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GREETINGS PIONEER NATION!



As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, we also commemorate St. Rose Philippine Duchesne for her original pioneering spirit and missionary work in our region. We honor the history of our beginning as St. Peter High School in 1924 and the thoughtful establishment of our beloved Duchesne Catholic High School in 1956.

Our 100th class began this August. Imagine the thoughts our 1924 predecessors would have had if they could see

Duchesne today. The educational offerings alone would amaze them, but they would be most proud to see we have retained their pioneering spirit.

It is beautifully ironic that our 2024 senior class has chosen fortitude for this year's virtue. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, patron saint of perseverance, would be proud. She would tell us, "Do not look back to the past, nor forward to the future. Claim only the present, for it holds God's will." In this spirit, we invite you to come home to visit your Duchesne campus – to walk the halls, sit in the stands on a Friday night, and talk with our students. So much is happening we hope to share. Thanks to generous donations, you will notice the Performing Arts Center is more spectacular than ever, its newly-decorated walls and floor are ready to welcome you to plays, concerts, and alumni events. Our robotics classroom, broadcast center, and podcast studio are providing students a unique boost in developing the skills and knowledge to succeed in an increasingly digital world while they explore and prepare for possible career paths even before graduating from high school. On your tour, you may not notice our new HVAC system and the first of five new roof installments, but our students and faculty will certainly share that they do.

Even with these recent renovations, we remain committed to following God's will ... Duchesne's calling to shape leaders in mind, body, and spirit. To that end, our work is not done. With your continued support, we hope to continue updates that enhance our students' learning environment and attract the interest of future Pioneers. We ask you to please join us today by making a gift to the Pioneer Fund in honor of Duchesne's impressive history of trailblazing and support of Duchesne's next century.

I close with this year's virtuous prayer of fortitude: Dear Jesus, alone I am weak, but with You, I can do all things. Give me the grace to be strong against temptations and bold in proclaiming You and Your Church on earth.

Thank you for making it a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

Susan Noonan, President

P.S. We are excited to announce that a new monthly giving society is here!! Monthly giving will provide strong, steady, and timely funding to our Duchesne. Please look for information in your mailbox soon, or we invite you to join by starting your monthly giving on our website today!



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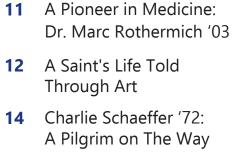
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November 8, 2023 Grandparents Day

December 21, 2023 Duchesne Hockey Club Winter Classic

February 3, 2024 Pioneer Expedition Gala

> April 19, 2024 Pioneer for a Day (for 7th graders)

July 15, 2024

Duchesne Alumni, Family, and Friends Golf Tournament at Bogey Hills Country Club

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Dianne Collins '23 sings about being "a part of your world" in her starring role as Ariel in this year's musical, *The Little Mermaid*.



Lucy Dwyre '23 and Trenton Gebben '25 together in *The Curious Savage*.

had another fantastic year of live performances courtesy of Duchesne's

Performing Arts Department. From the fall drama to a Disney musical, to our students' very own One-Acts, this past season offered something for everyone!

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

The cast and crew had fun and worked hard putting this production together last fall. We hope the audience enjoyed a few laughs and heart-warming moments!

The show is set in the 1950s, when an elderly widow named Mrs. Savage inherits \$10 million dollars after

the death of her husband. She intends to give the entire fortune away to people who wish to pursue their "foolish dreams," but her stepchildren strongly object. To prevent her from doing away with their family's wealth, they have her committed to a sanatorium, and it is among the gentle residents there she finds her true family. This show is a comedy that compares the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the greed and hostility of so-called "normal people."

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Our musical this spring was Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Students have been asking to do this show for a while and we're really glad that we did it. We had a great time putting together costumes and decorating the set. It was a huge undertaking, but the students did a great job. We invited middle school students to audition and the addition of the nine girls was such as asset to the production. They quickly became mem-

bers of the cast and the high schoolers welcomed them with open arms. We also had the help of some parents and grandparents who came in on our Family Crew Days on Saturday mornings.

Watching this show take life was so much fun. The students took on the personalities of their characters and after each rehearsal, they just got better and better. The show was lively, fun, colorful, and the audiences loved it. We hosted over 300 grade school students for our traditional Wednesday matinee. For our Thursday-Saturday shows, we had over 700 people in attendance. Audience members sang along and had a great time watching Ariel and all of her friends on stage. I couldn't be prouder of the entire cast and crew.

A NIGHT OF ONE-ACTS

The Performing Arts Department brought back an old favorite and added a new activity this year.

This spring, we performed the world premieres of three one-act plays written and directed by students. *The Fight Before Christmas* was a final project for acting class, and *Unfinished Melody* and *Art Come to Life* were independent projects written with the support of Duchesne's first-ever creative writing workshop.

The Fight Before Christmas was written by Cam Johnson '24, Will Kielhofner '25, and Emily Rattini '24 and directed by Emily Rattini; *Unfinished Melody* was written and directed by Emily Rattini; and *Art Come to Life* was written and directed by Ailsa Ide '25.

The mentoring director and faculty moderator for One-Act Plays and Creative Writing Workshop was Theresa Velazquez.

I would encourage anyone who is considering joining Science Olympiad to do it." - Ailsa Ide '25 (right)



SCIENCE

accomplishments

Duchesne's Science Olympiad Team placed 5th overall at last year's regional competition, with one pair of students advancing to state.

Science Olympiad Regionals took place on January 21, 2023, at Lindenwood University with 16 teams competing.

Sophomore Ailsa Ide and junior Emily Rattini grabbed a 1st place victory in the "Write It, Do It" category. The pair went on to the state competition on April 1, 2023, at Missouri State University.

This is Duchesne's 12th year participating in the Science Olympiad Regionals, and we have consistantly found success there.

"Every year we have sent either the whole team or groups of students to state," said Duchesne Science Olympiad Moderator Glennis Zielger. "There's never been a year where we have not been to state in one form or another."

Science Olympiad is a team competition featuring 23 events in various scientific disciplines. Students typically work in groups of two and face a combination of written tests and hands-on challenges in their chosen categories.

Teams can advance all the way to the national level, and with only one shot to go to state, it's often referred to as the "track meet" of science. Duchesne's region includes schools in St. Louis City as well as St. Louis, St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, Jefferson, and St. Francis counties.

As Ailsa explains, it's a group that offers something for everyone.

"I would encourage anyone who is considering joining Science Olympiad to do it. Even if you think you're not smart enough, there's a place for you on the team," she said.



ACES TEAM PLACED FIRST IN SECTIONALS AND ADVANCED TO THE STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the ACES team for a 6th place finish at the bi-state competition. (above)

Individual medal winners were: Josh Purvis '23 with a 5th place in physics, Mary Kathleen Beckemeier '23 with a 5th place in math, Ailsa Ide '25 with a 4th place in physics and 5th place in math, and Alice Hoffman '24 with a 4th place in math and a 5th place in physics. (right)





ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

The 2022-2023 athletic season was a great one for Duchesne! This year the Pioneers boasted two final four appearances in football and boys tennis. Girls basketball and boys soccer also secured district championships, and 11 state qualifiers were recognized in cross country, girls golf, girls tennis, boys tennis, and track.

Clockwise from top: Football District Champions, boys Tennis District Champions, girls Basketball District Champions, boys Soccer District Champions, and Cross Country State Qualifiers









HITTING B I G NUMBERS

Last year Duchesne recognized three individuals for reaching huge milestones in their athletic careers: Cam Lee '23 for scoring his 1,000th point in boys basketball, Ella Nikodym '23 for her 1,000th assist in girls vollyball, and boys basketball head coach Wade Bouslog for his 300th victory for the Pioneers.



CAM LEE '23



ELLA NIKODYM '23



Honors & Awards

DHS Athlete of the Year – FemaleMary Kathleen Beckemeier

DHS Athlete of the Year – Male Amorion Oliphant

MSHSAA Sportsmanship – Female Elizabeth Bricker

MSHSAA Sportsmanship - Male Ethan Kissell * Pioneer Pride Award – Female

Mary Kathleen Beckemeier Maggie Boschert Heidi Hartwig Molly Knobbe Makayla Liddell Genevieve Moeller

* Pioneer Pride Award – Male Andrew Knott Gregory Powell-Kenner

Élijah Ross

St. Charles County Amateur Sports
Hall of Fame – Female

Ella Nikodym

St. Charles County Amateur Sports
Hall of Fame – Male

Ethan Kissell

Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete of the YearMary Kathleen Beckemeier









DHS President Susan Noonan and St. Charles Mayor Dan Borgmeyer '64 address the crowd at the start of the event. (left) Attendees enjoyed a variety of food trucks on Duchesne's parking lot. (center) The children enjoyed tons of bubble fun courtesy of Bubble Bus. (top, right) Live music was provided by Johnny Chase. (bottom, right)

uchesne High School kicked off the 100th anniversary of its commitment to provide young men and women with an exceptional Catholic education with its Pioneer Nation Celebration event on

The outdoor event was held on Duchesne's parking lot from 6-9 p.m. The public was invited to come and enjoy a variety of food trucks, live music, raffles, and games.

August 11, 2023.

Advancement Director Becky Williamson and her team pulled out all the stops planning the first centennial celebration for this benchmark year.

"I am proud to be a part of everything that makes up Duchesne High School," she said. "When I think about our 100 years, there are so many things to celebrate. Obviously, we want to celebrate 100 years of Catholic education. Without our strong foundation of faith, where would we be? I just know our St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is beaming with pride," said Williamson.

Duchesne President Susan Noonan reflected on Duchesne's impact on the surrounding community over the past 100 years.

"Catholic schools contribute to the well-being of their constituents and their surrounding neighborhood. Look at the many civic leaders and volunteers throughout St. Charles, and you will see countless Duchesne connections," said Noonan. "Duchesne graduate and current mayor, Dan Borgmeyer, is one such visible representation." "Duchesne taught me the importance of education and community," said St. Charles Mayor Dan Borgmeyer '64. "The education has served me well and now, as mayor, I get to use that to serve my community."

Duchesne's Catholic heritage began as St. Peter High School in 1924. St. Peter was a two-year high school at its founding and became a four-year high school in 1929. In 1956, the Archdiocese opened Duchesne High School in its stead. Named for St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, who established the first free school west of the Mississippi River with her pioneering spirit and devout faith, Duchesne High School was established as a regional high school with a mission to make Catholic secondary education available to as many families who may desire that for their children.

Over the decades countless alumni have called Duchesne home, and credit it with shaping them into the

individuals they are today. As Williamson notes," The generations of families who have walked through our doors speaks for itself."

"DHS helped me develop a strong faith in God, and to form and nourish strong relationships with classmates – both which continue to this day," said alum Steve Borgmeyer '69.

"It gave me the opportunity to form friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime," said Maddie Clark '19. "DHS truly was and still is a home away from home!"

"When you come to Duchesne and celebrate the success of our 100 years, I hope you remember that we are 100 years strong," said Williamson. "With your support, we are paving the way for future generations and our next 100 years. Our Pioneer Family is here to stay, in faith and fact. Our Legacy Continues!"

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Proudly displayed in her apartment next to the door is the Duchesne 100 year logo, so it's no surprise that if you ask Carmen (Buse Rothermich) Weber about her time at St. Peter High School, she's more than happy to share a story or two.

Weber's path to St. Peter High School began in the years leading up to the Great Depression. At 13, Weber spent most of her time working for her parents' restaurant, The Wedge, in West Lake Park. When the stock market crash of 1929 hit, it was only a matter of time before the effects were felt and the restaurant closed in 1931.

"We were left with zero," said Weber.

Her family had to adapt to their new financial situation. Plans to send Weber to school in Florida fell through, and she along with her brother and sister moved in with their grandmother in St. Charles, enrolling in St. Peter High School.

The building was older. The steps leading to the gym on the third floor would "squeak like mad" when you walked on them. A white blouse and long skirt were the uniform for the girls. The classes were very small. Weber's graduating class had only 28 students.

Weber recalls having some choice in which classes to take, opting for courses that were more academic in nature over ones that focused on cooking or sewing. These she considered "sissy stuff." She had her sights set on bigger things.

Her sophomore year, she was chosen by one of the nuns, Sr. Augustus, to be one of four specially-chosen speakers during an assembly. Carmen reluctantly agreed.

"I said 'I don't know what to talk about,'" explained Weber. With some encouragement from Sr. Augustus, Weber decided to do her speech on the lives of the poor living in St. Louis County at the time.

Her speech was well received, earning her praise from Sr. Augustus and a local women's sewing group that happened to be sharing the space that day.

St. Peter boasted a talented basketball team at the time, and it was decided by school leadership they would celebrate by having a Coronation. To her surprise, Weber was crowned the very first Coronation Queen her senior year. Later she and other alumnae would form the Royal Ambassadors, a group of past queens who held fashion show luncheons to benefit Duchesne.

After graduation Weber attended Miss Hickey, a "top drawer" secretarial school, and eventually got a job with General Motors in Westport, where she would spend the next 30 years. When her first husband, Elmer Rothermich, passed away in 1958, she found herself working a full-time job and raising five kids on her own. A feat that Weber admits was "damn hard."

The young widow remarried Kilby Weber in 1960.

Weber's daughter, Carol Rothermich '60 was among Duchesne's first four-year class. Over the years, Weber noted the benefits that being a Duchesne student can provide.

"The training really prepares [students] for later in life, that's for sure. And I always brag about it," she said. When citing Duchesne's 100% college acceptance rate, she quips, "That tells anybody a lot."

Lately, Weber has enjoyed staying active at her residence at Fairwinds Senior Living. She attends dances, happy hours, and is a huge sports fan. In fact, that's one of her big tips to new Duchesne students.

"Take your schooling seriously. Participate in your athletics, I think it's so important," she said. "It's a great school."

A Pioneer in more ways than one

Dr. Marc Rothermich '03 spent his high school days as a Pioneer at Duchesne, and now he is a Pioneer in the field of sports medicine.

On January 20, 2023, Dr. Marc Rother-mich '03 became the first surgeon in history to use the Microsoft HoloLens goggles during a sports medicine surgical procedure.

The HoloLens goggles are a revolutionary piece of hardware that give the wearer instant access to information as it is needed during surgery via an interactive holographic display.

"If I want to pull up a patient's MRI, I can pull it up in my peripheral vision, and it's right there," Rothermich said.

The HoloLens goggles also offer opportunities for education. They can record surgeries for training purposes and provide real-time communication between surgeons, allowing Dr. Rothermich to walk another surgeon through a procedure via a camera and built-in microphone.

The benefits don't stop there. Devices such as the Holo-Lens are leading the medical field into an exciting new era — one based in "big data."

New technologies that generate data are transforming the way doctors treat their patients. Robotic smart implants that show real-time changes in a patient's range of motion is just one example, shifting the landscape from subjective to more objective and allowing doctors to use a wealth of exact measurements to provide care.

"The most important thing we as surgeons can do in the next five years is try to figure out how to use the data in a relevant way," he said.

Rothermich comes from a long line of Pioneers. His grandparents attended Duchesne in the 1950s, and his parents were high school sweethearts here in the 1970s. He met his wife, Alissa (Reitmeier), at DHS in the early 2000s.



"Literally my entire bloodline exists because of Duchesne," he said. "That has taught me the importance of remembering to be grateful for where we came from."

After high school, Rothermich attended the University of Notre Dame and later earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia.

"Once I learned more about medicine, I realized when I got to college that I wanted to do orthopedics and sports medicine within it," he said.

His residency was completed at Barnes Jewish Hospital in affiliation with Washington University, and he attended his fellowship training at the American Sports Medicine Institute to train with world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, Dr. James Andrews. He is currently a board-certified orthopedic surgeon at Andrews Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center in Birmingham, Alabama, where he treats patients and assists in developing cutting-edge medical technology.

So, what's next for this medical pioneer?

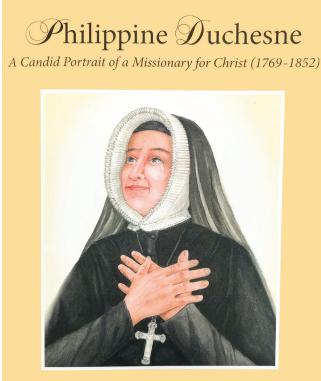
"I am now doing all my knee replacements with robotic assistance, and in addition to using the HoloLens goggles, we are testing implantable devices that can track motion of the knee post-operatively," said Rothermich. "It is an exciting time in medical technology and I feel grateful and lucky to be at the center of pioneering some of this technology that can really improve the future of our surgical techniques and our patients' quality of life."

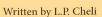


A SAINT'S LIFE TOLD THROUGH

'79 in her art studio at her
St. Charles residence (left)
Glosier's artwork depict-

ing the life of St. Rose
Philippine Duchesne
(right)













alking into Genny (Fleming) Glosier's '79 home studio is like visiting an art gallery. Various works of art in different mediums fill the walls surrounding her table. Now, Genny's illustrations are breathing life into the story of Duchesne's patroness saint in the book *Philippine Duchesne*: A Candid Portrait of a Missionary for Christ (1769-1852) by L.P. Cheli.

The collaboration for the book began in 2014 when Glosier and Cheli were members of St. Charles Borromeo parish. Cheli approached Glosier about providing illustrations for a book that would be a prayerful retelling of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne's life. The chosen medium would be watercolor, and each full-page illustration would represent a chapter of the saint's story.

Glosier set to work. Cheli would explain the essence of each chapter, and Glosier would translate those ideas into images. Sketches traveled back and forth between them, being refining more and more each time. Once a sketch was approved, Glosier could set brush to paper.

"It would take me two weeks to actually paint [each picture] once I got the sketch done. It took me over a year to get all of the paintings done because there are about 26 images in there," said Glosier.

In 2017, the paintings were complete, and Cheli self-published the book in 2022.

Glosier's interest in art began as a child, admiring her grandmother's oil paintings.

"I remember going to Nana's house and seeing her paintings on an easel in her kitchen or dining room," said Glosier. "She would tell my mom techniques she learned in her painting classes and what she was going to add to the painting. I loved listening to them talking about it and thought her paintings were beautiful. She inspired me to give it a try!"

Glosier continued to pursue her passion throughout high school and in college took lessons from St. Louis artist Kent Addison. Her exploration into watercolor didn't begin until after graduation, perfecting the craft with well-known local artists Jan Groenemann and Shirley Nachtrieb.

After college, Glosier focused primarily on raising her three children, all Duchesne graduates, with her husband, Rob '76, while taking an occasional art job. For the past 15 years she has provided pen and ink drawings for Conrad Crafters Ornament Company, based in West Virginia.

Cheli isn't the only author Glosier has provided illustrations for. In 2004, Duchesne alumna and childhood friend Kathleen Hannegan '79 self-published a book titled *Will You Wash My Elephant?*, which also showcased Glosier's skill with watercolor.

"It was my first time to illustrate a book so it was hard," said Glosier. "[Kathleen] had to communicate to me the images she had in her mind. As time went on, it got easier. As a result of our collaboration, we rekindled our friendship and we still meet at least once a month for dinner."

An artist's work is never done, and you'll always find Glosier working on her own fun projects.

"Currently I'm drawing my son Mike's pet dog," she said. "I've done a painting of my son Dan's dog and my daughter Mary's dog, so I'm behind schedule!"



relics of this apostle. "The Way" refers to the network of paths that are the way to the tomb of Saint James in Santi-

Last year, Charlie Schaeffer '72 was one of these pilgrims.

"I wanted to be a part of this Christian experience/pilgrimage called 'The Way' because it is both external and internal," said Schaeffer. "Jesuit priest Gerard Manley Hopkins poetically summarized this pilgrimage retreat journey, and I think it fits for the Camino: 'Thee, God, I come from, to thee go.'"

The following is a short excerpt from Schaeffer's journal, chronicling the journey.

Tuesday, September 27, Day 6

We left the alberque in Pamplona at 7:30 a.m. in a slight mist of rain, all three of us: Bob, Richard from S.C. and mvself. [We were] dressed for it with poncho and rain jackets...

...We trekked up a continuous but mostly gradual incline toward a long string of wind generators perched and spread out along the top of the long mountaintop. The wind generators seemed a long way off, but by noon we were at the summit with the generators very close. We could hear the huge blades as they sliced through the fast moving air.

At the summit there were large iron figures of men on horseback with flags with an unbelievable view of the countryside below. We continued down the mountain and across fields of harvested wheat, oatmeal, barley, and broad beans.

A market keeper in Zaniquiequi (a town earlier) told me that's what they harvest locally. The young girl storekeeper was so nice; she could somewhat understand what I was asking so she used the translator on her phone to show me the crops of the area. There are lots of kind people in this world...

...We finally made our way to Puente la Reina which was going to be the end of 15.7 mile day at 4 p.m. We couldn't find a grocery so we had a pilgrim's dinner at a small diner in town. Our alberque was mile out of town so we checked out Mass time at the local church (Iglisa de Santtaigo) which was 7:30 p.m. We checked in to our albergue, which was very nice, got settled, showered and went back to town for 7:30 p.m.

Read Charlie's full journal and see his breathtaking pictures by scanning the QR code.



iscerning one's vocation is a life-long journey. As he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood in May of 2024,

school days attending youth groups at his home parishes – Holy Trinity first and then All Souls in Overland after 2020 - and

being an altar server during Mass, Lawson was able to delve more deeply into this question at Duchesne.

"The prayer groups helped to allow me to get to know Jesus more," said Lawson. "Lectio with Mr. Richardson every week taught me to listen for the Spirit's inspiration in silence. Radiate Prayer Group led me to be intentional in my prayer for others."

Conversations with then-Duchesne-chaplain Fr. Jim Gahan and other faculty who took special interest in their students all contributed to a supportive environment where discernment in this vocation could really flourish.

Even fellow students noticed, with one friend typically introducing Lawson by saying, "This is Rob. He's gonna be a

Since high school, Lawson has studied at Cardinal Glennon College, and after a break due to health issues, returned to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary to continue his studies. He was ordained a transitional deacon on May 6, 2023.

Lawson credits his family as well for helping him prayerfully consider priesthood. His mother knew from a young age that this was something he was interested in, and he specifically remembers conversations with his grandfather over dinner about the subject.

How does one start out when considering the priesthood? Lawson said there are a few ways that were beneficial to him. Talking to a priest you respect, attending retreats, and contacting the archdiocese's vocations office can all offer direction.

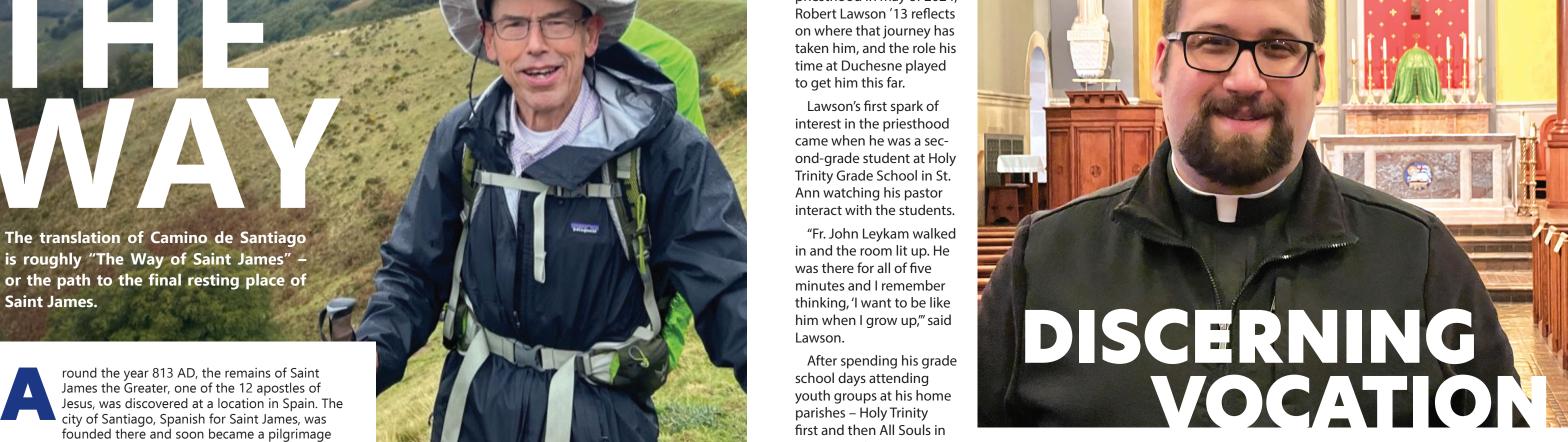
Many books have been written on the topic, including To Save a Thousand Souls: A Guide for Discerning a Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood by Brett A. Brannen.

As a transitional deacon, Lawson has been ministering at Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield.

"I love preaching each weekend. My greatest joy has been preforming baptisms. The fact that the Lord is using me as His instrument to save souls and add children into His Body and family is awe-inspiring," he said.

Looking forward, Lawson is most excited about celebrating Mass as a priest for the first time.

"I say these words, and this bread is becoming Jesus. I get to hold Him so intimately, and give Him to other people," he said. "I get lost in that. There's just an amazing blessing there."





A deep love of language, teaching, and Duchesne these are the things that are immediately apparent when sitting down to speak with Karen (Sauer) Schaffner '67.

After 30 years in Catholic education, 11 of which were spent teaching at Duchesne, Schaffner has left an impression on countless students, not only in the way she taught them, but in the way she actively sought to support them in all of their endeavors.

A St. Charles native, Schaffner spent 16 years of her life attending Catholic schools: St. Peter Grade School, Duchesne, and Fontbonne University. She credits her time at Duchesne with instilling in her a strong sense of Pioneer Pride, a connection she carried with her long after graduation.

"I bleed blue because the young me is still in the hallways," said Schaffner with a smile.

While at Duchesne, she earned a scholarship to continue her education at Fontbonne University and later received a master's in education with reading specialist emphasis from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

She began her career in Catholic education at St. Elizabeth/St. Robert Regional School, where her aptitude for connecting with her students could already be seen.

"Mrs. Schaffner was actually my 3rd-grade teacher," said Karen Boettler '95. "Mrs. Schaffner exemplifies the Maya Angelou quote '...people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.' I don't have specific memories, but I DO remember how kind Mrs. Schaffner was (and I'm sure still is) and how she always made me feel calm, safe, and loved."

The sentiment was echoed by Duchesne graduate Kristen (Turner) Weber '00.

"Mrs. Schaffner was my 6th-grade math teacher," she said. "[She] is the most loving, kindhearted, caring, helpful, and very patient person. Really the list could go on and on. She is one of the teachers who holds a very special place in my heart."

Schaffner taught a variety of subjects, with a focus on algebra and pre-algebra at the 7th- and 8th-grade level. After 19 years, however, she felt she was ready for a change. A chance conversation with then-DHS-principal Terry Gravemann '68 at a state championship game opened the door for a new opportunity — to teach Spanish at Duchesne.

"I wanted to use my Spanish background," she said. "Once I got to [Duchesne], I could use my whole repertoire."

Word of Schaffner's teaching style soon made its way around the school.

"I remember being so excited my sophomore year to have her as my Spanish teacher," said Savannah Holland '13. "Mrs. Schaffner believed in all of her students and made learning a new language fun and exciting!"

"I was not a quiet, 'sit in your seat' teacher," said Schaffner. "Some of my students may remember if we had to learn the vocabulary of jump rope, well guess what? We stood up and we made a giant circle and everybody said, '¡Saltar la cuerda!'"

Mrs. Schaffner is

a teacher, always

passionate and

encouraging."

the embodiment of

Schaffner filled her class with other physical and artbased activities, all aimed at emersing her students in the language. It was a methodology that focused on utility. She explained that to learn a language, one needs to "speak it, hear it, and do it."

What students remember most about Schaffner was her willingness to be part of

their lives, to support them both in and outside of the class room. During her time at Duchense, you could find her at nearly every event, cheering on her students.

"I loved the theater, the music, I came to the plays, and everything like that," she said. "And then I went to all of the sports activities: going to away games, lots of soccer, championship games, and cross country... I did it all."

"She was always there to cheer on every sports team with a smile," said Duchesne head soccer coach Pat Turner '03. "She inspired a lot of us to be better Pioneers and our performance on the field was our way to thank her for the support. I'm forever grateful for the the time she invested in the students at Duchesne."

"All of my kids had her," said Denise (Westhues) Loewenstein '83. "I think Karen attended more of my boys' sports events than I did!! She had true-blue dedication to Duchesne."

And that dedication did not stop at graduation. She continued to be that "ray of sunshine" to her

students even after they left the halls of Duch-

"She has always congratulated and cheered on big events and milestones in the lives of mine and many of my fellow classmates," recalled Holland. "Mrs. Schaffner embodies what it means to be a teacher, always passionate and encouraging. I am so blessed I got to be her student. Thank you for always believing in me, Mrs. Schaffner!"

In 2014, Schaffner decided that the time had come to retire. It was an emotional decision.

"I loved being here. When I decided to retire, I sat at my desk and cried. I've been a teacher and I love kids. Who am I after I leave?" she said.

Her former students have an easy answer to

this question: Mrs. Schaffner is the "embodiment of what it means to be a teacher, always passionate and encouraging." Someone who "leads with heart in almost every situation." what it means to be

"Everywhere we go in St. Charles, my mom is approached by alumni students and parents, sharing with her what a difference she made in their lives." said Ellen (Schaffner) Knubley '96. "After each encounter, she'll

then recount to me a specific and special memory of that individual because she remembers and appreciates EVERYONE!"

Since retiring, Schaffner has assisted in her parish's PSR to catch up Spanish-speaking children with their prayers and prepare them for First Reconciliation and First Communion. She joined St. Robert St. Vincent DePaul to assist the many within her church boundaries who struggle to pay their bills, utilizing her Spanish with their Spanish-speaking Neighbors In Need. She also had the opportunity to travel.

She still stays current with all things Duchesne, and her 1967 class still gets together. She stays in touch with former students, many of whom now have children of their own.

"My history here is very rich," she said. "It's a blessing to have been a teacher."

Those who had the privilage of being taught by Mrs. Shaffner would say that they are the blessed ones.

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REMEMBER

Duchesne's 2023 Pioneer Expedition Winter Wonderland Gala on February 4, 2023, was a huge success!

Held at Old Hickory Golf Club, the atmosphere for the Winter Wonderland Gala was warm and welcoming as guests were greeted by a champagne tower, iTeam students poised to help set them up on smart phones, and student volunteers ready to take coats, introduce the goldendoodle puppy, and more.

It was a full house of Duchesne alumni, parents, and friends who enjoyed a lovely dinner, bid competitively, and took crazy photos together. President Susan Noonan introduced the annual Fund Our Future Fund-a-Need item (a new HVAC system) with a Top 10 list that won't soon be forgotten. Jack Borgmeyer '97, our master of ceremonies and auctioneer, generated much participation in the Funda-Need with his version of "Last Man Standing" – resulting in over \$80,000 being raised for that item that evening!

Special thanks to all of our Pioneer Expedition *Gala sponsors, especially:*













Duchesne welcomes new board members

From left: Dave Romeo '77; Fred Wilke '66; Susan Noonan, Duchesne High School President; Dana Buckner; Jack Borgmeyer '97; Ann (Johannesman) Tollefson '76; Matt Johannesman '85; Terry Gravemann '68; Mike Duffy, Director of Finance and Operations, Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of Catholic Education and Formation; Theresa (Lynch) Ruzicka '78; Mike Ryan '77; and Todd Sweda, Superintendent for Secondary Catholic Education, Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of Catholic Education and Formation. Not pictured: Dan Plackemeier '76

2023 COR DUCHESNE

Last year's annual Cor Duchesne donor dinner was held on November 13, 2022, at Bogey Hills Country Club in St. Charles.

The dinner honors members of the Cor Duchesne Society, which consists of donors who have made significant financial contributions to Duchesne High School, and recognizes individuals who have selflessly served the school and their community.

This year's award recipients were Renee Moore '86, who received both the Teacher Excellence Award and the Spirit of Duchesne Alumni Achievement Award, and Duchesne Athletic Booster President Jason Boschert '98, who received the St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Service Award.

Seminarian Robert Lawson '13 provided Reflections from a Young Alum.



From left: President Susan Noonan, Renee Moore '86, Jason Boschert '98, Robert Lawson '13, and Principal Dominic D'Urso '95.



Happy Retirement to Karen Thurmer and Randy Ostertag!

Congratulations and Happy Retirement to Duchesne teachers Karen Thurmer and Randy Ostertag!

May God bless you both as you enter this new chapter of life! Thank you for all you have done for our Pioneer Family!

ALUMNI UPDATES

1959

Jerry and Margie (Harris) Weber are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year!

1964

Paul (aka Pablo) Newsham and wife Judy celebrated their 50-year wedding anniversary with 300+ friends at Des Peres Park! He also just won Garden of the Year from the City of Crestwood and took 40 area top-level high school students to Europe for three weeks!

1965

Richard Buehrle Sr. and wife Donna are great grandparents for the third time! He served six years in the USAF and 33 years in the Air National guard for a total of 39 years. He also retired as a sheet metal worker.

1966

Cynthia (Zvanut) Hovey is still running 100' yachts every summer. She and husband Winston's book *There's a Yacht More to Life* tells the story of their 25-year career in yachting. They cruised the Atlantic and spent 6 weeks in Europe this spring.

1967

Sonia (Saale) Mashek and husband Jerry were blessed to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in March! Their two children and their families joined them in Florida for a wonderful get together!

1968

Gregory Luth sold his company Gregory P. Luth & Associates, aka GPLA, to a large national construction company, DPR Construction, on April 1, 2021. He is now in the third year of a three-year buyout and is looking forward to retiring in April 2024. His eldest daughter, Dr. Jessika (Luth) Richter, teaches at the University of Lund, Sweden, and lives with husband Jens and their seven-year-old son in Lund. Greg's younger daughter, Jenifer (Luth) Martino, lives in the Denver area with husband Russ and two sons, ages 10 and 15.

1969

Stephen Borgmeyer meets for lunch on the second Monday of each month with gents from his class to catch up and stay in touch. All are welcome to stop by anytime to share in the comradery. Contact Stephen at stephenborgmeyer@hotmail.com for more details.

Patricia (Graveman) Cook and husband Rick '67 are the proud parents of three, grandparents of eight, and great grandparents of five. They have been married 53 years.

1970

Ellen Gordon is the proud grandmother of two lovely granddaughters who just had their first birthdays this spring! Her daughter is a nuclear pharmacist manager in Tampa, FL, and her son is an interventional vascular neurologist in St. Louis! She loves being retired so she can help their families when needed.

1974

Linda (Darling) Young has been enjoying retirement since 2008, loving traveling, and spending time with husband Gary and their three grandsons and two granddaughters. They recently spent 2-1/2 weeks in St. Louis visiting family and friends, and also did a Rhine River cruise last fall from Amsterdam to Switzerland. Look them up if you ever come to Vegas!

1975

Nancy (Renaud) LoRusso just published her second book, *Rekindled Love*, a true romance story about her mother. Her first book, also non-fiction, is called *Grace to Grieve*. Both books are available on Amazon.

1978

Steve Nieters is coming up on 6 years of retirement travel and continuing to love it.

1979

Tracy Elmendorf and husband Bill Elemendorf '78 celebrated their 12th grandchild's first birthday on April 14th. She retired approximately 2 years ago and Bill has now been retired almost a year!

1979

Marsha (Kueckelhan) Bittner and husband Stewart have four wonderful children and 12 beautiful grandbabies they adore, plus a spoiled Aussie named Lola Louise. They both retired and moved to a 73-acre farm. Living the dream!

(1979 continued)

Robin Echele retired as a deputy chief at Monarch Fire Protection District in 2021 after almost 40 years as an emergency first responder.

1981

David Winston published his second novel, *Crossing the Rainbow*, under the pseudonym A.L. Gomortis. It is available via e-book only.

1983

Rick Mueller and wife Karen are seven years into their move from the Midwest to the Southwest. They are loving the beautiful Arizona sunsets, mild winters, enduring the "dry heat" of the 110 degree summers, and adapting to their new lifestyle in the Phoenix desert with their daughter and five grandkids. Karen is retired. Rick is a sales manager in the wholesale building materials industry.

1986

David Burns was inducted into the Northwest Missouri State University's 2022 M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a graduate assistant coach with the Men's Track and Field team. They were the 1992 MIAA Indoor Track and Field Champions.

1988

Michelle (Hamilton) Perkins moved back home to St. Charles County from DesMoines three years ago.
She's enjoying being back home after 27 years and is now working at Mercy Hospital in Creve Coeur.

1992

Thomas Donovan is a published songwriter living in Nashville, TN. He performed worldwide with John Prine,

Brandi Carlile, and Robert Plant, and also appeared in the TV show "Nashville" on ABC for six seasons. His debute novel will be out this year.

Theresa (Robben) Miller has been a children's librarian for almost 26 years in O'Fallon, MO. Her first library job was at the Kathryn Linneman Branch, just across the street from Duchesne. Her husband, Jason, is a middle school principal at the same school where their kids attend. They have two teenagers. Seth is 16 and Zoe is 14. They enjoyed a family trip to Iceland this summer.

1996

Tom Conners lives in the Boston area with his wife, Francesca, and four sons. They hope everyone is doing great!

Tom Herbert was promoted to director of global program management in Jan 2023 at World Wide Technology (WWT). He's been at WWT since 2009. He's been married to Anna since 2004 and they have three kids – Sam, Charlie, and Natalie. They are members of Incarnate Word (IW) parish, where he recently became president of the IW Men's Club.

2000

Shawn Burle and his wife welcomed a son in 2022.

Matthew Wilson and wife Jennie adopted five children in February 2023.

2001

Eric Stegemann founded software company TRIBUS in 2009. Since then, the company has worked with many of the largest real estate brokerages in the U.S. and Canada. Now Stegemann is the CEO of the TRIBUS Group of companies, which includes Solid Earth, an MLS software and identity management platform working with

one in 10 realtors around the U.S., and Destination Coaching, a preeminent real estate coaching firm. During the pandemic, in addition to becoming a pilot, he purchased a home in Florida with his wife, Katie, and the couple now splits their time between Colorado and Florida.

2002

Leslie (Wetter) Clark was re-elected president of the Fragile X Resource Center of Missouri. She also just received a promotion at Centene as the manager of data governance.

2006

Emily Horsford has spent the past two years as a public defender for the State of Missouri and is engaged to Paul Leuck '06, with the wedding scheduled for May 2024.

2007

Katie (Lampkin) Humphrey and husband Daniel had a daughter in July 2022.

2010

Tyler Loewenstein and wife Andrea (Saettele) '11 added baby boy Tate to the family in February. He joins sister Reagan.

2014

Alexis (Sallwasser) Eagan married James Eagan in November, moved to Idaho at the end of December, and is starting a family!

Erin Neuner is engaged and getting married in December 2023!

Jordon Reimer married Clay Stulce '14 in June!

ALUMNI UPDATES CONT.

2015

Jenny Broyles ended up getting a master's in school counseling from Mizzou and is working at the Catholic high school in Columbia as their college counselor. She and husband Jimmy recently built/bought their first house and have now been together for over 10 years!

2017

Kevin Kerkemeyer graduated from the U.S. Army flight school at the end of January. He is a first lieutenant, flies Apache helicopters, and is currently serving overseas.

Brendan Maloney is currently an RN at St. Louis Childrens Hospital!

Ethan Wetter is studying methane release from freshwater wetlands for his graduate research.

Mary Stenger graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's in social work. This summer she finished her master's of social work at Washington University in St. Louis, concentrating in social and economic development. In August, she started a full-time career with Mission: St. Louis in their employment operations.

ORDAINED to the PERMANENT DIACONATE



After the Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination, Kevin Henderson '83 was assisted with his investiture in his deacon stole and dalmatic by his pastor, Fr. Daniel Robles, and Deacon Mark Kiblinger. (Photo by Bruce Stidham/The Mirror)





TOGETHER AGAIN!





We Love Our Alumni!! Duchesne celebrated our alumni with several state championship reunions last year, along with an amazing and highly-energized dance presentation by our DHS Diamondline and alumni pommers! From top left, clockwise: the 1982 state football championship team marked 40 years at the 10/7/22 reunion; the 2003 girls basketball state champs celebrated 20 years on 1/20/23; Anita (Maskey) Borgmeyer '97 coordinated and coached DHS alumni pommers from the 1970s to the 2020s for a halftime dance presentation with our DHS Diamondline on 1/20/23; and the 2013 girls soccer state title winners gathered for their 10th reunion on 4/14/23.

WELCOME BACK ALUMNII



We love

that our alumni keep in touch with one another. And we love it even more when they have their reunions at

Duchesne -- a great opportunity to literally stroll down memory lane and see what's new at our alma mater at the same time! Recent and upcoming reunions we are aware of include:

For more information about the recent class reunions featured here, including more photos of the Class of 1958, please visit https://www.duchesne-hs.org/reunions.html.



Class of 1974's 50th Reunion

The Class of 1974 has begun conversations regarding their 50th reunion, likely in the fall of 2024. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

For Your Next Reunion...

Is your class approaching a reunion year? Contact nkohl@duchesne-hs.org to learn how we can help your group organize a great reunion!









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Stephen and Joan Johans

Gary Kacich

Donald and Nancy (Rothermich) '78 Kohl Michael '69 and Susan (Burkemper) '69

McClintock

Timothy and Janet (Honerkamp) '78 Mitchell

Mary (Lynch) O'Daniels '68

Ted and Theresa (Lynch) '78 Ruzicka Terri Schneider

Rusty and Mary Jane (Burkemper) '68 Shelley Bill '75 and Geri (Henderson) '75 Willbrand

IN MEMORY OF ANN LYNCH '75, IN SUPPORT OF TUITION ASSISTANCE

James and Laurie (Beck) '78 Slattery

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS AND RITA LYNCH, IN SUPPORT OF IGIVECATHOLIC

Ted and Theresa (Lynch) '78 Ruzicka

IN MEMORY OF NANCY (ABELING) MALIN '78, IN SUPPORT OF ATHLETICS

Duane '78 and Joy Hercules

IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN OCHS '68

Paul Dunnermann '63 Daniel '60 and Judy Simon

Patrick 80 and Jul

(Memorials and Tributes continued)

IN MEMORY OF DALE POHLMAN

John and Jan (Eckelkamp) '77 Flynn
Jim '80 and Judy (Eckelkamp) '80 Friedel
John and Cindy Genenbacher, in
support of Athletics
Robert '50 and Mary Dean Glosier
Donald and Nancy (Rothermich) '78 Kohl
Dan '76 and Dawn (Burkemper) '77 Plackemeier

IN MEMORY OF DONALD POTTS '57

Thomas '57 and Barbara (Slattery) '58 Goodnick

IN MEMORY OF DAVID PRIMEAU '63

Lynn '63 and Patricia (Harl) '64 Barteau Paul Dunnermann '63

IN HONOR OF EMILY RATTINI '24, IN SUPPORT OF IGIVECATHOLIC

Kenneth and Susan Kowall

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER SCHAEFFER

Donald and Nancy (Rothermich) '78 Kohl

IN HONOR OF JENNY SCHWENDEMANN, IN SUPPORT OF THE RON KJAR SERVICE & SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Alison Hannegan-McKee '14

IN MEMORY OF TERRENCE SLATTERY '64

Lynn '63 and Patricia (Harl) '64 Barteau Julie Bear Daniel Borgmeyer '64 David '64 and Sharon Borgmeyer Wayne '67 and Janice (Budd) '67 Boschert Barbara Bredensteiner Dona Carron Paul Dunnermann '63

Donald '62 and Jeanette (Schultehenrich) '62 Garrison

Carl and Regina Hoerman Francis and Carol Knobbe

Donald and Nancy (Rothermich) '78 Kohl

Ronald '71 and Martha Little

Sean and Angela (Slattery) '93 Minahan

Mike and Renee (Reimer) '86 Moore

Terry and Mary Platt

Timothy Pratt and Christie Geier-Pratt

Richard '69 and Karen Reimer

William and Pamela Reinsch

Larry and Susan (Cregan) Richardson '64 Bobby '85 and Shelly Schneider

Terri Schneider

Mark '72 and Debra (Eckelkamp) '72 Schoene Dan '76 and Debbie Slattery David and Ann (Netsch) '61 Stahlschmidt Jeff and Christine (Simon) '86 Steinhoff Gerald and Cynthia Syberg Robert '59 and Martha (Stahlschmidt) '63 Vogt Michael '96 and Erin Wapelhorst

IN MEMORY OF JOHN SOMMERVILLE '64

Lynn '63 and Patricia (Harl) '64 Barteau

Forrest '60 and Ruth Watts

Douglas '85 and Joan Weber

IN HONOR OF HAIDYN AND REESE TUNE, IN SUPPORT OF IGIVECATHOLIC

Trevor '12 and Allison (Reimer) '09 Tune

IN MEMORY OF JOHN WALENDY '62

Mary (Schaeffer) Baz-Dresch '62 Paul Dunnermann '63

IN MEMORY OF JEANETTE (WETTER) WAPPELHORST '42

Thomas Barklage

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET WHITE

Gregory '80 and Donna (Luetkenhaus) '85 Owen

IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY WILKISON '89

Terrill '61 and Sandra Wilkison

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE YEATER '62, IN SUPPORT OF ATHLETICS

Betty (Covilli) Barro '61 Mary (Schaeffer) Baz-Dresch '62 Paul '77 and Colleen (Kelley) '83 Boschert David '66 and Judith Buchheit Timothy '72 and Debra (Boschert) '72 Burkemper Paul and Paula Burle Ron and Deborah (Harl) '68 Covilli Paul Dunnermann '63 Tom and Mary (Netsch) '62 Dyer Glenn and Debra Finke Patricia Flanagan Jim '80 and Judy (Eckelkamp) '80 Friedel Patricia Friedel Terry '68 and Jo Ann (Lammert) '72 Gravemann Richard '77 and Edith (Niggemeier) '78 Hollander Terry '70 and Brenda (Steinhoff) '70 Hollander

Donald and Nancy (Rothermich) '78 Kohl

Michael '69 and Susan (Burkemper) '69

Charles and Virginia Linsenmeyer

Doug and Donna Kluesner

McClintock

Mike and Renee (Reimer) '86 Moore Craig and Jane (Windler) '69 O'Sadnick Josey '78 and Karen Page Marsha Parker Robert Pickering Dan '76 and Dawn (Burkemper) '77 Plackemeier Michael '74 and Mary Ann Plackemeier Patrick '80 and Julie (Niggemeier) '82 Pryor Jane Reilly Larry and Karen (Sauer) '67 Schaffner Frank and Barbara Schlueter Clyde Schulte Daniel '60 and Judy Simon David and Ann (Netsch) '61 Stahlschmidt Jeff and Christine (Simon) '86 Steinhoff Tom '72 and Mary (Abeling) '72 Thoele Patrick '03 and Debra (Westhues) '96 Turner Robert '59 and Martha (Stahlschmidt) '63 Vogt Michael '96 and Erin Wapelhorst David '62 and Barbara Wehmeyer

2023 REVENUE & EXPENSES

Bruce and Deborah (Randazzo) '71 Widaman

Thomas '58 and Barbara (Keithly) '59 Zeisler

Tuition and Student Fees	\$2,514,027
Archdiocese Grants	\$1,241,624
Other Grants	\$0
Investment Income	\$-1,084
Other Revenue	\$-25,316
Fees and Services	\$94,155
Net Assests Released from Restrictions	\$198,571
Endowment Related	\$0
Contributions	\$466,062

Total Revenues	\$4,488,040		
Personnel Costs	\$3,234,802		
Supplies and Equipment	\$359,451		
Insurance	\$78,781		
Fees and Services	\$262,745		
Other Expenses	\$35,005		
Depreciation	\$213,895		
Assessments	\$133,724		
Facility Costs	\$337,785		

Total Operating Expenses \$4,656,188

Condensed financial statement for year ending June 30, 2023, as supplied by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, unaudited.



We offer the families of the deceased our deepest sympathy and prayers.

Anna Marie (Boschert) Heckman	1945	Dorothy (Coleman) Rowe	1956	John Sommerville	1964
Ruthann (Callahan) Blessing	1948	Kenneth Zerr	1956	Stephen Ochs	1968
Lucille (Sebacher) Needham	1948	Anthony Bange	1957	Terry Dubois	1973
Bernice (Kreutzer) Schuster	1948	Donald Potts	1957	Cindy (Burke) McLandsborough	1973
John Orf	1949	Barbara Honerkamp	1958	Ann Lynch	1975
Joan (Siedhoff) Bernhard	1950	Chester Tesson	1958	Neal Schmucker	1976
Joan Billing	1951	Robert Bross	1959	Charles Rothermich	1982
Jackie (Borgmeyer) Lauer	1952	Frances Brueshaber	1959	Toni (Jennato) Sizemore	1989
Joseph Sebacher	1952	Mary Ann (Achelpohl) Ell	1960	Brian Enderle	1992
Martha (Schaeffer) Baronovic	1953	Rita (Phillips) Kirchner	1960	Matthew Meier	1994
Audrey (Goetges) Dingledine	1953	John Walendy	1962	Tad Highfill	1997
Marcella Boerding	1954	Theodore Yeater	1962	Kevin Ward	2005
Leroy Sommer	1954	Theresa (Wilkins) Miller	1963	Casey Gregory	2007
Mildred Heckmann	1955	David Primeau	1963	Clayton Davis	2012
Marlene (Schneider) Pieper	1955	Terrence Slattery	1964	-	



We appreciate those who write to inform us of deaths within our Duchesne family. You may provide information by calling the Office of Advancement at 636.946.2603 or emailing cmartchink@duchesne-hs.org.

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shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit

PIONEER PLANNING Leave a Legacy

 ${\mathcal W}$ ith a planned gift to Duchesne High School, you can provide support for generations to come as we continue to shape leaders in mind, body, and spirit.

 \mathcal{T} ollowing are a few of the most often used types of planned gifts. These can enable you to leave a significant legacy to Duchesne while building a more secure future for yourself and your loved ones, minimizing taxes for you and your estate:

BEQUESTS | CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS | GIFTS OF RETIREMENT ASSETS

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES | GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE | IRA ROLLOVERS

LIFE INSURANCE | RETIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

S tart the conversation by contacting Nancy Kohl at nkohl@duchesne-hs.org or 636.757.6925.