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RETURN OF THE SWIFTIES!

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UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

November 14-16

Fall Play "The Bookstore"
7pm in the PAC

November 25-29

Thanksgiving Break

December 18-20

First Semester Finals

December 23-January 3

Christmas Break

January 6

First Day of Second Semester
Half Day

From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



Debi Turner '96
Assistant Principal of
Student Life

This past month, our school conducted an intruder drill in partnership with the St. Charles Police Department. I want to recognize our students and teachers for their attention and focus during this exercise; they approached it with the utmost seriousness, and the officers remarked on their impressive level of engagement. In addition, two undercover police officers attempted to gain access to the building but were stopped each time by our students and staff, who promptly denied entry. It was a reassuring display of vig-

ilance and care from everyone involved.

While I'm heartened by our community's readiness, I can't help but feel saddened that this is the reality we live in—that our schools need to prepare for unthinkable situations. A few months ago, I sat down with a group of students to discuss their top concerns for our school community. To my surprise, their priority was overwhelmingly focused on school safety. At one of our recent All School Masses, I overheard a student quietly say, "I'm not

leaving my phone in the classroom. What if there's a school shooting?" The statement struck me; this is their reality, and it's something that affects them deeply, whether they talk about it openly or not.

Our students are facing challenges we couldn't have imagined at their age. They carry burdens we may not always see, and their resilience and courage continue to inspire us all. Let's continue supporting them as they navigate this complicated world with hope, strength, and compassion. It takes a village...

Congratulations to our students that earned Latin Honor in the first semester of the 2024-25 school year. Keep up the great work!

Summa Cum Laude (students earned a 4.0 or higher for Semester)

FRESHMEN

Oluwaseun Aderibigbe
Lucy Anstedt
Luke Archer
Lily Basile
Jayme Beard
Kolton Booth
Ella Burke
Daniel Clever
Veronica DelGrosso
Daniel Diaz
Zachary Goodman
Emma Lowe
Elliana Lowery
Maeve McCune
Zachary McKinstry
Collin Morgan
Finley Parker
Charley Pirtle
Landon Richards

Tyler Severs
Ella Shaw
Emily Small
Kinley Spann
Willow Walton
Cadence Welchko
Avalyn Wells
Katherine (Kate)
Wieman

SOPHOMORES

Kylie Bryan
Bridget Caldwell
John Cooper
Hannah Gardner
Molly Glosier
Eric Greifzu
Audrey Hoffmann
Charles Kielhofner
Leah Krupich
Mallory Lasman
Violet Sahaida
Allison Slattery

Dylan Slattery
Ryan Whitworth

JUNIORS

Seamus Burch
Victoria Edler
Drew Heischmidt
Aaron Hermann
Alexander Hopf
Natalie Hubert
Brooke Kammerer
Reilly McCormack
Edward Nieto
Jackson Nikodym
Justin Olivares Cid
Isabel Rakers
Michael Shaw
Gabrielle Ulrich
Caroline Walsh
Rudy (Michael) Weber

SENIORS

Logan Archer

Jackson Bierbrauer
Kannon Booth
Trevor Boschert
Nicholas Brockmeyer
Claire Burks
Lucas Daleo
Madison Denker
Alyssa Diamond
Brendan Donovan
Faith Dunn
Luke Fink
Cecilia Fleri
Trenton Gebben
Samantha Gold
Nolan Hermann
Molly Hoffmann
Ailsa Ide
Samson Jost
William Kielhofner
Ryan Knoebel
August Lee
Nathan Lehne
Liliana Magers

Logan Murrish
Mackenzie Nave
McKenna O'Brien
Dylan Paulette
Samantha Petty
Reese Piskulich
Hannah Rimmey
Oliver Rothweiler
Caleb Schneider
Margaret Schneider
Sydney Shaw
Grant Wayland

Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.99)

Luke Archer
Daphne Basile
Alan Buckner
Dalles Bury
Resse Clem
Jade Falcon-Coronel
Adelyn Horton
Jaelyn Juarez Medina
Owen Kelsey

Return of the Swifties!

On October 18, over 100 young dancers clad in pink, led by the Duchesne Diamondline Dance Team, took to the field at Frank Barro Stadium to show off their moves and true Swiftie spirit.

This is the second year that the “Friday Night Lights (Taylor’s Version)” halftime show entertained those in attendance at Duchesne and gave girls from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade the chance to perform with the high school dance team. Diamondline Coach Anita Borgmeyer ’97 and dance-mom Dana Buckner worked hard to plan the event.

“There are so many great things about this event,” said Coach Borgmeyer. “Sharing our love of dance and school spirit is really important! Seeing the kids have so much fun with our team and performing for their family and friends is great!”

Participating dancers learned the routine that night with Diamondline members guiding them through each step—



Photo by Maddie Denker '25

no small feat considering the large number of children and the tight time limit.

“I couldn’t do it without the other girls on the team!” said senior Diamondline Captain Maggie Schneider. “The girls listened so well and did a great job picking up the choreography!”

“We had all the girls spread out through the PAC,” said Maeve McCune, a freshman member of Diamondline. “They were quick

learners and did a fabulous job on the field! The Diamondline definitely has a bright future!”

Although many of the young performers also attended dance camp this summer, plenty of new faces were on campus that night. Borgmeyer encourages all girls interested to join in the fun.

“If parents and their kids want to get involved in the future, the best way is to follow Duchesne on social media and sign up for our newsletter so they see the sign up information for future Diamondline events,” she said.

With another successful event in the books, Coach Borgmeyer thinks this may become a yearly tradition at Duchesne.

“It brings kids out to Duchesne and gives them a fun opportunity to engage with our Diamondline Dance Team and cheer on our sports teams! In addition, we love to show younger kids and families how great our Duchesne community is!”

(Latin Honors continued)

Kolbe Kristensen
Ava Smith
Chase Spafford
Rowan Tate
Jackson Clever
Delaney Fuchs
Tyler Gutzler
Allison Knoebel
Evan Kundel
Sophia Lococo
Daley Meyer
Christiana Newman
William Nieto
Claire Zwick
William Johannesmann
Joseph Kowalski
Landon McCarthy
Charles Ries
Mia Young
Jack Burle
Logan Kannady
Brody Keathely

Carson Kuhn
Gavin Moffitt
Taylor Potter
Reagan Potts
Bryce Rogles
Katie Stockhausen
Jacob Wilkison
Jaiden Wurth
Cum Laude (3.25-3.74)
Payton Agnew
Lucy Anstedt
Braylon Douglas
Drake Fortman
Jace Latham
Christopher Lustre Garcia
Zayiah Merrill
Morgan Murrish
Jonathan Pezold
Mia Piskulich
Lucas Rizzuto
Dominic Robertson

Kylie Stinebaker
Oriana Watson
Lucas Brockmeyer
Adyson Bush
Abraham DeWilde
Naomi Grizzle
Collin Marsaw
Amelia Pontus
Sarah Smith
Callum Snow
Stone Turnbough
Jake Wayland
Athena Zimmerman
Jackson Adair
Bennett Borgmeyer
Brooke Buechel
Jonathan Buehler
Natalie Buie
Kelly Godfrey
Timothy Griese
Christopher Hernandez
Kathleen Kraatz

Reese Mills
Alyssa Nicolay
Dominic Reckamp
Scott Alberson Jr.
Joseph Ayala-Rojo
Gianni Bolanos
Charles Burks
Alexi Conti
Declan Fuchs
Samantha Garvey
Ariel Harris
Madilyn Hill
Grace Kelly
Trevor Lafata
Allyson Ledbetter
Madisyn McCarthy
SaVaughn Pickett
Landon Rehagen
Emily Sanchez
Mary Kate Scheffel
Zaria Watson
Cayden Wolfe

Catch "The Bookstore" Nov. 14–16

Two faculty are making their Duchesne directorial debut with this fall's presentation of "The Bookstore" by Adam Szymkowiak.

Andrew Sweeso '17 and Brad Benne '03 are no strangers to the performing arts at Duchesne. Both teachers were involved in the program as students, with Mr. Benne remembering the thrill of being on stage.

"It's surreal being back here and directing," he said. "It's a lot more than I thought it would be, meaning there are so many moving pieces and things to think about — but I am enjoying it all so far!"

Although it's his first production at DHS, Mr. Benne gained experience in the director's chair during two shows while teaching at St. Joseph School in Cottleville.

"I am looking forward to the student actors' reaction when all is said and done," said Mr. Benne. "It is neat to see them put so much time and work into creating characters and the overall production. I am excited for them to see the final result."

Andrew Sweeso's first step into the drama department was as a newly hired faculty



Show directors Brad Benne '03 and Andrew Sweeso '17

member last year as moderator for the spring student-directed one-act shows. He looks forward to shaking things up a bit with this year's play selection.

"I chose 'The Bookstore' because our students expressed a desire for something new," he said. "I felt this play's themes and diverse range of characters suited our cast quite well. I'm also a bit of a sentimental sap deep down, so when I found a romantic comedy set in a bookstore, I had to pick it!"

The "Bookstore" follows Rachel, a twenty-something working a high-pressure editing job in New York City, when she inherits her Great-Aunt Ida's whimsical, maybe

even magical bookstore in New England. When real es-

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tate magnate Max Brewer offers to buy out the store, Rachel is faced with a difficult decision: does she sell the store and follow her dreams, or does she keep it alive and, with it, the magic and romance that flourishes inside?

The show features 13 players, some taking on multiple roles.

"I am so grateful to be performing my last play, 'The Book Store,' as the lead," said senior Hannah Rimmey. "I'm excited to put on an unforgettable performance for one of my last leading roles. It is rewarding to realize how I've grown and become more confident over the years in not just my acting but myself."

Sweeso said this show is a student production through and through.

"Every aspect of this show - the characters and blocking and dialogue, the costumes, the set, the tech, the publicity - bears these students' fingerprints," he said. "I'm excited for them to feel the reward of putting together a successful show."

"The show brings to life a magical story about hopeless romance," adds Hannah, "Get ready to laugh because it definitely has its comedic moments!"

See the show on November 14-16 at 7 p.m. in the PAC. Admission is ten dollars.

Duchesne weight room gets much-needed upgrade

It is an upgrade that has been in the works for a year and is now complete. The athletics program at Duchesne now boasts a new state-of-the-art weight room and training center.

The new weight room offers eight new power racks, new weights, twelve new bars, storage, and accessory machines. The floors and lighting were replaced, and the walls were given a fresh coat of paint.

Duchesne Head Football Coach Vince Morris said that not only is the weight room more efficient and modern, but it is also much safer.

“The machines were old and falling apart,” he said. “It also was a poor use of space, limiting the number of athletes you could safely train to about 12 at a time with a minimal accounting of work, whereas now we can accommodate 24–32 very easily with a much more efficient use of time.”

The students couldn't agree more.

“The quality of the new equipment surpasses expecta-



The new weight room offers more space to safely accommodate a larger number of students at one time.

tions, and I'm very excited to use it,” said senior athlete Logan Murrish. “I think this weight room will help take our athletics program to the next level.”

“The new weight room is a great improvement from what we previously had,” adds senior Sam Jost. “It allows for more athletes to work out at the same time and for us to be able to

do movements we couldn't do before.”

The project cost about \$100,000 and was made possible by a generous donor. In July of 2023, another donation paid for the addition new weight racks. Lifetime Fitness/Hammer Strength accommodated both projects.

“The only other school in St. Charles County that focuses so heavily on the top-of-the-line equipment is Lindenwood University,” added Morris.

“This investment reflects our commitment to supporting [our students'] growth both on and off the field,” said Duchesne Athletic Director Renee Moore '86. “Thank you to Coach Morris for his efforts in the project and all of our donors who made this facility a reality.”

The weight room will be featured heavily in upcoming tours of Duchesne. It is an impressive addition to an ever-growing list of changes and facility improve-

ments at the school, giving its student-athletes an edge as they train for high school sports and beyond.

Attention Senior Families!

The deadline for Senior Ads is Friday, November 15! Place your order today to congratulate your senior in the 2025 yearbook!



Senior Logan Archer lifts free weights as a part of his training.

From the President



**Paul Boschert '77
President**

Greetings, Pioneer Nation!

I hope this letter finds you well. As a valued member of our Duchesne High School community, you are warmly invited to be part of something extraordinary — Duchesne's #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

On this special day, we unite as a community to support our students and the future of Duchesne High School. Our school has a long tradition of providing

students with an exceptional education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and a commitment to service. Every day, we witness the growth and achievements of our students, thanks in large part to the generosity of donors like you.

Your support on our 2024 Giving Day will directly impact:

- Educational Enrichment, which provides programs and resources that go beyond the standard curriculum to enhance our students' overall learning experience.
- Our newly-created Endowment, which will ensure Duchesne's long-term financial stability and sustainability.
- Updates to our Athletic Facilities, with the renovation of locker rooms to provide athletes with modern, functional spaces to prepare, meet, and recover.

Your iGiveCatholic gift makes a difference for Duchesne as we shape leaders in mind, body, and spirit. Every donation, no matter the size, plays a critical role in ensuring our students continue to thrive,

developing into compassionate and creative contributors to our community and our world. Our students will create our tomorrows.

On this Giving Day, we invite you to visit during our 12-hour live event in the 310 building. Come meet some of our students, and you will feel our Pioneer Pride. There is a warmth and energy pulsating through our school, and you can feel Duchesne's momentum! Our past iGiveCatholic success is another example of the excitement surrounding our school; with the support of Pioneer Nation, we raised \$142,000 in 2022 and \$268,000 in 2023! We hope to surpass \$300,000 this year.

Help us keep that momentum going with a gift to Duchesne during our 2024 iGiveCatholic campaign. Advanced giving starts on Monday, November 18, and the campaign culminates on Giving Tuesday, December 3. Please consider making a donation in support of Duchesne through this link <https://stl.igivecatholic.org/organizations/duchesne-high-school> or with your personal check.

Let's make Duchesne's Giving Day another great success, a Great Day to be a Pioneer!!

With sincere gratitude,

Paul Boschert '77, President

Our #iGiveCatholic past performance put us at #1 in the state of Missouri and in the Top 10 nationally. Let us persevere as St. Rose Philippine Duchesne has shown us and make that happen again!

#iGIVECATHOLIC

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 your 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!

From the Office of Admissions

SCHEDULE YOUR
FALL SHADOW VISIT



REGISTER TODAY!




**SEE PAGE 18 FOR
MOSCHOLARS FLYER
AND INFORMATION.**

WANTED

ALL MEMBERS OF
PIONEER NATION

REPORT FOR DUTY WITH YOUR CELL
PHONE TO CALL DHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS

**310 N DUCHESNE DR
-TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3-**

#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY

HUGE REWARD

DHS SUCCESS!

[Click HERE to read our latest Admissions Email!](#)

Discover our Pioneer Family and how our students build their futures as they grow in mind, body, and spirit!

[Schedule a Shadow Visit today!](#)
[Join us on campus and see what makes being a part of Pioneer Nation so special!](#)

[Click to begin the High School Application Intent Process!](#)

Duchesne seeks to educate students who share our commit-

ment to academic excellence and service to the community. With support from our Duchesne alumni and families, a number of scholarships have been established and are available to incoming freshmen. Transfer students at higher grade levels can find scholarship opportunities as well. Families are able to combine scholarships with financial aid and work-study opportunities, making tuition costs more manageable.

[View Scholarships](#)

Planned Giving and RMDs

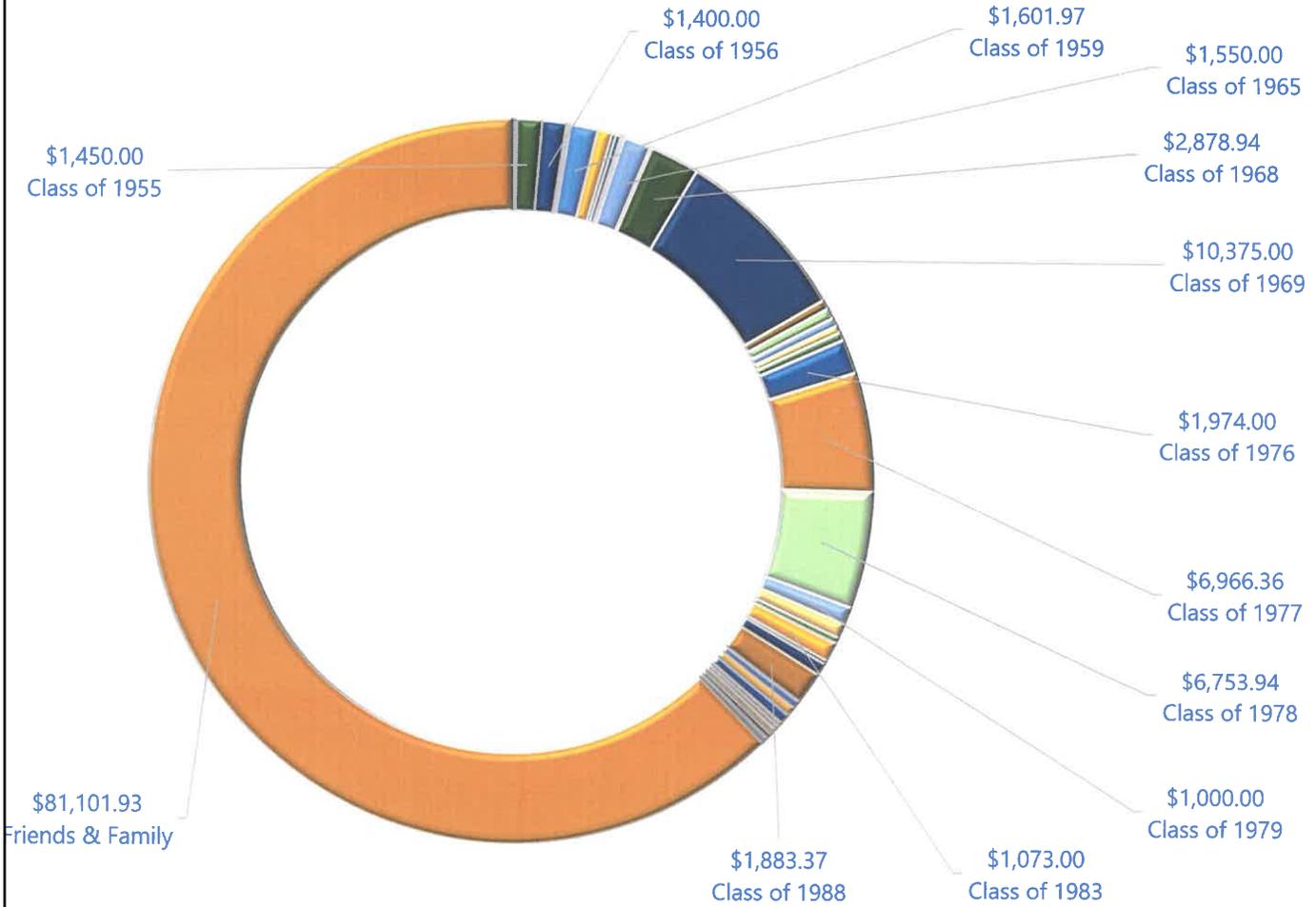
Our Duchesne students have benefited greatly from major gifts provided by our alumni, parents, and friends through planned giving bequests, RMDs (retired minimum distributions), and other significant donations. Please talk with your advisor and consider including

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.



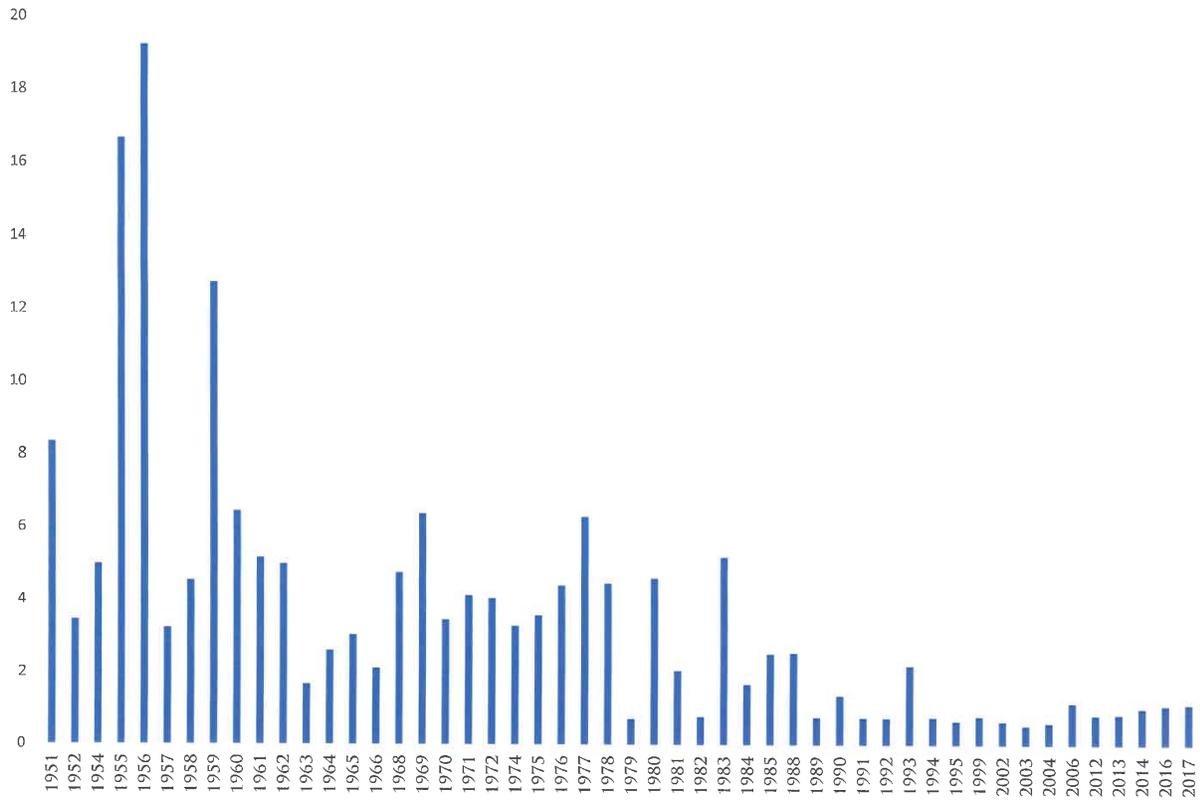
Pioneer Class Challenge



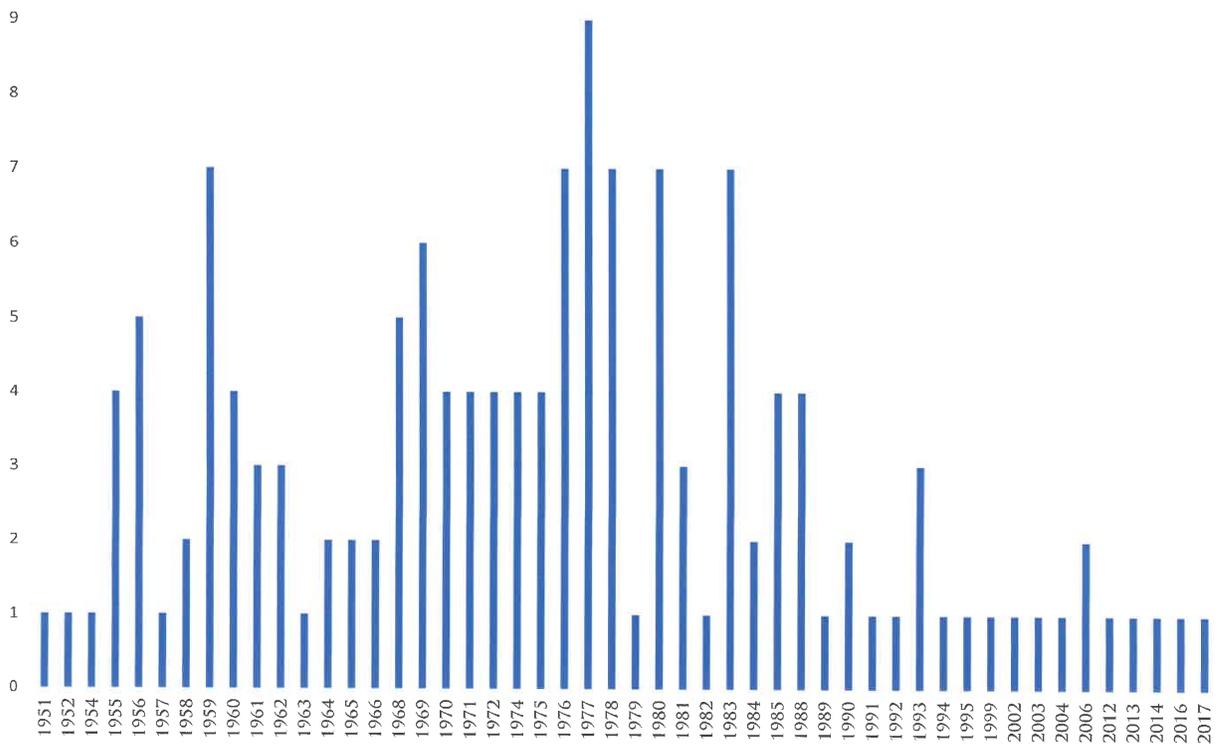
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1954	\$200.00	1964	\$125.00	1976	\$1,974.00	1988	\$1,883.37	2003	\$52.12
1955	\$1,450.00	1965	\$1,550.00	1977	\$6,966.36	1989	\$40.00	2004	\$103.94
1956	\$1,400.00	1966	\$125.00	1978	\$6,753.94	1990	\$451.00	2006	\$280.00
1957	\$100.00	1968	\$2,878.94	1979	\$1,000.00	1991	\$500.00	2012	\$28.00
1958	\$151.97	1969	\$10,375.00	1980	\$850.69	1992	\$50.00	2013	\$260.60
1959	\$1,601.97	1970	\$553.94	1981	\$328.94	1993	\$563.32	2014	\$50.00
1960	\$825.00	1971	\$612.50	1982	\$51.97	1994	\$200.00	2016	\$50.00
1961	\$245.00	1972	\$500.00	1983	\$1,073.00	1995	\$50.00	2017	\$50.00

These totals are of gifts received as of 11.1.2024
 \$130,325.80 raised so far!

PERCENTAGE OF LIVING CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



PERCENTAGE OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE



LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES

From Dream to Reality

How a Duchesne alumna created a Garden Get-Away on campus

If you walk the halls of Duchesne, you'll eventually come to a courtyard area in the center of the school. A winding stone path connects the north and south sides of the building. A fountain marks the center, surrounded by stone walls and a paver patio inscribed with the names of donor families. Solar-powered lights line the path and hang suspended above, bathing the space in a soft glow in the evenings.

This was all just an idea eight years ago, the vision of Duchesne alumna Jen (Horton) Silvestri '86. Thanks to her, the class of 1986, and her close friends and family, it's now a reality. A once empty grassy lot has transformed into a peaceful retreat space for students to enjoy and a new staple of events on campus.

The seeds for this transformation were planted in Jen's mind during a reunion tour in 2016. As the reunion planner, she organized a school tour for those classmates who had not been on campus in a



while. They were impressed by the updates at that time, notably the then-new gym, but she froze when she walked past the door to the center courtyard.

The space just seemed to look a bit bare. The tour

continued, but her mind was still on that lot.

"I couldn't get it off my mind," she said.

Her thoughts went to the campus of her daughter's high school, Bishop Gorman High

School in Las Vegas.

"[Their] campus is gorgeous with stone, statues, and this peacefulness you get when you walk around," said Jen. "Even if my high school could have a piece of that feeling, that would be incredible."

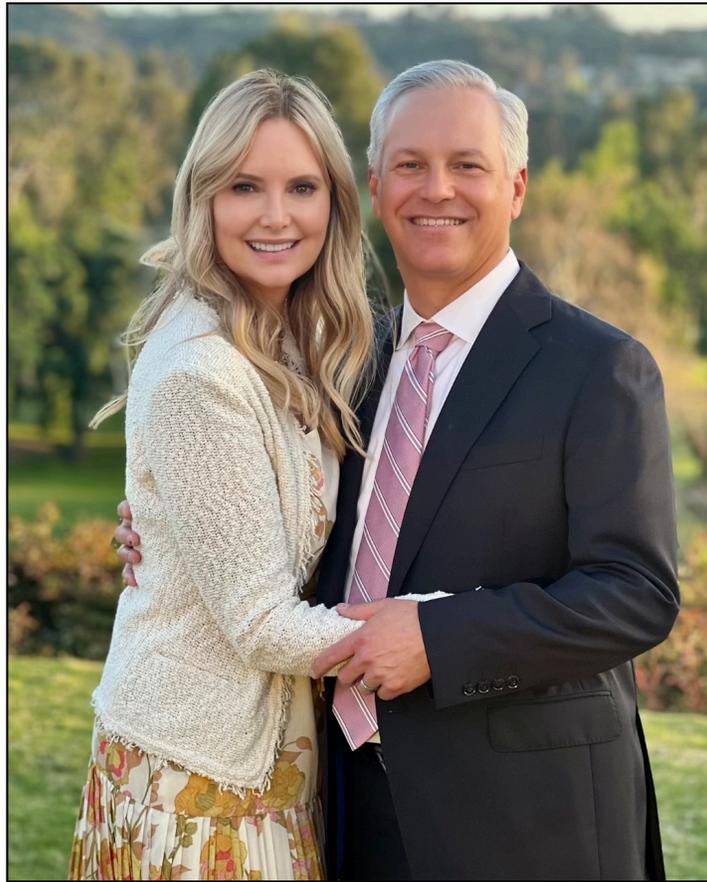
That became her key motivation. In a world where students have to deal with the stresses of social media, COVID-19, and all the pressures of school, there was a clear need for a place of respite where students could find that same peacefulness found when walking through any beautiful place.

Jen recruited classmates and friends Cheryl (Pollack) Johnson and Chrissy (Podhorsky) Kuhlmann and the rest of the class of '86. With their help and the help of her family, Jen's vision was underway.

"When Jen brought up the idea for the garden project, I was immediately on board," said Chrissy. "We discussed her vision and the possibilities, and then we quickly went about setting a plan in motion. Jennifer is a force of nature who can challenge and inspire others. She brought together a small team of people that truly believed in the project and what the garden would bring to Duchesne — to both its students and alumni."

The initial concept was drawn up by Jim Pollack '85, Cheryl's bother. As a landscape architect, Jim was well suited for creating the early drawings of a whimsical, windy path and fountain. Jen also found inspiration in pictures of meditation gardens. A rendering of the space was made, and it went on easels at Duchesne events.

Contractors were brought in. Fundraisers were planned. Things were moving forward — then came Covid.



Jen (Horton) Silvestri '86 with husband, Jeff.

The over doubling of labor and materials costs was a significant bump in the road, requiring a shifting of contractors and problem-solving. Jen did not let this stop the momentum.

"We were not stopping," she said. "We pulled together and kept plugging along to make it work."

Her classmates rallied to raise the funds. Family and friends who didn't attend Duchesne but believed strongly in the project gave generously. Jen searched for a new contractor, eventually finding and hiring Jordan Buenemann.

Finally, on October 6, 2023, the new Garden Courtyard was revealed to Pioneer Nation with a ribbon cutting and special blessing by Father Chris Holtmann, Duchesne chaplain.

Throughout the process, Jen recalls the help of one particular Duchesne alumna and staff member who was especially important in finishing the space — Duchesne Director of Alumni Engagement and Donor Engagement Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78.

As a sounding board for ideas and a major conduit of communication with the alumni of Pioneer Nation, Jen can't thank Nancy enough for her tireless involvement.

"Nancy's been amazing," said Jen. "She's been holding my hand through the whole thing. We were constantly texting about it and different things. She's been phenomenal."

"Jen Silvestri's passion for and dedication to this project are an inspiring example of the love and support our alumni have shown Duchesne," said Nancy. "Through delays and significant price increases during our worst COVID years, Jen persevered and made the Garden project a reality. We are excited about planning events in the Garden Courtyard for our alumni and parents as well as students, both present and past."

"All of the alumni, friends, and family who volunteered and donated to the project created a beautiful addition to our school that we can all take great pride in," said Chrissy. "I'm so appreciative of all those that donated to make this possible and for Jen for being the driving force."

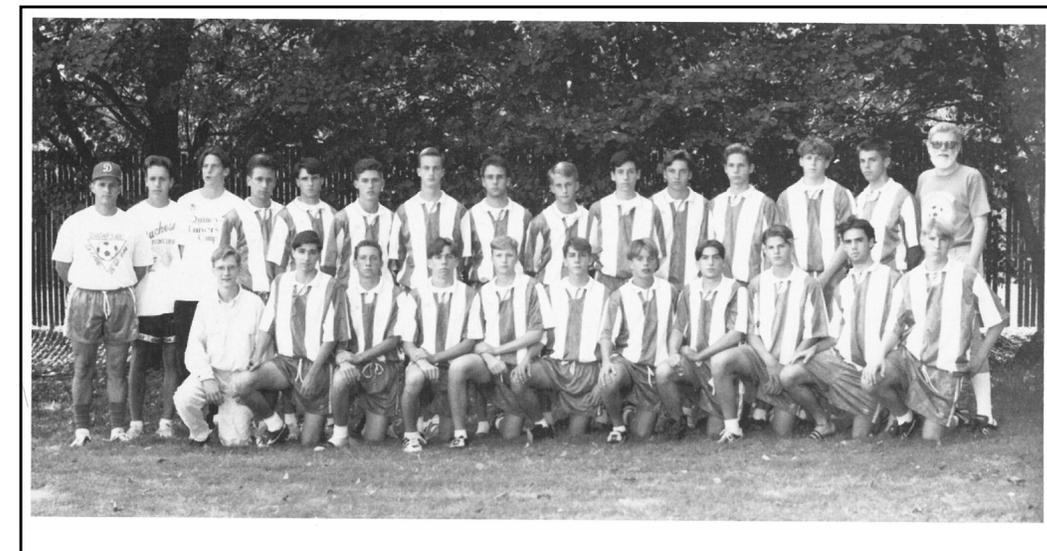
The story of the Garden Courtyard project does not end here. Additions that are in the works include more trees, benches, and possibly a greenhouse to enhance the students' educational experience.

It's an ever-evolving project. It shows how big a difference just one person's idea can make when paired with the love of Duchesne and the desire to make it the best it can be for generations of students to come. And if you ask Jen, it's only going to get better.

1994 Boys State Soccer Champions Celebration

Our October 18 Alumni Celebration featured the 30th anniversary of our 1994 Boys State Soccer Championship team, with more than half of the team making it back to join us, along with coaches Dave Thurmer from Vermont and Joe Toigo from Kansas City. (Fr. Gahan was out of town.) Players came from Kansas City, Chicago, Jeff City, and the St. Charles and St. Louis county areas. They were all so excited to be together again, and we were so excited to have them back with us at Duchesne!

This team's road to the championship included these milestones:



- Record of 8-0 in GAC conference play
- Defeated rival St. Dominic 1-0 in the district final
- Defeated national-ly-ranked Aquinas Mercy 4-1 in the quarterfinal
- Defeated Kansas City O'Hare 7-0 in the semifinal
- Defeated second-ranked St. Mary's 2-1 in the championship
- Season total of 95 goals, allowing only 22 goals in 30 games
- Overall record of 23-4-3
- 1st DHS soccer state championship team
- 1st state soccer title won by a school outside of St. Louis City/County since the inception of the state soccer tournament in 1969

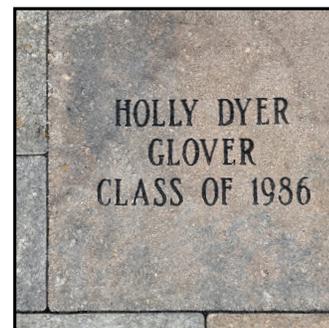
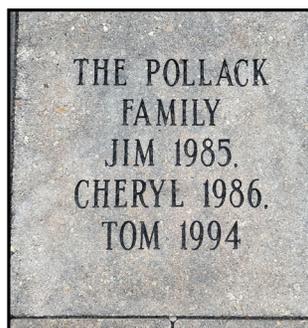
Congratulations to these alumni athletes. Thank you for putting DHS on the state championship map, and thank you for coming back to celebrate your team and your time at DHS. We love having alumni come back home to Duchesne! It was a Great Day to be a Pioneer!!



Gift a Garden Paver!

Here's a great gift idea! Make your family, your loved one, or yourself a part of DHS history with a message of honor or memory. Our beautiful new Garden Courtyard has paver engraving available at half-price for the holidays, \$250 through 12/31/24. Pavers measure 12x12. Please see these samples for an idea of how many letters fit well.

Email nkohl@duchesne-hs.org if you are interested, and please include the message you have in mind. Engraving will be done in early spring due to temperature requirements.





REUNIONS



Class of 1969 — 55th Reunion on October 12, 2024

Congratulations to the classes of 1969, 1974, and 1984 on recently celebrating reunions! And Thank You to the alumni who planned them!! Your time and efforts are much appreciated.

If your class is coming up on a graduation anniversary year that ends in a 0 or 5, please contact Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78, director of alumni engagement, to see how Duchesne can help with your get-together. Email nkohl@duchesne-hs.org or text her at 314.541.0188.



Class of 1984 — 40th Reunion on October 12, 2024

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Class of 1974 — 50th Reunion on October 19, 2024



COUNSELING CONNECTIONS

Career Day 2024

The students began the day by attending a variety of workshops related to career readiness and then attending the career fair.

From health and fitness to architecture, education to banking, real estate to nursing, and everything in between, we had over 40 employers in attendance and a surprise helicopter landing on our football field. It was bound to be a success!

We received great feedback from the employers who attended, on both how the day went and how engaged and prepared our students were.

We look forward to many career days to come!



WATNow? CAREER PATH SPEAKER SERIES

Our WATNow panel series continued with 10/24 guest alumni Brian Scheidegger '88, Luke Meyer '97, and Emilie Dougherty '11. The panel talked about making good impressions in the professional world, exploring interests while young, and the importance of serving your community.

We are looking forward to hosting our third of three presentations on Thursday, 11/21, when Shelby (Verhine) Graves '92, Sarah (Leach) Worth '05, and Brian Adams '07 join our juniors and seniors during their Communion.



COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

For her Senior Capstone Project, Faith Dunn '25 is hosting a College Application Day for all DHS seniors. The purpose of this day is to allow time for seniors to apply for their colleges of choice and gain confidence and clarification on the college application process. Mrs. Grass, along with college reps from a variety of universities, will be there to provide assistance. See flyer for details. (page 19)

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) is required for all college Financial Aid purposes. It opens December 1.

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/attachmen-tlibrary/Forms/College-Visit-Permission-Form.pdf

SENIORS—Need your transcripts sent or a letter of recommendation??? Complete your request via Naviance. See Mrs. Grass for questions.

LOOKING AHEAD FALL 2024

Nov. 8
ACT Registration deadline for Dec. 14 test

Nov. 12
College Application Day for seniors (see flyer for details)

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/fafsa>

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

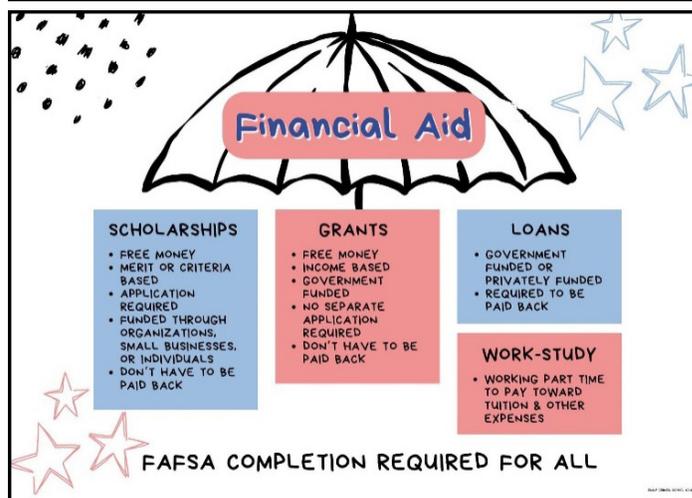
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en-missouri.html>

SAT

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

WELLNESS

Self-care means taking the time to do things that help you live well and improve both your physical health and mental health. This can help you manage stress, lower your risk of illness, and increase your energy. Even small acts of self-care in your daily life can have a big impact.



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What an exciting fall athletic season it has been, filled with fun and unforgettable moments at our athletic events!

We had the honor of welcoming back the **1994 State Champion soccer team** on October 18, celebrating their incredible legacy and achievements prior to the varsity soccer game. Our **junior cheer night** followed by **Diamondline Swiftie night** at this Friday night lights game brought even more energy to the field, creating a fun atmosphere for all.

We've been treated to amazing performances of the **Star Spangled Banner** by our talented **Band and Choir members**. The halftime shows featured our **Pioneer Marching Band**, as well as the **Cheer** and **Diamondline** squads, keeping the crowd entertained throughout the season.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

State Champion Golf Team

A huge congratulations to our **State Champion Golf Team**, who clinched the Class 1 Team Championship with an impressive score of 374, finishing 12 strokes ahead of the second-place team. The Pioneers showcased exceptional talent, led by our All-State first-team seniors: **Maddie Denker** (4th place) and **Reagan Potts** (13th place). Alongside them were: sophomore **Leah Krupich** (18th), senior **Katie Stockhausen** (39th), and sophomore **Bridget Caldwell** (55th). We also want to recognize and thank coaches Denny Walters and JT Taylor for their dedication to the girls golf team.

Girls Volleyball Team

Our **girls volleyball team** also made us proud, winning the **Class 2 District 5 Championship**. They put up a strong effort in the sectional round before losing to a tough Hermann squad.

Boys Soccer Team

Congratulations to our boys' soccer team for a great season and to our seniors for four years of excitement and high-level soccer. They boys team packed the stands most nights and never disappointed.

SENIOR NIGHT CELEBRATIONS

We honored our Senior Fall Athletes during various ceremonies, recognizing their hard work and dedication throughout their four years. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for their commitment to our teams. Our Senior Fall Athletes are as follows:

Cross Country Will Kielhofner

Football

Logan Archer, Jayden Burgdorf, Charlie Burks, Jack Burle, Trenton Gebben, Carson Hogan, Sam Jost, Logan Kanady, Carson Hogan, Carson Kuhn, Auggie Lee, Logan Murrish, Jordan Nunn, Bryce Rogles, Caleb Schneider, and Jaiden Wurth

Golf

Maddie Denker, Rachel Latham, Reagan Potts, Katie Stockhausen, and Zaria Watson

Tennis

Faith Dunn, Cecilia Fleri, Samantha Gold, Madilyn Hill, Molly Hoffmann, Allyson Ledbetter, Mackenzie Nave, Samantha Petty, and Emily Sanchez

Volleyball

Claire Burks, Lexi Conti, Sammi Garvey, Sydney Shaw, and managers Ally Ledbetter, Reese Piskulich, and Mary Kate Scheffel

STILL GOING

Cross Country

Congratulations and Good Luck to our Cross Country Runners. In the boys District Cross Country race Will Kielhofner (senior) finished 21st. In the girls District Cross Country race Isabel Rakers (junior) finished the race 27th and Audrey Hoffmann (sophomore) was the first-place finisher. These Pioneer runners qualified for the state meet that will be held Saturday, November 9, in Columbia.

Frequently Asked Questions

Information for Eligible Schools

WHAT SHOULD SCHOOLS DO NEXT?

Review Your Enrollment

Review current academic year enrollment *for qualifying students.*

- Elementary schools: focus on income-eligible kindergarten and 1st grade classes and transfer students -or- qualifying special needs students (IEP/ISP).
- High Schools: focus on income eligible transfers from public schools (9-12) -or- special needs students (IEP/ISP).

Develop Guidance for Tuition Payment

Scholarship funds from this program are directly administered to *families*. Schools should consider developing guidance for families as it pertains to accepting MOScholars scholarship payment to cover tuition/registration fees.

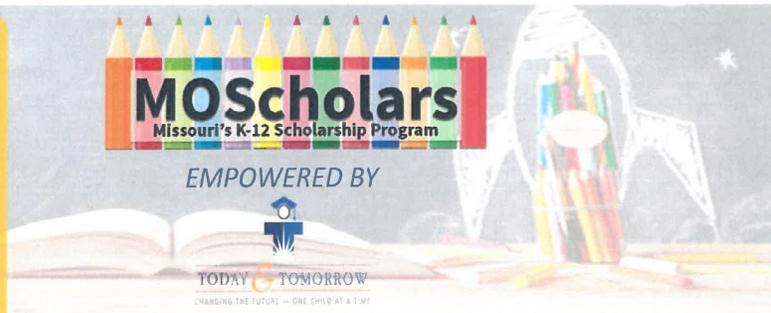
More information for schools can be found on treasure's website:
treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/Schools

Direct Families to TTEF

Direct families to visit tfe-stl.org for more information, or email MO-TTEF@archstl.org.



Scan to Learn More



What is MOScholars?

\$6,375 renewable scholarships for eligible K-12 students.

Who is eligible for MOScholars?

All Missouri residents.

- Students with an established IEP or ISP **-OR-**
- Income eligible **and**
 - Transferring from a public/charter school **-or-**
 - Entering Kindergarten or first grade.

How do students apply?

- TTEF offers a prescreening application available at tfe-stl.org/moscholars. When a student "qualifies" they are automatically directed to the online application administered by FACTS.
- Upon approval from FACTS, TTEF will inform the families and school of choice of their award.
- Families may begin applying for the 2025 – 2026 academic year as of February 1st, 2025.

How will my school be paid?

- MOScholars is awarded via ClassWallet to the student for approved educational expenses.
- TTEF encourages families to pay school tuition and fees with MOScholars awards.
- Schools will create a ClassWallet account to receive direct payments for tuition from MOScholars families.

Should families continue to apply for other TTEF scholarships?

- Yes. Families should continue to apply for all TTEF's scholarships (both new and renewal).
- Should TTEF award a student and the same student earns a MOScholars award, TTEF will remove the TTEF scholarship.
- Siblings of MOScholars may continue on a TTEF award.

HOLLANDER



LEGAL

Schedule a Shadow Visit Today



Calling All DUCHESNE ALUMNI, FRIENDS, PARENTS, AND PLAY PALS!

Join us for "The Bookstore" Thur-Sat, Nov 14-16, 7pm in Duchesne's Performing Arts Center

Experience the Directorial Debut of DHS Alumni Brad Benne '03 and Andrew Sweeso '17

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- DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP •
- ONLINE PREDATORS •
- MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL MEDIA •
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE •





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COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

TUES, NOV 12

8am - 245pm

IN THE PAC

Mark your calendars for this great event!

The time to apply for college is **NOW!**

College admissions officers will be on hand to assist with the application process:

St. Charles Community College	University of Alabama	SEMO
Missouri S&T	Maryville University	and more!
Mizzou	Drury University	

Be on the lookout for an email from Mrs. Grass for sign-up and a list of important documents and information to bring!



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