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# A Look Inside



Welcome Bishop Gerard Battersby

In May, our newest Bishop for the Diocese of La Crosse was installed. Learn more about this historic day.



### Class of 2024

Meet our latest group of Regis High School graduates.



#### 2024 Walk for Virtues

In May, students at our three elementary schools participated in this annual fundraiser. Learn what the money raised will be used for.



### Gymnasium Renovation Update

See the progress being made as part of this major project.



# Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

### **OUR MISSION**

Regis Catholic Schools is
dedicated to educating students of
all faiths in a Catholic,
Christ-centered environment.
We are united by Our Core Values
of Living Faith,
Accepting Responsibility,
Promoting Teamwork,
Achieving Excellence,
and Inspiring Leadership.

### **OUR VISION**

Inspired by our Catholic tradition,
Regis Catholic Schools will
provide the highest quality programs
possible from early childhood
through high school to nourish the
body, mind, and soul of each
student and to help them become
faithful servants of Christ the King.





Report

### From the Dean

Battersby. After some good food at Hanger 54 and playful ribbing about the Detroit Lions (he was born and raised in Detroit) we started to talk "priest business."

The priest business we talked about was the state of the Diocese. In short, we have been a Diocese that has faced many challenges. For us in Eau Claire, one of the bigger challenges is one that we know well in Eau Claire - the HSHS shutdown. This along with other difficulties that have emerged in the "post-Covid era" have created a spirit of exhaustion and concern.

These circumstances have led to clear need emotional and spiritual healing. When we met with
Bishop Battersby, he was well aware of the healing
our Diocese is praying to receive. His awareness
and willingness to speak to us about it was a great
comfort. As Bishop Battersby has done in his previous
homilies and reflections, he shared his love of God,
his trust in the Holy Spirit and simple sentiment that
resonated so deeply with me.

"Gentlemen, if you are looking to me to be your Savior, then you will be disappointed. I am not your Savior, Jesus Christ is our Savior."

His honest and humble recognition stirred a fire in me. A fire, to be quite frank, I have not felt in some time. It was the fire I felt when I was first ordained and the rest of my life was in front of me. A fire that sparks my creativity, my passion for ministry, and my desire to grow in holiness.

In my emotional and physical exhaustion from one of my more challenging years as Dean, that fire fed

#### So, Fr. James, Tell Me About The New Bishop.

On June 25th,

the Deanery

clergy had

a two hour

with Bishop

the honor of

lunch/meeting

me as I prepared for a week of vacation to visit my parents. I'm already eager to come back to work and walk with you, our schools, my brother priests and deacons and our new Bishop, pursuing Christ the healer and working to bring Christ's healing to our schools, our Deanery, and our Diocese.

When I taught at Regis years ago, we would often speak as teachers of the "healing power of summer break." My prayer for you is that we all can find healing this summer so we can return refreshed in the fall. I can't wait for you to meet our new Bishop. And I'm happy to share that our new Bishop is a man deeply in love with Christ and will invite and challenge us to embrace Christ's love.

Fr. James Kurzynski Dean, Eau Claire Deanery y, Leading Tomorrow Learni

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#### Dear Regis Community,

Leaving a legacy for Regis is about participating in its time-honored past and making efforts to ensure the values, traditions, and quality education you cherished continue to thrive for the next generations to come. Regis exists because of the vision of those who put it into motion many decades ago. Their legacy started with a vision to create a consolidated high school on the east side of town on a flat piece of farmland at the top of Plank Hill. Continuing those great efforts is a personal focus of mine and the efforts of the Regis Catholic School Foundation.

The Regis Foundation is the stable and vigilant financial backbone of Regis' future. This organization supports:

#### The Academic Excellence of Regis

The development of rigorous curricula and innovative educational opportunities ensure that students receive a top-tier education that will prepare them for future success. Contributions to the Regis Foundation ensure advanced programs, technology, and interactive learning experiences.

#### The Promotion of Faith and Values

Faith formation is at the heart of Catholic education. Your support of religious education programs, retreats, and campus ministry activities helps students deepen their faith and moral understanding. Regis provides an environment where Catholic values are lived and celebrated daily.

#### **A Priority on Community and Service**

The spirit of giving and community involvement are hallmarks of Regis. Students are regularly engaged in meaningful community activities and parish life. The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation supports many endowments and scholarships and works to help fund school-based projects.

Report

From the President

#### **Preserving and Celebrating Traditions**

Leaving a legacy is participating in and honoring traditions of the past, which have shaped the identity of Regis. Growth and adaptation are also vital to ensuring greatness in the future. Regis Catholic Schools values and embraces both the history and a readiness for the future.

#### **Building Infrastructure and Facilities**

The Regis Foundation has continued to be the viable and steady support of Regis Catholic Schools. It has helped ensure our school's environment is safe, welcoming, modern, and conducive to learning and growth.

Please consider making a personal donation and help continue the legacy of Regis that was started many generations ago. Leaving a legacy gift instills the values of faith, academic excellence, and service. It ensures a safe learning environment, an opportunity for personal growth, and nurturement in a faith-filled environment for generations to come.

Paul Pedersen

Paul Pedersen '89 President

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"When I was baptized, ordained a priest, and consecrated a bishop, I received a call within a call, an invitation to follow. The Risen One has bid me to follow him to western Wisconsin, to the banks of the mighty Mississippi."

- Bishop Battersby



This historic photo shows Bishop Gerard Battersby with the previous three bishops of the Diocese of La Crosse; Cardinal Raymond Burke, Archbishop Jerome Listecki, and Bishop William Callahan.

COMPListecki, and Bishop William Callahan.

Bishop Gerard Battersby!

**In May**, Bishop Gerard William Battersby was installed as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman.

Pope Francis named Bishop Battersby to fill the role following the retirement of Bishop William P. Callahan.

In 1993, Bishop Battersby entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in parish ministry for ten years. Bishop Battersby then served as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. In 2011, he was appointed Vice-Rector and Dean of Seminary Formation and was ordained to the Episcopacy as an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Moderator of the South Region in January 2017.

As the new head of the diocese, Bishop
Battersby oversees parishioners,
churches, and schools in a 19-county
diocese that stretches from La Crosse
to Eau Claire to Wausau. The diocese
is home to 156 parishes that serve a
total population of 875,000 souls, of whom
135,000 are Catholic. Committed Catholic
teachers, staff, and administrators serve the
more than 6,500 Catholic school students
enrolled in seven Catholic high schools
and 58 other Catholic K-8 schools
within the diocese.

"As I move forward, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has made my time in the Diocese of La Crosse so meaningful. I look forward to continuing my service to Bishop Battersby and spiritual service to brother priests and deacons in La Crosse. I am grateful for the opportunity to remain in this wonderful community for as long as God allows, and I will cherish the memories and experiences I have had here. Thank you for allowing me to fulfill God's call among you. Be assured of my daily prayers and happy memories."

- Bishop Emeritus Callahan



# The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby Coat of Arms



The great seal of the Diocese of La Crosse (viewer's left side of the shield) is on a field of silver. The three wavy bands at the bottom represent the three rivers flowing through the Diocese – the Mississippi, Wisconsin, and Chippewa rivers. The cross of gold within the canoe symbolizes the travels of the early

Jesuit missionaries through the Diocese and the faith they brought to the area. Below the left arm of the cross is a lacrosse racket, from the game played by Native Americans who first inhabited the territory. Below the right arm is a sheaf of wheat, indicating the predominantly rural nature of the Diocese. The wheat is also a symbol of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The remainder of the Diocesan side of the shield is occupied by three hills of green behind the cross, representing the bluffs and hills found in the Diocese.

For the personal coat of arms (viewer's right side of the shield), His Excellency, Gerard W. Battersby, has adopted a design reflecting his personal heritage, spirituality, and ministry.

At the top of the shield is a Celtic processional cross meant to honor Bishop Battersby's Irish heritage. It is shaped like a traditional cross but with a ring, representing the sun, around the intersection of the stem and arms. The whole cross is decorated with ornate Gaelic patterns.

Bishop Battersby's Coat of Arms includes the three Sacred Hearts. The hearts represent the Holy Family and symbolize the unending and boundless love for us.

Bishop Battersby's motto – In Sinu Patris – The longer version is found in the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 1, verse 18, which reads, "Deum nemo vidit umquam; unigenitus Deus, qui est in sinum Patris, ipse enarravit." In translation: "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God who is at the Father's side has revealed him."

Surrounding the shield is the pontifical hat called the "galero" with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop.

The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby Eleventh Bishop of La Crosse

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#### **Teacher of the Year**

#### Genesis Child Development Center

**Kelsey Langiewicz** (Missing From Photo)

Kelsey has been a part of our Genesis Child Development Center team for more than a year and a half. Last fall, Kelsey took on a role as a solo teacher in the facility's 3 ½-year-old classroom and has been committed to providing a loving, hands-on educational environment. Kelsey builds positive relationships with the children in her care and parents appreciate her calm, nurturing demeanor.

As an employee, Kelsey is trustworthy, flexible, and dependable. Kelsey is a team player and a great colleague. We know Kelsey has touched the lives of many children and families and we are extremely grateful to have her as a member of our team!

#### Regis Child Development Center

#### Christin Haase (Missing From Photo)

Christin has been a teacher at our Regis Child Development Center for the last 5 ½ years. She is committed to providing a loving, educational environment for our youngest toddlers to learn and grow.

Christin's love for working with young children is evident daily when she

walks through our doors. She has a calming presence and nurturing nature that parents and children respond to, and her warm smile, positive energy, and knowledge of child development help to create an environment where children can flourish. Many milestones happen in the life of a 1-year-old and her hands-on activities help foster their independence as they learn how to navigate the big world around them. There is always time in their day for singing, dancing, stories, and lots and lots of snuggles!

As an employee, Christin is a team player in the truest sense of the word. She is an artist by nature and is always willing to share her talents throughout the program through her bulletin boards, signs, and displays. When we need something written in a fancy script, Christin is our go-to person! She is dependable, flexible, and takes great pride in her work. Her laughter is contagious and her positive energy brings joy to everyone around her. We are extremely grateful to have her be a part of our team!

# Immaculate Conception Elementary School

#### Laura Vallez | Physical Education

Since joining the Immaculate Conception Elementary School staff a few years ago, Laura has brought joy and compassion to the physical education program. Laura demonstrates a commitment to excellence, teamwork, and leadership. Physical education is often the highlight of our students' day and Laura's commitment to bringing success to all students is admirable. She takes extra time to ensure all students are well-prepared for her lessons. Laura puts safety first in each lesson to ensure students are successful in PE. Because of this instruction, students are successful no matter their ability levels in each activity.

Laura is a highly collaborative teacher. Because her classroom is the gym, her room is used for many other purposes than her classroom. She is very flexible in working to provide many opportunities for the whole school within her classroom. Laura is always ready to jump in to help with all school events, both during the school day and outside the school day. Laura does not stop at working well with others herself; she models that behavior for her students. She explicitly teaches good sportsmanship to our students and is active in transferring those skills to our playground and athletic programs.

Laura is a faithful leader within Immaculate Conception Elementary School. She consistently models strong engagement in our faith community, a commitment to excellence, and positive interactions with others.

# St. James Elementary School Amanda Brahmer | 3rd Grade

Truly embracing and living Our Core

Values is what Mrs. Amanda Brahmer instills in her students and she is a perfect example of living up to those expectations herself. Mrs. Brahmer is a true testament to ensuring that the students in her class are not only well taken care of, but as a devoted Catholic School teacher, she strives to create the best learning environment for everyone at St. James Elementary School and within Regis Catholic Schools. Her ability to connect with students and provoke the highest level of learning is a desired trait.

When you step into Mrs. Brahmer's classroom you will not only have a sense of calmness, you will observe students expressing their learning in a variety of ways. Mrs. Brahmer is a lifelong learner who is always finding unique opportunities to meet the needs of her students. Encouraging our students to enhance their spiritual understanding is also a wonderful skill set Mrs. Brahmer embodies. Mrs. Brahmer's dedication to Regis Catholic Schools is just as inspiring as her dedication to following Jesus.

# St. Mary's Elementary School Danielle Trullinger | Preschool

Ms. Danni, as she is affectionately known at St. Mary's Elementary School, is the preschool teacher by morning and K-5 interventionist by afternoon. Working with all of the students who enter our doors requires many super powers!

Danni has a calming presence that puts our youngest learners (and families) at ease. For most of our preschool students, Ms. Danni is their first trusted adult outside of their family. Danni creates a warm, welcoming environment that assures children they are in a safe and loving space.

Danni is always looking for new and exciting experiences to meet the interests of her students. From exploring the international space station to growing plants, hunting for shapes to finishing art projects, playing musical chairs to talking to God, our three-year-olds are always engaged in learning.

As all good educators do, Danni constantly looks for opportunities to learn! Whether she is taking a class on basic Spanish to better communicate with her students or researching teaching strategies to help K-5 students, she is a life-long learner who

shares her love of learning with all students.

# Regis Middle School Jodi Balow | Art

Jodi has brought a love of art to our students on the Regis campus. From the stick men to the Picassos, Jodi always has a kind word and a helpful suggestion. She is also a team player, graciously helping with morning and hallway supervision.

While this is a middle school award, Jodi has also had an extreme impact on our high school students. They seek her out at lunchtime to paint or play cards and would rather be in her space when they are given "senior hallway" privilege.

Jodi is also our detention monitor, sophomore advisor, and art show coordinator. She volunteers to work at athletic contests and to chaperone school events. She has a passionate spirit that is infectious!

# Regis High School June Hootman | Theology

This is June's third year at Regis and Principal Machler clearly remembered her first year. She was scrambling for resources, and the students complained that her tests were impossible. She's had to pack her whole classroom twice and rework the entire curriculum for her courses.

Fast forward to this year when Mrs. Hootman was selected as an inspirational educator for the Cloverbelt Scholar Banquet. The nominating student wrote, "Ms. Hootman teaches that school isn't only about grades. I love talking to Ms. Hootman and getting to know her personally. She has a great balance of work and fun in the classroom."

After spending time with June, you realize she has a sharp sense of humor, is highly reflective, and cares deeply about those around her. We could all learn a lesson from Ms. Hootman's work/life balance!

# **Administrative Support Staff of the Year**

# Suzy Sturz | RMS/RHS Dean of Students

(Missing From Photo)

There isn't a title for an award that sums up this individual's role at Regis! On a campus with a staff of

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51, a student population of 373, a combination of 48 Regis Middle School and High School athletic teams, and 23 various clubs, Suzy was Mrs. Machler's right hand...her rock.

Suzy handles student discipline, enforces the dress code, deals with inappropriate cell phone and Chromebook usage, monitors attendance and grades, and maintains our schedule for resource room placement. She provides guidance, encouragement, and direction to all on the Regis campus. She advocates for our students, staff, and the legacy of Regis.

She stayed in her position long enough for Mrs. Machler to learn the ropes, and they pushed Regis forward together. Suzy, enjoy your retirement and thank you for your dedication to our schools!

### Support Staff of the Year

#### Mary Jo Sprunk | Paraprofessional

If you ever had the chance to enter St. James Elementary School during morning drop-off, you may have been lucky enough to be greeted with a warm smile, and perhaps a hug, by one of the most genuine and kind souls, Miss Mary Jo.

Miss Mary Jo is a devoted educator who cares deeply for her students and colleagues. As a retired, but not tired Catholic school teacher who has also spent several years teaching in Libya and Saudi Arabia, Miss Mary Jo brings a wealth of experience and knowledge while working with children in small groups, one-onone, and while planning elaborate school-wide religious lessons. It is not uncommon for students to ask if they get to work with Miss Mary Jo. If you have ever had the chance to listen to her storytelling during the advent or lenten season you would be just as amazed and intrigued as our elementary students.

If Miss Mary Jo is not working with students, you will find her offering help to other teachers in the building ensuring every minute of her day is spent serving others. Miss Mary Jo truly embodies a life that Christ has led for us. Miss Mary Jo radiates sunshine each and every day, and we could not be more blessed to have her at St. James Elementary School.

Leading Tomorrow Learning Today, Lead Jodi Balow Perris Cooley oday, Le Charlene Kostkang Tomo Deborah Emmons rrow Lo ing Today, |Christin:Haase\_earning T eadin Kathleen McCandless Lead Kayla Woletz ding Tomo ing Today, LeaBeth Borstw Learning 1 Leading ToNannetterFalboday, Leadi Tomorrow Michael Nerbovig a Tomo ing Today Shanna Donkers arning Leadin Patrick Straszkowski, Lead Tomorrow LearJillgUrdahleading Tomor Paul Pedersen Julie Burhop **Dori Fadness** Suzanne Sturz John Snyder ow Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow Le



Congratulations and best wishes
to our retiring staff members!
May God bless you as you begin
this new adventure.

Jodi Balow 5 Years





Marc Lundquist 9 Years

Suzanne Sturz **25 Years** 





Regis Catholic Schools is pleased to announce Kayla Bahnub, our previous Immaculate Conception Elementary School Principal, has been named our new Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator.

Kayla holds a bachelor's degree from UW-Eau Claire and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's University in Minnesota. She has served as the principal of Immaculate Conception Elementary School since 2019.

"My experience at Regis has truly been a blessing in my life and I am so excited to work with all Regis Catholic Schools families to ensure they receive a high-quality Catholic education," Kayla said. "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the principal of Immaculate Conception Elementary School."

Kayla's husband, Bryan, is an alumnus of Immaculate Conception Elementary School and Regis High School. She previously taught Spanish and Social Studies at Regis Middle School and Regis High School and served as the Dean of Students at Regis Middle School. She then served as Elementary Principal at McDonell Area Catholic Schools before returning to Immaculate Conception Elementary School. Their daughter, Hayley, attends our Genesis Child Development Center.

"I am passionate about all our schools and want to work to strengthen our community," Kayla added. "I have a deep understanding of our school system and cannot wait to help families find the joy that Regis has to offer."

Ashley Bauer, our previous Regis Catholic Schools Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator, left the system to pursue another opportunity. We wish her the very best!



We are pleased to announce Emily Brissette has been named

Principal of Immaculate Conception Elementary School.

Mrs. Brissette has been with the Regis Catholic Schools system for eight years; having taught 5th grade at St. Mary's Elementary School for the last six years and 5th grade at St. James Elementary School for two years prior.

Mrs. Brissette obtained a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from UW-Whitewater and a Master's Degree in Education from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Additionally, she received her license in special education and administration from Educate-WI. She describes herself as a lifelong learner and loves to find new opportunities to grow and gain new knowledge to apply to her career.

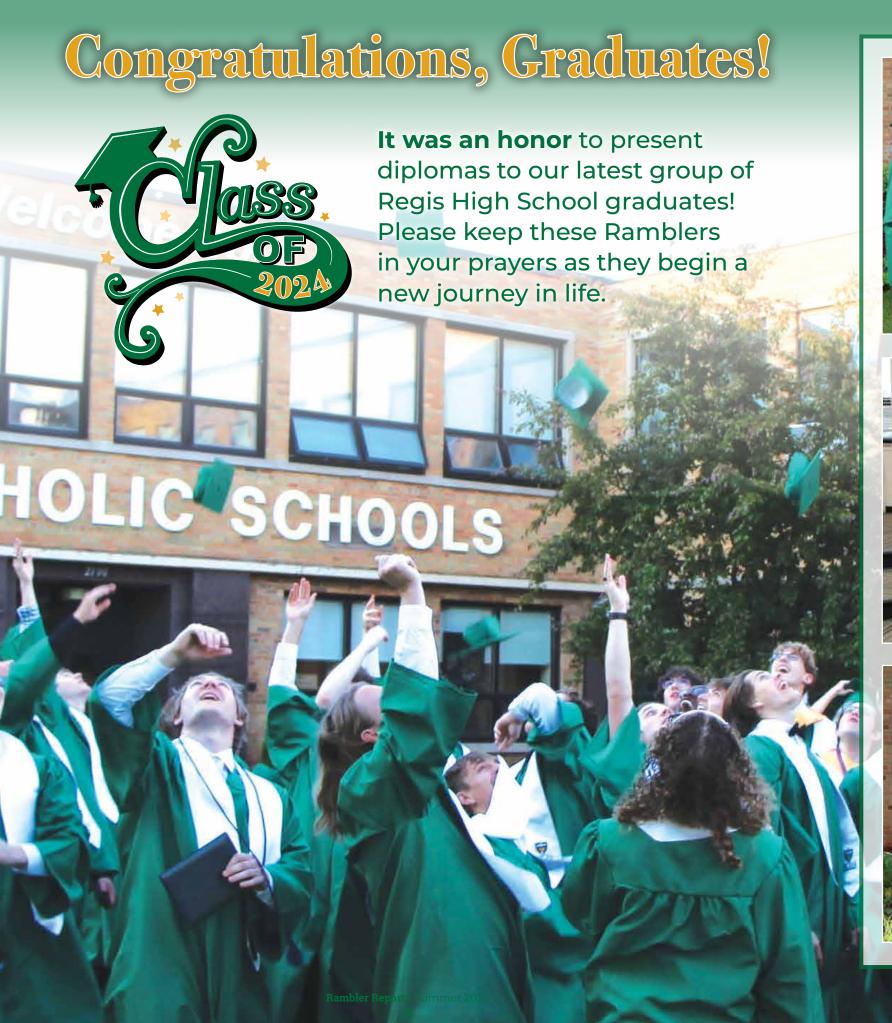
"I am excited to be stepping into the role of principal at Immaculate Conception Elementary School," Mrs. Brissette said. "Throughout my time with Regis, I have come to see firsthand how special our schools are, with opportunities to help students grow both spiritually and academically. I feel privileged to be a part of the Immaculate Conception Elementary School staff and look forward to an excellent year!"

In addition to taking on the principal role, Mrs. Brissette will start her first year as a Regis parent, as her son will be in kindergarten at Immaculate Conception Elementary School in the fall.

Please keep Kayla, Emily, and Ashley in your prayers during this time of transition.

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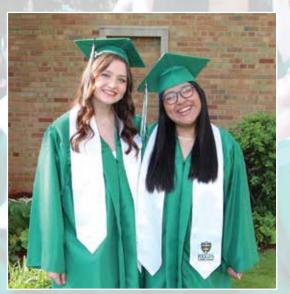
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# Class of 2024 Valedictorian

Annabelle Schroeder

Class of 2024
Salutatorian
Brittany Martin





Class of 2024 Bishop's Medal

Keenan Olson



Brayden Albee Carroll University

lan Andrews University of Kansas

Jacey Behrens
Rocky Mountain School
of Photography
(Missoula, MT)

Morgan Bergh Gap Year

Luke Betcher UW-La Crosse

Alex Burdick UW-La Crosse

Tyler Burhop Winona State University

Colleen Callaghan St. Norbert College

**Ashley Chilson**Ave Maria University

Cole Chilson
Carroll University

Alexander Chinander
North Dakota
State University

Alex Ciulla Chippewa Valley Technical College

Calista Danielson UW-Eau Claire

Ethan Eager UW-La Crosse

Adalyn Gardner
University of
Chattanooga

lan Hanson Join Workforce Anna Helland Gap Year

Ava Highman Luther College

Ikechukwu Kanu UW-Madison

> Emma Klink UW-La Crosse

Chase Kostka Coe College

Lucas Kovacevich
UW-Madison

Brody Larson
Join Electrician Union

**Karenna Lokken** UW-La Crosse

Brittany Martin UW-Eau Claire

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Mark Mauer UW-Platteville

Madeline McLain-Heath Chippewa Valley Technical College

> John McMenomy Chippewa Valley Technical College

> Ava Moore Chippewa Valley Technical College

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Teigan Petersilka UW-Eau Claire

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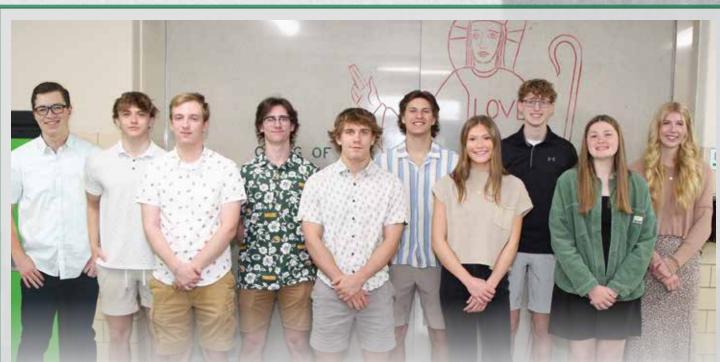
Landon Walker Chippewa Valley Technical College



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# **The Tradition Continues**

# Once a Rambler...always a Rambler!



### Preston Szepieniec '24

Jeanne Szepieniec '91 (Mother) Sue Coleman '62 (Grandmother) Arthur Coleman '33 (Great Grandfather)

(Great Grandfather) (St. Patrick's High School)

#### Ian Andrews '24

Mike Andrews '89 (Father) Stan Andrews '63 (Grandfather)

#### Alexander Chinander '24 Sarah (Rudahl) Chinander '92

(Mother)

James Rudahl '69 (Grandfather)

Melissa Amyotte-Stokes '71

(Grandmother)

Ivan Nispel '24

Allen Nispel '72 (Grandfather)

#### Chase Kostka '24 Ryan Kostka '93 (Father)

#### **Preston Olson** '24 Christopher Olson '84 (Father)

Christopher Olson '84 (Father

Emma Klink '24
Tammy (Schofield) Dettbarn '95
(Mother)

#### Cole Chilson '24

Matthew Chilson '94 (Father) Sue Coleman '62 (Grandmother) Arthur Coleman '33 (Great Grandfather) (St. Patrick's High School)

#### Karenna Lokken '24

Peter Lokken '92 (Father) Karen (Scheffler) Lokken '54 (Grandmother)

#### **Ashley Chilson '24**

Steve Chilson '87 (Father)
Sue Coleman '62 (Grandmother)
Arthur Coleman '33 (Great Grandfather)
(St. Patrick's High School)

(NOT PICTURED)

#### Luke Betcher '24

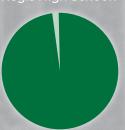
Bernie Lennie '44 (Great Grandfather) (St. Patrick's High School) Anna Jeanne (Roach) Lennie '44 (Great Grandmother) (St. Patrick's High School)





# Senior Exit Survey

Did you have a positive learning experience at Regis High School?



98% Yes 2% No

subject matter in the courses you took at Regis High School?



89% Yes 11% No

Did your teachers have high expectations for quality work?

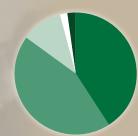


95% Yes 5% No

Overall, how would you rate the learning environment at Regis High School?



27% Excellent 50% Good 23% Average at Regis High School help you become a positive contributing member of society?



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41% Excellent
44% Good
11% Average
2% Below Average
2% Needs Improvement

How proud are you abou having graduated from Regis High School?



45% Excellent
39% Good
9% Average
5% Below Average
2% Needs Improvement





**Congratulations** to Regis High **School graduate Alex Burdick for** being selected as a 2024 Herb Kohl **Student Initiative Scholarship** recipient!

Alex was chosen to receive the \$10.000 award because of his high level of motivation to achieve and his strong promise to succeed in college and beyond.



# Scholarship Recipients

2024 Memorial, Community & **Alumni Scholarships Graduating Seniors** 

**AnneMarie Foundation Scholarship** Ava Highman

**AnnMarie Technical School Scholarship** Madeline McLain-Heath

**Don Moss Memorial Scholarship** Ian Andrews

**Eau Claire Energy Cooperative Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship** Mark Mauer

**Eau Claire-Seymour Lions Club** Scholarship Brayden Albee

Edwin and Lucille Eggen One-Year Scholarship

Mark Mauer

**Edwin and Lucille Eggen Renewable** Scholarship

Teigan Petersilka

**Hallie Optimist Foundation Scholarship** Ian Andrews

**Herb Kohl Foundation** Initiative Scholarship Alex Burdick

**Jason Yarrington Memorial Scholarship** Teigan Petersilka

Jim and Jennifer Rooney Family **Foundation Scholarship** 

Teigan Petersilka

**Mayo Clinic Dependent Scholarship** 

Ikechukwu Kanu Lucas Kovacevich CJ Olson

**Mayo Clinic Health System Career** Scholarship

Ava Moore

Rotary Club of Eau Claire Scholarship Lucas Kovacevich

**Security Financial Bank Scholarship** Ashley Chilson

**United Postmaster and Managers of** America - WI Chapter Scholarship Preston Semling

Wanek Engineering and Design Scholarship

Mark Mauer

2024 Memorial, Community & Alumni Scholarships 9th - 11th Grades

Bishop John Paul Class of '51 Scholarship Matt Palecek

**Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship** 

Mason Nuesse

**Cairns Family Scholarship** Olivia Peterson

**Charles and Caroline Loechler Memorial** Scholarship

**Greg Troisi** 

Class of '58 Scholarship

Madeline Miller

**Daniel and Marilyn Brey Family** Scholarship

Therese Kern

Dr. Stephen Kurth Scholarship

Adelia Krueger Benjamin Strope

**Earl Benning Memorial Scholarship** 

Trevor Kern

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Scholarship

Isabelle Reichert

**Edward Carlson Class of 1958 Scholarship** 

Lillian Lewis Vincent Slabv **Bradley Vesperman** 

**Emilio and Patricia Rinaldi Family** Scholarship

Abagail Hawker

**Father John Rossiter Scholarship** Ashlee Dykes

Francis and June Harrington Memorial Scholarship

Hayden Lund Zachary Niedzwiecki

Frances Kurth Scholarship

Adriana Highman Evelyn Market

Fred and Patricia Urmann Scholarship Jack Schroeder

Greg "Mouse" Bement Scholarship Andrew Hoeft

**Hrubesh Family Scholarship** 

Harrison Haas **Austin Rideout** 

Jerome Miller Family Scholarship Carter Sisko

John, Patricia, and Neil McElroy Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Stombaugh

Joseph Janz '83 and James Janz Memorial Scholarship

Tanner Chilson

**Judy Bye Henderson Memorial** Scholarship

Sawver Webster Benjamin Olson **Kevin Roach '93 Memorial Scholarship** Max Danielson

**Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council Scholarship** Alexander Rosener

**Ky Anderson Memorial Foundation** Scholarship

Sydney Marx

Larry & Jeanne McFarlane Scholarship Tyler Gehling

M. Colette Haut-Eissinger Memorial Scholarship

Luke Usher

**Marie Steubing Memorial Scholarship** 

Kaylen Borst Ryder Hadt Carson Hatzinger Micah Olson

Mary Niese Memorial Scholarship

Carly Borst

Mary Kay Bissell Memorial Scholarship Abram Gillett

Michael C. Longsdorf Memorial Scholarship Mason Nuesse

Michael Carroll '67 Memorial

Scholarship Mason McCoy

Benjamin Hoeft

**Dominic Santine** 

Ryan Semerad

Scholarship

Mike & Patricia Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Michael John Fedie Memorial Scholarship

**Regis Bridge Club Scholarship** 

**Robert and Patricia Devney Memorial** 

Peyton Steward

St. James the Greater Tuition **Endowment Scholarship** 

Benjamin Balts Joseph Brahmer Max Danielson Levi Furst Josh Gaulrapp Tyler Gehling Abram Gillett Katelynn Gohre Logan Hoff Candy Huang Emilia Jaquish Madeline Miller Alaina Milner

Karah Nelson Avery Paul

**Dominic Santine** Ava Skwierczynski Peyton Steward

Josephine Walker Carter Whiteside

2024 Memorial, Community & Alumni Scholarships **Middle School** 

**Bishop's Scholarship** 

Rachel Kramer Mark Patchin

**Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship** Camden Sedlacek

**Bob & Elsie Kappus Scholarship** 

Lucas Rosener Mason Sisko Class of 1980 Scholarship Emerson Moore

**Earl Benning Memorial Scholarship** Riley Catt

**Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club** Scholarship Adelle Schneider

**Emilio and Patricia Rinaldi Family** Scholarship Tayden Rideout

Father Daniel O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship Adelle Schneider

Francis and June Harrington Memorial Scholarship

**Emerson Moore** Evan Renaghan

George '51 and Dereane Gobler Family Scholarship Mark Patchin

Lydia Hanson Rock Memorial Scholarship Jonathan Lewis

Vinnie Lee Memorial Scholarship Reese Gehling

St. James the Greater Tuition **Endowment Scholarship** 

Alexander Abbott Jacob Balts Amelia Beck Jacob Brahmer Elizabeth Crow Kellen Crow Lucille Franko Mason Franko Jacob Gaulrapp Reese Gehling Evan Gohre Asher Haasnoot Joy Huang Eliana Jilek Olivia Jilek Presslie Larson Aliyah Paul Carter Reyes Gabriella Santine Quinnten Theisen Jenille Villarta

St. James Parish Council of Catholic **Women Scholarship** 

Alexander Abbott Amelia Beck Kellen Crow Evan Gohre Asher Haasnoot Eliana Jilek Jenille Villarta Ava Whiteside

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St. Olaf Parish Men's Club Family Scholarship

Michelle Ahrend Carter Atkinson **Chloe Edwards** Marlie Radle Camden Sedlacek



# Paying It Forward: M. Colette Haut-Eissinger Memorial Scholarship



Colette Eissinger (Seated), Grandsons Nick Schaffer (Right), Tony Schaffer (Left) & Daughter Jackie Eissinger Schaffer (Middle)

Colette Haut was born in 1929 in the small town of Gackle, North Dakota and she spent nearly her entire life there, cherishing its warmth and simplicity. Her only time away from Gackle was the four precious years she spent at St. Patrick's Catholic High School in Eau Claire, following a family tradition for the girls to attend Catholic high school. Colette graduated from St. Patrick's High School in 1947.

During her high school years, Colette lived with her Aunt Mary and Uncle George Wilson in Eau Claire. To cover her room and board, she diligently did housework, dishes, laundry, and babysitting. Colette adored her time at St. Patrick's, where her love for learning and the vibrant school community made every effort worthwhile. She particularly enjoyed her piano lessons with Sister Helenette, who became a lifelong friend.

Her family today treasures the many scrapbooks she lovingly created, filled with memories from her time at St. Patrick's. Throughout her life, Colette often expressed a heartfelt wish to start a scholarship for a deserving student at Regis Catholic Schools.

In her final days, her grandson Nicholas, his wife Amy, and Colette's daughter Jackie worked to fulfill her wish. In 2021, they endowed the M. Colette Haut-Eissinger Memorial Scholarship through the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation and presented the certificate to Colette, bringing her immense joy and gratitude.

Recently, I received a touching note from Jackie (Eissinger) Schaffer that I'd like to share:

"I want you to know how much I appreciate receiving thank you cards from the students who receive the scholarship endowed for my mother, Colette Eissinger. I recently received a note from this year's recipient, a young man who mentioned he is considering the priesthood. My mother would be so gratified to have played even a small part in this young man's future as a possible priest. I am positive that St. Patrick's (Regis) High School was instrumental in cementing her Catholic faith throughout her life, and I am sure it is doing the same for those students who attend Regis."

Colette's legacy lives on, inspiring future generations and continuing to nurture the faith and dreams of many.

Please reach out to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation for further information on how to establish a lasting legacy for yourself or a cherished family member.



Jackie Bachmeier Advancement Director Regis Catholic Schools Foundation



During the 2023-24 school year, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation granted more than \$74,000 in scholarships to our students. These scholarships are essential in ensuring that a Regis Catholic Schools education remains affordable for all families, both now and in the future.

# **Endowed Scholarships**

\*Indicates New in 2023-24

Anonymous

Bishop John Paul Class of 1951 Scholarship

Cairns Family Scholarship

Class of 1980 Scholarship

Class of 58' Scholarship \*

Duane Hull Memorial Scholarship \*

Earl Benning Memorial Scholarships

Edward A. Carlson 58' Scholarships

Emilio and Patricial Rinaldi Family Scholarships

Father Eugene Klink Memorial Scholarship

Father John Rossiter Memorial Scholarship

Francis & June Harrington Memorial Scholarship

Fred and Patricia Urmann Scholarship

Grace Walsh Scholarship

Jason Yarrington Memorial Scholarship

Jerome Miller Family Scholarship

John, Patricia, and Neil McElroy Memorial Scholarship

Karyn Ann Steines Memorial Scholarship \*

Kevin Roach 93' Memorial Scholarship Larry & Jenne McFarlae Scholarship

M. Colette Haut-Eissinger Memorial Scholarship

Mal Mosing Memorial Scholarship

Marie Steubing Memorial Scholarships

Mary K. Bissell Memorial Scholarship

Michael C. Longsdorf Memorial Scholarship \*

Michale John Fedie Memorial Scholarship \*

The Hrubesh Family Scholarship

Vinnie Lee Memorial Scholarship \*

### **Annual Funded Scholarships**

\*Indicates Plans to Endow Scholarship

Anonymous (Supporting RCS Faculty & Staff with Tuition Scholarships)

Al Corneiller Memorial Scholarship

Bob and Elsie Kappus Memorial Scholarship

Charles and Caroline Loechler Memorial Scholarship

Daniel & Marilyn Brey Family Scholarship \*

Dr. Stephen Kurth Scholarships

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Scholarship

Father Daniel O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship

Father John Rossiter

Scholarship

Frances Kurth Memorial Scholarship

Greg "Mouse" Bement Memorial Scholarship

George and Dereane Gobler Family

Scholarship \*

Joseph Janz 83' and James Janz

Memorial Scholarship

Knights of Columbus - John F.

Kennedy Council #1257 \*

Judith Bye Henderson Memorial Scholarship \*

Ky Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Lydia Hanson Rock Memorial Scholarship \*

Michael Carroll 67' Memorial Scholarship

Mike and Patricia Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Regis Bridge Club Scholarship

Robert and Patricia Devney Memorial Scholarship

If you are interested in contributing to or starting a new scholarship fund, please contact our Advancement Office at (715) 830-2273, ext. 1407.



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### What Is an Endowment?

An endowment is a fund you create for a specific purpose, your purpose. You begin by signing an agreement with us governing the endowment. We then invest the funds according to our endowment policy. Our goal is to preserve or modestly grow the endowment so it lasts forever. We distribute a set amount each year for your intended purpose.

### How Does It Work?

You sign an agreement with us establishing and memorializing your purpose for the endowment. We then invest your gift with other endowed funds according to our general endowment policy. The policy is written to sustain or modestly grow your endowment. Each year we distribute funds from your endowment for the agreed purpose and percentage. If your endowment grows, so does the distribution.

### Is an Endowment Right for You?

If you like the idea of making a difference today and tomorrow, an endowment is your perfect choice. It is simple to establish, and we design them to last forever.

### May We Help You?

To learn more, please contact us. We welcome the opportunity to answer your questions and work with you.

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A **Legacy** that Lasts Forever



Would you enjoy knowing generations will benefit from your legacy? Now is the perfect time to consider starting an endowment. An endowment carries your wishes forward not only for today and tomorrow, but forever.

#### Benefits of an Endowment:

- Impact lasts forever
- No administration cost for you
- Simple to establish
- One-time gift creates many returns
- You can always add to your endowment
- You can create an endowment now or in your will
- Use a variety of assets to fund your endowment

#### Other Considerations:

- · Your gift gives you tax benefits
- Your endowment lasts forever
- Your children and grandchildren see your legacy in action and can contribute to it
- You determine your endowment's purpose
- You can design an endowment to end after a certain time or event

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**Celebrating Your Generosity:** The Impact of Your

Support on Regis Catholic Schools Thank you for your incredible support!

The 2023-24 Regis Fund annual giving appeal Foundation's Achievements has concluded, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity. Your contributions have profoundly impacted our school community, enriching the educational experience for all our students.

Because of your support, our students started the school year with a newly renovated second floor on the Regis campus. Additionally, more than \$65,000 in K-12 tuition scholarships were awarded to deserving students and families, ensuring access to quality education for all.

Our choir students are also benefiting from your generosity. They will begin the 2024-25 school year with a new Wenger Legacy Classic Acoustical Shell, which directs sound into the audience and helps performers hear themselves and each other better, enriching the musical experience for everyone involved.

Moreover, the Regis Catholic Schools Endowment continues to grow, thanks to your contributions. This growth is crucial for ensuring the long-term viability and sustainability of Regis Catholic Schools for generations to

These are just a few of the many accomplishments made possible by your support. Your ongoing generosity continues to make a significant difference in our school community.

#### The Role of the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation plays a pivotal role in securing charitable gifts for our schools. As an independent, locally controlled board, we effectively match donor wishes with our school's needs. The Foundation helps keep tuition affordable by offsetting many expenses and unforeseen costs.

Since its inception in 1976, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has made remarkable strides. Among its notable contributions are helping to pay off a multimillion dollar debt to the Diocese of La Crosse. The Foundation has also funded significant projects such as renovations of our ourdoor athletic facilities, the lunch room, the first-floor conference room, the band and choir room, and the auditorium. It has financed the purchase of boilers, asbestos removal, new windows and doors, a new roof, security cameras, and multiple buses. Over the years, the Foundation has also provided year-end gifts to faculty and staff totaling more than \$1,000,000. Your ongoing generosity ensures that Regis remains strong, proud, and ever-growing.

#### **A Unified Catholic Community**

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation symbolizes the unification of our Catholic community. Established as a tax-exempt non-stock corporation, the Foundation was formed to create a permanent fund. Through investment and continued contributions, this fund grows and generates annual income for Regis Catholic Schools.

#### The Lasting Impact of Your Investment

Your investment through annual giving, major gifts, and planned giving has a lasting impact, benefiting our students today and well into the future. Thank you for being a vital part of the Regis Catholic Schools community!

**Jackie Bachmeier Advancement Director** Regis Catholic Schools Foundation

Mark Beckfield '75 Regis Catholic Schools Foundation

Giving doesn't get any easier!

#### To donate:

Please return the enclosed donation envelope with your check payable to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.

RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com and click on Donate now or scan the code on the right.



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**At Immaculate Conception Elementary School**, the funds raised will be used for a new school PA system, five classroom rugs, xylophones, a laminator for the school office, and to cover the cost of field trips, including transportation.

**At St. James Elementary School**, the funds raised will be used to paint the hallway, for family nights, and to cover the cost of field trips.

**At St. Mary's Elementary School**, the funds raised will be used to update classroom technology and expand after-school programs.

















# Faith

# Congratulations to our students who received the savrament of first Communion this spring!



# Immaculate Conception Elementary School

**First Row (L-R)**: Anastasia Bormann, Ella Bobholz, Stella Schramski, Leo Prissel, Neva Weiland, Bryar Joas

**Second Row (L-R)**: Noah Balts, Logan Daniels, Owen Hodel, Max Huls

**Third Row (L-R)**: Charlie Murphy, Elsie Fadness, Fr. Francis, Benjamin Bauer, Aubrey Joles



# Immaculate Conception Elementary School

**First Row (L-R)**: Benjamin Folstad, Lillian Bauer, Natalie Schofield, Gabriella Linnaus, Annaliese Jeruzal, Jack Cernohous

**Second Row (L-R)**: Hutchinson Haus, Landon Zsrchernitz

**Third Row (L-R)**: Wyatt Ryder, Henry Nauertz, Fr. Francis, Lyla Anderson, Axel Johnson



#### St. James Elementary School

**First Row** (L-R): Hattie Murphy, Quentin McFarlane, Maggie Renley

Second Row (L-R): Zora Sedlacek, Mariah Reidel Markham

Third Row (L-R): Jonah Arredondo, Fr. Tom, Aria Haasnoot



#### St. Mary's Elementary School

**First Row (L-R)**: Kaycee Hawker, Ezra Erickson, Hayle Reece

Second Row (L-R): Brielle Mondlock, Gianna Bergeron

Third Row (L-R): Odin Weideman, Fr. Greg, Theodore Gibson

# Congratulations to own students who received the saviament of Confirmation this spring!



Front Row (L-R): Brady Strahm, Michael Leibham, Carter Whiteside, Bryce Penk, Dominic Santine, Alexander Rosner, Ryder Hadt, Nicolas Helland

**Second Row (L-R)**: Ashlee Dykes, Kara Rohrs, Therese Kern, Sylvia Spangler, Dorothy Neta, Aubrey Johnson, Karah Nelson, Ysabella Borton, Adelia Krueger, Maysen Haus, Max Danielson, Jack Schroeder, Elijah Smith, Ryan Semerad, Ella Eager, Katelyn Gohre

**Third Row (L-R)**: Avery Paul, Maya Ridenauer, Annie LaPorte, Lillian Lewis, Evelyn Market, Micah Olson, George Wolterstorff, Luke Usher, Tyler Gehling, John Kohel, Zachary Niedzwiecki

# **Gymnasium Renovation Update**

Great news, Ramblers!
Execution of the Regis
campus gymnasium
renovation project is
underway and making
significant progress
each week.

**REMOVAL:** All gym components, including banners, scoreboards, old wiring, and the flag have been removed. Removing these items was necessary for painting and they are being replaced with new components as part of the renovation process.

**FLOOR:** Crews have removed the wood floorboards, along with the subfloor. A leveling process to the subfloor is taking place in preparation of the new floor installation. The formal dedication of the floor to our legendary coach, Bill Uelmen, gives special meaning to this project. Certain portions of the original floor were salvaged, no small feat due to the nailing process used when the floor was originally installed!

**WALLS:** Wall cracks, dents, and holes have been filled in. Paint primer has been applied in preparation of final painting to the walls, ceiling and braces.

**GYM COMPONENTS:** Bleachers, scoreboards, a sound system, lights, shot clocks, and a scorer's table have been selected and ordered. These items have varying lead times and getting them selected and ordered was critical to the desired timeline of completing this project.

FUNDRAISING: Conversations with those interested in supporting the project continue to occur. A meaningful account balance held in a restricted account with the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has accumulated from incoming donations. Formalized agreements with major donors are being prepared and executed. The project is in a good financial place and all donations are greatly appreciated. This project is 100% donorfunded and funds received will used to pay our general contractor, Hoeft Builders, for materials utilized and services rendered by Hoeft and its subcontractors.

This project's scope has been fluid and has evolved from its initial vision. It was widely agreed that the floor was in need of replacement for functional reasons. As success in fundraising became evident, it made sense to explore replacing other components of the gym which were approaching their lifespan. One example includes the heating element that had lost half of its capability to provide heat to the gym and was in jeopardy of losing its full capability to heat the gym in the near future.

The generosity of those supporting this project financially allowed the project leaders to implement a complete renovation with quality components rather than a piecemeal replacement of only one or two components. The renovation includes a new HVAC system capable not only of heating, but also cooling the gym during warm summer months. Keeping the gym a constant temperature and consistent humidity will prevent the floor from unnecessary expansion and contraction which shortens its lifespan.

The initial vision was to significantly improve both the functionality and visual appeal of the Regis gym. This vision has evolved to capture something more meaningful. We have all experienced an expense we didn't anticipate. Unforeseeable expenses can be a real pitfall to entities aiming to maintain a balanced budget. The Regis community and administration will be afforded enhanced peace of mind that its gymnasium likely won't need any costly improvements in the foreseeable future.

There is great anticipation for our students and athletes and faculty to utilize this gym. Spectators may find their experience at competitive events enhanced as well. This project's transformation from a dream, to a vision, to a reality is a blessing to the Regis community and demonstrates the care and concern of our tight-knit community.

Seeing this project come to fruition these past six months is akin to walking up a mountain while oscillating a yo-yo. There have been the inevitable challenges and adversity, the ups and downs inherent in nearly every project of its size. But, if one is able to keep their eyes fixed on the summit, it isn't difficult to imagine a break taking view, unseeable from where one currently stands. May we all find serenity in the temporary challenges brought on by this project and know that the benefits will be durable for generations to come.

#### **Randy Risler**

(One of Four Members of the Regis Special Projects LLC)











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Association Hall of Fame in 2015.

Coach Uelmen exemplifies our Regis values of sportsmanship, perseverance, and teamwork. The estimated cost to replace the current 70-year-old gymnasium floor is \$220,000. Will you please help us reach that goal?

Donations of \$590 (in honor of Coach Uelmen's career win total) or more will be recognized on a dedication plaque.

### Thank you and go Ramblers!





#### Track & Field

The Regis Track & Field Girls and Boys worked hard in training every day and showed up ready to challenge themselves every time to run and jump better than their previous time and height.

The team had five boys and four girls advance to the WIAA State Track & Field Tournament.

#### **Evrett Tait**

100 Meter Dash | 5th Place

#### **Ian Andrews**

100 Meter Dash | 8th Place

#### **Alex Figy**

100 Meter Dash | 10th Place

Austin Rideout, Ian Andrews, Evrett Tait, Alex Figy 4X100 Meter Relay | 7th Place

Sawyer Webster, Ian Andrews, Evrett Tait, Alex Figy 4X200 Meter Relay | 5th Place

Sydney Marx, Ashley Chilson, Hallie Albright, **Carly Borst** 

4X100 Relay | 7th Place

Sydney Marx, Ashley Chilson, Hallie Albright, **Carly Borst** 

4X200 Relay | 4th Place

# Sydney Marx, Ashley Chilson, Hallie Albright,

4X400 Relay | 2nd Place (+ Set New School Record)

The boys placed 25th out of 63 teams at state and the girls team placed 14th out of 60 teams at state.



## **Athletics Report**



#### **Girls Soccer**

**The Regis-McDonell Girls Soccer team** experienced one of its most successful seasons ever at 18-2-1. The team finished the season 10-0 in conference and won the Mid-Western Conference Championship for the first time.

After a thrilling come from behind victory in the sectional final, the team earned the program's second trip to the state tournament before losing to eventual

state champion Cedar Grove Belgium in the semi-final game.

Team scoring leaders were seniors Annabelle Schroeder (36 goals) and Colleen Callaghan (34 goals). Both earned 1st Team All-Conference honors, with 2nd Team All-Conference honors going to senior Brittany Martin and junior Mattie Albright. Sophomore Therese Kern earned Honorable Mention.



The Regis Boys Tennis team came into the 2024 season with a lot of unknowns after graduating a majority of their team in 2023. However, with multiple first-time varsity players in the lineup, the team had another successful campaign finishing with a 14-1 overall record and a 4-1 record in conference play.

The Ramblers finished second at sub-sectionals advancing 6/7 flights to sectionals where they finished 3rd out of 16 schools. The future is bright for the Ramblers as they return all varsity letter winners in 2025. The team would like to thank its lone senior and captain IK Kanu for his leadership and commitment to the program.



The Ramblers Softball team played under first-year Head Coach Nolan Fadness for the 2024 season. Rounding out the coaching staff were Assistant Coach Bailey Letourneau, Assistant Coach Tess Fadness, and Team Manager Alaina Milner (junior).

Overall, the Ramblers finished with a 2-19 record this season and went 1-14 in the Cloverbelt-West Conference. The Conference win against Osseo-Fairchild marked the first time the Ramblers have won a Conference game since the 2018 season.

This season, the Ramblers were led by the three team captains; Karenna Lokken (senior), Malia Kassing (junior), and Ava Skwiercynski (junior). While all three players led in a different style, it was clear that they were the players the rest of the team gravitated

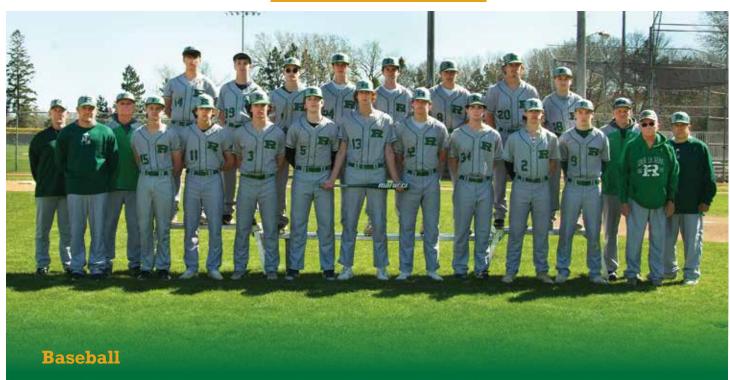
towards to lead each day. The roster was filled out by juniors Emilia Jaquish, Abby Hawker, Olivia Peterson, Jacen Jensen, and Emilie Henriksen; sophomores Ashlee Dykes, Izzy Reichert, and Bella Borton; and freshmen Olivia Morning, Maddy Payne, and Justice Tait. Ava Skwiercynski was also named the Team MVP and was honored with 2nd Team All-Conference.

The Ramblers took on the motto of "A New E.R.A. (Effort. Respect. Attitude.)" this season and exemplified this every day, on and off the field. While the wins were not abundant, the team showed up each day with a positive attitude, competed every game, and showed great improvements and growth. This year was a positive step forward for Regis Softball to return to its competitive tradition and for future players to be excited about.



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## **Athletics Report**



The 2024 Regis Baseball team finished with an overall record of 9 and 15. Within the Western Cloverbelt, the team went 6 and 6, tying for third place in the seven team conference.

In the postseason, the Rambler Nine won their opening playoff game 11-1 (6 innings) vs. Cadott before being eliminated in the next round by a talented Elk Mound squad 10-0 (5 innings).

The baseball team would like to sincerely thank our five seniors for their dedication, leadership, and service to the program over the last four seasons: Alex Ciulla, Chase Kostka, Lucas Kovacevich, Ivan Nispel, and Landon Walker. Thank you and best of luck in all your future endeavors!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Regis High School student-athletes who signed their Letters of Intent in May to participate in athletics at the college level!



#### **Brayden Albee**

Carroll University (Football)

#### **Ashley Chilson**

Ave Maria (Basketball)

#### Colleen Callaghan

St. Norbert (Soccer)

#### **Anabelle Schroeder**

Lake Forest (Soccer)

#### **Chase Kostka**

Coe College (Wrestling)

#### **Ava Highman**

Luther College (Basketball)

We are so proud of your accomplishments!

### **Forensics**





#### Congratulations to the 2024 Regis Forensics team,

which received the Excellence in Speech award from the Wisconsin Interscholastic Speech and Dramatic Arts Association (WISDAA). This award recognizes the top five percent of schools competing in the state festival. Out of over 300 schools, Regis placed in the top 15 at the event! (The results are not separated based on school size.)

The team was able to accomplish this by "split competition." Eighteen students traveled to the state festival at DeForest High School, while another eleven pre-recorded their events for the virtual state festival. At the festival, students receive medals based on their score out of a possible 25 points.

Individual award recipients include:

#### **Bronze Medalists (20-22 Points)**

Zach Niedzwiecki - Moments in History **Abram Gillett** - Prose Reading **Ryder Hadt** - Prose Reading

#### **Silver Medalists (23-24 Points)**

Rebecca Catt - Farrago

Teigan Petersilka, Madeline McLain-Heath,

Brittany Martin - Group Interp

**Dominic Santine** - Impromptu Speaking

**DeShawn Hairston** - Informative Speaking

John McMenomy - Moments in History

**Lucy Sollberger** - Moments in History

Claire Sykora - Poetry Reading

**Dorothy Neta** - Poetry Reading

Mariska Remington - Public Address

**Keenan Olson** - Special Occasion

Bernie Falbo - Storytelling

#### **Gold Medalists (25 Points)**

**Sydney Marx** - Expository Speaking

**Grace Market** - Expository Speaking

Karah Nelson - Farrago

**Preston Szepieniec** - Moments in History

Casey Haugen, Ivan Nispel, Cameron Olson,

Ryder Parker, Henry Sollberger - Play Acting

**Ary Cardona Ferrer** - Poetry Reading

**Layal Kidess** - Prose Reading

Fifi Arbelbide - Public Address

Therese Kern - Solo Acting

### **Alumni Report**

**Linda (Stanwick) Frank** '66 and her husband, Roger, will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary in September. Linda retired in 2008 and now lives in Barnes. Wisconsin.



Jeanne Szepieniec '91, Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Board member, was recently elected to the Security Financial Services Corporation (SFSC) Board of Directors. SFSC is the holding company that owns Security Financial Bank (SFB), which is headquartered in Eau Claire. Jeanne was elected to a three-year term at a recent SFSC Annual Shareholders Meeting.

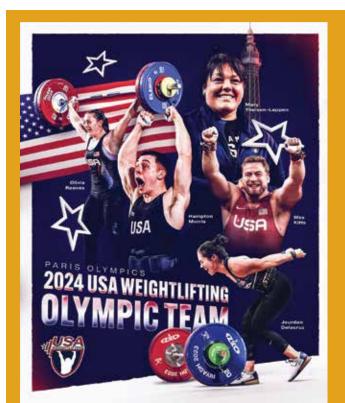
Along with being a Regis Board member, Jeanne is also a Regis parent and enjoys spending time with her husband Paul and three children Julia. Rachel, and Preston.

Jeanne's career started at age 15 when she started working at her family-owned car dealerships, Chilson Automotive. Jeanne holds an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. In addition

to serving on the Regis Board, she also serves as the Board president for the Wisco Cooperative Board of Directors, and volunteers at Immaculate Conception Church.



Lilly Niese '20 graduated this spring from the University of Minnesota with a degree in physical activity and health promotion with a minor in sales (with distinction). She has an internship this summer with the State of Wisconsin in public health. (READ STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: https://kin. umn.edu/student-spotlight-lilly-niese)



## First a Rambler... now an Olympian!

USA Weightlifting announced Mary Theisen-**Lappen** '09 was selected as one of five athletes who earned the honor of representing the United States at the Olympic Games in Paris 2024!

Congratulations, Mary! We can't wait to watch you represent the red, white, and blue!



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# Class of 1966 58th "Non Reunion"

Wednesday, September 4

3 to 8 p.m. **VFW | Starr Avenue** 

Search classcreator.com and follow the prompts for our class. Classmates can use their email and create a password to sign in.

Class of

1969

55th Reunion

#### Friday, September 20 Wild Ridge | Eau Claire

- Three Entree Buffet
- Classmate Memorial
- "Shout Out" Big Screen Trivia
- · One Man Performance Patrick O'Brien
- "Tweet"

#### Saturday, September 21

The Class of 1969 will host a social gathering for the Classes of 1968, 1969, and 1970 at the VFW - Starr Avenue starting at 6 p.m.

NO SIGN-UP / NO COST TO ATTEND / CASH BAR / SNACKS PROVIDED Questions? Contact Kathy Schultz '69! (715) 450-2125

### **Class of 1968**

Join the classes of 1969 and 1970 in a multi-class get together. See details above.

#### **Class of 1970**

Join the classes of 1968 and 1969 in a multi-class get together. See details above.



Friday, September 20 & Saturday, September 21

Watch for mailed invitations. Details can be found on the class Facebook page called 'Regis Class of 1974 Graduates'.

Contact: Pam Kozuch

#### **August 2-4 | Eau Claire**

For the schedule, registration, accommodation information, and more, please check out

Class of 1979 45th Reunion

https://www.eventcreate.com/e/regis1979

### f @regisclassof'79alums

Questions? Dianne Crowley (414) 610-3021 (Text Preferred) dianne.crowley@gmail.com

Class of 2004 20th Reunion

#### **Saturday, August 17**

Various activities including family fun, a pickleball tournament, and an evening gettogether are being planned for in Eau Claire.

We hope to see you all there!

# IN **MEMORIAM**

Eternal rest, grant unto him/her, O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL **Robert Jene '51** 

rest in peace. Amen.

#### **REGIS HIGH SCHOOL**

Thomas C. Wittig '54 Marianna Greenlee '54 Kathleen Richter-Gellerman '56 **Bob Lessard '57** Janet Mae Anibas '59 Dr. James Lessard '61 Mark Leland '62 Mike Baer '65 **Richard Carroll '67** Barbara M. Stolp '69 Ann (Frank) Przybylski '70 Blaine C. Robinson '72 James Orfe '73 Colleen Murphy '73 James Vaudreuil '74 Blaire C. Robinson '79

#### **FRIENDS OF REGIS**

**Gerald Giese Robert Westburg Lucille Plautz** 

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### **Alumni Directory Project**





The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has partnered with PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts) to produce our new alumni directory. Based in Dallas, PCI publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities, and military organizations nationwide. This project allows the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation to receive important updates for our database, so we know more about our alumni and how we can better serve you and future alumni.

All updates will be returned directly to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation to help keep our database current and up-to-date. PCI is only collecting information for purposes of the directory.

After contacting alumni to compile the most up-to-date information, the alumni directory will be available for alumni to purchase. Available in both hardbound and digital formats, the directory will make it easy to find people by class year, location, or occupation. (Everyone will be offered the option of purchasing the Regis Catholic Schools Alumni Directory, but no one is under any obligation to purchase a copy to be included in the publication.)

As you receive communications, please be assured that this directory project is legitimate and coordinated by the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation.

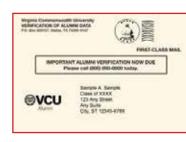
Please help with this project by responding when PCI sends you mail, emails, or calls. Your classmates want to know where you are to keep in touch!

If you have any questions, please contact the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation at (715) 830-2273, ext. 1407 or foundation@RegisCatholicSchools.com.

## How do I know my information will only be used for

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has a contractual

- · The names, addresses and information provided to PCI for the publication of the directory will be held confidential by PCI, except to the extent that they are used in, or in the preparation of, the directory and except as required by court order or law.
- · The directory will be made available only to alumni of Regis Catholic Schools. Upon completion of the project, PCI will return to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation any and all electronic files in connection with the production of the directory.



#### I would like to verify and update my information. How can I do this?

Here is an example of the postcard alumni will receive from PCI. If you have received a postcard or an email with a telephone number, you may call the

number to speak with a dedicated representative. The representative will verify all the information we have on file for you and make any updates where needed. If you have received an email with an embedded link, you may go to the online site to review your information.

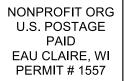
#### When will I receive my directory?

The total duration of the directory project is about 12 months. Since we are beginning the project in July 2024, the directories will be distributed in July 2025.

#### Can I choose some or all of my information not to be printed in the directory?

When you call to update your information, you can tell the representative what information you would prefer to have excluded.

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