



# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

Fall 2020

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## Letter from the President

Dear Duchesne Community,

Reflecting on this year I find myself honored and humbled to be part of this amazing and resilient Catholic high school.

The 2019-2020 school year started off as any other typical school year: Freshmen with their bright energetic faces, Sophomores showing the Freshmen the "ropes," Juniors preparing for their first ACT tests, and Seniors excited to finish their high school journeys.

Then winter came and the world changed, which meant Duchesne had to pivot and adjust.

I am proud to say that's exactly what we did. We adjusted where we needed to and followed new and ever-changing protocols, all the while educating our students virtually.

This school year we are still adjusting to the times, and we are thriving in our mission to do so. Most of our students are attending classes on our campus, but we needed to accommodate some students for virtual learning as well.

I am tremendously proud of our faculty and staff for being flexible and understanding that we are in "unchartered waters" and that things change quickly and often.

However, we cannot forget the many accomplishments achieved before the pandemic. The Duchesne Hockey Club won the Wickenheiser Cup, DeVeuster House took the Rose Cup, and both our Fall Play and Spring Musical were performed beautifully, just to name a few things.

Our school and the entire Duchesne community is strong and we will not only survive this pandemic: we will flourish and continue to move forward, shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit.

God bless you and yours,

Chuck Nolan, President

## Duchesne Athletic Boosters

### Every Athlete. Every Sport.

The Duchesne Athletic Boosters is a core component of Duchesne's athletic program. We are grateful to have such an amazing leadership board for the 2020-2021 school year, many of whom are DHS alumni and/or parents of current students and Duchesne graduates!

- President Jason Boschert '98
- Vice President Chris DeGuentz
- Secretary and Membership Coordinator Page Mueller
- Treasurer Mike Budrovich
- Concession Stand Coordinators Greg and Kim Saguto
- All Sports Lottery Coordinator Jenni DeGuentz
- Oktoberfest Coordinators Tyler '10 and Andrea (Saettele) '11 Loewenstein

The DAB relies on donations and fundraisers to support our student athletes. Contributions to the DAB help our Pioneers compete for and represent our great school and Pioneer family. The support from the DAB benefits every athlete, including cheer and Diamondline.

There are many ways to get involved or contribute to the DAB: become a member, buy All Sports lottery tickets, Buy A Brick along Pioneer Path, volunteer, or make a donation! Check out the DAB page on the DHS website for more details. <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/athletic-boosters.html>.

# Welcome

*to Our New Faculty Members!*

*Adam Berner* did his student teaching at Duchesne in the spring of 2019 just before receiving his bachelor's degree in secondary social studies education from Maryville University in St. Louis. "I was told a long time ago that students don't care about what you know if they don't know you care about them. I want my students to know I care about them as individuals," Mr. Berner said.



He continued, "The one thing that has always appealed to me about Duchesne is the family spirit and sense of community. Ever since the first day I stepped on campus, I was welcomed with open arms by every faculty member and student. This had a huge impact on my life and was ultimately the reason I chose to come back to Duchesne."

*Carly Harper* graduated from Culver Stockton College with a bachelor's degree in secondary English education after doing her student teaching at Quincy Notre Dame in Quincy, IL. "My education philosophy is that every student is unique and must have a safe environment to



encourage growth physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. It is my intention to create such an environment where students can reach their full potential and do so expressively and freely," Ms. Harper said.

One way Ms. Harper is helping our students be expressive is by working with them in our video production class. She also teaches several literature classes and is coaching JV girls basketball.



*Melissa Triplett* has over 20 years teaching experience in physics and chemistry. In addition to undergraduate training in science, math, and psychology, she holds two master's degrees: in chemistry from Cornell University, and in education with an emphasis on secondary education curriculum and instruction

from the University of Missouri—Saint Louis. Ms. Triplett has been playing the violin for over 30 years and hopes to help out with some of our liturgical music.

Ms. Triplett said, "The students seem highly motivated and both happy to be back at school and cooperative with all of the new habits that we as a community have been called to develop to protect everyone's health... I think Duchesne lives up to its motto: shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone better!"



*Walt McLauren*  
¡Bienvenido a nuestra familia!  
We are pleased to welcome Walt McLauren, BA, BSEd, a new Spanish teacher who joined our Faculty at deadline.

*¡Hola Señor!*



# House Update



The winner of the Rose Cup for 2019-2020 was DeVeuster House! DeVeuster dominated House competition throughout the year, although Jogues House made several runs for the lead and made DeVeuster sweat from time to time.

After having the House system at Duchesne for two full school years, House Director Julie Renaud has been impressed with how each new group of leaders looks at the previous year with a critical eye and looks for ways to improve the Duchesne student experience. "They are really putting their school first above their own needs and those of their Houses. We call it the 'Be 3 rule': Do what is best for school first, best for House second, and then what is best for you."



With the onslaught of the covid pandemic, the students were able to quickly shift and look for ways to support each other. The world changed in an instant, but they had the desire to stay connected. "When we were distance-learning last spring, the House leaders created Instagram accounts with content to try to support one another, have a little fun and compete in competitions. We will continue to use social media as a positive communication platform for the Houses going forward," Mrs. Renaud stated in regard to the 2020-2021 school year that began with most students on campus.

"As we continue to improve our House experience, we are looking for ways to expand this leadership development to students who are not officers and captains in the House system, starting by how we select mentors and expanding the role of those mentors within their Communios. We really want them to view themselves as potential leaders.

"We are also continuing to look for ways to make sure everyone's gifts are utilized and celebrated," Mrs. Renaud continued. "We realized we are a little athletic-heavy with our competitions and are looking for new ideas and events to celebrate other gifts and talents."

Duchesne's House program includes our alumni too!

Go to <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/empowern70343.html> for more information.



## Cor Duchesne

Fr. Eddie Voltz opened our Cor Duchesne evening at Bogey Hills Country Club on February 15, 2020, with a beautiful Mass, accompanied by Duchesne's Royal Impressions with Donna (Luetkenhaus) Owen '85 on the piano. Principal Fritz Long (right) emceed the evening, which featured Reflections from a Young Alumnus by Mike Hollander '09, as well as the presentation of the St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Service Award to Alli Kleitz (mother of Tori '15, Alex '19, and Libbi '20); the Teacher

Excellence Award to Kim (Baumann) Morris '89 (mother of Faith '21); and the Spirit of Duchesne Alumni Achievement Award to Ann (Johannesman) Tollefson '76 (mother of Mary '14, Sophie '16, and Peter '17). For more information about the awards and the award recipients, please visit <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/alumni.html>.

# Duchesne Delivers Performing Arts

## Fall Play - *Midsummer/Jersey*

Ken Ludwig's *Midsummer/Jersey* was performed as our fall play November 21-23, 2019. The play combined the modern world with the classic poetry of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

It is reported that Shakespeare wrote *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in 1595 or 1596. In 2011, Ken Ludwig, a contemporary playwright famous both for his original plays and adaptations, wrote *Midsummer/Jersey* specifically for high school theater programs and audiences.

If you had seen or read Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, you could easily recognize the characters and appreciate the way Ludwig carefully preserved the original structure. If you hadn't seen or read *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, it didn't matter because the students told the story with poise and clarity! The characters really came to life in this Duchesne production that did not disappoint, thanks to faculty director Mrs. Theresa Velazquez and the hard work, creativity, and dedication of our cast and crew.

"Theater lets us collaborate across time and space," Mrs. Velazquez stated.

"*Midsummer/Jersey* was an opportunity to participate in the 400-year old tradition of adapting and performing Shakespeare's work for audiences."

We hope to livestream *The 39 Steps: A Live Radio Play* by Joe Landry as our 2020 fall play on October 22-24. Please check the website for details.



Maura Golab '20 and Colleen Hermann '22 have fun with Ken Ludwig's *Midsummer/Jersey*, an adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

## Spring Musical - *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

Back when things were a bit more "normal," Duchesne produced *Thoroughly Modern Millie* as our spring musical, presented March 5-7, 2020. It's the story of Millie Dillmount, who makes her way to New York City in 1922, where her goal is to be a modern woman. In Millie's mind, that means finding a job and marrying the boss. She meets her boss, checks into the Hotel Priscilla, and puts her plan into motion. Along the way, she befriends Miss Dorothy Brown and a host of girls at the residential hotel. Little did she know that she and her friends would crack a human trafficking ring, she would fall in love with a "penniless" scoundrel, and they would all have many fun adventures.

"The cast, crew, pit orchestra, and directors all had a wonderful time putting this show together," said Mrs. Donna (Luetkenhaus) Owen '85, faculty director for the spring musical. "I am incredibly proud of all of the young people who were on stage as well as those who were backstage, up in the tech booth, and in the house lobby. They all worked incredibly hard and put themselves and their personalities into their jobs and characters."

The dances were all choreographed by Maggie Dultz '21. She taught the cast to tap dance and many had not even tried on tap shoes before! Friederich Owen '21, our student director, stepped right in when Mrs. Owen had to stay home a few days to recover from the flu. Mason Brown '22 and Charles Owen '23 spent countless hours studying and practicing to be able to speak their lines in Mandarin and sing their songs in Cantonese.

"Directing the musical is one of the highlights of my year and in this strange year of COVID-19, we were so fortunate to be able to perform the show before we were asked to stay home," Mrs. Owen said.



*Thoroughly Modern Millie* involved 42 of our Duchesne students in the cast and crew, including: Sydney Ulrich '20; Tori Giovannini '20 and Jack Allison '20; Charles Owen '23, Mason Brown '22, and Claire Choinka '22; and Chloe Hoth '20.



# Pro Life March



Front: Justin Abegg;

First Row: parent Michele Cleveland, Reagan Murrish, Ashlyn Mueller, Bobbie Bailey, Libbi Kleitz, Kai Disabatino; Second Row: Sara Oerding, Audrey Weidlick, Janet Ginsburg, Camilla Delano, Sereniti Stewart, Bailey Stefanski, Liz Michalak, Kekoa Disabatino, Meghan Booth, Tori Giovannini; Standing: parent Carl Whitlock, Campus Minister David Halfmann, Tyler Mikkelsen, Carter Walton, Drew Cleveland, seminarian Robbie Lawson '13, Ngan Nguyen, Lizzie Rothweiler, parent Stephanie Giovannini, Amanda Maasen, Dylan Whitlock, Taylor Landgraf, Mason Brown, Friederich Owen, parent Alli Kleitz, Charles Owen, Jacob Nelson, Shanon Fehrenbacher, Lily Weber, Sally Schaeffler, and parent Greg Owen '80.

Duchesne students once again joined the annual March for Life in Washington to support the unborn, departing January 17 and returning on January 21, 2020. One of the largest groups in Duchesne's many years of sponsoring this faith-filled and life-changing trip, our teens were excited to be part of the Pro-Life Generation and to stand alongside other students from the Archdiocese of St. Louis and elsewhere around the country in taking a stand for human life. Please pray that we may continue to make progress in creating a Culture of Life in our country.

## Classroom Renovations

Duchesne began a Classroom Renovations program last year after receiving a \$100,000 gift from Rose Marie (Kuhlmann) Messner '45 in memory of her husband, Thomas Messner '47, in September 2018. For the 2019-2020 school year, Mrs. Messner's gift enabled us to renovate a math room, the art room, and the chemistry classroom and lab, the latter being in conjunction with a grant from the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri.

For the 2020-2021 school year, three more classrooms were renovated, thanks to gifts from the Lynn P. DeMarco Charitable Foundation (social studies), Dick and Dolly Johannesman (Spanish), and multiple donors in support of Duchesne (English).

A minimum gift of \$10,000 is required to have a name included on a classroom. For your family or business to be exclusively recognized for funding a classroom renovation, a donation of at least \$30,000 is needed. For more information, please contact Nancy Kohl at [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org) or 636-757-6925.



# Duchesne Delivers - Science Accomplishments

## Science Olympiad

### Astronomy - 4th Place

Mason Brown &  
Anna Buchholz

### Gravity Vehicle - 3rd Place

Luke Hermann &  
Isaac Rothweiler

### Simple/Compound Machines - 4th Place

Ngan Nguyen (*not pictured*) &  
Lizzie Rothweiler

### Ping Pong Parachute - 5th Place

Luke Hermann &  
Isaac Rothweiler

### Sounds of Music - 5th Place

Lizzie Rothweiler &  
MK Beckemeier

### Wright Stuff - 5th Place

Luke Hermann &  
Isaac Rothweiler



(front) Mason Brown '22, MK Beckemeier '23, Libbi Kleitz '20,  
Taylor Landgraf '20, Emma Schroyer '23  
(back) Isaac Rothweiler '20, Luke Hermann '20, Anna Buchholz '21,  
Sandra Cisowska '22, Alex Emberton '21, Lizzie Rothweiler '22

# Duchesne Delivers - Athletic Accolades



Girls Basketball AAA  
Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team,  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar  
Athlete, Athlete of Year and  
All-District 1<sup>st</sup> Team  
**Claire Weber '20**



Athlete of Year and  
Pioneer Pride Award  
(3 sport athlete)  
**Mitchell DeGuentz '20**



Pioneer Pride Award  
(3 sport athlete)  
**Amanda Maasen '20**



MSHSAA Sportsmanship  
**Stephanie Umunna '20**



Girls Tennis  
AAA Conference Champion  
**MK Beckemeier '23**



MSHSAA Sportsmanship  
**Seamus McCormack '20**



Boys Basketball AAA Conference  
Newcomer of the Year  
**Mark Yarborough '22**

# Duchesne Hockey Club

The Duchesne Hockey Club (DHC) was formed in 1996 and held its inaugural season during the 1997-1998 school year. Over its 23-year history they have been to the Wickenheiser finals four times, only to fall short of winning a championship. But this year, the DHC took home the Wickenheiser Cup!

Following another second-place finish in 2018-2019, the 2019-2020 season started off like many others in recent years. The coaching staff, most of which are Duchesne graduates and former DHC players, met to assess player availability and how they would roster a competitive team. Each year hockey clubs across the St. Louis area start by collecting the students at their "home" school (aka DHS). This year Duchesne had 15 players, which is a pretty good starting number, but well short of other larger clubs in the Mid States league. They still needed to pull from area "draft" players to find other players to round out a full roster. Duchesne was able to pick up six more players from surrounding schools to play on its team.

Despite an injury-plagued season and missing players due to travel club conflicts, the DHC completed their 21-game season with a winning record and finished second in the St. Charles conference. After advancing through the 4-team pool play, they faced Westminster in a quarter-final match that went into a game-deciding overtime shoot-out. Junior forward Austin Meers scored on the second DHC shot and senior goalie Jack Boschert stopped all three shots he faced to seal the win!

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## End of Year Awards

**MVP/Hobey Baker Award**  
Jack Boschert '20 Duchesne

**Wickenheiser Game MVP**  
Trevor Begley '20 Duchesne

**Hard Hat**  
Jack Johnsen '20 Duchesne

**Rookie of the Year**  
Andrew Trupiano '23 Orchard Farm

**Vincent Conti Award - Most Points**  
Troy Haeffner '21 Duchesne

**Best Defenseman**  
Derek Cagle '20 Duchesne

**Best Forward**  
Austin Meers '21 Duchesne



High school hockey in Missouri consists of five leagues and part of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association (MSCHA). The MSCHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of high school hockey. At the conclusion of the regular season, the teams ranked in the top 12 play a round-robin format playoff leading up to the Challenge Cup championship game. The next 16 ranked teams play a similar round-robin format playoff for the Wickenheiser Memorial Cup. The remaining teams play in a traditional playoff style format for the Founders Cup.



# Wins Wickenheiser Cup

After beating Fox in the semi-finals, the DHC not only prepared to battle the Goliath-sized Oakville (a high school more than five times the size of Duchesne), but raced to simply play the game against the growing pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The championship game was set for 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11, at the Enterprise Center in downtown St. Louis. The student body and faculty gave the team a resounding sendoff that afternoon in preparation for the game. With nearly every student in attendance, DHC held a 1-0 lead through the first and second periods. Tied the 1-1 with less than two minutes remaining in the game, senior forward Trevor Begley scored his second goal of the game to clinch the first DHC championship in the club's history. The next morning it was announced that St. Louis events exceeding 1,000 attendees were prohibited, which would have essentially ended Duchesne's opportunity for its first championship.

It was truly a team effort from the board, coaching staff, and players, and one of the best wins to celebrate for the dedicated parents, students, and DHC hockey fans. The pandemic did delay the season-ending banquet where awards and recognition were given out for individual accomplishments, but it was well worth the wait.



## 2020 DHC Roster

- #3 Jack Johnsen '20 Duchesne (Capt)
- #6 Andrew Trupiano '23 Orchard Farm - Draft Player (Asst Capt)
- #9 Nolan Kelsey '22 Duchesne
- #11 Kevin Burke '20 Duchesne
- #13 Jackson Deibel '20 St. Charles West - Draft Player
- #15 Troy Haeffner '21 Duchesne (Asst Capt)
- #16 Derek Cagle '20 Duchesne (Asst Capt)
- #17 Chase Unnerstall '23 Ft. Zumwalt North - Draft Player
- #19 Nathan Bruno '23 Pattonville - Draft Player
- #20 Thomas Dulle '23 St. Dominic - Draft Player
- #21 Tanner Freeman '22 Duchesne
- #24 Kyle Spann '21 Duchesne
- #25 Trevor Begley '20 Duchesne
- #27 Joe Faulkner '23 Duchesne
- #30 Jack Boschert '20 Duchesne
- #43 Matthew Klotz '21 Duchesne
- #46 Matthew Elgart '22 Christian - Draft Player
- #49 Jacob Burke '22 Duchesne
- #61 Austin Meers '21 Duchesne
- #72 Manuel Del Toro '22 Duchesne
- #78 Caden Farr '21 Duchesne

## Coaches

- Head Coach Joe Rupp '13
- Asst Coach Steve Kinnison '13
- Asst Coach Tom Haeffner '15
- Asst Coach Jeremy Edwards

# - 2020 Duchesne Golf Tournaments -

We thank Bogey Hills Country Club in St. Charles for their sponsorship of and help with our 2020 **Duchesne Alumni, Parents, and Friends Golf Tournament**, held on Monday, August 24. The day went off without a hitch and everyone seemed to have a really great time!



There was not a cloud in the sky and teams were excited to support Duchesne. We exceeded our budgeted goal and the fundraiser was a wonderful success. Thank you to all our teams and sponsors that made this event possible!

Because covid is prohibiting us from hosting most of our annual events and fundraisers this year, outdoor activities are the best way to bring our community together on behalf of Duchesne. So we are offering two additional golf tournaments during the 2020-2021 school year:

Please sign up now for the **"Fall Fore Duchesne" Golf Tournament** at The Falls in O'Fallon on **Friday, October 23, 2020**, via this link: <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/empowern76690.html>, by emailing [bnorviel@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:bnorviel@duchesne-hs.org), or by calling the Advancement Office at 636-946-2603. (Limited to 32 teams, so don't delay!)



A third tournament is planned to round out our year in the spring. Doing all we can for Duchesne while social distancing! Please watch our website for future details.

Join us in the fresh air for fun, fellowship, and fundraising to assist Duchesne High School!

## - Gwendolyn's Gifts -

Duchesne graduate Erin (Walker) Kramer '04 and husband Mark founded a nonprofit organization inspired by their six-year-old daughter, Gwendolyn. The organization is named Gwendolyn's Gifts. Gwen was born with a rare and complex neurological disease. She spent a lot of time at St. Louis Children's Hospital during the first year of her life. After Gwen's second birthday, her diagnosis switched to progressive and degenerative, and she was admitted to the Wings Program (an in-home pediatric palliative and hospice care program).

Gwendolyn's Gifts has a goal to make Gwen smile every day! Gwen's sweet and sassy energy is infectious and this little girl loves seeing and hearing others find joy in her gifts and/or support. At first, Erin and Mark simply collected \$7,000 for 85 Smile Bags. The Smiles Bags were given to children who were in the hospital or on hospice care. After the warm response from the children, parents, and hospital staff alike, Erin and Mark knew this couldn't be a "one-time thing."

The organization has grown quickly in two years. The mission is to provide emotional and financial support to families of children on palliative and/or hospice care. Gwendolyn's Gifts strives to spread joy by delivering Smile Bags, celebrating holidays, and/or fulfilling a special request.

The Gwendolyn's Gifts logo has major meaning. It is an elephant, which is a gentle animal. The elephant is holding a sunflower, which reminds us to be bright, sunny, positive, spread seeds of happiness, and hold our heads high.

For more information on Gwendolyn's Gifts check out their Facebook page at [facebook.com/gwensfoundation](https://facebook.com/gwensfoundation).



## Lost and Found

How many of our alumni know where their Duchesne senior class ring is? Now there is one more person who does, thanks to Good Samaritans Dawn and Jeffery King.

Dawn was helping a friend clean out her dad's house, which included a treasure trove of items collected through his hobby of using a metal detector in parks and public common areas. Among the pieces of miscellaneous metal they found a Duchesne class ring from 1989 with "MIKE" on one side, and basketball and track emblems on the other. Dawn thought something like that was too nice to discard and her husband, Jeffery, diligently contacted Duchesne to see if we could find the owner.

It took just one phone call to an amazed Mike Hurlbert '89 and details were arranged for his ring reunion. Mike had lost the ring within about a week of receiving it toward the end of his junior year – 32 years ago!

"I took it off to wash my hands at school. Because I wasn't used to wearing it yet, I forgot to put the ring back on. Once I'd realized that and went back for it, I couldn't find it. It must've rolled into the trash or something. I can't believe it resurfaced 32 years later, and it still looks brand new!" Mike said. "I was so disappointed to tell my parents when I lost it. I couldn't wait to let them know I got it back! I'm so grateful to Dawn and Jeffery."

Jeffery is a 1987 St. Charles High graduate and Dawn is from St. Charles West's class of 1989, but neither knew Mike, even though they were all teenagers going to high school at about the same time and in close proximity to one another. When we thanked the Kings for their thoughtfulness in reaching out to Duchesne, they graciously thanked us.

"Thank you for all your help on this! We're just so happy he got his ring back and that there was a good



ending to the story," Jeffery said.

This isn't the first time members of our community have returned class rings to our alumni. Last year, the class ring of the late Ken Rufkahr '70 came back to us via a local dry cleaners. His great-nephews Blake Rufkahr '19 and Ty Rufkahr '21 helped us return it to Ken's son (Ken Jr.), who lives in Alaska. It really is a small world after all!

## Our New Winningest Basketball Coach

**A HUGE congratulations to Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Wade Bouslog, who is now the winningest basketball coach in Duchesne history!**

Coach Bouslog's 49-43 home victory against St. Francis Borgia on January 21, 2020, was his 275th win, surpassing long-time coach and alum Ted Yeater '62, who had 274 wins in 21 seasons. Coach Bouslog has a special respect for the program at Borgia, so breaking the record with a win against that team made it all the more meaningful.

He has been a member of our Duchesne family since 2003.

## Keep Bleeding Blue, Coach B!!



Coach Wade Bouslog is pictured with then Athletic Director Debi (Westhues) Turner '96. The presentation board includes the five fundamentals Coach Bouslog instills in his players: Diligence, Passion, Servanthood, Humility, and Integrity.

# 2020 PANDEMIC

Pivot! That seems to be the theme for 2020, and Duchesne has done so with great agility. Duchesne's campus shut down along with the rest of the country in mid-March. It felt like it happened over night and many people were frightened, confused, and generally worried about the future.

But the Duchesne community never skipped a beat. Our faculty, staff, and students rose to the occasion and "pivoted" to distance learning with relative ease. Weeks prior to the stay-at-home order, Principal Fritz Long and academic deans Dominic D'Urso '95, Renee (Reimer) Moore '86, Julie Renaud, and Kris (Birk) Witzel '83 were meeting to map out the best process for how to hold classes virtually in real time, how to take attendance, and how to handle all the other myriad details of having school out of school. Director of technology Kim Choinka trained the teachers on Google Classroom and Zoom. When classes dismissed for spring break on March 13, it wasn't known what would be happening on the scheduled return date of March 23, but we were ready!

By the time spring break was over, people were working from home and students were attending school online. Duchesne's teachers and students had very few problems in managing school this way. Having had a similar experience previously with eLearning days (our online learning plan for bad-weather days that we have had in place for several years), the transition to teaching and learning while being quarantined was that much simpler.

The biggest challenge our community initially faced was not being able to personally interact with each other, which is so important for building trust and communication between teachers and their students. The pictures on this page show one way our faculty and staff made it known that we are always there for our kids. In less than 24 hours on a weeknight at the end of April, about 15 faculty and staff members delivered over 400 Pioneer Nation yard signs, one to each of our housebound cur-



*Pioneer Pride is real with this family - past, present and future! Alum and Director of Admissions and Marketing Maddie Dodson '14, current students Sydney '23 and Maria Santistevan '21 (Kateri House captain), and future Duchesne alumni Ella and Lily Santistevan, both Class of 2031.*

rent and incoming students' homes. Signs were also placed in the yard of everyone who is on our faculty, in the main office, or in the Advancement office. It was a wonderful show of support - yet another example of the warmth we feel for one another as members of the Duchesne family, no matter what the circumstances!

Now, with only being a few months into the 2020-2021 school year, we are still pivoting and accommodating the times. We are grateful to be back in school, with new regulations and precautions, so we can continue to build our teacher-student relationships face to face (or mask to mask, as is the case). We have started the school year with the majority of our students in class on campus and have social distancing, mask, and sanitization standards for all to follow.

Additionally, we are accommodating our students who are virtual learning for various health reasons. We have transitioned to using Schoology instead of Google Classroom. Schoology allows our small number of online students to join the in-person classroom through a webinar feature.

Of course, if the world needs to shut down again, we have the resources and knowledge to "pivot" once again, continuing to provide our students with the best education experience possible.



*Pioneer Pete missed our students too and couldn't miss out on the fun! Debi (Westhues) Turner '96 (2019-2020 Athletic Director, posing as Pioneer Pete on yard sign day, and 2020-2021 Dean of Student Services) shares the Pioneer spirit with Ethan Kissell '23.*



*A Pioneer father and son duo! Lee Wright (Duchesne dad and DHS track/cross country coach) and Aaron Wright '22.*

# ANDREW SWEESO '17 PRESIDENT OF LABRE AT SLU

Andrew Sweeso graduated from Duchesne in 2017 and now attends Saint Louis University, studying English with a minor in Catholic Studies. During his time at Duchesne, Andrew developed a passion for service through the service hours required to graduate. However, he wanted to do more than what was required.

For his Junior Week of Service in 2016, Andrew asked the Duchesne campus minister to put him to the test. He wanted to go on the "front lines" of his faith and requested the most challenging service opportunity.

Andrew was chosen to volunteer in front of Planned Parenthood. His duty was to try to persuade those going into the clinic to turn around and not enter. Andrew didn't have anyone who was walking into the clinic shout profanities or use any unjust hand gestures, but many people on the street did those things as they drove by. Andrew said, "Even though we were getting yelled at and ridiculed for our faith, I felt God's presence and I got the urge to keep pushing myself to do God's work."

Since this eye-opening experience, Andrew has brought his passion for others to Saint Louis University's campus. Currently, Andrew is president of a group called Labre, a student-run campus organization whose mission it is to build relationships with their unhoused friends and neighbors. The organization above all is a relational ministry.

Labre was established at Saint Louis University in 2010 by former students of the original founding school, St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, who wanted to bring this remarkable outreach program to the unhoused in the City of St. Louis. There are 20-30 students in Labre at this writing and membership numbers are growing.



The group provides meals, clothes, and shelter, and helps find permanent housing for those in need. "There is no better feeling in the world than to have one of my friends [unhoused persons] find a permanent home," Andrew explained.

But Labre doesn't just stop at finding permanent homes for the unhoused. They follow up with them, ask how things are going, and offer to help as may be needed. Andrew stated, "These people are my friends and I want to make sure they are happy and safe. We spend weeks and months with these people and a natural true friendship occurs. I couldn't imagine just never speaking to them again after they are housed."



Labre is reliant on charitable donations. If you would like to learn how you can help with their mission, please contact Andrew at [andrew.sweeso@slu.edu](mailto:andrew.sweeso@slu.edu). If you'd like to learn more about Labre, please visit <https://groups.sluconnection.com/organization/labre> or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SLULabre>.



# Graduation Class of 2020

How do you define the year 2020? As the year of the COVID-19 pandemic? The year of social injustice protests? The history books will remember 2020 in these ways, but what about the 17- and 18-year old kids who graduated from high school during all of this uncertainty? Will they remember only the scariness that was 2020, or will they remember the feeling of walking across a stage and getting their well-deserved Duchesne High School diploma? That was our goal at Duchesne, to make the pride and excitement of graduation a reality for our young men and women in the Class of 2020.

Duchesne President Chuck Nolan and Principal Fritz Long, along with their graduation committee, helped to make that goal a reality. This year Duchesne pivoted from the traditional gymnasium graduation ceremony and conducted a drive-in graduation instead. Our families had the opportunity to experience graduation for their seniors in our front parking lot on June 4, with full social distancing for all who desired it.

Utopia Entertainment was contracted and provided a jumbo screen and sound system, a radio station feed, and a recording of the ceremony, which each senior received in a follow-up mailing. The schematic allowed for each graduate's family to experience their student's moment in the spotlight while keeping at least 6 feet apart from the other families. Parents and siblings escorted their senior to the stage in order to see him or her walk and pick up their diploma.

Elected by their classmates, Libbi Kleitz presented the baccalaureate speech, traditionally presented at Mass two days before graduation, and Maria DelGiudice gave the graduation speech. (The baccalaureate Mass had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus precautionary restrictions in place at the time). Both of these ladies went above and beyond their expected duty.

Libbi captivated the audience by bringing a sense of calm and peace to these very uncertain times. "As I was thinking of how to best convey all the unique gifts this school has given us, I couldn't help but think of a few gifts of the Holy Spirit," Libbi proclaimed. "Class of 2020, as we go forth into the world, it is my sincere hope and belief that we can turn these gifts of the Holy Spirit into fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is now up to us to turn our fortitude, understanding, wisdom, knowledge, [piety, counsel] and fear of the Lord into joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and gentleness."

Libbi conveyed that her time at Duchesne is one that can never be replaced and will forever shape her life. "Duchesne is a place that cultivates leaders in mind, body, and spirit. I believe that the cultivation of spirit is what leads to and has led us in the development of mind and body," said Libbi.

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# Congratulations!

## YOU DID IT!



Maria's speech was a message of strength. She brought up all the major world crises the Class of 2020 have already lived through, including 9/11, school shooting drills, and now a world pandemic.

The world, since the beginning of these students' lives, has always been uncertain, so they cannot fear the future. "The truth is the Class of 2020 was born directly after one of the most tragic events in American history. We have grown up with uncertainty, like a childhood friend," said Maria.

Maria wanted her graduating class to know that they are not just what the media is portraying them as, "the class of the great pandemic." They are much more. Their future is not defined by tragedies, but by their actions. "The Class of 2020 will always be remembered as the class that graduated during quarantine. We will be defined not by the moments we spent together, but the time we spent apart," declared Maria.

Maria gave the audience a glimpse of the amazing accomplishments the Class of 2020 achieved in their high school careers, citing a number of specific achievements made by some of her individual classmates in music, theater, sports, and service.

The Class of 2020 is special in so many unbelievable ways. Duchesne's goal was to keep everyone safe in terms of health precautions while also giving our students the commencement ceremony these young men and women had earned. The event was well-attended and well-received by graduates and their families alike.

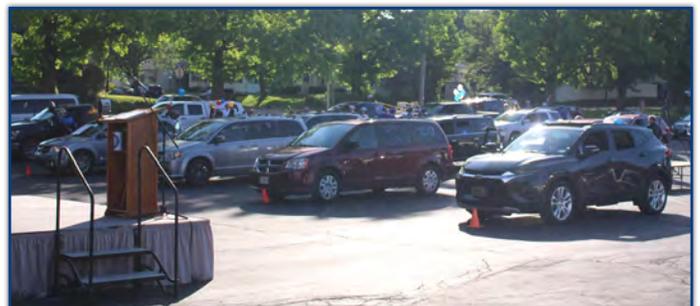
After the pandemic is over and the world is back to "normal" you may think of this year with hard feelings. However, try think of the students who graduated during the great COVID-19 pandemic and how they will define history because of their time at Duchesne.

*"To the Class of 2020, here's to making history!"*

- Maria DelGiudice '20



Pre-covid, 2020 graduates Rachel Buenger and Luke Hermann are all smiles at the fact that they both received full-ride scholarships to Washington University in St. Louis, a value estimated at \$200,00 per student. Over 75% of our graduating seniors reported receiving scholarships to colleges and universities.



# DHS WELCOMES BACK

## *Paul Boschert to Pioneer Nation*



Paul Boschert '77 returned to his alma mater as athletic director on July 1, 2020, after a long career in high school education and athletics that began at Duchesne in 1981. When he first worked at DHS, Paul coached the same three sports he had lettered in while a Pioneer athlete: baseball, basketball, and football.

Paul went on to coach at other area schools, eventually serving as athletic director at St. Charles West High School and, most recently, at Fort Zumwalt West High School. He has been a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association's Sportsmanship Committee and Investigative Committee and has held officer positions in the Gateway Athletic Conference since 2006, having served as president for the last four years. Paul has also been St. Charles County's Umpire-in-Chief since 1989, overseeing slo-pitch softball umpires, leagues, and tournaments, and serving as the liaison between the umpire organization and the recreational directors for all St. Charles County city parks.

A good example to the students with whom he's worked, Paul received the basketball Sportsmanship Award six times and football Sportsmanship Award four times from the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials/Football Officials.

"I'm very excited to welcome Paul back to DHS," said Debi Turner. "I've worked with him a lot over the years and his programs have always been a class act. I was happy and comfortable 'turning over the reigns' of the athletic director position to someone with such integrity and passion for high school sports."

Principal Fritz Long said, "We are so happy to have Paul Boschert back in the Duchesne family. We've had a fairly seamless transition from Debi's outstanding leadership as A.D. to his. Melding Paul's passion for Pioneer Nation, his history of success here, his familiarity with our head coaches such as Wade Bouslog and Charlie Elmendorf, and the recent success of our programs such as girls soccer, we look forward to Paul providing continuity while using his years of experience to help navigate the uncertainty of co-existing with COVID-19."

"After retiring from the public schools, I always said I wouldn't look at any other jobs unless an opportunity came up at Duchesne," Paul said. "I am really happy to be 'home' again, back where I was shaped as a leader by the Duchesne community and started a wonderful career. It is an honor and a privilege to be back at my alma mater."

Paul is in good company as an alum working at Duchesne; 38% of Duchesne's faculty and staff are graduates, spanning from 1976 to 2014.

*Debi (Westhues) Turner '96, Duchesne's athletic director since 2013, is now our school's Dean of Student Services.*

## *Relishing Retirement*

An issue with recently-retired Duchesne Faculty & Staff members wouldn't be complete without remembering Dominic and Mary Pat Muich, past personnel and past parents as well! Dominic served as building manager for 30 years and retired in 2019. Mary Pat was our learning consultant from 2007-2018.



These days, their positions as parents and grandparents are keeping them busy. Dominic and Mary Pat have five children, three of whom are Duchesne graduates. In the past year, Dominic and Mary Pat welcomed two more grandchildren to their family, for a total of six, with number seven due in February. They spend their time gardening, "staying clear of covid" (Dominic's joke!), completing long forgotten DIY's, and enjoying their children and grandchildren. Dominic and Mary Pat agree, "The best thing about retirement...every day is Saturday!"

# Thank You!

## So Long, Mr. Biehle



Mr. Bob Biehle retired in June 2020 after a 34-year teaching career that included 25 years with Duchesne's social studies and theology departments. But he didn't just teach. Bob Biehle exhibited engagement, integrity, and passion in all areas of his life, especially regarding his family – such is the consensus of his students, their parents, and his coworkers alike.

"If you show what's important by your actions, your students will see and believe it's important," Mr. Biehle explained.

"Mr. Biehle had high academic and moral standards for all of us, and he made us better people for it," said Colin Kohl '09. "He challenged us to always be our best selves and to lead by example, whether in the classroom, in the weight room, or on the football field."

"If I had a small part in helping a student experience the potential they possess, it makes me proud and humble," Mr. Biehle shared. He coached football for 14 years and track for 8 years. At different times in his tenure here, Mr. Biehle moderated Student Council, Key Club, and the Academic WorldQuest team, which competed at Webster University for several years and finished second in the competition twice, earning our school cash awards for special projects. Always gracious, Mr. Biehle took no credit for the success: "It was all the kids."

"Retiring now really turned out to be the best thing for my personal family," he continued, "though I will miss watching the students grow into the people they were meant to be and I will miss Duchesne. When it's said that Duchesne is a family, that's what we really are, a family. We love each other, care for each other, and pick each other up when needed. I am honored to have been part of the Duchesne family for so long."

Mr. Biehle was recognized for his outstanding commitment on several occasions throughout his career, including a nomination for Who's Who Among America's Teachers and the 2015 Cor Duchesne award for Teacher Excellence. In summary, Mr. Biehle said, "Teaching is a great profession and it gave me as much as it provided the students."

Loved by his students, Mr. Biehle was celebrated by his homeroom in October 2016 with a surprise likeness for their pumpkin-decorating contest entry.



## Farewell, Mr. Clodius



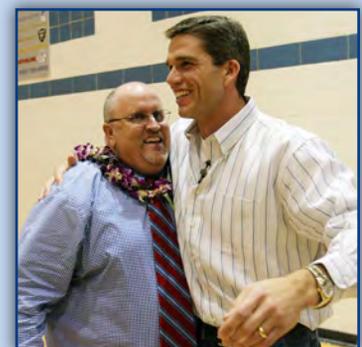
As we fondly remember that voice on the intercom saying, "Okay people, quiet down and listen up," we have an announcement to make:

Mr. Kurt Clodius retired at the end of our 2019-2020 school year after 41 years in Catholic education, coaching, and administration, including serving as Duchesne's Dean of Student Services for 19 years. That's thousands of graduates who will remember his announcements, dress code reminders, dance oversights, confidential conversations, and most importantly, his kindness, understanding, and support.

Mr. Clodius was first at Duchesne in the 1990-1991 school year, when he was our head football coach and coached track. He worked elsewhere for 10 years and then returned to Duchesne as the Dean of Student Services in 2001. In addition to his position as dean, Mr. Clodius also coached boys soccer for two years and girls soccer until 2009, when Duchesne won the first of six state championships.

Thank You for everything, Mr. Clodius. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

Mr. Clodius was awarded NFL Teacher of the Year in 2006 after being nominated by Trent Green, quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs at the time. Prior to his tenure at Duchesne, Mr. Clodius spent 18 years at St. John Vianney High School, where he taught, coached, and was dean of students, and where his impact on Trent Green always stayed with the eventual football star. "He saw something in me before I did — on and off the field," Green said. From 1990-2010, nominees for the Walter Payton Award were given the opportunity to nominate a teacher who had the single greatest impact on their life. Green chose Mr. Clodius, and so did the NFL!



# Dream Home Winner - Mark R. Meyer '01

Congratulations to Mark '01, Laura (Nibberich) '03, and Clifford Meyer on being the 2020 Dream Home Raffle Grand Prize winners! "Duchesne really provided a good foundation for me," Mark said. "I wasn't the greatest student academically when I was here, but once I was mature enough to want to really succeed, I had the tools to do so, and I learned those at Duchesne."

Huge thanks to all 3,500 ticket buyers who made our 2020 Dream Home Raffle a sellout!! — for only the second time in the program's 25-year history (and the second time in three years!) - *and* in the middle of a pandemic!! Your ongoing support humbles us.

Thanks as well to our Dream Home sponsor, Fischer & Frichtel Homes. Their annual assistance with this important fundraiser makes a decided difference in our ability to market the raffle.



Mark R. Meyer '01 and son happily pose with DHS president Chuck Nolan in commemoration of Mark's \$120,000 grand prize win in Duchesne's 2020 Dream Home Raffle, co-sponsored by Fischer & Frichtel Homes.




Thank you to the inaugural businesses who supported Duchesne through our new Business Alliance program in 2019-2020. The Business Alliance offers four different sponsorship tiers for multiple marketing opportunities with one annual commitment.

For more information, please contact Abby Sweeney at [asweeney@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:asweeney@duchesne-hs.org).

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"Keep Duchesne Competitive" (KDC) is a special appeal initiated by DHS President Chuck Nolan in early 2020 in response to an increased effort by other private and Catholic high schools to recruit students from our area with reduced tuition incentives and bussing opportunities. Gifts donated to the KDC fund aid our recruitment efforts. "When challenges face us, we must reach out to those who support our school...in order to continue shaping leaders in mind, body, and spirit," Mr. Nolan said. We thank these donors for their special assistance in fiscal year 2019-2020:

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Nearly 55% of our Duchesne families receive some type of tuition assistance and more ask for help every day. With covid, the number continues to rise. Because our future depends on enrollment, Duchesne needs additional tuition assistance funds.

Families Helping Families is a multi-year tuition assistance commitment of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 per year which provides our school with critical funding and the ability to work with prospective parents who have financial need. With the ever-increasing need for tuition assistance, we must also increase our number of participants in the program. Please consider joining this important group of donors. Contact Nancy Kohl at [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org) or 636-757-6925 for more information.

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## Fund-A-Need Gifts to benefit Tuition Assistance (Spring 2020)

Fund-A-Need is an ongoing component of our annual Pioneer Expedition auction and is used to support special projects and programs. In addition to tuition assistance, recent Fund-A-Need efforts have helped with the All-Student Fitness Center, the STEM lab, the new gym floor, and classroom renovations.

In conjunction with this year's online auction we named the 2020 Fund-A-Need "Fund Our Future" to emphasize the need for tuition assistance. Between direct responses to the Advancement office and gifts received as part of the online auction, we raised \$31,300 through the generosity of 52 donors.

### *Thank you!*

Jack '97 and Anita (Maskey) '97 Borgmeyer	Dan and Amanda (Trotter) '01 Kurdys	Patrick '80 and Julie (Niggemeier) '82 Pryor
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Russ '87 and Julie Clever	Fritz and Paula Long	Kurt '93 and Kate (O'Brien) '94 Schneider
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Donald and Nancy (Rothermich) '78 Kohl	Dan '76 and	
	Dawn (Burkemper) '77 Plackemeier	

## GARDEN PROJECT

Jennifer (Horton) Conway-Silvestri '86 is spearheading an effort by the Class of 1986 to raise money for the Garden Project, an idea that began after a class reunion tour. Work will begin this year in the outdoor quad space between Duchesne Hall and Strauss Hall. Plans include a prayer garden and space for events. All are welcome to support this project. To make a gift, please visit <https://www.duchesne-hs.org/empowere74037.html>. Contact [jenconwaysilvestri@gmail.com](mailto:jenconwaysilvestri@gmail.com) with questions.



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*Thank you to our many donors who take the time to apply for matching gifts on behalf of Duchesne High School. These donations add up and our school relies on them. Last year alone, we received between \$30,000-\$40,000 in corporate matching gifts. Nearly half of those were from Boeing. Our community support partners make a big difference for our students and we are grateful to all of them.*

*Due to our current economic conditions, some area companies are no longer matching gifts for religious organizations. We encourage you to continue to apply for matching funds on behalf of Duchesne. We understand that the matching gift application process can sometimes be time consuming and want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts in obtaining matching funds for our school. Thank you!!*

*If you have questions about matching gifts for Duchesne High School, please contact Deb Carney in the Advancement office at 636-946-2603 or [dcarney@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:dcarney@duchesne-hs.org).*



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### 2020 REVENUE & EXPENSES

Tuition and Student Fees	\$2,817,753	Personnel Costs	\$3,059,243
Archdiocese Grants	405,375	Supplies and Equipment	211,285
Other Grants	577	Insurance	74,789
Investment Income	596	Fees and Services	172,182
Other Revenue	49,253	Other Expenses	65,181
Fees and Services	72,455	Depreciation	216,563
Net Assets Released from		Assessments	115,334
Restrictions	312,136	Facility Costs	191,493
Endowment Related	0		
Contributions	433,943		

**TOTAL REVENUES \$4,092,088 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES \$4,106,070**

*Condensed financial statement for year ending June 30, 2020, as supplied by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, unaudited.*

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*(Apologetically, some of these names were omitted in Leaves 2019. The complete list is below.)*

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 Ralph '55 and Betty (Bethmann) '56 Elmendorf  
 Terry '83 and Carol (Lanigan) '83 Elmendorf  
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# Dedication Honors Dedicated Dad Pat Turner

Our August 10, 2020, dedication of the renovated Multi-Sport Training Area had to be done covid-style, with just a small gathering of Turner family and Duchesne Athletic Booster members.

Frankie '38, Patrick '03, Darin '36, Debi (Westhues) '96, and Kathie Turner, along with Kristen (Turner) '00, Dan and Anna '39 Weber [pictured] were joined by Athletic Director Paul Boschert '77, the DAB Executive Board, and a small representation of our DAB membership.

What was previously concrete space outside of the All-Student Fitness Center is now a training area with DHS-blue turf flooring, a touchless drinking fountain with a water bottle refill feature, fresh paint, and Pioneer Nation lettering along with our Pioneer Pete logo.

"The blue turf on the mezzanine looks fantastic," Paul Boschert said. "Our coaches and athletes are looking forward to using the facility for years to come. We appreciate the generosity of the Turner Family and our Athletic Boosters for making this possible."

When proud Duchesne parent Pat Turner passed away late last year, his family asked for memorial donations to be made in his honor to the Duchesne Athletic Boosters. Ninety-two individual gifts came in totaling nearly \$9,000. With that much money given to honor Mr. Turner, the DAB wanted to do something significant in his name.

DAB President Jason Boschert '98 explained, "Mr. Turner had such a devotion to Duchesne, along with a history of coaching soccer and teaching athletes to work hard and try their best. We thought upgrading the training area on the mezzanine level above the gym with gifts made in his honor would be a fitting tribute. We've long been wanting to put down some cushioned flooring and make some other improvements there."

"Pat loved Duchesne and the spirit of family, positivity, and doing your best that permeates everything there," said Kathie Turner, Pat's wife of nearly 40 years. "Pat was a gift to all who knew him. It means so much to our family that gifts made in his memory will now benefit Duchesne athletes of all interests."

"The addition of the turf on the mezzanine benefits not only all athletes, but ALL of our students," noted Debi Turner, Dean of Student Services. "While athletes can take advantage of this space for team practices, workouts, and warm-ups before games, our P.E. classes can also benefit from the new space, as it allows for more activities to be played in the mezzanine area during the school day."



# In Memoriam

A TRIBUTE TO ALUMNI WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US (by graduation year)

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

Glennon Runde	1940	Glennon Baumann	1961	Norbert Bornhop	1968
Nettie (Koch) Dwiggin	1944	Mary Ann (Prinster) Vick	1961	Ronald Messner	1968
Eugene Jacobs	1944	Allen Boschert	1962	Tom Henning	1975
Germaine (Ochs) Besselman	1946	Joan (Keithly) Van Deven	1962	Vicki (Maschmidt) Brown	1976
Margaret (Billing) Villar	1947	Bernard Kruse	1963	Marvin Vanderbos	1977
Bernard Koch	1948	Robert Zahner	1963	Cliff Mossberger	1979
Viola (Vehige) Vogt	1952	Calvin "Cal" Schneider	1964	Renee (Grasser) Simon	1979
Patricia (Ell) House	1953	Susan (Schoder) Miller	1965	Deborah (Homann) Qualls	1983
Carol (Kampman) Ryan	1956	Steven Suellentrop	1965	Corey Bruer	2001
Herbert Boerding	1958	Connie (Goggin) Valenti	1965	Evan Kielty	2014
Gerald Lofton	1959	Richard Bornhop	1966		
Erwin Ermeling	1960	Urban Sommer	1967		

*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 [dcarney@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:dcarney@duchesne-hs.org).*



*Sr. Marie Ambrose Peters, SSND*

Many alumni will remember Sr. Marie Ambrose Peters, SSND, who passed away on May 23, 2020, at the age of 89. Sr. Ambrose had a teaching and administrative career that spanned 50 years, including service to Duchesne High School as principal from 1971 through 1977.

Born in Leopold, Missouri, to a farm family that eventually had six boys and three girls, Bernice Marie Peters discovered Catholic education after she pleaded with her parents to allow her to attend St. Mary High School (now Cape Catholic) in Cape Girardeau. She took a bus 30 miles each way every weekday. As this was in the late 1940s, one can imagine that the bus ride took quite a bit longer than 30 or 40 minutes. But young Bernice was determined and undaunted.

"That type of childhood history sounds just like Sr. Ambrose," said Terry Gravemann '68, who began teaching at Duchesne in 1973 while Sr. Ambrose was principal. (After teaching social studies at DHS, Terry would later become dean of students and then president at Duchesne, retiring in 2012.) "She had the most powerful handshake!" Terry continued.

"That handshake was a reflection of her strength of character and her strong faith. Nothing fazed Sr. Ambrose; she tackled any and every problem with diligence and determination."

Dale Burkemper, who taught business at Duchesne during the 1969-1970 school year and then returned from 1972 to 1979, recalled this: "Sr. Ambrose believed students should always be challenged in order to do their best, not be hesitant to try something new, and learn that failure is a part of life. She challenged herself as well, in all kinds of ways. One time, she and Terry Gravemann joined some students in a pizza-eating contest at the grand opening of Ken's Pizza on Duchesne Drive. She was a fierce competitor, matching most of the participants slice per slice. Others could hardly move after all the pizza, but Sr. Ambrose just kept going without missing a beat! She proceeded from the pizza plates to a formal dinner at Saint Louis University as if nothing else of significance had occurred that day."

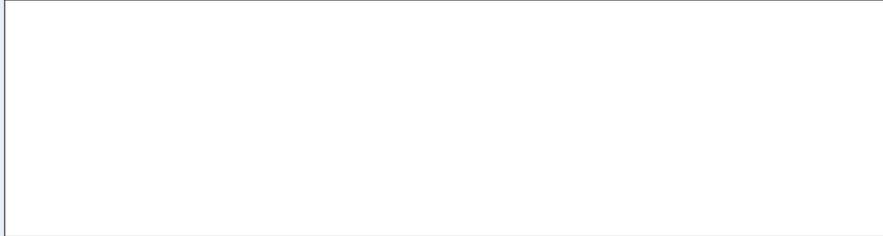
In addition to her tenure in administration at Duchesne, Sr. Ambrose was a teacher or in a leadership position at five other schools, mostly in St. Louis. Additionally, she held a number of positions associated with the School Sisters of Notre Dame on their campus in South St. Louis. In 1987, Sr. Marie Ambrose was honored at the National Catholic Educational Association convention as one of the 40 outstanding Catholic educators in the United States.



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