



**DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL**  
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## LEAVING A MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE

On October 4, President Paul Boschert '77 sprinkled the first shovel-full of dirt on a Duchesne time capsule in the Garden Courtyard, where it will stay until unearthed by Pioneers in 2049.

The time capsule contains a newspaper, receipts for groceries, a signed yearbook, House t-shirts, a QR code linking to Duchesne's "Next 100 Years" video, and a list of students' favorite restaurants, movies, and songs.

### UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

**October 8**

Blood Drive

**October 10**

Half-Day

**October 11**

Career Day

**October 14**

No School

**October 18**

1994 Soccer State  
Championship Reunion  
& Swiftie Night

**October 24**

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**October 27**

Open House

**November 1**

All-School Mass

# From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



**Debi Turner '96**  
Assistant Principal of Student Life

Dear Duchesne Families,

I hope this letter finds you well as we move deeper into our school year. I wanted to take a moment to share a special experience that I had the priv-

ilege of attending recently with six of our outstanding students.

Two weeks ago, we participated in the Diversity in Tandem workshop, a powerful event where students from schools across our area came together to engage in meaningful discussions on topics such as school violence, race, social media's impact on mental health, and social inequities. The students not only shared their thoughts but also learned how to facilitate difficult yet necessary conversations around these pressing issues.

It was inspiring to see our students engage so thoughtfully and confidently with their peers, and it is my hope that the skills they gained from this workshop will ripple through our school community. They are now better equipped to foster empathy, understanding, and positive change, and I believe they can help make Duchesne an even better environment for all our students and families.

In the coming months, we will be working on ways to integrate their new skills and ideas into our school's culture. Whether through peer-led discussions, assemblies, or community outreach, these students are ready to make a difference, and I am eager to support them in these efforts.

So here is a HUGE Pioneer "thank you" to Bennett Borgmeyer, Evan Kundel, Drew Heischmidt, Molly Glosier, Daley Meyer, and Gabi Ulrich for representing Duchesne in such a positive light.



# Student Spotlight - Ailsa Ide '25

Congratulations to Ailsa Ide '25 on being selected as a 2025 National Merit Scholarship semifinalist!

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual competition that identifies and honors academically talented U.S. high school students.

"When I found out Ailsa was recognized as a National Merit Scholar, I was thrilled for her and her family, but I wasn't surprised," said Duch-

esne principal Dominic D'Urso '95. "Ailsa is an exceptional student with a keen mind for the sciences, humanities, and arts."

"It's a huge honor to be named a National Merit Semifinalist!" said Ailsa. "It's a little hard to believe. I think this award is a good sign for things to come, and I can't wait to see what happens next."



Principal Dominic D'Urso '95, Ailsa Ide '25 and President Paul Boschert '77

# Installing a Pioneer President

September 12 was the Mass and Installation Ceremony for new Duchesne president, Paul Boschert '77.

The ceremony consisted of a special blessing led by Father Chris Holtmann and remarks delivered by classmate and DHS board member Mike Ryan '77.

"I was pleased and honored to be asked to speak about Paul Boschert at the All-School Installation Mass for our new president," said Ryan. "He is a consummate professional and brings a wealth of tremendous experience and quality leadership to his new position. Paul Boschert's efforts and all of the



Father Chris Holtmann invites the entire Duchesne community to join him in blessing Mr. Boschert.

other positive activities at Duchesne make me extremely excited about our current trajectory and the bright future ahead for our school!"

After the speech, Mr. Boschert was presented with a desk clock engraved with his name and title to commemorate the event.

Duchesne students, faculty and staff, and members of the greater Pioneer community were in attendance that day.

"Making the day even more special was seeing some of my classmates in attendance and having the opportunity to share the moment with my family, which included several Pioneer alums," said Boschert. "I am truly blessed to serve my alma mater in my new role as President."

Mr. Boschert was named president this past summer.

# Diversity in Tandem

On September 18, six Pioneers participated in the Diversity in Tandem Training workshop hosted at Christian Brothers College High School with 13 other area Catholic High Schools. The students participated in a day-long workshop featuring Joycelyn Barnes, Mary Dee Schmidt, and Dr. Jarret Smith.

The event gave students insights into unconscious bias and opportunities to facilitate challenging conversations. They engaged in hot-topic conversations and learned how to understand different perspectives.

"This experience was one I will remember for a lifetime," said Gabi Ulrich '26. "I talked with students from multiple high schools and shared ideas about topics that usually I wouldn't be comfortable talking about."

"I think this experience was great," said Molly Glosier '27. "I learned how to expand my leadership and conversation skills. Getting out of my comfort zone and talking about a large variety of things to better myself and the people around me will definitely help me move forward."

Duchesne was the only co-ed school in attendance.



# New classroom tech takes learning to the 3rd dimension

Duchesne students now have access to a new high-tech tool for their anatomy and biology classes. The Anatomage Table features multiple life-size real human bodies (donated to science) in a digital format displaying 3-D representations and simulations for anatomy, physiology, and pathology.



Glennis Ziegler demonstrates the Anatomage Table's capabilities to students.

The Anatomage Table is an advanced real-human-based medical education platform that serves medical schools, undergraduate healthcare industries, and K-12 education. The table seeks to augment programs to help prepare high school students for healthcare careers.

The 3D table can be used flat or standing up and display

thousands of annotated structures that students can select from a cadaver or list, then isolate and study.

“There are also hundreds of real patient case studies with different filters to change the anatomical sharpness,” said Duchesne anatomy teacher

Glennis Ziegler. “I have the ability to make quizzes/lab practicums using the cadaver models that can be saved, transferred to be printed, or can be taken on the table itself.”

Students can also hone dissection, ultrasound imaging, and endoscopy skills, to name a few. Structures can be color-coded for quick and easy identification, and healthy and pathological tissues can be compared and displayed for exploration.

“I just know the table is awesome, and I’m feeling a little overwhelmed by all it can actually do,” said Ziegler. “I have already incorporated it into my anatomy classes and can’t wait to do more.”

# From the Director of Advancement

Greetings, Pioneer Nation!

I am thrilled to announce that admissions season is officially open at Duchesne High School, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome the next generation of Pioneers! This is an incredibly special time for our school as we begin inviting new students and families into our DHS family.

For prospective freshmen, this marks the beginning of a journey filled with opportunity, growth, and discovery. Choosing the right high school is a monumental decision, and we are proud so many families are considering Duchesne as the place where their students will flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

At Duchesne, we offer an exceptional educational experience grounded in strong Catholic values, academic excellence, and a commitment to service. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to helping every student develop to their full potential and preparing them for the next chapter of their lives. Whether it's through rigorous coursework, extracurricular activities, athletics, or faith formation, Duchesne provides a well-rounded experience that nurtures both the heart and mind.

As we begin to review applications and meet with prospective students and families, I want to highlight a few key elements of our admissions process:

### 1. Campus Tours and Open Houses:

We encourage all prospective families to visit Duchesne and see firsthand what makes our school so special. Our upcoming Open House will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet our teachers, explore the campus, and speak with current students who can share their personal experiences. Join us on Sunday, October 27, from 10am-2pm.

### 2. Student Shadow Program:

Prospective students are invited to participate in our shadow program, where they can spend a day in the life of a Duchesne student. This is a great way to experience our school's environment, culture, and community spirit. To register, click here: [Duchesne High](https://duchesne-hs.org)

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[School | Shadow Visit Request Form \(duchesne-hs.org\)](https://duchesne-hs.org)

**3. Application Process:** Our admissions team is here to guide families through the application process every step of the way. Applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now open, and we encourage all prospective families to submit applications early. We are excited to get to know each of you and learn about the gifts and talents you will bring to Duchesne. To apply, please click here: [Duchesne High School | Applying from a Catholic School \(duchesne-hs.org\)](https://duchesne-hs.org)

### 4. Scholarships and Financial Aid:

We are committed to making a Duchesne education accessible to all families. Please explore our scholarship opportunities and financial aid options available to assist with tuition costs by clicking here: [Duchesne High School | Scholarships & Financial Aid \(duchesne-hs.org\)](https://duchesne-hs.org)

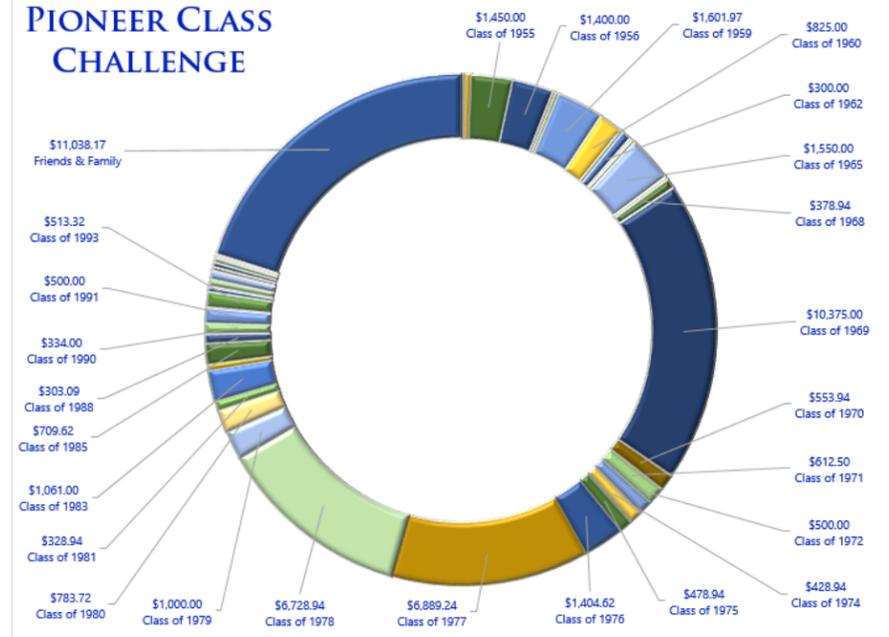
To our current students, faculty, and alumni, we ask for your continued support in spreading the word about Duchesne and sharing the impact this community has had on your lives. Every year, our school grows stronger, and that's thanks to the incredible dedication and passion of those who call Duchesne home. For our prospective students, we can't wait to meet you! Duchesne High School is a place where you will be challenged, supported, and inspired. We hope that this admissions season will be the start of an unforgettable journey for you and your family.

Thank you for your interest in Duchesne High School. We look forward to welcoming the Class of 2029!

Sincerely,

Becky Williamson

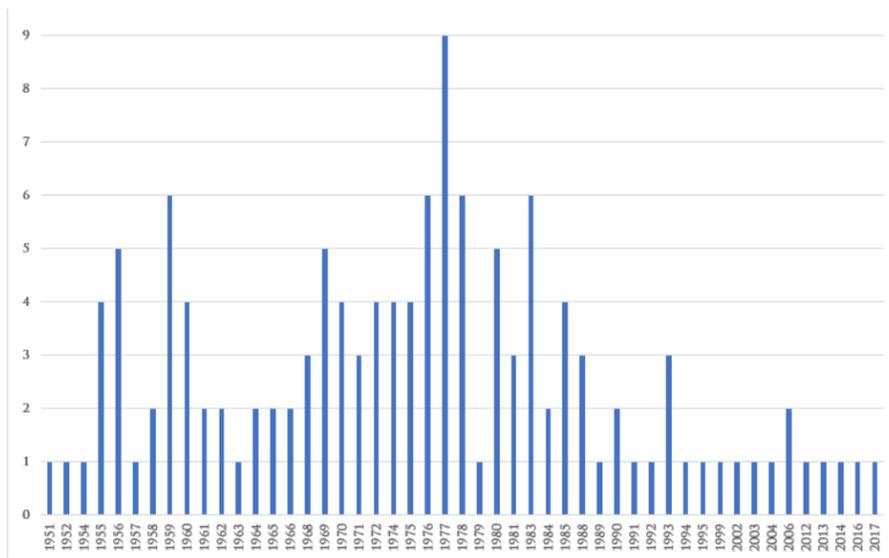
## PIONEER CLASS CHALLENGE



1951	\$100.00	1961	\$115.00	1989	\$50.00	2002	\$259.38	2013	\$156.36
1952	\$50.00	1963	\$100.00	1992	\$50.00	2003	\$52.12	2014	\$50.00
1954	\$200.00	1964	\$125.00	1994	\$150.00	2004	\$103.94	2016	\$50.00
1957	\$100.00	1966	\$125.00	1995	\$50.00	2006	\$140.00	2017	\$50.00
1958	\$151.97	1984	\$226.42	1999	\$250.00	2012	\$21.00		

These totals are of gifts received as of 9.27.2024  
\$54,776.08 raised so far!

## NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



(see page 9 for class percentages)

# New Scholarships from Duchesne Alumni, Parents, and Friends!

With the amazing momentum Duchesne has going, we are seeing increased support in addition to increased awareness of and excitement for our wonderful school! A number of people have offered new scholarships to help more students benefit from our exceptional education experience provided in a warm and safe family environment where we are shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit.



Molly (Farrell) Orlando '91



Annie (Lauer) Dowdy '91

Other new scholarships recently established to begin in the 2025-2026 school year include the **Class of 1991 Memorial Scholarship**, introduced by Molly (Farrell) Orlando '91 and friends with assistance from Annie (Lauer) Dowdy '91, in order to honor their deceased classmates, which will provide \$3,000/year to any student with financial need, and the **Class of 1964 Scholarship**, which will give \$1,964 in financial aid to a sophomore Duchesne student each year. Classmates from those years as well as other alumni, family, and friends are invited to help support those scholarships by going to <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/make-a-gift.html>, clicking on Make a Selection, and then noting which scholarship the gift is for in the Comments box.

For interested students and potential students, more information about these and other scholarships can be found at <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/scholarships.html>.

**Brian '69 and Pat (Jacobsen) '69 Ochs initiated a new Pay It Forward scholarship** to benefit a student who could not otherwise attend Duchesne. This scholarship will cover half of tuition for the same student throughout their four years at Duchesne, provided criteria continue to be met.

student, and the Kalal/Morrissey scholarship will follow the same student for four years for half of the tuition. These two family scholarships also have criteria that must be met in order for the scholarship to renew.

In the same spirit, the **Jacqueline Hummel & James Edler Scholarship** and the **Joseph & Florence Kalal and Jean Morrissey Scholarship** have been established. The Hummel/Edler scholarship will provide four years of \$5,000/year in tuition assistance for a single

It is our hope to establish at least three of these types of scholarships each year to assist new students during their freshman through senior years at Duchesne. If you would like to learn more so you and your family can consider supporting a Pay It Forward annual tuition assistance award, please contact [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org).

## Planned Giving and RMDs

Our Duchesne students have benefited greatly from major gifts provided by our alumni, parents, and friends through planned giving bequests, RMDs (retired minimum distributions), and other significant donations. Please talk with your advisor and consider including

Duchesne in your financial plans, now as well as later.

For more information about how to coordinate your planned gift-giving to support Duchesne, please contact [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org).



*Please join your fellow alumni, family, and friends at these upcoming Pioneer Nation events!*

**Friday, 10/11:** Career Day – DHS School Counselor Brittany (Reimer) Grass '08 is seeking businesses to participate in this fair-style gathering of individuals from various occupations, each of which will have a table for students to learn and ask questions about different career pathways. Email [bgrass@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:bgrass@duchesne-hs.org) with questions or scan the QR code on the flyer in this newsletter to register.

tion of the 1994 boys soccer state champs at 5:45; Friday Night Lights "Swiftie" halftime presentation when girls age 4 through 8th grade perform with the Duchesne Diamondline dancers; post-game Garden Party for Pioneer Nation in the recently completed garden area (in the heart of the building) with beverages, hot dogs, s'mores, and more!

**Thursday, 10/24:** WATNow? Professional Panel – Alumni & Friends: How did you get to be in your current position? We are looking for 3 Pioneer Nation professionals per session to share your stories and help our students choose their next steps. Upcoming dates include 10/24 as well as 11/21. Please email [bgrass@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:bgrass@duchesne-hs.org) with your date availability and best contact info.

drew Sweeso '17 and Brad Benne '03 have their directorial debut! The curtain rises at 7pm. Tickets are cash-only at the door; contact [asweeso@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:asweeso@duchesne-hs.org) to inquire about reserved seating.

Play Synopsis: The future of a whimsical, almost magical bookstore where people fall in and out of love is uncertain after the owner dies and leaves the shop to her niece Rachel.

**Friday, 10/18:** Something for everyone at the 6pm varsity soccer game v. Fort Zumwalt North! -- celebrate!

**Sunday, 10/20:** Fried Chicken Dinner at the Knight of Columbus Hall on Westbury from 3-6pm. \$12 per person. (All proceeds go to Duchesne!)

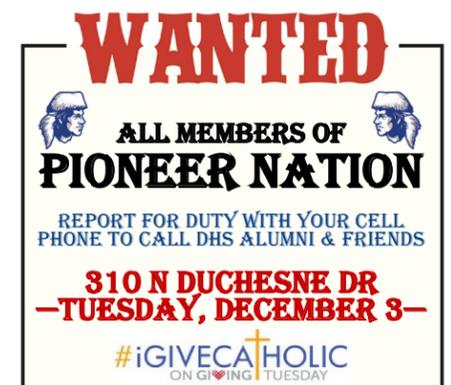
**Thursday-Saturday, 11/14-16:** Join us at DHS for the fall play, "The Bookstore" by Adam Szymkowicz, when DHS Faculty members An-

Alumni – you're invited to a special pre-play happy hour in the PAC at 6pm.



Duchesne is once again participating in #iGiveCatholic, a nation-wide effort to support Catholic organizations, on Giving Tuesday, December 3. Mark your calendars and plan to stop by iGC HQ in the Esports Center (310 N Duchesne Dr) between 8am-8pm, where you

will find food, fun, and fundraising! Bring you cell phone and join us in calling members of Pioneer Nation. We raised record amounts during our iGiveCatholic campaign the last two years and are planning more DHS SUCCESS this year, too. Be part of our progress!



# LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

## Memories of a favorite teacher

### A lifelong Pioneer: Terry Gravemann '68

**T**erry Gravemann '68 has been known by several nicknames during his 60-plus years as a Pioneer: Mr. G., Mr. Duchesne, and even Gravy. From student to president, he touched many lives along the way, and according to all who know him, he bleeds blue like no other.



A lifelong Saint Charles resident, Mr. Gravemann graduated from Duchesne in 1968. He finished his teaching degree in 1972. In 1973, the then head of school, Father John Hickel, invited him to apply at Duchesne one day after Mass at St. Charles Borromeo.

Mr. Gravemann always felt that he would love to end up at Duchesne to teach.

"When I got hired, I felt like I was coming home," he said. The class of 1977 was the first class he had for all four years. "A couple of them

are on the board right now," he added with a smile.

"As a freshman in 1973, I was part of his first classes at Duchesne," said Rich Hollander '77. "Mr. G. was my teacher, key club moderator, mentor, and friend. He was even a part of my wedding party."

"Mr. Gravemann was one of my favorite teachers while attending Duchesne in the

mid-70s," said Paul Boschert '77, current Duchesne president. "He has spent his entire life as a Pioneer in some capacity. In retirement, he continues to be involved in the Duchesne community, serving on the Duchesne Board of Directors."

The first few years went by, and Mr. Gravemann taught World History and always strived to learn how to con-

nect more with his students.

"I felt like I had a good relationship with the students," he said.

He saw each student as an individual. His mantra: You have to give respect to get respect.

In 1977, Head of School Father Robert Jovanovic asked him if he'd consider taking on an administrative role as dean of students.

"I was doing double duty," said Gravemann. "[I was] teaching three classes and doing the 'dean thing.'"

Russ Clever '87 remembers him as both a teacher and dean.

"He's Mr. Duchesne," said Clever. "If we ever got in trouble and were sent to his office when he was the dean, we knew we would get a good laugh. He was always good for a joke."

"I enjoyed his sense of

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humor," said Sara Chaney (Burkemper)'03. "I can remember one time at a pep rally he said over the microphone, 'I'm not a stand-up comedian, so I'll sit down!'"

As time went on, Mr. Gravemann became the full-time dean of students. Father Dale Wunderlich needed him in the full-time administration position as Duchesne geared up for a capital campaign for the new gym. He was happy to take on the new role, but it was hard to let go of being in the classroom.

"The further you get into admin, the further you get from day-to-day contact with the kids. We just didn't cross paths as often," he said.

Hearing from some of the students he had at this time, he still left an impression. Students approach him

**His biggest joy was becoming President of Duchesne.**

in public to this day, many times to thank him for when he had to correct their not-so-great behavior.

"Dave Buehrle and I sat in the front of typing class our sophomore year," remembers John Orf '81. "One day, we got the stupid idea to skip class since it was the last class

of the day. We found out that our names were being called on the intercom, and of course, our parents were called. [We] had to serve detention for an hour with Terry. I thought it would be a yardstick on the knuckles type of reprimand. We basically talked about what we did, and Terry was very cool. But we did learn our lesson."

"Mr. Gravemann was always stern but fair," said current Duchesne dean of students, Debi Turner '96. "He had the crazy ability to give me a detention for doing something dumb and somehow would get me to thank him for it as I left his office."

Mr. Gravemann became president of Duchesne in 2002.

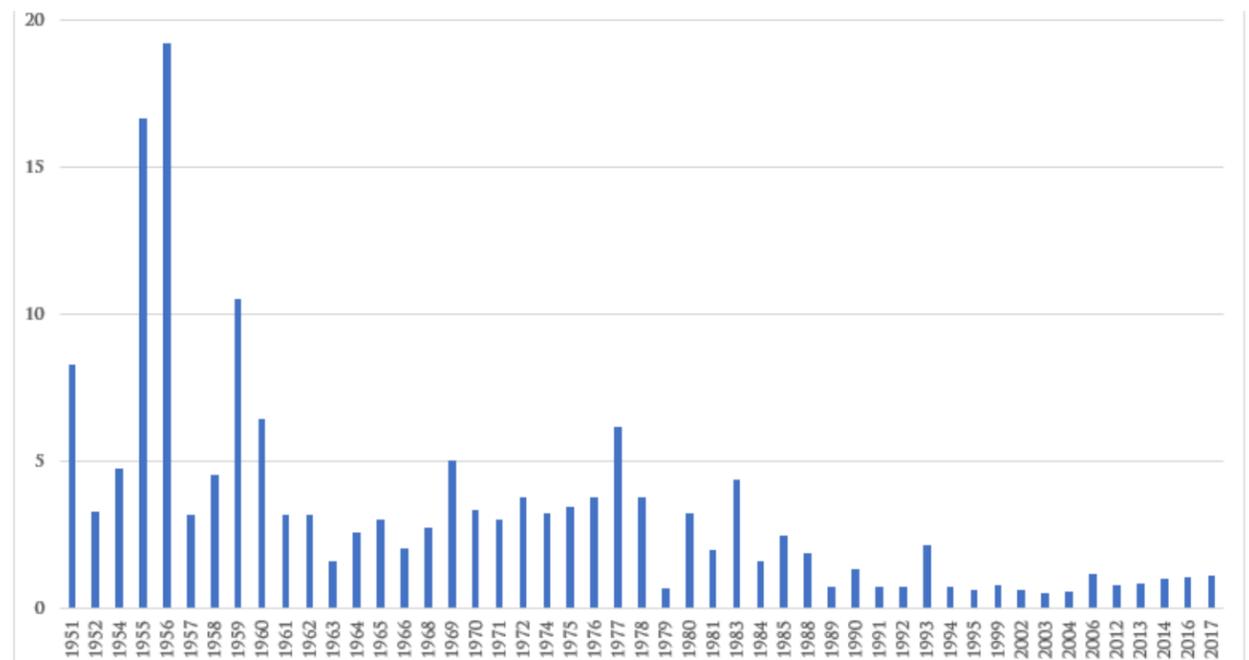
"His biggest joy was becoming President of Duchesne," said classmate Mike Sullentrop '68. "He accepted the responsibilities and was very proud of his school and accomplishments made during his years of service."

Mr. Gravemann retired from Duchesne in 2012. Although the classrooms at Duchesne look a little different these days than when he started, Mr. Gravemann noticed that there is one thing that is still the same. To the faculty at Duchesne, teaching is more than a job. It's a vocation. The students of Duchesne make you want to give back.

"I had a great career," he said. "It's been a good ride."

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PERCENTAGE OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



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## College Fair and Financial Aid Night

We had over 60 colleges and 100 families/students in attendance for our college fair and financial aid night. We hope to make this an annual event every fall, as we received such positive feedback from all involved!



## WATNow? SPEAKER SERIES

We had our first “Where Are They Now?” speaker panel last week! A huge thank you to our alumni Fred Wilke ’66, Dan Amiri ’05, and Nathan Logan ’17 for providing career path insights and advice for our juniors and seniors.

Are you interested in participating in our WATNow? panel discussions? We are still looking for 3 Pioneer Nation professionals per session to share your stories and help our students choose their next steps. These discussions will be held on Thursdays from 9:30-10am on the following dates:

- October 24
- November 21

Please email school counselor Brittany (Reimer) Grass ’08 at [bgrass@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:bgrass@duchesne-hs.org) with your availability and best contact info.

### CAREER DAY

Career Day is almost here! On Friday, October 11, all Duchesne students will participate in a variety of workshops, from Career Mind Mapping to Resume Writing and then attend our Career Fair.

We currently have over 40 businesses signed up to attend the career fair portion of the day, ranging from Mercy Hospital St. Louis, The Salon Professional Academy, Sheet Metal Workers Local 36, U.S. Air Force, and many, many more! Additional participants are still welcome! (see flyer for details)

### SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The A+ Scholarship Program provides scholarship funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community college or vocational/technical school, or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools. In addition, several four-year universities award funds if the student has the A+ designation. It is recommended that ALL students fill out the A+ agreement.

**IT IS BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT, THAN TO NEED IT AND NOT HAVE IT!**

[https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss\\_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/A--Intent-to-Comply-2023.pdf](https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/A--Intent-to-Comply-2023.pdf)

### REMINDERS

Planning a college visit? Don't forget to turn in your College Visit Permission Form to Mrs.

Grass one week prior to scheduled visit.

[https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss\\_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/College-Visit-Permission-Form.pdf](https://www.duchesne-hs.org/cmss_files/attachmentlibrary/Forms/College-Visit-Permission-Form.pdf)

### LOOKING AHEAD FALL 2024

Oct. 7  
ACT late registration deadline for Oct. 26 test

Oct. 11  
Career Day held at DHS

Oct. 16  
PSAT Testing Date

Oct. 24  
WATNow? Speaker Series Session 2

Nov. 8  
ACT Registration deadline for Dec. 14 test

Nov. 21  
WATNow? Speaker Series Session 3

Nov. 22  
ACT late registration deadline for Dec. 14 test

Dec. 1  
FAFSA Opens (Late from Oct. 1)

### HELPFUL LINKS

DUCHESNE COUNSELING  
<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/counseling.html>

FAFSA  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

SCHOLARSHIPS  
<https://www.fastweb.com/>  
<https://myscholly.com/>  
<https://myscholarshipcentral.org/>

NAVIANCE  
<https://student.naviance.com/main>

COMMON APP  
<https://www.commonapp.org/>

NCAA ELIGIBILITY  
<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

ACT  
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en-missouri.html>

SAT  
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat>

**FOLLOW DHS ON SOCIALS!**

**WATNow?**  
*Where Are They Now?*  
*...and What's Next for You?*

STUDENTS: Mark your calendar and start to formulate your questions.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS: How did you get to be in your current position? We are looking for 4-5 Pioneer Nation professionals per session to share your stories and help our students choose their next steps.

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SEPTEMBER 26  
OCTOBER 24  
NOVEMBER 21  
Thursday Communion  
**Panel Discussions**  
with DHS Alumni & Friends providing  
**Career Pathway Insights and Advice**  
to Duchesne Juniors & Seniors  
9:30-10am in the gym

**FOLLOW US!**

Our Counseling Department is on socials! Give us a follow to stay up to date on everything happening. You can find us on Instagram and X (Twitter) @dhs\_counseldept.

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# FROM THE SPORTS DESK



**Renee Moore '86**  
Athletic Director

## Important Dates for October

### Senior Nights

Soccer:  
Monday, October 14

Volleyball:  
Wednesday, October 16

Football:  
Pregame on Friday, October 25

Cross Country, Golf, Tennis:  
Halftime of the football game on  
Friday, October 25

### Hosting Class 2 District 5 Volleyball Tournament

Quarterfinals:  
Tuesday, October 22, at  
5pm and 6:30pm

Semifinals:  
Wednesday, October 23, at  
5pm and 6:30pm

Championship:  
Wednesday, October 24, at 6pm

### Special Events

**Football:** Join us on Friday, October 11, as the Cheerleaders perform alongside junior cheerleaders during halftime! All summer camp participants are invited to take part in this performance. Girls who attended summer camp can be dropped off at 6pm in the PAC for practice before heading outside for the 7pm football game. Please contact Becky Severs at BSevers@Duchesne-hs.org for further details.

**Soccer:** On Friday, October 18, join us as we celebrate our 1994 State Champion Soccer team at 5:40pm and stick

around to celebrate Diamondline 'Swiftie Night'

We've seen fantastic support from parents, students, alumni, and the community for our Pioneer teams this fall. Let's keep the momentum going into post-season play!

### Looking Ahead to Winter

Any girls interested in Swimming and Diving or Wrestling, or boys interested in Wrestling, or any student thinking about joining the Bowling team, please see Mrs. Moore for program information.

### Key Winter Dates

Basketball Practice Begins:  
Monday, November 4

Girls Wrestling Starts:  
Monday, November 4

Boys Wrestling Starts:  
Monday, November 11

Girls Swimming and Diving Starts:  
Monday, November 11

Winter Mandatory Parent Meeting:  
Wednesday, November 13, at 5:30pm  
in the Duchesne cafeteria

Winter Athletic Pictures:  
Friday, November 15, at 3pm

*Stay connected and follow Duchesne Athletics on X at @Athletics\_DHS and on Big Teams for updates!*

*Let's finish strong this fall and gear up for an exciting winter season! Go Pioneers!*

## DHS career-scoring record broken



On September 25, 2024, history was made in the Duchesne Soccer program. Senior Cole Brockmeyer '25 broke the career-scoring record previously held by Andy Pancio '01.

While researching the record, we had the great fortune of reconnecting with Andy. He held the career-scoring record for 24 years, and in those 24 years, Andy has accomplished much to make Pioneer Nation proud. After graduating from Duchesne, Andy went on to play collegiate soccer at Butler University. In those four years, Andy continued to display the same leadership skills, motivation, and competitive spirit he was known for when playing for the Pioneers. He received the Frank "Pop" Hedden award for top freshman student and went on to be named Horizon

League first-team academic all-conference each of his four years at Butler!

Andy graduated from Butler in 2005 Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and a minor in Spanish. He then took a job with Maxim Integrated Products, now Analog Devices. Andy and his wife, Pallabee, now call Dallas home. However, Andy and Pallabee look forward to their visits back to St. Charles, where his parents, Russ and Linda, still live, and he has a chance to reconnect with his sisters Emily '02 and Elise '04, as well as his two nephews.

Andy still enjoys playing soccer, although he shares that his time playing soccer at Duchesne was his most enjoyable. He shared some words with the current Duchesne soccer program. "My memories of playing soccer at Duchesne will be forever cherished, but my one regret is not bringing home a State Championship for the school. Without hesitation, I would gladly trade any individual record to have one more crack at a state title." He continued, "A huge congratulations to our 2023 State Champions, and while I'm incredibly envious of you, it also brings me great pride to share in your success and to see what an incredible program Coach Turner has built on both the men's and women's sides."

Finally, Andy shares with Cole Brockmeyer, the new Season Record holder, "Though I suppose I should be sad about relinquishing the scoring record, the buzz surrounding it and having old friends and faculty reach out to me about its inevitability, has only stirred up great memories and excitement. Cole, congratulations on an amazing career thus far, and best of luck to you and the squad for the rest of the season. You've got fans rooting for your success from Dallas. Stay focused and finish strong."

Congratulations to Cole Brockmeyer, his parents Nick and Kate, and brother Lucas '27 for an amazing accomplishment. Finally, thank you to Andy for taking the time to reconnect with his forever Duchesne friends. Once a Pioneer, Always a Pioneer!



Andy Pancio '01 and his wife, Pallabee.

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