manages the assignment desk and digital team, and works closely with reporters and photographers on where to go and who to speak with for stories.



2017 Brody Dixon, since high school, has been a part of the first graduating class for one of the first-ever accredited cannabis degrees, in the United States, at Hocking College. He graduated with an Associate's Degree in Cannabis Laboratory Sciences. He has also gotten married and recently had his first born son.



2020 Mandi Weitz and Michael Gruhot were married at the Church of the Ascension on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Mandi is the daughter of Carroll graduates, Sam Weitz '91 and Julie (Hemmert) Weitz '94.



2021 Christopher Colon, after graduating from the University of Dayton in 2025, worked for the Franklin County Municipal Courts. He then changed jobs to work at a lobbying firm in downtown Columbus.



2021 Catie Orban and Peter Lehmenkuler '21 were married on April 24, 2026!



2022 Natalie Ryan graduated magna cum laude with a BA in Exercise Science and a minor in Biology from Ohio Wesleyan University this past May. Natalie accepted an offer from the University of Dayton Physical Therapy program to join their DPT Class of 2029 in August. While at OWU, she was a four-year starting goalkeeper for the Bishops Women's Soccer Team. During her playing time, Natalie was a three-time first team all conference member, Newcomer of the Year, and Defensive Player of the year. She also earned All Ohio and All Region recognition and left OWU as the All Time Career shutout leader. ✚



The Class of 2026 Senior Mother Daughter Banquet was full of Carroll graduate moms! Pictured here, left to right (front row): Shannon Deardurff '01, Claudia Hernandez-Deardurff '26, Hannah Rice '26, Emma McNamara '26, Gina (Germano) McNamara '88, Ellen Greene '26; (middle row): Gina DiCicco '26, Corrinne Neidhard '26, Meg Wittmann '26, Anna Thurman '26, Maria Thurman '26, Velouria Marshall '26, Grace Dooley '26, Elizabeth Glaser Rice '01, Caroline Greene '19, Julie (Franz) Kates '87, Krista Kates '26; (back row): Jennifer (Wellmeier) DiCicco '90, Christina (Connally) Neidhard '98, Amy (Sableski) Wittmann '88, Dina (Adducchio) Thurman '94, Katie (Farley) Marshall '98, Sarah (Pugar) Dooley '00.

ALUMNI & FACULTY

Bernard Joseph Middleton, Class of 1965, of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away on June 27, 2026. He retired as an accountant for various construction companies. Bernie is survived by his children, Christine, Brian '99, Daniel '02; brothers, Charlie '65 and James; and 4 grandchildren. As one of 450 eighth graders assigned to begin in Carroll's first freshman class, Bernie entered the contest to designate the school colors and an emblematic name. The new principal, Fr. Ries, announced the winner to receive a transistor radio as the prize. Two winners, Bernard Middleton of Immaculate Conception and Larry Homan of St. Brigid, submitted identical entries. The two future freshmen chose 'The Patriots' as their nickname and red, white, and blue as the school colors.

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Ryan) Johnquest, Class of 1969, died peacefully from AML Leukemia at her home on June 6, 2026 surrounded by her loving family and friends. Betsy graduated from Bowling Green State University as an English major and Journalism minor in Education. She taught high school in Cleveland and Orlando, Florida, and, later, returned home to Youngstown where she became the program director for the Youngstown YMCA, coordinator for the women's networking group, The Executive Link, and taught in Youngstown City Schools for over 25 years. Betsy is survived by her sons, Ryan and Connor; former husband, Matthew; and brother, Mickey Saluga (Marie).

Robert "Bob" Timothy Fecke, Class of 1972, passed away July 16, 2025 in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Bob is preceded in death by his wife, Sue; parents, Frank and Jeanne; and sister, Joyce Billington '69. He is survived by his children, Will (Krysta), Neva Weiland (Josh); 7 grandchildren; and siblings, Sheila Stutrud '71 (Jeff), Erin Eldridge (Floyd), Shawn, and Laurie Lange (Phil).

Michael Lee Terrell, Class of 1972, died May 22, 2026 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Mike graduated from Wright State University and enjoyed a successful accounting career with Traniscoil. He is survived by his siblings, Dave, Debbie, Karen, Steve, Tommy, Carolyn, Teri, and Marti. Remembered for his quiet strength, he preferred a life away from the spotlight.

Paul Gerald Wourms, Class of 1974, died July 26, 2026. Paul received a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Dayton. Paul was preceded in death by his father, Fred; mother, Helen; stepfather, Martin Lokai; brother, Bob '66; sister, Diane '70; and nephew, Dane. He is survived by his children, Karla King '94 (Jason), Lynda '00, Michael '05; grandchildren, Jake King '20, Logan King '22, Dylan King '23, Drew; and siblings, Bill '67 (Ana Pan), Connie Buchert '68 (Pete), Margery Waggood '71 (Clay), Kathy Rogers (Roy), Susan Harrison '75 (Jim), Larry '77 (Tammy), Jerry '77 (Debby), Jane Runck '79 (Clay), Barbara Lokai Kelley '82 (Bob), and Deborah Lokai Bischof '83.

John M. Chilbert, Class of 1975, passed away unexpectedly on June 18, 2026. He received a degree in Industrial Engineering Technology from the University of Dayton and worked in Newport News Shipbuilding's Facilities Division for 45 years. John is survived by his wife, Kellie; daughters, Lisa Chodorov (Brett) and Shannon Washington (Marcus); grandsons, Joshua, Blake, Neiman; and siblings, Mary Ann Accorinti '69, David '70 (Teresa), Stephen '73 (Bonnie), June Cochran '74 (Ron), and Joan '74. John loved fiercely, protected the people he cared about, and never hesitated to show up when someone needed him. He was the kind of man whose presence made a room feel safer, whose laughter and smile could make a hard day better, and whose love for his family was evident in everything he did.

Mark Alan Essman, Class of 1976, died March 31, 2026. Mark married the love of his life, Barbara, and together they built a life centered on family and care for one another. He worked at Norandex for over 20 years, enjoyed golfing, and was a fervent Viking and Yankees sports fan. Mark is survived by his wife, Barbara; stepsons, Bryan Wilson (Jessica), Casey Cole; daughter-in-law, Phyllis Ober (Matt); grandchildren, Austin Ober, Morgan Ober (Kyle), Ashley Wilson; and brothers, Joe '74 (Robin) and Mike '80 (Kathy). Mark will be remembered as a humorous, kind-hearted, generous, and thoughtful man whose presence brought comfort, laughter, and warmth to those who knew him.

John Ray Schaeffer, Class of 1976, passed away on April 1, 2026, after a courageous fight for better health. He had a lifelong passion for sports, competition, music, and most importantly, family. John was inducted into the Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame for football, basketball, and baseball, and he received the Russ Willoughby Sportsmanship Award from The Falcon Club for his volunteerism. He worked at Toolcraft Products along with his dad, uncle and brothers and retired after 42 years. John is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 47 years, Patricia Mark '76; children, Jacob (Beth), Maureen and Molly Dullea (Dylan); five grandchildren; mother, Norine; and siblings, Ed '72 (Kathleen Livingston '73), Carol Ballman '73, Jennie Kothman '75 (Mike), Rita Casson '77 (Del), Laura Clemens '79 (Rick '79), Tom '80 (Steve), Bob '87 (Melissa), Joe '89 (Krista); and in-laws, Joe Mark '70 (Peggy), Tim Mark '71 (Joan Bauman '71), Sue Meintel '73 (Joe), and Peggy Wiggins '78 (Bob).

Bret Richard Emrick, Class of 1977, died peacefully on May 1, 2025, at University of Cincinnati Hospital, surrounded by loving family. Bret, a dedicated and hardworking individual, made his mark as a meat cutter at Kroger, where he worked for many years before retiring. His career began at Lofino's, showcasing his commitment to the profession and the community. Bret attended The Ohio State University and loved reading and exploring old TV shows and movies. His personality was characterized by his humor and loving demeanor. He cherished quiet moments at home and had a deep affection for animals. Bret is preceded in death by his parents, Bert Jr. and Nancy; and his brothers, Bert Emrick III and Michael. He is survived by his sister, Katherine '78.

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.

Thomas L. Schaeffer, Class of 1980, passed away on July 9, 2026, following a brief battle with cancer. Tom dedicated nearly 40 years to Ohio's developmental disabilities system, serving in a variety of roles, including direct support, interim director of Toward Independence, Montgomery County Board of DD, and, most recently, as Director of Finance and Administration for the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities. His passion for service, welcoming spirit, and ability to make others feel valued left a lasting impact on colleagues and communities across Ohio. Tom was preceded in death by his father, George; brother, John '76; and nephew, Zach. Tom is survived by his spouse, Steven; son, Trenton; mother, Norine; and siblings, Ed '72 (Kathleen Livingston '73), Carol Ballman '73, Jennie Kothman '75 (Mike), Rita Casson '77 (Del), Laura Clemens '79 (Rick '79), Bob '87 (Melissa), and Joe '89 (Krista).

Thomas "Tom" Patrick Ryan, Class of 1984, died June 26, 2026. Tom retired from Delphi/Tenneco after many years. In his free time, he enjoyed watching sports, boating and fishing at Norris Lake and New Smyrna Beach in Florida, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends. Tom is preceded in death by his father, Tom; brother, Timothy; and his partner, Marilyn. He is survived by his mother, Nancy; sister, Erin Eifert (John); children, George (Pepper), and Cayla Reigelsperger (Jake).

Beth Ann (Kohler) Skelly, Class of 1987, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2025, at home surrounded by her family. She was a devoted mother, loving wife, proud 'bonus' grandma, loyal friend, and the kind of person who could make a stranger feel like family within minutes. Beth earned her degree in Hospitality-Hotel Management and Business from University of Michigan in 1991. She was a proud member of Delta Alpha Gamma

sorority and dedicated more than 22 years to NCR as a Human Resources Director. She later served as a contractor with DRS for five years. Beth is survived by her mother, Judy; children, Dominic, Marco (Emma), Paxton; husband, Kenn (and his children and grandchildren); and brother, Craig (Yvonne Davis Kohler '86).

Scott R. Shea, Class of 1988, passed away at his home on June 30, 2026. Scott met Anne freshman year as members of the Marching Patriots. They formed a deep and forever friendship and began dating in 1990. Scott graduated from the ITT Technical Institute with honors and two Bachelor's Degrees. His education led him to a long and fulfilling career in IT Engineering and Security. Scott was preceded in death by his father, William; and his mother, Benita. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 25 years, Anne (Melvin) '88; and children, Emma and William.

Jennifer (Wellmeier) DiCicco, Class of 1990, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2026, at home surrounded by loved ones. Jen is survived by her husband of 28 years, David; children, Ethan '22 and Gina '26; mother, Joyce; and siblings, Ann Howard '87 (Ed) and Edward '88 (Matthew Dunn). A 1995 graduate of Michigan State University, Jen was a devoted mother to her two children, and brought immense joy and light into their lives. With a lighthearted and easy-going nature, she possessed incredible inner strength and determination.

Marty Shipley, Class of 1991, passed away July 20, 2026. Marty was a devoted father, loving son, and cherished brother. A proud patriot, he carried a deep love for his country throughout his life and was known for his quiet strength, loyalty, fun-loving and social nature, and his generosity with family and friends. An avid nature lover, he especially enjoyed traveling to the beach and the mountains,

hiking, playing baseball, and caring for his special pets over the years. Marty is survived by his mother, Melanie; children, Gianna and Jordan; and brother, Matt '94.

Jason Floyd Harris, Class of 1995, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2026, at Memorial Health University Medical Center. He graduated from Ohio University with a B.A. in 2000, completed his M.B.A. at the University of Toledo in 2002, and later earned his Master of Science from Creighton University. Jason was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming an entrepreneur, co-founding a startup Italian restaurant in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He relocated to Savannah in July, spending his final chapter reconnecting with family. Jason is survived by his mom, Lydia; and brother, John III '92 (Deborah).

Claire Diane Geis, Class of 2005, died on June 25, 2026. Claire loved deeply, spoke her mind, and gave generously. She had a homeopathic remedy for any ailment. She was a fantastic cook, beautiful decorator, and made gardening look easy. She was always dressed to the nines and beautiful all her life. Claire was preceded in death by her father, Mark; and four grandparents. She leaves behind her mother, Lisa Pinnell (Jim); and brother, Jacob (Jessica).

Richard "Dick" Lee Klein, Carroll Bingo Coordinator for nearly 32 years, passed away on June 30, 2026. Dick and his wife, Gloria, were crucial volunteers to Carroll High School and were honored with the naming of Klein Hall after them. Dick is survived by his children, Pam Smith (Steve), Garry Buffenbarger '78, M. Scott Buffenbarger '80 (Sonia), Tina Birchfield '82, Michael Buffenbarger '87; eight grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

FAMILY MEMBERS OF STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Kenneth R. Belcher: 3/20/2026

Father of Ken '70, David '71 (Theresa Albers '73), John '73, Constance Hanna '73, Tom '78, and James '82; grandfather to 10 including Jessica Balsom '96, Missy '97, Krista '07, Becky Mueller '00; great-grandfather to 15

Joan Ruth Graham: 5/10/2026

Mother of Scott '72 (Mary Dempsey '72), Jeff '74 (Sue Sheetz '76), Douglas '78 (Linda), Matthew '81 (Bridget), Bruce '85 (Kim); grandmother to 14 including Jon '98 (Jenn), Jim '00 (Courtney Limbert '97), Jeffrey '10, Sarah '19; great-grandmother to 23

Donald Lawrence Hilgefurd: 5/11/2026

Father of Denise "DeDe" Moran '77, Dina Byrnes '78 (Dan), Darla Donohue '79 (Mike), Devon Madsen '80, Drew '89 (Mindy), Clifford Madsen; grandfather to 11 including Dannah Moran Vardaman '95 (Ernie), Matt Moran '01 (Anna), Alex '21, Eric '22, Kate '26; great-grandfather to 8

Lynn (McNulty) Little: 7/1/2026

Sister of Marc McNulty '94

Marian Margaret Volk: 7/4/2026

Mother of Lynn Blanford '78 (Larry '72), Joe '79 (Lois), Ann Wehner '83 (Mark); grandmother to 10 including Kristen Wehner '15, Kyle Wehner '19, Caitlyn Wehner '22; great-grandmother to 4

Samuel Wayne Wilson: 4/15/2026 (attended CHS with Class of 2023)

Son of Karen Weaver Wilson '83







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October - November

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Sunday, November 1st

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, November 21st

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