A publication for alumni, current parents, parents of alumni, and friends of Alter High School

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Dear Alter Knights:

Who is your favorite teacher? That simple question can bring back a flood of memories.

For me, it was Mr. Robert Johnson, my high school Algebra 2 teacher who helped me believe in myself and my mathematics ability. He really cared about me and my peers in a way that I would come to understand much more deeply a few years later. He was my reason – my inspiration for becoming a teacher myself.

After college, I was teaching at Caroline High School in Virginia when I got the call that “Coach” Johnson had passed away unexpectedly. In addition to being an exemplary math teacher, he was a football coach at my former high school, and he died after being struck by lightning at football practice. The team was running indoors as a storm approached when Coach Johnson tackled a player to shield him from the lightning bolt – he died and the player beneath him lived.

I have told our students about Coach Johnson and the way he inspires me today because he died exactly as he lived every day – looking out for his students and being their shield in the storms. As I paid my respects to his wife, it was clear she remembered many of us who were at his viewing and funeral, and she loved hearing our memories of him – from his corny jokes to his sage advice.

So, I ask again, who is your favorite teacher? How did he/she impact your life? How do you look at things differently today because of their presence? I ask you these questions because we are thrilled to designate the year 2020 as the year of the teacher at Archbishop Alter High School. It is our goal to honor our teachers by issuing the 110% Challenge to the Alter Community.

The 110% Challenge is three fold:

1. Give 110%! For example, if you made a gift of $100 in 2018-19, we are asking you consider $110. The additional 10% ($10 in this example) would go to our Teachers Endowment Fund. This fund is specifically for teacher pay, classroom tools, training and professional development. It will enable Alter High School to retain, train and hire the best faculty, staff and coaches.

2. Name an Alter faculty, staff or coach that made a difference in your life along with your gift.

3. Reach out to us at advancement@alterhs.org, if you have a short story you would like to share.

Love and prayers,
Lourdes Lambert
Principal

New donors may go to alterhs.org/give or look for an envelope in this edition of The RoundTable.
In the last school year, ten more families or individuals have set up various scholarships to benefit students at Alter High School. These scholarships focus in one of three areas: academic achievement, service and leadership or need-based (as determined by FACTS, which is the high school version of FAFSA that is used for college).

The largest new scholarship is the $200,000 endowed Covenant Scholarship Grant, which provides tuition grants for students that desire and value an Alter High School, Catholic education. The primary goal is to provide financial assistance to those students and families who, without the grant, would otherwise be unable to afford Alter tuition. This is a “pay it forward” grant with the intent that individual and parents will pay it forward and support future students that desire a Catholic education at Archbishop Alter High School. The generous donors to this scholarship desire to remain anonymous but expressed gratitude for the gift of a Catholic education and have a strong desire to make sure Alter remains a pillar of faith in the community.

Barb Malloy, Bill & Mary Ellen Hagan, and Terrance VanderHorst have been honored by family members who have set-up scholarships in their name for graduating Alter students.

Brother, Rick VanderHorst, shared this tribute to his brother and background behind the scholarship. Terrance VanderHorst ’69 passed away in 2019 at the age of 67. As a family, we experienced and understand the value of a strong Catholic education. Like so many other graduates, all seven of us went on and received college degrees based on the academic and spiritual foundation instilled in us during our time at Alter. His commitment to his relationship with God and his positive approach to life were his greatest assets. In his memory, we are establishing annually, the “Terrance VanderHorst Scholarship” for a deserving Alter Senior who reflects his positive spirit, excellence in academics and leadership in athletics.

In a year where we are honoring teachers, it was amazing to hear the story behind the $100,000 endowed Michael Grant Scholarship, which was set up by Michael’s father, John. He is a proud father who watched his son overcome the loss of his mother and go on to college and a successful career, in part because of his experience within the Alter Community. He paid special recognition to Phyllis Keller, who encouraged Michael to pursue his dreams! Mary Ruth Shearer (Science), Jan Stauble (Math) and Jack Ward (Health/P.E.) also have named scholarships set up in their honor. The Monsignor Breslin Scholarship and the Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholarship honor our “roots” in the original vocational leaders at Alter High School.

Even our Grandparents got into the act this year. By bringing in their loose change to Grandparents Day each November, they now have a $500 endowed annual scholarship that will continue to grow in future years! With the cost of Alter tuition approaching $10,000 a year, the continued growth of the scholarship program is imperative. The scholarships in place now range from $500 to full-tuition and benefit about 120 students per year at the school. If you would like to honor a family member, a teacher or coach that made a difference, or simply help provide Catholic-education to another generation of Alter Knights, contact the Advancement Office at advancement@alterhs.org.

If you are on LinkedIn, add the Alter Block “A” to your educational history to unlock the powerful alumni network that exists.

The Alter High School page on LinekedIn provides tremendous networking opportunities for alumni to connect with each other based on where they live, where they work, what they do and what they studied.
We all have many people who have influenced our lives, but on Alter’s recent Facebook posts, a few names seem to spur words of remarkable admiration. We will continue to celebrate this “Year of the Teacher,” and we hope to receive more of your stories! This edition of the RoundTable applauds all past, current, and hopefully future Alter teachers and staff.

If you would like to share your story, please email advancement@alterhs.org.

**RON DEBRONSE**

An Alter teacher that impacted my life? That’s easy! My father, Ron DeBrosse, Sr. taught at Alter for over 23 years. I grew up surrounded by Alter pride!

In addition to teaching and being Dean of Students, my father also ran the music department in his early days at Alter. I still have fond memories of riding the bus with the marching band as they traveled to games (including watching the Paxson’s play in state tournaments). My father comes from a legacy of intelligent, tough, strong-willed men. He was demanding of me and students at Alter. This trait instilled strength in me and was a good fit for his role in education. As a member of Alter’s faculty, he was also able to provide an exceptional education for both my sister and I – an education that many do not have the opportunity to receive and for which I’m eternally grateful.

Ron DeBrosse, Sr. was a humble man. The dozens of heartfelt stories about how he made a positive difference in the lives of former students, colleagues, family, and friends after his passing was overwhelming and a testament to Alter and our supportive community.

Join me in recognizing and supporting Alter’s teachers, past and present, whose support makes a real difference for so many. Teachers are a part of Alter’s legacy and tradition of community and faith, which we can help foster for years to come with Alter’s 110% giving challenge.

*Ron DeBrosse, Jr. ’88*

Honestly, I was scared I’d be less of him. Tough guy, but he had a good view on what was really happening and cared a lot about the kids at Alter.

*John Mcgee Drayer ’88*

I remember him as my driver’s ed teacher! For the actual driving part, I think I was the only one in our group who had never been behind the wheel, and I think I almost gave him a heart attack! He taught me to be a defensive driver, and it has served me well for over 50 years!

*Sue Angerer ’69 Bellman*

**JACK WARD**

I would like to recognize Coach Jack B. Ward as a Teacher and Coach that made a big impact on my life. I had Coach Ward as my scheduling advisor, teacher, and track team coach from 1971–1975. Not only was he a wonderful coach and teacher, but a great example for perseverance through many of life’s heartaches and challenges. At my time at Alter, Coach Ward’s daughters were battling diseases that ultimately took their lives and he had his own health issues he had to work through. All those of us that had Coach Ward as a teacher and coach through his 35 yrs. at Alter, have stories of his commitment and humor, from dodgeball in P.E. class to feeding us salt tablets, bananas, and peanut butter to combat heat and muscle cramps (some of which probably aren’t the best idea, today). But, we never wanted to question the Coach. I reached out to Coach Ward when I was volunteering with Track & Field in the stadium at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. I told him I achieved my dream of participating in the Olympics, just not as an athlete. He passed away on October 4, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. My mother befriended his wife, Pidge, through Pidge’s volunteer work at the nursing home my aunt was convalescing. My mom was able to share with Pidge what Coach Ward meant to all of us Alter Alumni, before he passed.

*Mike Wildenhaus ’75*

**JIM PETERS**

I remember Mr. Peters, my algebra one teacher. I was definitely not someone for whom math came easily and I will never forget how he made math fun. He designed it so that each student could get help on a certain problem with explaining something differently. He was the one that would explain it in a different way so that you understood it. He helped me enjoy math and realize that I could do it, even though I had struggled before.

*Kristen Fryburg ’99 Zaitz*

Mr. Peters timed classes to see how fast we could pass in homework in alphabetical order, and posted times on the board! Gave us stickers which I loved!!

*Jennifer Matthews ’92 Frazee*

The best math teacher ever! He was tough, but fair.

*Amy Armtrong ’82 Smith*

*The man, the myth, the legend … Jim Peters!*  
*Kyle Peters ’05*

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**ALTER FACULTY PHOTO: CIRCA EARLY 1980S**

SEATED: Janice Fry, Diane Masar, Debbie Bendick, Henriette Descours, Margaret Peters, Beth Budd, Fr. Ron Wilkier, Sr. Katie Hoelscher, Dorothy Koerner, Tina Pernik, Janet Niekamp, Sr. Cleopha Goes, Kathy Akerlund, Betty Kirchmer

1ST ROW STANDING: Nick Yahle, Martin Zajovits, Barb Bitticker, Marilyn Scherra, Janet Place, Kay Gerspacher, Linda McCarthy, Carolyn Luebkeeman, Lea Trick, Charlie Dickxx, Wolf Ege, Sister Fran Flynn, Maureen DeBord, BJ Wack, Judy Zieg, Mary Ellen Uttermohlen, Jimmy Peters, Katie Schoen

2ND ROW STANDING: Jan Stauble, Fr. Tom Meyer, Marv Paule, Jack McCarthy, Gary Lammers, Bill Rankin, Martha Turkes, Tina Lammers, George Koenig, T Meyer, Stan Troha, Ron DeBrosse, Bob Grieser, Fr. Bill Kramer, Jan Delater, unidentified, Pat Miller, Sr. Barbara Brown, Geoff Schneider, Dennis McTaggart, Doug Benbow, Connie Wildenhaus

BACK ROW STANDING: Pete Jablonski, Louise Rueckel, Rick Rueckel, Cindy Mantia, Gene Brindise, Jay Youngs, Urban Schoen, Jack Parnell, Paul Templon, Joe Petrocelli
Bommarito: Mr. Bill Bommarito was one of the teachers who impacted me. He really spurred my love of business and to this day I can balance a checkbook faster than anyone thanks to his teaching.

We were so lucky to have Fr. Wilker as our principal. His faith and his calm demeanor and his love for Alter and the students resonates with me to this day.

Darlene Saaler ‘80 Braunschweiger

Sister Katie Hoelscher:

Sister Katie was such a beautiful gift to the Alter community. She brought such a kindness and positive energy to everything she did in her time at Alter. As a teacher, she made Geometry so relatable and relevant in its application to our everyday world. As a Principal, her outreach to the Alter Community help lay the groundwork for the strong foundation that we have today. However, for me, her greatest impact was her ability to connect with individual students as such a strong and upbeat messenger of Christ’s love. Her impact was such, even forty years later, just mentioning Sister Katie’s name brings a smile to my face.

Eric Eichner ’77

Sister Fran Flynn:

Sister Fran was a teacher who had an impact on me while at Alter and beyond. Her wit and caring nature are what I valued most. Her relentless pursuit for all students to master typing skills is something that is still very useful to me today. She had high expectations for her students. I recall Sister Fran chasing me down during the summer months demanding I turn in unfinished yearbook pages. Sister Fran encouraged all her students to be independent and self-reliant, reminding us to put forth our best effort and not rely on others to do things for us.

My children and I (now current Alter students) went and saw Sister Fran during her last few months. Even though she was not feeling well, she brought a smile to all of us and still had her enduring sense of humor. I’m so appreciative of everything Sister Fran taught me both in and out of Alter High School.

Jennifer Mercurio ’91 Leen

Dave Imber:

I had Dave Imber as a freshman for English, and I had him again my senior year for a Twilight zone class that he created. That class was evidence of how interesting of a guy he was. He was also our football coach, wide receivers coach, offensive coordinator, but a tremendous English teacher. We’d have long conversations about everything from football schemes to literature to film, to music - really my favorite class at Alter.

Chris Borland ’09

Jean Smith:

Madame Smith had a tremendous impact on my life. As my high school French teacher, she promoted a love of the French language and culture. Consequently, I am a high school French teacher today and I hope to have the same impact on my students as she had on me.

Julie Conaway ’86 Roshong

Bill Truxel:

Though I feel I could write a whole book on this Man, I do have a particular story to tell. During the Fall of my Senior Year at Alter, (78-79) several of my friends and I were selected to “Guard the Knight” because it was CJ Week in Football. It was during these Rivalry Weeks that our closest rivals would decide that the Sculpture/Statue of the Knight in front of our school needed a new paint job in their school’s colors. It would be our job as Guardians to thwart this endeavor. The Staff member assigned to guide us for this evening was none other than William Truxel. Truxel was a portly gentleman with a stiff jaw, rose cheeks and a very dry sense of humor. As most of us boys were getting into place at the East and West front exits, checking in on our Walky-Talkies and preparing for a night of Poker with Pringle’s Potato Chips as our Poker Chips, we hear an out of breath Mr. Truxel over the Walky-Talkies say, “Gentlemen, meet me near the Front Office Lobby on the double.” We all took off running through the darkened halls toward the Office, and we see a crimson faced Truxel just outside the Ladies Room off to right of the Lobby. While breathing heavy and sweating profusely he says, “Inside this room I have apprehended a gaggle of young ladies from Chaminade-Julienne who were attempting to paint our beloved Knight. Do not let them out. I don’t care what they promise you!” He then told a couple of us to follow him into the office where he proceeded to call Principal Wilker.

As we went back and forth between the restroom full of crying girls and Truxel on the phone I heard this part of the one sided conversation. “While I was securing the locks on the front doors I saw a large van pull up in front of the school and a group of girls jumped out with paint cans in hand. I realized that I had them red handed. So I ran toward the open passenger door of the van and took the keys from the ignition. I then grabbed a handful of hair and told them to follow me. Why are you laughing?” After a momentary pause he said, “Yes Ronald, I ran!” After another lengthy pause he said, “Stop laughing, this is serious stuff here!”

Of course I ran back out to the guys to tell them word for word of the conversation I just witnessed. It was times like these that made many of us boys learn to love that stodgy old gentleman and his strange infatuation with any college from the state of Michigan.

Matt Fowler ’79

I loved Mr. Truxell. As President of S. C. I. P. it became my job to pick him up at his apt for meetings on Sunday evenings. When my car switched from a big station wagon to a VW Rabbit, we had to work something else out. I think I drove my dad’s roomier car to go get him.

Coleen Walsh ’84 Petrello

Truxel (as I remember fondly calling him) had a large cowbell he used to wake up sleeping students (generally athletes) who’d practiced late the night before or had a game. He would soften his voice as he approached his next victim with stealth, so they wouldn’t wake up, and then he would just bang on that bell with what? A small hammer?? It gets foggy here but I was horrified every time he did it. But I loved it. I loved every minute of that man’s class.

Kathy Bolton ’79 Abbott

I’ll never forget his lecture on going to the pine club! He over heard a customer ask for their steak well done! (And to be dramatic! He showed us his shoe) He said here eat this leather shoe because you are not doing justice to that steak!

Sally Must ’85 Lamb

Before prom, I remember him teaching us about fine dining and how to order fancy foods like oysters Rockefeller!

Susan Brockman ’69
In celebration of the “Year of the Teacher,” we also asked the current alumni faculty/staff to share about their experience as a student and as an employee. What was a favorite memory? Who was a favorite teacher? What makes working at Alter special as an alum? It was a bonus to search for their high school photos!

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TEACHER OR STORY TO TELL?

If you would like to share and be willing to be published in some format, please email advancement@alterhs.org.

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**LAURA ARBER EIKEN**

I feel blessed to have been able to work in a Archdiocesan school for the last 19 years. 6 of them being here at Alter. 13 being at Bishop Leibold School — both of which I attended. My favorite memories were the Masses we celebrated in the gym. The music was amazing and the students really participated and appreciated the fact we were having Mass.

Mrs. Stauble was my favorite teacher — Math was not my strongest subject yet, she never made me feel stupid or that I couldn’t do it. She encouraged me to keep trying and have confidence in myself.

I remember being excited to decorate my locker, those were the days when we used them and had to actually share one with another student. And when you were a Senior you had one on the first floor.

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**KATHY BRADY RIEGEL**

I know how well Alter prepared me for college when I was a student. I love being able to help maintain the tradition of excellence in academics. When students come back and tell me how their college math course is easy because of what they learned while they were here it makes me proud!

Mr. Grierson was one of my favorite teachers. He made history relevant and interesting. He choose to teach the units on the United States. I was not very happy at the time, but I believe that experience is one of the reasons that I am a teacher.

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**MRS. SPISAK SHEARER**

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**CHRIS HART**

Through the efforts of the faculty, staff and coaches in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, Alter taught me the importance of a strong faith, unwavering loyalty, hard work and commitment. The experiences that I had as a student prompted me to return as a faculty member, in hopes of continuing to pay forward the legacy of Alter High School — founded on Faith, preserved with Pride and sustained with Spirit!

There are so many memories that I cherish from my time as a student at Alter, but my favorite one is when we (the girls’ basketball team) stormed back from down 16 at the end of the 3rd quarter to knock off Stivers-Patterson in the District Finals, and earned the first girls’ team District Championship in school history!

There are so many administrators, teachers and coaches made a lasting impact on each of us — Fr. Wilker, Sister Katie, Sister Fran, Leo Trick, Fr. Kramer, Beth (Yuhas) Budd, Linda (Lee) McCarthy, Jimmy Peters, Dave Imber, Stan Troha, Jack Ward, Jake Parnell, Craig Myers, Pete Jablonski, Dennis McTaggart and Tina (Ruef) Lammers- the list goes on and on.

The most influential person for me was Theresa Check. She was our basketball coach and baseball coach, but most importantly she was our role model. She showed us that it was okay to be a strong, driven, goal-oriented female involved in athletics, which is not what most girls ever wanted to be. Theresa taught us how to be successful in everything you do.

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**RICK WILLITS**

What is a favorite memory of Alter when you were a student? It is impossible to pick out one specific “favorite” memory. What I do remember is simply being in a place where I could fully be myself, I was surrounded by faculty, coaches and friends that cared about me, and I had a lot of fun, especially at the Halloween Dance in 1986!

Who was your favorite teacher at Alter? Bob Grierson, for two reasons. One, I loved his teaching style. He was a story teller and brought history alive. He would make these sheets full of words, dates, events or short phrases and turn them into history lectures with full detail. You could completely picture what he was teaching in your mind. Two, he developed in me a love for reading. He got to know you, your personality and then would personally select a book for you to read for class.

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JOY WILLIAMS HOGSTEN

I think what makes teaching at Alter special to me as an alum is that I have experienced what they are going through. I can relate to many of their experiences. I even had some of the same teachers as the students do now.

My favorite memory of Alter when I was a student is Kairos. I enjoyed it so much that I have gone back several times as a teacher leader. It was one of the unifying events that truly brought our class together.

TINA RUEF LAMMERS

I have many happy memories from my time as a student and most of them centered around attending athletic events, especially basketball tournament games at UD Arena. The student section would fill up the entire section behind one of the baskets and we would cheer our hearts out, all decked out in our brown and gold.

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LINDA DINTAMAN

My favorite memory of being an Alter student were the games and the GOLD RUSH. I simply loved being a part of something that brought ALL the students together — no matter the grade level or the friend groups. . . for those times we were ALL ONE literally and figuratively.

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Teaching at Alter as an alum is special because I can give back to the Alter community that gave so much to me. I can share many passions of mine with my students to help them grow not only in dance and health but in their faith as well.

Between football games, school dances, talent show, sports, and clubs – there are so many memories to pick from. However, one of my top memories is going on Kairos as a junior and then being able to lead Kairos my senior year. The experience that I had was overwhelming and allowed me to grow not only with my faith but also with my friendships.

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ALTER 2016
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Joan Williams Hogsten

Tina Ruef Lammers

Jackie Gantt Wisecup

Kim Graf Schimpf

Linda Dintaman

Julie Feldman

ALTER 1975
Admin Assistant

ALTER 1988 ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Teaching at Alter as an alum is especially special for me because Alter truly has been my second family. With my mom as a teacher, I basically grew up in the building, got a fabulous education here, and I feel so blessed to be an educator now. Teaching at Alter feels like being home!

ALTER 1999
Guided Study

Jackie Gantt Wisecup

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The Class of 1969 is a class who truly cares about the health and livelihood of Alter High School. They care about our students, our successes, and our needs. They are inquisitive, action-oriented, and get-it-done people. We were so very pleased to have members of the Class of 1969, who graduated 50 years before, lead in the Class of 2019 at this year’s graduation ceremony. During the ceremony, ‘69 alum and Athletic Hall of Fame member, Dr. Tim Quinn, addressed our students from the Class of 2019. We look forward to watch these new graduates carry many of the words from Dr. Quinn and the traditions from the class of ‘69 as they continue on their life journey.

As the Class of 1969 gathered for this graduation ceremony, they were busy also planning their own 50th Alter High School Reunion.

Remember when?

THE SWORD
Alter High School
March 21, 1969

Seniors Lose Game by “Questionable” Activities

The faculty huffed and puffed to an easy 51-46 victory over the seniors after losing the first game by a narrow 35-33 margin Friday night.

Dog Perkins entered the first game for the seniors with 34 seconds left in the last quarter. Perkins scored six points to erase a four point faculty lead and win the game.

Tim Eckley with 11 points was high scorer for the seniors, while Father Gerald Haemmerle paced the faculty with 10.

The faculty dramatically saved their pride by downing the seniors 51-46 in the second game. Peter Kaufman scored an outstanding 23 points and 11 for 13 at the foul line for the faculty. Denny DeVer and Bob Conway led senior scoring with nine points each.

There is only one explanation for the disgrace to the class of ‘69. And after the game, Coach Killian hinted of intrigue, “We won by inside help. We had a spy who pretended to be for the seniors.” Moderator William Truxel replied, “Could be.” Mystery still surrounds the questionable activities.
Some of our 2019 Graduates and Alumni Parents
123 students from 20 different schools comprise the incoming Alter freshmen class. Many are receiving scholarships made possible through your generous gifts to the Annual Fund.

2023 LEGACY: CHILDREN OF ALUMNI

1st Row – Izzy Albrecht (Jonathan ’98), Ceci Blessing (Kevin Bleicher ’69, Step-father), Ava Elliott (Amanda Farmer ’94), Caroline Doorley (Amy Suttman ’86), Ben Burkhardt (Tom ’93), John Dillon (James ’85), Bryce Claggett (Michelle Gruber ’86), David Claggett (Michelle Gruber ’86)

2nd Row – AnnMarie Riegel (Chris ’90 & Kathy Brady ’90), Kristen Senkiw (Laura Wiesman ’85), John Rechel (Geoff ’86), Jacob Lawson (Nikki Parnell ’89), Kara Senkiw (Laura Wiesman ’85), Anthony Ruffolo (Rick ’86), Bret Howell (Elizabeth Kelliher ’83), Aj Rocco (Anthony ’91), Ethan Willits (Rick ’88), Lindsay Homan (Suzanne Alejandrino ’82), Sam Miller (Adam ’91 and Ellen Sand ’91), Drew Spears (Bonnie Kinney ’88), Aj Leen (Brian ’91 and Jenny Mercurio ’91), Jack Keighley (Heather Rice ’95), Jack Wierzbanowski (Jason ’90), Danny Gross (Patricia O’Connor ’91), Jacob Schaefer (Robert ’96 and Elizabeth Riazzi ’92).

Standing at top of Knight – Ben Kiley (Don ’87), Michael Klein (Jon ’77), Liam Kernan (Brian ’79), Riley Koeller (Linda Manzo ’87), Maddie Jecker (Cynthia Duckro ’94), Sarah Lehner (Mark ’94)

Absent from photo: Barrett Callejo (Arabella Naguit ’89)

ASCENSION
Kary Applegate
Ava Tenhundfeld

BISHOP LEIBOLD
Cecilia Blessing
John Dillon
Thomas Eckert
Sean Hamilton
Kyle Jackson
Monica Jasek
Madeline Maffett
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Sophia Montgomery
Brooklynn Ring
Madelynn Riplev
Andrew Schenck
Aris Tashan

EAST DAYTON CHRISTIAN
Morgan Evans

HARMAN ELEMENTARY
Dylan Issler
Daniel Pierce

HORIZON SCIENCE ACADEMY
Amani Thompson

INCARNAHON
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Mia Barnett
Jacob Brown
Benjamin Burkhardt
Natalie Busher
Sarah Claiborne
Yaa Darkwa
Ashley Deddens
Caroline Doorley
Courtneye Getter
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Lauren Grisoni
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Jayla Williams

MASSIG MIDDLE SCHOOL
Joseph Geisert

MIAMISBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL
Eric Pettit

MORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
Grant Russell

PATHWAY SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY
Ty Ferguson

RICHARD ALLEN ACADEMY
Kall Peterson

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Kyra Hodge
Ilana Martin
JayShawn Maxwell
Hope McCoy
Leon Penson
Andrew Spears

SAINT BRIDGET
Evan Smith

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEAO
Isabelle Albrecht
Genevieve Bacarella
Charles Baird
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Ryan Geiger
Jackson Godlove
AnnaBelle Hacker
Kaitlyn Jecker
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Luke Lance
Bridget Lombard
Sydney Lorson
Jack Lunne
Mikayla Mihok
Andrew Moore
Avery Ocheter
AnnMarie Riegel
Nicholas Rodman
Jakob Ross
Jacob Schaefer
Frances Alyxa Viernes
Emma Walker
Dominic Weyer
Jack Wierzbanowski
Michael Yuqui

SAINT CHRISTOPHER
Kailey Smith
Taylor-Rae Watson

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES
Liam Reilly

SAINT JOHN XXIII
Catherine Glenn
Emily Oney
Lorena Reich

TOWER HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Zachary Landers

VALOR COLLEGE ACADEMY
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SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

The Scholarship Breakfast is thrown each year to honor all scholarship donors and recipients. It is a lovely morning where we celebrate mass and then break bread together to allow time for the givers to meet the receivers and for those receivers the chance to give thanks in person. At the 2019 Scholarship Breakfast, there was so much love and appreciation in the room for the help the donors and their scholarships provide students wishing to continue in Catholic education.

Over the last ten years, our Advancement Office has done a tremendous job of working with our Alter community to increase scholarships to our incoming and current students. The number of scholarships awarded has increased from ten to 120 in number, with the total value of these awarded scholarships exceeding $200,000. We have just scratched the surface of meeting the needs of our families, and it is imperative we continue our efforts, as the cost of sending children to Catholic High Schools has increased tremendously and has become quite a burden on families.

This year’s breakfast reminded us of how important and valued the scholarships are to each of our students and their families. Alter’s Director of Advancement and the impetus behind the scholarship growth, Rick Willits, thanked our donors and talked about how much these scholarships mean to Alter Students. Principal Lourdes Lambert introduced Mr. Kurt Murnen ’95, one of Alter’s scholarship donors, and Kurt spoke of the power of giving and what giving to our students has meant to him. Lourdes also introduced each of our student speakers (Freshman Emma Hansley, Junior Allison Wallace, and Senior Andrew Hornick) in such a loving manner, and they all spoke of what their scholarships meant to them. Andrew specifically mentioned that going to Alter was something he worked hard to achieve. With older siblings who attended public school, Andrew knew he had to be part of the solution. After the breakfast, his mother Lisa Hornick wrote some very impactful words “… I cannot say enough good things about what Andrew’s Alter education has meant to him and our family. He’s been blessed with a principal who takes the time to get to know every student and truly cares for them. Some of his teachers have become his most valued mentors. He has found wonderful, beautiful friends. Alter is a community like no other, and we are so grateful.”

If you or your family are interested in setting up a scholarship for Alter students, please contact Rick.Willits@alterhs.org.
We have been so fortunate this semester to have many speakers for our STEM Talks with our students. Thank you to these mentors! If you are interested in speaking to our students at our STEM Talks, please email jennifer.butler@alterhs.org.

Ms. Brianna Dooley  Engineering Ambassador from UD  
Dr. Patrick Sonner  Director of the Undergraduate Neuroscience from UD  
Mr. Joe Untener  Mechanical Engineer, teaches at UD  
Dr. Brian Rigling  Professor in WSU Engineering and Computer Science Department  
Dr. Kyra Bufi Burke  Alter grad and future doctor  
Dr. Rusty Baldwin  Department of Computer Science

**KNIGHT OF GRATITUDE**

Being able to thank those who give to Alter is something we can never do enough of, and this year to show our Knights Council level investors how much we appreciate them, Lourdes Lambert held her annual KNIGHT OF GRATITUDE in The Christine Connor & Fred J. Miller Conservatory of the Arts building. The gathering of wonderful people mixed with great food in a beautiful venue perfectly kicked off our evening.

We then ushered our guests into the Lori Suttman Theatre where we heard the stars of the evening, our students. Our Knights Council Leadership Scholarship recipients Madeline Maffett, Tommy Eckert, Kailey Smith, Maddie Jeck, Nick Rodman, and Grace Girmann all showed us that giving to Alter is a wonderful investment. These students spoke up (and even danced) on the stage with poise, confidence, compassion, and heart-felt appreciation to those who have given to Alter and to those who have laid the tradition before them. Our community rallies around our school and our students, and it is with true gratitude to our community that we are able to do many of the things we do at Alter. Thank you for continuing to invest in our future.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2020**

**Nationals Merit Semi-Finalists**
- Elizabeth Jasek
- Charlotte Kunesh
- Sara LiBrandi
- Peter Schimpi

**Nationals Merit Commended Scholars**
- Thomas Junker
- Kenny Kohnen
- Nick Scheimann
Great news to share about 2019 AlterFest!

1. Net Income was $91,000 in 2019 versus $90,500 in 2018. “We made More with Less!” HOW?
   a. 10 Hours LESS Festival Time
   b. 1 LESS DAY
   c. 800 LESS Volunteers (2400 LESS Volunteer Hours)

2. We LISTENED and will be adjusting the following for 2020!
   a. Sunday will be just like Saturday!
   b. Chicken Dinners will be served on Saturday and Sunday Night
   c. Additional daytime Kids Games & Entertainment

3. Permanent IMPROVEMENTS to AlterFest
   a. Security check at three entrances
   b. Live music under the BIG tent on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
   c. No Monday

Moving forward, net income, rather than gross revenue, will be reported as it is a better representation of the actual funds that directly benefit the school. Thanks to everyone and see you in 2020!

MURAL IN THE CONSERVATORY

Please come enjoy this massive feat by Senior Lindsey Gantt ... a beautiful mural for our Conservatory of the Arts! She painted tirelessly all summer to complete her goals (as well as working on 8 other art pieces for her portfolio!!!) Truly amazing and thank you!
Magnified Giving is an organization that encourages student philanthropy and giving to non-profit organizations. The founder of Magnified Giving, Roger Grein, spoke to our students about his personal inspiration for the program and his dream to educate, inspire and engage students in philanthropy. Magnified Giving gives $1000 (or more) to groups of students and challenges them to find a local non-profit organization to receive this money. Our Senior Theology Students have been researching social issues that are meaningful to them and have identified Non-Profits that are working on these issues in the Dayton area. This is Alter’s 4th year participating in the program.

Through this program, we are learning about philanthropy and philanthropists, the many social needs of our community, and the efforts of local organizations to meet those needs. We are inviting non-profit organizations to compete for our grant by completing a Grant Application. Once we receive the applications, we will review the applications, make site visits, create presentations and choose which organization should receive our grant. Through participation in the program, we hope to gain skills in civic responsibility and to learn about the great work being done in our community.
**GOLF AT STATE!**
It was an incredible state run for the Alter Knights! The boys placed 2nd and the girls placed 4th - both in Division II. Congratulations to our golfers!

![Coach Alex Schuster, Tommy Grawe, Jack Holtgreive, John Lunne, Jack Norman](image1)

![Fiona Hoskins, Gabbie Houpt, Peyton Kuntz, Maggie Pascual, and Alex Volk](image2)

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**fall sports update**

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**Visit alterknights.org for all upcoming athletic schedules!**
Help us find your friends!

In preparation for the upcoming reunions, we hope to find our Lost Alums. As you can see, we’re missing mailing addresses for many of our alumni. If you have any contact information, please email advancement@alterhs.org, or have the alum update his/her contact information directly at www.alterhs.org/alumni.

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From the Director of Alumni Relations
Kim Graf ‘88 Schimpf

WHAT IS AN ALTER KNIGHT ALUMNUS?

I was recently asked how I would describe an Alter High School alumnus. In doing so, I reflected on the people in our Alter community - those I have known for some time and those I've met in my time working here at Alter. I thought about the students and the time and effort they put into what they do. I thought about the young alumni in college and in the work force, who are figuring out their place in this world and determining plans for the future. I thought about our culture, and I thought about our many traditions. What is an Alter Knight alumnus?

It certainly starts with our students and the culture and traditions they are a part of here at Alter. Our students carry on the traditions of those that came before them, and they strive for success in academics, extracurricular activities, and philanthropy. While doing so, they are also kind, inclusive, and supportive. These students, who are a part of our success-driven culture at Alter, evolve into alums who strive for success regularly.

Our alums..... They strive for success in all they do. Some saves lives, some work and advocate for the needs of others, some have started and run successful businesses, others perform on Broadway or in the Symphony, some teach and counsel students, some build buildings, others share their faith with many on a regular basis, so many protect us and our country, and a tremendous number of alums are strong spouses and inspirational mothers and fathers. Whatever it is that our alums do, it's clear to me that success is a part of it.

So after thinking about our students and the evolution of those students into alums, I can confidently say that an Alter High School alumnus is driven, faith-filled, and ultimately successful. Striving for success is something that naturally becomes part of an Alter student during the time spent here, so much so, that success seems to be embedded in the being of an Alter Knight forever. I'm not sure if it is because of our community, our high expectations, or the other students striving for similar goals, but one thing is for sure....Alter Knights reach for greatness. That success mixed with passionate kindness is the combination that creates the especially unique being of an Alter High School alumnus.

We are certainly Alter Proud of our Alter alumni!

GO KNIGHTS!

got email?

Many of our alumni updates are now sent via email. If you are not receiving them, please update your contact information at www.alterhs.org/alumni.
Archdeacon: Borland tackling his next challenge
Ex-NFL linebacker finds a way to help his hometown heal.
DAYTON DAILY NEWS SPORTS Aug 25, 2019
By Tom Archdeacon, columnist

He felt sick to his stomach. Chris Borland had awakened in his Los Angeles apartment around 4 a.m. three Sundays ago and happened to glance at his phone. That’s when he saw the dreadful alerts. There had been a mass shooting back home in Dayton’s Oregon District. The former football star at Alter High School, the University of Wisconsin and with the San Francisco 49ers — a hard-hitting linebacker who four years ago abruptly traded his shoulder pads for a mantle of social activism, a consciousness that now would lead to the Dayton Peace Festival in October — had been back in Dayton the week before the shooting for a wedding and had hung out in the Oregon District.

Now he was learning how an armor-clad gunman with a modified AR-15 weapon had killed nine people and injured 37 in a murderous 30-second spree in the popular entertainment district just past 1 a.m. “I felt helpless,” Borland said. “I was thousands of miles away and I wanted to do something. I have benefitted so much from the Dayton community over the years and I wanted to help in some way now.” As the day went on, he reached out to family and friends, read everything he could about the situation and was struck by one particular response. He had grown up in the parishes of St. Albert the Great and St. Charles Borromeo in Kettering and graduated from Archbishop Alter, so his Catholic underpinnings had been strong. But he thought the Archdiocese of Cincinnati’s initial response to the Dayton murders was underwhelming, at best.

He started to jot down his thoughts, slept on them and the following day had others read them first before sending them on to Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. He thought the church could do more. While he noted it does “great work on the ground,” he felt the times now required “bolder leadership” and he urged the church to “lead as Christ would.” He offered three suggestions: That the church frame gun control as a pro-life stance; that the church condemn white supremacy, which spurred the shootings that preceded Dayton’s in El Paso and Gilroy, California; and that the church hold politicians who are parishioners accountable. He said he was referring to those who use the Lord’s name and talk about God to get elected, then once in office don’t embody those values. He followed up his initial message to Schnurr with additional text messages, emails and phone messages — six in all — but at first got no response. NPR got wind of his impassioned plea and soon the points of his letter were circulating in social media. He finally was contacted by the media director of the archdiocese and they had a constructive conversation. That’s when Borland realized he needed to pivot to positivity. “I wanted to transition quickly from calling someone out and being critical to doing something positive,” he said. “And that’s when the idea for the Peace Festival came to mind.” Borland has spent the past two weeks putting it together and here’s what he has so far: It will be a three-day celebration of hope, healing and thought-provoking discussion — October 12, 13 and 14 — held at the Dayton Peace Museum on West Monument Street downtown and at a new basketball court Borland has helped build along West Third Street near the Greater Dayton Recreation Center at Roosevelt Commons. Along with music, games, food and daily yoga and mindfulness sessions, he said there will be a series of discussions on gun violence, racism and mental health that will involve national experts, state and local policy makers and Dayton area people directly impacted by those issues. Borland hopes of have one of the recipients of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize give an evening presentation and there will be a writing and peace plan competition for Dayton-area students. He’s working on commitments from area athletes — especially from Ohio State football and University of Dayton and Wright State basketball — local clergy members and some national celebrities and sports figures he has access to through his position as an executive producer with the Santa Monica based (Co) Laboratory that links athletes and sports teams with a variety of storytelling platforms from TV ventures to podcasts.

It was with this same conscientious fervor that Borland made his heart-wrenching decision to quit playing the game he had loved. After completing a glorious rookie season with San Francisco in 2014 — he led the 49ers in tackles and was named to the NFL’s All Rookie team — he made a decision that rippled throughout the league. Because of concerns about the violent collisions that regularly occur in the game, the concussions that come with them and their link to CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy) that has afflicted so many former players, he promptly walked away from a million-dollar contract and the cusp of NFL greatness. He didn’t expect the tsunami wave of scrutiny, debate, criticism and embrace that would come with his decision. Borland has never been one to seek the spotlight or toot his own horn, but he didn’t duck the responsibility that came with his decision. He soon was part of scientific studies and campus lectures. He was the subject of countless magazine, newspaper and TV pieces. He appeared on shows like Face the Nation, CBS This Morning and ESPN’s Outside the Lines. Most of all he became an advocate — in some instances a trusted confidante — of many players still in the league and especially those struggling in retirement. Just this past February he testified before Congress about the way the football establishment — especially the NCAA and the Department of Defense, which collaborated on a study on concussions in 2014 — manipulates the numbers and science of brain injuries. Although he’s just 28, ESPN dubbed him “the most dangerous man in football.” Just as he didn’t shy away from the CTE issue, he wasn’t going to sit on the sidelines now following the deadly attack on the Oregon District. “I never wanted to say that, after a shooting in my hometown, I didn’t do everything I could to help,” he said. “And I think a lot of other people feel the same way. All the athletes I’ve talked to so far basically say, ‘Anything you need, I’m in.’ It’s a desire, an eagerness to celebrate the good in Dayton and help in the healing of the community a little bit, too.”

Time for growth
He grew up on Avon Way in Kettering, one of Jeff and Zebbie Borland’s seven kids. All of them excelled in sports, music or dance, but none more so than Chris. The team captain and MVP at Alter, he led the Knights to a state title and won first-team All Oho honors.

He then won three Big Ten titles at Wisconsin, was a three-time All-Big Ten first teamer and in 2013 was named an All American and the Big Ten Defen-
Chris Borland was initiated into the Alter Athletic Hall of Fame last month.

Committed to the community
Borland came back to Dayton 10 days ago to meet Kelly for the first time and begin to put together an expansive venture that is just seven weeks away. In a perfect alignment of the stars, Ohio State football has a bye the weekend of the festival and the Cincinnati Bengals, Dayton Flyers and Miami Redhawks football teams are all on the road. Borland visited Ohio State’s practice the other day and talked to some former and current players about taking part in the festival, especially Buckeyes’ defensive lineman Robert Landers, the Wayne High product whose brother Trey plays basketball for the Dayton Flyers. Both of them are committed to their community and know about gun violence, too. Their father was shot and killed outside a muffler repair shop on Salem Avenue when they were youngsters. Borland has gotten commitments from some other area athletes and is working on securing national figures he wants to bring to town. The other day as he took me on tour of the Peace Museum, we came across a stack of his Wisconsin football jerseys that had been left on a table in an empty, third-floor room. “Those are all my bowl game jerseys,” he explained. “Three are from Rose Bowls, there’s one from the Capital One Bowl and another from the Champs Sports Bowl. I’m going to auction them off to raise money for our weekend festival.” Hopefully some Wisconsin boosters will step up and buy them. It would be good for their bar or man cave or whatever. “He said if people want to help raise funds, get involved or just have questions about the festival, they can go to the website: daytonpeacefestival.com. “We hope to come together for three days and have these important conversations while also celebrating our community and showing a unity among the different races, religious beliefs and lifestyles across the city,” he said. “And in the process we can make people aware of the Peace Museum and the new court in West Dayton.” He said he hopes it will be an annual effort that offers something besides the same “thoughts and prayers” clichés that so many politicians offer up, but then provide no follow up with it. Kelly agreed: “That really gets me going. When politicians use that phrase, it’s too often just a platitude. It’s almost like stalling. It’s hard to argue with, but I’ve started to lately.” Ever the pivoter, Borland said: “It’s not an either-or question, it’s a ‘Yes… and now what?’ deal. Thoughts and prayers are great, but you should be asking, ‘OK, what comes next?’” “I feel like the Dayton Peace Festival is kind of like our answer to ‘now what?’ We actually are doing something.” Chris Borland may have left football, but he’s showing he still can firmly tackle whatever is in front of him.

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KNIGHTS REMEMBERED: 2018 REUNIONS

1969 - 50 YEAR REUNION: A GREAT WEEKEND OF FUN
1974 - 45 YEAR REUNION: CELEBRATING AT THE OREGON EXPRESS

1979 - 40 YEAR REUNION: THREE REUNION EVENTS THIS YEAR!
1984 - 35 YEAR REUNION: COMING TOGETHER AT FIVE SEASONS

1989 - 30 YEAR REUNION: FUN AT MR. BORO’S AND ALTER MUSICFEST

1994 - 25 YEAR REUNION: GREAT GATHERING AT CHAPPY’S
It's Reunion planning time!

Calling Alums: 80, 85, 90, 00, 05, 15

The Classes of 1970, 1975, 1995, and 2010 have started their party planning for their reunions.

We're looking for some help with the following classes: 1980, 1985, 1990, 2000, 2005, and 2015. Contact kim.schimpf@alterhs.org if you'd like to help with plan your party!
congratulations to our 2019 hall of fame inductees

We are proud to recognize the newest members of our Alter High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Each of these individuals has achieved success in their professional careers, personal life, or through their athletic endeavors but all have modeled the Christian ideals that are the basis of an Alter education.

These five new recipients and 3 teams were inducted into the Alter Hall of Fame on October 10, 2019 at a dinner at The Presidential Banquet Center. They each had inspirational talks that evening and then addressed our students at an assembly the following morning.

To nominate someone or to view a list of past inductees, please visit the Hall of Fame pages of www.alterhs.org/hall-of-fame.

For more information, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@alterhs.org or 937.434.2059.

ALUMNI CONNECTION

Marty Grunder
Distinguished Alumnus
Class of 1986

Marty Grunder discovered his entrepreneurial spirit when he was a student at Alter looking for a way to put himself through college. He bought a used lawn mower at a garage sale and grew that initial $25 investment into Grunder Landscaping Co., a multimillion-dollar design-build firm headquartered in Dayton. Today he continues to serve as president and CEO of GLC, where he leads a team of 60 landscape professionals and administrative staff. The company has won more than 40 local and national design awards, and Marty has been named Entrepreneur of the Year by both Ernst & Young and the US Small Business Administration.

To channel his energy and enthusiasm for helping others succeed, Marty established The Grow Group, a consultancy for green-industry and small-business owners, and he began traveling around the country to teach, speak to, and coach entrepreneurs. He has delivered more than 550 talks and motivated audiences of all shapes and sizes, from a small gathering of 20 to a stadium of 9,000. In 2003, his book, The 9 Super Simple Steps to Entrepreneurial Success, was named Business Book of the Year by the Independent Publisher Awards.

A graduate of the University of Dayton School of Business, Marty sits on the boards of the National Association of Landscape Professionals Foundation, Wright State University, Park National Bank of Southwest Ohio, and the Dayton Development Coalition. He and his wife, Lisa, have raised four Alter graduates: Emily, Katie, Lily, and Grant.

Kristen Fryburg Zaitz
Athletic Alumnus
Class of 1999

Kristen Zaitz started her running career as a sophomore at Alter and earned a varsity letter all three years in cross country and track (’96–’99). While at Alter, she placed 4th in the State Championship Cross Country meet and won the 2-mile in track. Kristen went on to run on scholarship at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) where she was the first freshman to qualify as an individual in the MAC conference to the NCAA meet. While at Miami, she earned All-Conference and Academic All-American honors. Kristen graduated from Miami in 2003 with a degree in Sports Organization and a minor in coaching.

After college Kristen moved to Colorado where she pursued a career as a professional distance runner. Running for Mizuno and then Brooks, she went on to qualify to the Olympic Marathon Trials three times (’08, ’12, ’16) where she was ranked 16th in the country in 2016 with a time of 2:32:48. Kristen had the honor of representing the United States in Nanning, China in the World Half Marathon Championships in 2010.

After the Olympic Trials in 2016, Kristen retired from competitive running to start a family. She went on to have two children, Tahlia (born February 2017) and Zane (born March 2019). Her family is her best accomplishment and trumps any running accolades she collected over the years. While her primary job is staying home with her kids, she enjoys coaching high school cross country with her step-dad and former Alter coach (98-99) and pro coach, as well as managing rental properties. Her husband, Justin, a Colorado native, works at Medtronic leading Financial Planning and Analysis, for Global Operations, for the Minimally Invasive Therapies Group. They reside in Broomfield, Colorado.
Coach Craig Myers Honored Coach

When Craig Myers joined Alter High School in 1977 as a science teacher, he was quickly added to the coaching staff of various sports. Craig was a member of the football coaching staff from 1977 – 1984, coached Track and Field from 1978 – 1997, Cross Country from 1988-1997, and Swimming & Diving from 1985 – 1997.


After leaving Alter, Craig carried his teaching and coaching skills to Lakota West, where he worked for 21 years. He coached Track & Field, Cross Country, and Swimming & Diving at Lakota West, where his 2006 Girls Cross Country Team produced an individual State Champion.

Craig retired from teaching in 2018, and he currently lives at Indian Lake with his wife of 46 years, Karen. His daughters Erin ’95 and Sarah ’97 were both three-sport athletes at Alter, and have now given Craig his great treasure – 4 grandkids to enjoy.

‘96 Boys State Champion Cross Country Team

The 1996 cross country season began in the August heat at Dayton’s Triangle Park and concluded in the November frost at Scioto Downs in Columbus. On that first Saturday in November, the Alter Knights ran their way to a commanding victory to claim the first cross country state title in school history.

The 1996 team boasted a stout lineup from top to bottom. They were high among the favorites to win the state championship when the title chase began at the Trotwood-Madison District Meet, where the Knights won handily. The romp continued at the Regional Meet the following weekend in Troy.

On that frigid morning of the State Meet, the Knights knew they faced some contenders from northern Ohio, Mogadore Field in particular. The Knights would need a strong team effort to meet the challenge. The pace on that cold day went out hot, with the leaders stringing out the field with a first mile in the 4:40s. But the Knights kept their pack tight. Senior Nick Andrews--the team’s top runner--was the tip of the Knight’s spear. He was shadowed by senior Josh Mears, junior Shaun Westfall, junior Mike Gionette, and freshman Greg Kohls. Seniors Brendan Shannon and Nick Duffy were also part of the drive.

When the battle concluded, it was the Knights who carried the day. Top ten finishes by Andrews and Mears and season-best efforts from Westfall, Kohls, and Gionette, decisively gave the team its state crown. With the victory, the team had officially risen from unranked in the preseason cross country polls to the undisputed champs.

‘96 Boys State Champion 4x800m Relay Team

The 4x800 quartet of senior Dan Moroney, senior Mike Lehner, junior Nick Andrews, and junior Josh Mears completely dominated their competition in the 1996 track season. They were literally unchallenged. The squad set Division II District and Regional records that still stand almost 25 years later. (The school record still stands as well).

How dominant were they? So dominant that the race was effectively over at the halfway mark. Everyone else was racing for second place at that point. End of story.

On that championship-winning day in June, opening leg Dan Maroney brought the baton to Mike Lehner in a neck-and-neck battle with Cincinnati McNicholas. Lehner shadowed McNick’s second-leg runner for 650 meters before blasting things open. Nick Andrews took the baton in the lead and widened it further. Josh Mears brought the victory home.

The 4x800 Knights stood atop the podium as the undisputed champs. Though we’ll never know for sure, it is quite possible that this team was the best in Ohio across all divisions in 1996.
The 4x800 quartet of senior Nick Duffy, junior Shaun Westfall, senior Nick Andrews, and senior Josh Mears brought a repeat state championship in the event back to Alter High School. The 1997 lineup was as dominant as ever, once again leaving all competitors far in its wake.

The back-to-back 4x800 titles were a product of Alter’s ability to simply reload after losing two runners to graduation from the 1996 relay team. Reloading like this is never a given, but Alter did it with workmanlike ease.

The mid-to-late 1990s was an era of impressive depth in the middle distances at Alter High School, making it possible to achieve multi-year dominance at a relay distance tailor-made for middle distance runners. From third place in 1995 to championships in 1996 and 1997, it was quite the run of success.

The 1997 team basically reprised the scene from the previous year. Nick Duffy ran an assertive opening leg, enabling Shaun Westfall to maintain the pace with the lead pack, Nick Andrews to blow the lead open, and Josh Mears to race home uncontested.

The 1997 team left its mark, punctuating a period of 4x800 success that gave Alter a statewide reputation for supremacy in the event.

While at Boston College, studying Psychology, Chris participated in retreats sponsored by the Mary Knoll Catholic priests, where he was offered the opportunity to spend a summer working alongside the priests in East Africa. Meeting those in need of medical attention during the service trip inspired a change in direction for Chris, completing all pre-med courses in his junior and senior years, and graduating Magna Cum Laude. He then graduated from Wright State University School of Medicine in 1982. After prerequisite General Surgery training, Chris completed a Plastic Surgery residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Detroit and a Hand Surgery Fellowship at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Chris Borland was a stand-out athlete who lettered in tennis, basketball, track and field, and football. Borland was part of the first State Championship football team in Alter history. A captain, first team All-State running back, and school record holder in the shot-put, Borland continued his education and football career at the University of Wisconsin.

At Wisconsin, Chris was Big Ten Freshman of the year, an All-American linebacker, a two-time team captain, Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, Big Ten Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Winner, Wisconsin Student-Athlete of the Year, and a finalist for the Lott Trophy. He was selected in the third round of the 2015 NFL draft by the San Francisco 49ers; Borland led the 49ers in tackles as a rookie, was named to All-Rookie Team, and was an alternate to the Pro-Bowl. He retired after his first professional season due to concerns over brain injury.

Borland is currently an Executive Producer with (Co) Laboratory Studios, a teacher with Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, and a prospective student in neuroscience at Kings College -London. He lives in Los Angeles.
Moments from the Hall of Fame ...


Acceptance speech by Dr. Danis

Track star Kristen Fryburg Zaitz

Chris Borland at the HOF Assembly

The Fryburg Zaitz Family

Coach Myers and grandson

The Danis Family

Grunder and Introducer, Matthew Schimpf

Borland receives his plaque

Track team members reuniting

Coach Myers at the HOF Assembly

Inductees at the Knight!

Marty “boutonniered” by wife Lisa

Team recognition with Mrs. Lambert
By John Bush  
Senior Reporter, Dayton Business Journal  
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If you happened to see Chris Riegel mowing the grass at a Trotwood warehouse, you likely wouldn’t peg him as the head of a multinational company that is approaching a billion dollars in revenue. And if you saw him helping with demolition work at downtown Dayton’s largest office tower, you may not realize he owns the building that bears his company’s name.

But Riegel isn’t your typical CEO. As the founder of STRATACACHE — a Dayton-based provider of digital signage, merchandising, mobile enablement and customer engagement for seven of the top 10 global retailers — Riegel has built the company from the ground up. Since founding STRATACACHE at age 27, he has grown the business into what it is today: a global organization with offices across the United States, Europe, Asia and Canada.

Despite his success, Riegel likes to stay grounded. “You see these guys who have had success, and they go out and buy boats or crazy cars and start to live the lifestyle, which I think is the most dangerous thing you could do,” Riegel told me. “You can’t forget that business is always a fight. You’ve always got to keep your eye on the ball.”

This mindset is part of the reason why you’ll see Riegel on a John Deere mower before you see him in a Lamborghini. He’s more interested in being a hands-on business owner than a helicopter CEO.

“There’s a great (Gen. George) Patton quote I use all the time, which was ‘no good decision was ever made in a swivel chair,’” he said. “If you’re out with your customers, with your employees, with your partners or others — in any activity — it helps you understand what the reality is.”

Aside from his desire to be hands on, Riegel likes to perform menial tasks like grass cutting at the company’s Trotwood facility as a way to relax. He doesn’t have much time for hobbies (he works 60- to 90-hour weeks), so these activities serve as a way to unwind after spending his days solving challenging problems.

“It’s kind of a zen moment where you go from working 80, 90 hours a week and having to deal with complex challenges to where the most complex thing is turning left or right,” Riegel said. “It helps you decompress a little bit, and kind of turn your brain off. To a certain extent it reminds you that office work isn’t so bad. When you’re out and it’s 96 degrees, you don’t get too far removed from the reality of what that work is really like. It’s that kind of thing that helps you stay grounded as well.”

In an exclusive interview with the Dayton Business Journal, Riegel discussed his company’s local and international growth, how STRATACACHE came to be, his foray into real estate investment and plans to become a $5 billion company in the next five years.

EARLY DAYS
A lifelong Dayton-area resident, Riegel grew up in the suburbs of West Carrollton. Riegel said he was “bitten by the tech bug” at an early age, and started building computers when he was 10 or 12 years old. He launched his first computer business while still in high school, then grew the company to 20 employees over the next decade. He spun STRATACACHE out of this business in 1999.

“Tech is one of those markets where, once you’re in it, you’re in it,” Riegel said. “It moves so fast and you just get caught up in the technology. So it just becomes a part of your life.”

GROWING A SUCCESSFUL COMPANY
Now at age 47, Riegel has spent the last two decades growing STRATACACHE into a global company with a dozen business units and around 1,100 employees. The company has more than three million software activations globally across multiple platforms, giving it one of the deepest footprints in the digital signage retail market.

Aside from its Dayton headquarters, STRATACACHE has offices in San Fransisco, San Jose and Los Angeles, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Chicago, Illinois; Bentonville, Arkansas; and Dallas, Texas. Its global offices include Calgary, Toronto and Vancouver, Canada; Hong Kong, China; Tokyo, Japan; London, U.K.; Adelaide, Australia; Bangalore, India; Oslo, Norway; Sittard, Netherlands; and Luxembourg. Through various acquisitions, STRATACACHE now has a family of companies that include Scala, PRN, Carmanah Signs, Optika, SuperLumin and RDM. Acquiring these businesses has been a substantial source of growth for STRATACACHE, and Riegel said they will continue to examine other opportunities.

Through STRATACACHE Capital, which was formed in 2017, Riegel said they review close to 300 deals a year. He said another two to three acquisitions could close by the end of this year, setting the stage for additional growth.
“We’re always looking at acquisition,” he said. “But you have to spend time trying to make sure that something you’re looking at is real, and that there is true value there to grow that business. Buying a business without a plan for it means you’re just buying headaches, so you have to think those things through beforehand.”

WHAT IS STRATACACHE?
Riegel said STRATACACHE is a made-up word that plays off the term “cache,” which is a hardware or software component that stores data for content acceleration. He said he came up with the term early on, and it stuck.

When asked what STRATACACHE does, Riegel said the best way to put it is “we help our customers be more effective in serving their customers.” Some of the company’s biggest clients, which include McDonald’s, Walmart and JPMorgan Chase, use STRATACACHE for digital signs, sensors and artificial intelligence that can help to understand their customers’ preferences.

“People have repetitive patterns, so we’re helping our customers understand their customers who are coming in, and how to more effectively target them to drive a result,” Riegel said. “The result is how they increase sales, increase margins and take an action to benefit their business financially.”

INVESTING IN DAYTON
In the early days of STRATACACHE, Riegel would look out onto the downtown Dayton skyline after work each night. One particular office tower, which happens to be downtown’s largest, caught his eye.

That building, formerly known as Kettering Tower, was Riegel’s unicorn. Now, all those years later, Riegel’s dream of owning the building has become a reality. He purchased the nearly 500,000-square-foot building for $13 million earlier this year, and is investing millions more in renovations. He hopes to bring the occupancy rate up to 95 percent in the next two to three years.

“When the acquisition went down, a lot of people inside Scala only knew Chris as a competitor, and there was a bit of fear and trepidation that were would be a lot of change,” Sullivan said. “But it’s been great. He helped turn the company around, and it has grown leaps and bounds. It’s funny that his reputation coming in was as this shrewd, cold-hearted businessman, but that couldn’t be further from the truth. He’s a funny, caring guy who is the type of leader that rolls up his sleeves and stands with you shoulder-to-shoulder to get stuff done.”

Kevin Carbone, CEO of another STRATACACHE company, California-based PRN, had a similar experience to Sullivan. Post-acquisition, he thought his job could be on the chopping block. Like Sullivan, Riegel kept Carbone and has entrusted him to run PRN ever since.

“We had dinner, and halfway through he looked me in the eyes and said, ‘I want you to be a part of this thing,’” Carbone said. “I always think back to that because I think it perfectly encapsulates who Chris is. He’s going to take measure of a person and give them a chance to succeed or fail along the way. He had every right to go in a different direction, but he put a tremendous amount of faith in me, and he continues to support me. As someone who works for him, I couldn’t ask for more.”

Chris Riegel is a 1990 graduate of Alter and is married to current math & yearbook teacher, Kathy Brady ’90 Riegel.
Reverend John C. McBride ’66

Congratulations to Reverend John C. McBride ’66, who celebrated his 45th anniversary of his ordination. We are so proud of you!

Class of 1973

Class of 1973 classmates never stop learning! Karen Boyle ’73, Jim Heintz ’73, and Chris Brun ’73 Hartzell met up at the University of Dayton Lifelong Learning Institute to learn a little and to celebrate over 50 years of friendship.

Vicki Volmer ’86 Rentz & Caroline

We always love when our alums remember the good ole’ days, and then to share it with their children is the best! Current student, Caroline Rentz (daughter of Vicki Volmer ’86 Rentz), dressed up like her mom for Spirit Week at Alter! Notice the old uniform skirt and Class of ’86 t-shirt!

Dick Podiak ’88

Congratulations to Dick Podiak ’88, who was named one of Poets & Quants 100 Best and Brightest Executive MBAs for 2019. While working, Dick not only obtained his Executive MBA from the Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame, he was also continued to raise his family. Dick has served as an Officer in the Navy, worked at Proctor & Gamble and Kellogg’s, and is now at Old Dominion Freight Line. We are Alter Proud you have been honored in such a way for all of your hard work!

Pamela Datz ’76 Madden

was recognized at the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation’s 11th Annual Champions of Hope cancer recognition event. Pamela is a midwife with Lifestages, and she was honored as a Caregiver. We are proud of all you do!

500th Girls Soccer Win

Congratulations to all alums and current players on the Girls Soccer team for 500 Wins since the start of the program. The current team had a game honoring our alumni, they sent social media blasts with alumni player pictures, celebrated their past All-Americans, and they in turn received many video messages from past players sharing their well-wishes as they begin their tournament run. What great connections! The AGVS All-Americans pictured here are: Kathleen Krognaug ’84, Becky Borchers ’95 Shields, Missy Gregg ’99, Carly Mygrants ’07, Avalee Hagerty ’14, Lauren Dietz ’18, and Nicoletta Anuci ’19.

Class of 1975

The Class of 1975 has set plans for their 45th Reunion! Their EPIC reunion, titled “Christmas in July” will be held on 7/25/2020 at Oregon Express. They plan to gather for food, drink and the best company ever! Details to follow soon!

Patrick Bailey ’92

Patrick Bailey ’92 published a book last November titled “Music & Me.” It talks about how music played an important part of his life in band/choir, his experience working at Fraze Pavilion, and different groups/genres of music. One of his friends from Alter, Nick Nawroth ’92, designed the cover. The book is available on Amazon.

Christina Majeed ’01

Christina Majeed ’01, founder of Soulgani Active-wear, announced recently that her products can now be found at Kohl’s! Not only are her pieces really cool (inspired by beautiful landscapes), the proceeds from sales help to do good. Each sale provides either 10 meals to those in need, 10 bricks to build homes in Peru, or 10 art supplies for children. Congratulations Christina!
Stephanie Auditore ’06

Stephanie Auditore ’06 has been chosen as the Chief Executive Officer for the Association for Middle Level Education. The Board Chair indicated that “Stephanie will bring extensive experience in leadership roles and will drive collaboration and innovation.” We are proud of you Stephanie; GO KNIGHTS!

Matt Burian ’10

Congratulations to Officer Matt Burian ’10, who was chosen as the 2019 Kiwanis Club Officer of the Year! It is clear Matt is following in his father’s footsteps, as his dad, Captain Mark Burian received this same award in 1998. Congratulations to you both, and thank you for your service!

Carl Braunschweiger ’12

Carl Braunschweiger ’12 married Kayla Muncie on July 20, 2019 at Holy Trinity Church in Dayton. Carl is in medical school at Kent State and Kayla is an admissions counselor at Cleveland State University. Chase Brennan ’12 was best man and Mark Butler ’12 was a groomsman. Other members of the class of 2012 attending were Cameron Frazee, Bridget Snyder and Derek Lapsins. The couple will reside in Cleveland.

Katie Fisher ’10 and Ryan Lachey ’10

We love when Alter alums unite forever! In May of this year, Katie Fisher ’10 and Ryan Lachey ’10, celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage together with their family and friends in attendance. There were a lot of Alter alums in attendance, and the boys have a fun tradition of taking a celebratory picture at each wedding with their moms.

Malik Zaire ’13

Malik Zaire ’13 paid a visit to Alter this fall to catch up with Coach Ed Domsitz. After playing football at Notre Dame and Florida, Malik is now joining CBS Sports as a college football analyst.

Megan Courtney ’12

Megan Courtney ’12 is a member of the #3 nationally ranked Women’s National team that just won the Tokyo Women’s Volleyball Qualification Tournament Pool to earn a spot in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Megan is in line to become a US Olympic Team Member, and if chosen, she may be a part of helping USA get the first Olympic gold in indoor volleyball. (The 12 member Olympic Team will not be determined until 2020.)

Nash Lindley ’12 and Emily Grunder ’12

Congratulations to Nash Lindley ’12 and Emily Grunder ’12 Lindley on their recent marriage! Pictured below are Nash and Emily with their parents, Marty ’86 and Lisa, and Emily’s siblings, Lily ’16, Katie ’14, and Grant ’19. We wish you all the very best!

Nash Lindley and Emily Grunder

HAVE YOU AUTHORED OR ILLUSTRATED A BOOK??

We are excited to have started an Alumni Library full of books written and/or illustrated by our alumni.

If you have an Alter-authored/illustrated book that you’d like to donate to our library, please send it to Alter High School to the attention of either our librarian, Theresa Metter, or our Alumni Director, Kim Schimpf.
Andrew Eisenhauer ‘15, James Eisenhauer ‘15, & Tim Gregory ‘15

Andrew Eisenhauer ‘15 graduated from the Naval Academy in May, was commissioned into the Marine Corps, and has been awarded a pilot slot at flight school in Pensacola, where he will start in April in Marine aviation. His cousin, James Eisenhauer ‘15 who is in the Naval ROTC program at The Ohio State University will soon graduate, be commissioned, and also head to Pensacola for flight school in Navy Aviation. It was also special when James attended Andrew’s graduation where he was Andrew’s ‘First Salute’, and when James graduates, Andrew will give him his Commission Oath.

Tim Gregory ‘15 was selected for a slot in the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program through the United States Air Force! Tim received one of 50 slots awarded to US cadets slated to train as USAF pilots upon commissioning. WOW!!

And… to take our “Alter Connection” story even further from the Eisenhauer and Gregory Class Notes above, James Eisenhauer will be giving Tim Gregory his Commission Oath upon Tim’s graduation as well. We thank all you young men for your service, and we are proud of you!

Nick Brodbeck ‘15

Nick Brodbeck ‘15 was once again honored by the Golf Coaches’ Association of America as a Srixon/Cleveland Division III All America Scholar Athlete. Nick was granted this award in both 2018 and 2019. He finished his Denison golf career as an All-NCAC Honorable Mention, and he recently graduated with a degree in Biology. Congratulations Nick!

Allison Brunner ‘16

We often hear great things about Allison Brunner ‘16! Allison was named Player of the Week earlier this year for the University of Findlay’s softball team, and more recently she was named to their Homecoming Court. We are proud of all that you are Allison, and we wish you well in your senior year!

Abby Nichols ’16

Abby Nichols ‘16 broke The Ohio State Buckeye’s school record for the 5000M race with a time of 15:56.5, and is a Big Ten Champion! Way to go Abby!!

Matt Ruffolo ‘17

Congratulations to Matt Ruffolo ‘17 who is now the starting kicker for the University of Kentucky Wildcats football team. We are cheering you on Matt!

Football Knights Reunite

This fall, four Alter Knights reunited at the Air Force vs Colgate game. Alter represented both sides of the field: Pictured are Holden Rushing ‘17, Connor Meyer ‘19, Austin Helm ‘19, and Kyle Roshong ‘17.

Knights Abroad

Rob Alig ‘17 and Noelle Mash ‘18 were backpacking through New Zealand when they stopped at a restaurant in Queenstown. A woman overheard them say they were from Ohio and said, “Ohio?! I’m from Ohio!” Noelle and Rob talked with her for a while, and they soon found out she was from Xenia, and they eventually found out she also went to Alter High School!! Cat Moloney ‘07 was that woman in the restaurant that day, and Noelle said “It was so cool that it is such a big world out here, and we are running into Alter grads in New Zealand!” Later they ran into Annie Miller ‘17 in Dunedin, although this time it was planned. We love those Alter connections!

Meg Schwieterman ‘18

Meg Schwieterman ‘18, a freshman retailing major at the University of South Carolina, was selected to represent USC at New York Fashion Week. She received a free trip and a behind-the-scenes VIP experience, where she obtained some first-hand insight. We are so proud of you Meg!

Grace Haines ‘18

Alter alum, Grace Haines ’18, is a freshman and soccer player at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Grace has started every game for the Flames, and was named to the Horizon League All-Freshman Team.
10 YEARS OF RIDING TO FIND A CURE
By Matt Konicki and Dave Schoettmer (Class of 86)

CANCER: six letters that can strike fear in the heart and soul. More frightening, though, is 1,735,350: the number of people who will hear a cancer diagnosis this year. Like so many others, I’ve watched as my loved ones - my grandmother, my sister and my father - wrestled with the unknown: Will this kill me? How much time do I have left with my family and friends? Is there a cure? What is next for me and my loved ones? And over 600,000 of those who struggle with these questions this year will lose their lives to cancer.

So when my best friend, Dave Schoettmer, asked me in January of 2009 to join him to ride in a new event called Pelotonia to raise money for cancer research at The Ohio State University and Solove Research Institute, it was easy to say “yes.”

For those who are not familiar with Pelotonia, this is not your average $100-registration-and-get-a-t-shirt event. This is serious work, 100 miles on a bike from Columbus to Athens Ohio. Oh, yes, and from Mile 54 to the end, the western Appalachians rise, an unrelenting mile uphill at a time, forcing exhausted riders to climb off the bike and walk to the top.

Sure, there are 25-, 50- or 75-mile routes, but Dave doesn’t do anything small. We were all-in. We paid our registration, committed to 100 miles, and then the reality set in: What am I thinking, 100 miles? How long is this going to take? Dave, you do know August in Ohio is REALLY HOT, right?

As it turns out, those rolling hills are even tougher when you have been on your bike for six hours. You are tired, you are dripping with sweat, and all you want to do is GET OFF THE BIKE. And then, at mile 80, the person passing you has a jersey that says “Survivor” on the back. “OK,” I think, “if someone can survive cancer treatment and ride this 100 mile route, and I don’t have any health problems, then it’s time to dig deep and keep pedaling.”

A cancer patient can’t get off the bike. The “treatment hills” rise up for miles, with no clear end in sight. And with each hill, up and down, up and down, the successful patients keep riding as if their life depends on it... because it does.

We finished that first 8-hour ride into Athens excited, tired, sweaty and sore, but most importantly, knowing we were making a difference. I attribute this commitment in part to our time at Alter High School and our Catholic faith where a core value is service to others.

Since that first ride, Dave and I have committed nine more times, each year bringing more people along. In 2011 it was my wife, Carolyn, and Dave’s brother, John ’79. Since then, our colleagues at Navigator Management Partners, family and friends have joined us to ride, volunteer and raise money for cancer research. Most years we have more than twenty employees riding, volunteering at rest stops, and helping assemble the rider gift bags.

The passion Navigator employees have shown for Pelotonia is not surprising. They are built that way. Dave has been hiring people who have a passion for community since he founded Navigator. Collectively Navigator employees have adopted more than 200 non-profit organizations (generally several of them apiece!)

Over the years, I’m proud to say, Navigator has raised $287,000 for Pelotonia. With fundraising for 2018 still open, we are on track to raise an additional $52,000, which will put our 10-year total at $339,000. The impact is even greater because 100% of rider-raised funds go toward research.

If you have a passion to go the extra mile (uphill, and down) for cancer, come join us. Your life may not depend on riding 100 miles (or even 25), but someone else’s might.

Since its founding in 2008, Pelotonia has raised over $173 million for The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Richard J. Solove Cancer Research Institute. If you would like to learn more about Pelotonia, its mission and results they are achieving, please go to www.pelotonia.org.
In Memoriam

We offer families of the deceased our deepest sympathy and prayers. We appreciate those of you who write to inform us of deaths within the Alter family. You may provide information by calling the Advancement Office at (937) 434-2059 or emailing tina.lammers@alterhs.org.

Don Augusten (August 2019), grandfather of Madison Miller ’16, Max Miller ’17 and Jack Miller ’19
Marilyn Bell (September 2017), mother of Stefanie ’69, Richard ’70 and Charles ’74
Joe Bishop (October 2019), father of Lisa Bishop ’87 Callahan and Amy Bishop ’91 Bensman
Carol Blair (August 2019), mother of Kevin ’86 and Lisa ’88
Virginia (Ginger) Brockman (September 2019), mother of Lori Brockman ’79 Greenlee, Kathleen Brockman ’81 Stechschulte; grandmother of Brock Stechschulte ’15 and Luke Stechschulte ’17
Kathleen Luebke ’77 Chandler (May 2019), sister of John Luebke ’68, Jim Luebke ’72 and Carol Luebke ’69 Coy
Martha Ann Lieb Cox (December 2018), mother of Rachel ’89
Bob Cunningham ’69 (October 2019), brother of Kathy ’66
Edward Eckman ’70 (September 2019)
Gordon Fuchs (October 2019), father of Paul ’90, Stephen ’92, Mark ’94, Phillip ’96 and Anthony ’98
Matthew Gantt ’97 (June 2019), brother of Angela ’94, Nicole Gantt ’96 Nuesse, Christina ’99, Jonathan ’00, Jackie Gantt ’03 Wiseup and Andrew ’05
Alfred Gehret (July 2019), grandfather of Eric Hoving ’03, Craig Hoving ’08, Sarah Hoving ’13 and Emma Gehret ’19
James Gehring (September 2019), father of Angie Gehring ’86 Schimpf, Beth Gehring ’88 Glitsch, Jamie Gehring, Jon Gehring ’94; grandfather of Curtis Gehring ’14, Ben Schimpf ’16, Abigail Schimpf ’17, Chelsey Gehring ’19, Peter Schimpf ’20 and Avery Gehring ’22
Barbara Burkardt ’68 Geri (June 2019), sister of David ’71
John Joseph Hager ’68 (May 2019)
Matt Horvath ’75 (August 2019), husband of Kathy Halpin ’75 Horvath; father of Ben ’07 and Oliver ’07
Pat Keyes ’69 (June 2019), brother of Jeanne Keyes ’68 Beachler and Anna ’76
Mary Fitzharris ’67 La Tempa (June 2019), sister of Tina Fitzharris ’68 Pernik, Barb Fitzharris ’69 Hayward and Kevin Fitzharris ’73
Robert Lowden (September 2019), father of Kevin ’73, Kim Lowden ’76 Muncy, Amy Lowden ’79 Saletta and John ’83
Roy Mackie (July 2019), father of Brian ’14 and Sarah ’18
Elizabeth Payne ’77 Palermo (September 2019)
Werner Piekenbrock (January 2019), father of Lynne Piekenbrock ’71 Hammaker, Judy Piekenbrock ’72 Drake, James ’76; grandfather of Ryan Drake ’99, Shaun Drake ’04 and Cory Drake ’07
Charles Reiling ’68 (September 2019), brother of Ellen Reiling ’70
Richard Thomas Scherack (September 2019), grandfather of Ben Freeze ’01, Sarah Hess ’02 Key, Barb Freeze ’03, Nick Hess ’04 (deceased), Libby Freeze ’06, and Anthony Hess ’07
Joe Smith (July 2019), father of Joe ’87, Mike ’89 and Kathy Smith ’92 Cherubini
Dolores Sowar (June 2019), mother of Barbara Sowar ’71 Malloy (deceased), grandmother of Ryan Malloy ’97, Kerry Malloy ’00 and Colin Malloy ’05.
Dorothy Sprauer (August 2018), mother of Mary Ann Sprauer ’75 Abrams and Jim ’79
Eugene Stemley (February 2019), father of Kathleen ’76, Gregory ’77, Colleen ’79, Karen and Chris
James Williamson (September 2019), father of Mark ’88 and Gabrielle ’91

Beverly Wimsatt (June 2019), grandmother of Douglas ’97 and Erin ’02
Phyllis Yingling (August 2019), mother of Christy Yingling ’71 Pappert (deceased), David ’72, Tom ’73, Kathy Yingling ’75 Weaver, Patricia Yingling ’76 Viers, Julie Yingling ’78 Slivinski, Mary Ann Yingling ’79 Geers, Tim ’81, Theresa Yingling ’82 Plunkett, Beth Yingling ’85 Henson and Peggy Yingling ’88 Collins; grandmother of Becky Pappert ’96 Williams, Matt Pappert ’99, Tony Pappert ’01, Danny Pappert ’03, Jennifer Van Oss ’06, Kevin Van Oss ’09, Max Plunkett ’09, Sandy Plunkett ’10, Molly Van Oss ’11, Michael Plunkett ’12,
Mildred Zanowick (May 2019), mother of Paul ’75, Stephen ’76, Michael ’79 (deceased), Mark ’80, Chris ’84 and Russell ’85
John Zengel (May 2019), father of John ’82 and Vic ’86
Contributors by CLASS YEAR

CLASS OF 1966
$13,685
CLASS PARTICIPATION 17%
Michel Batty (Jo Ann)
John Borchers (Suzanne)
Thomas Brockman
Diane Davis Coggins (Ernest)
Rick Davis
Charles DiPasquale (Toni)
Toni Smith DiPasquale (Charles)
John Dues (Janet)
Katie Armstrong Ellis (Bob)
Robert Gutmann (Nancy)
Mary Lynne Simmons Henehan (Tom)
SuEllen McManus Henry
Barbara Blaho Hickey (Paul)
Paul Hickey (Barbara)
Gary Himes
Della Dean Hoffman (James)
Roberta Zeller Jastremski
Kathy Whalen Kavanaugh (Jim)
Michael Meyer
Susan Waterman Onaits
Michelle Michel Petrie (Toby)
David Popovich (Melinda)
Mark Redrick (Virginia)
John Reichard (Patricia)
Mike Reisinger (Jane)
Jim Stangle (Judy)
Teresa Magnier Sullivan (Arthur)
Kathy Bart Unverferth
Chuck Wagner (Kelly)
Connie Buckle Warner (Michael)
Edward Weinert
Nancy Panfile Weisner (James)
Paul Zimmer

CLASS OF 1967
$8,444
CLASS PARTICIPATION 13%
Gregory Barbato (Maryann)
Thomas Barkmeyer
Jo Ann Kramer Beckmann (Dick)
David Bradley (Cynthia)
Jeannine Michel Doak (Richard)
Michael Foley (Leslie)
Jean Fowler
Peggy Meintel Gagner (David)
Mark Graeser (Pamela)
Mickie Gummer
Nancy Scheper Gutmann (Robert)
Mark Haufler
Thomas Himes
Lois Pleiman Hough
Robert Krause

CLASS OF 1968
$12,230
CLASS PARTICIPATION 12%
Anita DeLuna Bechtold (William)
Susan Scianamblo Boutz
Marcia Woolley Brand (George)
Willie Bruns
William Budde
Nancy Kbrin Chrisbaum (Dennis)
Diane Dean
Bob Dries (Jeanne)
Michael Foreman (Mary)
Margaret Dintaman Gantt
Philip Glotzbach (Marie)
Darryl Grosjean (Sandy)
Julia Panfile Hall
Steven Hall (Kathy)
Richard Marcus (Melissa)
Suzanne Maday Phillips (Richard)
Dan Reichert (Sue)
Sue Kussman Reichert (Dan)
Martin Roderer (Anita)
Jim Ruef (Kris)
Kris Troup Ruef (Jim)
Mary Swanson Rusek
Frances Miller Schlegel (Louis)
Sandie Sierschula
Larry Spitzmiller
Bob Thaman
Michael Whalen (Elizabeth)

CLASS OF 1969
$6,792
CLASS PARTICIPATION 17%
Arnold Adams
Richard Aman
Mary Brechak Becht (Tom)
Kevin Bleicher
James Brooks
Linda Kirby Brown (Russell)
Sue Feldman Bruner (Blaine)
Stephen Cochran (Sandra)

CLASS OF 1970
$6,750
CLASS PARTICIPATION 8%
Kathleen Ryan Bledsoe (Robert)
Mary Jo Geis Boisvert
Tony Boland (Amy)
Jayme Shanton Budde
Kathleen Eichner
Mary Jo Feldman Fender (Rick)
Cynthia Ditzel Hassan (Michael)
Anne Adams Holbrook
James Kelley (Sung Li)
Jake Meyer (Dian)
Jeanette Krebs Schlosser
Rick Vanderhorst
Karen Dempsey Vonk (Edward)
Joe Wehrman
Diane Perkins Wish
Ruth Jackowski Woosley
Kay Staley Worthington

Contributors by CLASS YEAR

CLASS OF 1966
$13,685
CLASS PARTICIPATION 17%
Michel Batty (Jo Ann)
John Borchers (Suzanne)
Thomas Brockman
Diane Davis Coggins (Ernest)
Rick Davis
Charles DiPasquale (Toni)
Toni Smith DiPasquale (Charles)
John Dues (Janet)
Katie Armstrong Ellis (Bob)
Robert Gutmann (Nancy)
Mary Lynne Simmons Henehan (Tom)
SuEllen McManus Henry
Barbara Blaho Hickey (Paul)
Paul Hickey (Barbara)
Gary Himes
Della Dean Hoffman (James)
Roberta Zeller Jastremski
Kathy Whalen Kavanaugh (Jim)
Michael Meyer
Susan Waterman Onaits
Michelle Michel Petrie (Toby)
David Popovich (Melinda)
Mark Redrick (Virginia)
John Reichard (Patricia)
Mike Reisinger (Jane)
Jim Stangle (Judy)
Teresa Magnier Sullivan (Arthur)
Kathy Bart Unverferth
Chuck Wagner (Kelly)
Connie Buckle Warner (Michael)
Edward Weinert
Nancy Panfile Weisner (James)
Paul Zimmer

CLASS OF 1967
$8,444
CLASS PARTICIPATION 13%
Gregory Barbato (Maryann)
Thomas Barkmeyer
Jo Ann Kramer Beckmann (Dick)
David Bradley (Cynthia)
Jeannine Michel Doak (Richard)
Michael Foley (Leslie)
Jean Fowler
Peggy Meintel Gagner (David)
Mark Graeser (Pamela)
Mickie Gummer
Nancy Scheper Gutmann (Robert)
Mark Haufler
Thomas Himes
Lois Pleiman Hough
Robert Krause

CLASS OF 1968
$12,230
CLASS PARTICIPATION 12%
Anita DeLuna Bechtold (William)
Susan Scianamblo Boutz
Marcia Woolley Brand (George)
Willie Bruns
William Budde
Nancy Kbrin Chrisbaum (Dennis)
Diane Dean
Bob Dries (Jeanne)
Michael Foreman (Mary)
Margaret Dintaman Gantt
Philip Glotzbach (Marie)
Darryl Grosjean (Sandy)
Julia Panfile Hall
Steven Hall (Kathy)
Richard Marcus (Melissa)
Suzanne Maday Phillips (Richard)
Dan Reichert (Sue)
Sue Kussman Reichert (Dan)
Martin Roderer (Anita)
Jim Ruef (Kris)
Kris Troup Ruef (Jim)
Mary Swanson Rusek
Frances Miller Schlegel (Louis)
Sandie Sierschula
Larry Spitzmiller
Bob Thaman
Michael Whalen (Elizabeth)

CLASS OF 1969
$6,792
CLASS PARTICIPATION 17%
Arnold Adams
Richard Aman
Mary Brechak Becht (Tom)
Kevin Bleicher
James Brooks
Linda Kirby Brown (Russell)
Sue Feldman Bruner (Blaine)
Stephen Cochran (Sandra)

CLASS OF 1970
$6,750
CLASS PARTICIPATION 8%
Kathleen Ryan Bledsoe (Robert)
Mary Jo Geis Boisvert
Tony Boland (Amy)
Jayme Shanton Budde
Kathleen Eichner
Mary Jo Feldman Fender (Rick)
Cynthia Ditzel Hassan (Michael)
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### Class of 1971

**Participation: 9%**

- Doug and Peggy Hogan Althaus
- Don Barker
- Tom Becht (Mary)
- Paul Beyerle
- Dave Burkardt (Janet)
- Tom Chappelear (Linda)
- Pam Butler Christ (Donald)
- Dick Fenelon
- Mary Milone Jordan
- John McVay
- Douglas Meyer
- Suzanne Schafer Montgomery (Michael)
- James Murphy (Shirley)
- Greg Perkins (Debra)
- Alice Adams Rickard
- Margaret Whelan Rose (Philip)
- Robert Rush
- Maria DiSalvo Schweickart (Dan)
- Patty Crotty Steck
- Marilyn Schraut Szorc (Frank)
- Peter Tamborski
- Ann Rinehart Timpone (Dave)
- Maureen Sweeney Zipf
- James Toerner (Deborah)
- Rusty Warnick
- Ron Woeste

### Class of 1972

**Participation: 10%**

- Father Chris Armstrong
- Myra Wright Aubchon (Rick)
- David Beyerle (Ellen)
- Ellen Grassman Beyerle (David)
- Dan Brinkman (Deb)
- Judy Henahan Doll (Robert)
- Peggy Collins Gaier (Mark)
- Nancy Ballman Greene
- Mark Grunkemeyer (Peggy)
- Mike Hagan (Janet)
- Rebecca Albers Hewitt (Rick)
- James Hochwalt (Jucelen)
- Susan Lautersweiler King
- Herb Krul
- Ed Leschansky (MaryAnn)
- Jim McVay
- Joe Minham (Shirley)
- Rex Raderstorff (Sherri)
- Sherri Brun Raderstorff (Rex)
- Nancy Finke Rambasek (Tom)
- Mark Riley
- Duane Satzger (Kim)
- Bob Sommers
- Kevin Thomas

### Class of 1973

**Participation: 14%**

- Loretto Armstrong (Bruce Evans)
- James Bartol
- Paul Berry
- Mark Bobal
- Karen Boyle
- Julie Nickel Brill (John)
- Andrea Brockman
- Carol Gerend Carbonell
- David Carney (Pam)
- Matt Connor
- Rick D'Andrea
- Chris Danis (Debbie)
- Tom Dries
- Julie Feldman
- Joe Gibbons
- Marie Glaser
- Mary Koverman Glowik
- Margaret Amann Grunkemeyer (Mark)
- Peg Moorman Hoenigman
- David Jeffords (Ruth)
- Dave Kehl
- Arthur J. Kepes (Catherine)
- Michelle Mariscalco
- Shirley Henry Minham (Joe)
- Mark Neff (Diane)
- Diane Carroll Neff (Mark)
- Tim O'Connell (Teresa)
- Marlene Burr Orendorf
- Susan Randolph Passante (Joseph)
- Todd Penrod (Roselyn)
- Roselyn Rathweg Penrod (Todd)
- James Pett
- Jeff Porter (Terri)
- Mary Ann Corcoran Portnoy (Scott)
- Carolyn Thaman
- Barb Crotty Warnick
- Michael Zimmerman (Candy)
- Mark Zumbo (Valerie)

### Class of 1974

**Participation: 10%**

- Chris Barnet (Jude)
- Debbie Krause Brim
- Jim Brown (Debra)
- Pamela Hughes Carney (Dave)
- Karen Deddens Crotty (Kevin)
- Kevin Crotty (Karen)
- Doug Ditzel (Maggie)
- Cathy Van Leeuwen Duffy (Pat)
- Brian Esselstein (Lisa)
- Mark Fornes (Tammy)
- Frank Frounfelker (Kristin)
- Dan Graham (Lynn)
- Chas Hilgeman (Loretta)
- Peggy Chico Keelan
- Michael McKinley
- Tim McVay
- Lisa Lehmkuhl Reeves (Steve)
- Joe Siggins (Karen)
- Joan Ferneding Smith (Michael)
- Terry Spring (Teri)
- Judy Walther Switzer
- Craig Troup (Terry)
- Terry Covault Troup (Craig)
- David Wells
- Suzanne Gross Werts
- Paul Wilkens (Heidi)

### Class of 1975

**Participation: 12%**

- Mary Ann Sprauer Abrams (Michael)
- William Barlow
- Joe Bavara (Susan)
- Peggy Kussman Branser (Greg)
- Carol Ponziani DeGraziar
- Linda Dintaman
- Mary Lee Reisinger Dunphy (Patrick)
- Carol Gephart Dworkin (Steve)
- Francine Morgan Kester
- William Kuflewski
- Tina Ruef Lammers (Gary)
- Doug Link (Beverly)
- Mike Luthman (Cheryl)
- Cheryl Pleimann Luthman (Mike)
- Pat Madden (Pam)

### Class of 1976

- Tim McVay
- Lisa Lehmkuhl Reeves (Steve)
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- Mark Riley
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- Bob Sommers
- Kevin Thomas
### Contributors by CLASS YEAR

**CLASS OF 1980**

- **$54,757**
- **CLASS PARTICIPATION 7%**
- **Anonymous**
- Becky Alejandrino
  - Mary Gallagher Ankenbauer
  - Darlene Saaler Braunschweiger (Steven)
  - Mary Beth Brust
  - Katie Weyler Heminger (Bob)
  - Brian Hickey
  - Julie Focke Hyde (Brinton)
  - Thomas Martino
  - Barbara Neroni Murphy (Tom)
  - Katie Callahan Nye (Bart)
  - Judy Sowar Reid (Iain)
  - Matt Schuermann (Jane)
  - Laura Kessler Walters
  - Christine Sullivan Welch
  - Susan Werner Wildermuth

**CLASS OF 1979**

- **$8,416**
- **CLASS PARTICIPATION 9%**
- **Anonymous**
- Michael Albers (Marcia)
- Carol Schaefer Beech (Ron)
- Angela Stein Bidwell (Mark)
- Peter Bovenzi
- Cathy Cartwright Burns (John)
- Stephen Cindric
- Kelly Sheridan Derickson (Tim)
- Michael Gross (Joanie)
- Michael Harker (Michelle)
- Michelle Misenko Harker (Mike)
- **Robert Harris**
- Ted Harris
- Jeanne Kronauge
- **Chris McMahon**
- Mark Nagy (Suzanne)
- Walt Reiling (Jo Anne)
- Mary Ann Potter Ruthmeyer (Bernard)
- Linda Vance
- Patricia Witt Weisent (Jim)
- John Wittmann
- George Zengel (Carolyn)

**CLASS OF 1978**

- **$8,551**
- **CLASS PARTICIPATION 9%**
- **Marylee Bissmeyer Bible**
  - Christopher Bolton
- Beth Blust Bruggeman (Mike)
- Mary Dey Bucher
- Lisa Knor Cheney
- Janel Kussman Ciolli (Gary)
- **Mary Lynn Miller Dorow (Ted)**
  - Sharon O’Brien Graybill (Matt)
  - John Hinders (Ann)
- **Stephen Joseph (Lynda)**
  - Jean Kelly (Art Stern)
- Mike McGraw (Deborah)
- Diane Wilkens Medina (Ray)
- Matt O’Connell (Denise)
- Denise Abele O’Connell (Matt)
- Sara Leyes Russell (John)
- Mary Lynn Thalheimer
- Leslie Osterfeld Weber (Dennis)

**CLASS OF 1977**

- **$5,945**
- **CLASS PARTICIPATION 19%**
- **Anonymous**
- Eileen Crotty Austria (Steve)
- Marie Mariscalco Boyle (Mark)
- Annette Chavez (Greg Davis)
- Connie Ryan Dall (Tim)
- Carol Agnew Grindstaff
- Barbara Laumann Haley
- Mary Alig Houston
- Rosalie Thomas Koesel (Rick)
- Trish Navin Lachey (David)
- Thomas Landgren (Tracy)
- **Steve Martino (Joni)**
  - Gerald O’Connell
- **Margery Fowler Schaffer (Mark)**
  - Greg Schoettmer
  - Mary Sue Finke Siegrist (Ron)
  - Laura Van Leeuwen Snyder (Barth)
  - Denny VanArsdale (Patty)
- **Martha Walsh**
  - Janet Turckes Pitzer (Jim)

**CLASS OF 1976**

- **$19,945**
- **CLASS PARTICIPATION 8%**
- **Anonymous**
- Dan Armstrong (Eileen)
- Sarah Uhl Bryan (Robert)
- Suzy Leyes Butler (Jim)
- Dominic DeFrancis
- Matthew Desch (Ann)
- Paul Donoher (Michelle)
- John Fowler
- Lynn McIntosh Graham (Dan)
- Mary Ellen De Luna Jakubisin (Tim)
- Sheila Kelly (Michael Gressel)
- Robert Kronauge (Rebecca)
- Rob Laumann (Connie)
- Connie Witt Laumann (Rob)
- Pam Datz Madden (Pat)
- Kathy Kinzeler Mantica (Ralph)
- Tim Nauman (Lisa)
- Lisa Kern Nauman (Tim)
- Tim Reisinger (Jeanne)
- Jeanne Koop Reisinger (Tim)
- Kim Brown Satzger (Duane)
- Mary Ann Elardo Swaziek (Jim)
- Barbara Woeste
- Susan Sowar Wohl

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- Linda Vance
- Patricia Witt Weisent (Jim)
- John Wittmann
- George Zengel (Carolyn)
$1,000 - $4,999
$10,000 - $49,999
* $50,000 +
$1 - $99

CLASS OF 1982

$15,750
7%

Anonymous
Marcia Kiley Albers (Mike)
John Blust
Daniel Bolek
Patrick Brown
Linda Willis Good
Suzanne Alejandro Homan (Tom)
Rick Koehler (Melissa)
Mark Lane (Carla)
Suzanne Leiker
Doug Lunne (Elaine)
Jeanne Jauch Lyke (Andy)
Deanna Karpiak Rasso (Steve)
Tom Roesch (Patti Blessing)
Amy Armstrong Smith (Tom)
Scott Strady (Amy)
Steve Suttman (Beverly)
Beverly Strok Suttman (Steve)
Greg Taylor
Marisa Greco Varney (Thomas)
Rev. Chris Worland

CLASS OF 1983

$8,960
7%

Kelli Nolan Clawson
Mark Edsall (Mary)
Michael Eichner (Cheryl)
Cheryl Murlin Eichner (Michael)
Christopher George (Teresa)
Melinda Sowar Hutcheson
Mark Neroni
Cathy Sharkey Rains
Theresa Bacca Roggenkamp
Barbara Strady Rowland (Richard)
Christine Hillman Rudwall
Julia Sunkes
Lynne Van Leeuwen Turner (Larry)
John White (Christina)
Tony Witt (Molly)

CLASS OF 1984

$8,825
8%

Anonymous
Molly Rocco Bishop (Cliff)
Lawrence Borchers
Bill Brogan
Debbie Woodall Carroll
John DeBanto
Courtney Sheridan DeOreo
Amy Osterfeld Draugelis
Mary Beth Hanna Evans
Greg Henley
Elizabeth Harkness Horvath (John)
Jennifer Hein Kendo (Tom)
Rhonda Kuntz Krogh (Tony)
Jack Mees (Candace)
Marty Nelson
Christina Ostendorf
Colleen Walsh Petrello (Bill)
Jane Koverman Schuermann (Matt)
John Sikora (Lacey)
Tracy Muzechuk Stiley
Molly Stanton Witt (Tony)

CLASS OF 1985

$19,322
10%

Nicole Adimey
Amy Biegel Strady (Scott)
Danell Reinert Bonanno (Vincent)
Vincent Bonanno (Danell)
Adrienne Hegman Brandicourt (Harry)
James Dillon (Regina)
Laura Arber Eiken (Cort)
Dan Eisenhauer
Jodi Schweisthal Graham (Rick)
Paul Green (Sherry)
Karen Jauch Hamade
Doug Hansen
Monica Sheridan Johnson (Tim)
Chuck Kohnen
Chris Korb
John Kunesh (Sarah)
Karen Roesch Levine (Allan)
Laura Muckerheide Miller
William Uhl, II (Kelly)
Andrea Cannarozzi Varabkanich (Joe)
Christina Homan White (John)

CLASS OF 1986

$21,903
7%

Amy Suttman Doorley (Tom)
Kristy Ferry Farrell
Tim George (Nori)
James Glavic (Glenda)
Shannon Firsdon Holtgreive (Bernie)
Joseph Janowski (Susan)
Angela Fratini Kohnen (Chuck)
Matt Konicke (Carolyn)
Jason Paine (Lucy)
Geoff Reichel (Molly)
Julia Conway Roshong (Ryan)
Richard Rueth (Peggy)
Dennis Schimpf (Angie)
Angie Gehring Schimpf (Dennis)
David Schoettmer
Kristin Blase Shane (Chris)
Andrew Smith (Karen)
John Walsh

CLASS OF 1987

$4,090
7%

Ann Schoen Brinkmann (Brian)
Mary Frecker
David Homan (Amy)
Christy Johnson
Donald Kiley (Suzanne)
Linda Manzo Koeller
Brian Lapp (Andrea)
Pam Powers Martin (Tim)
Tim Martin (Pam)
Andy Pfbaum
Patrick Popp (Michelle)
Peggy Eisenhauer Rueth (Rick)
Chris Shane (Kristin)
Contributors by CLASS YEAR

**CLASS OF 1988**
$9,980
CLASS PARTICIPATION 9%
Rachel Finke Chambers
Ron DeBrosse (Jennifer)
Marc Frient (Heather)
Michelle Deters Garnsey
Karen Evers Gump (Kevin)
Brian Hagerty
Aimee Zierolf Heis
Kathy Weil Kargl
Dan Kronauge (Kristen)
Nick Lair (Brydgett)
Deborah Breakall LiBrandi (Bryan)
Beth Horstman Morrisey
Doreen Polomsky O’Brien
Abby Glackin Rummel (Mark)
Kristen Schweisthal Russ (Steve)
John Schimpf (Kim)
Kim Graf Schimpf (John)
Karen Zinck Smith (Andrew)
Bonnie Kinney Spears (Jim)
Rick Willits (Leslie)

**CLASS OF 1989**
$3,194
CLASS PARTICIPATION 9%
Eddie Alexander
Terry Bon
Theresa Bean Davis (Rick)
Colleen Kavanaugh Duffy (Jonathan)
Jonathan Duffy (Colleen)
Kathleen Zinck Harper
Suzie Cerar Kreusch (Jon)
Nikki Parnell Lawson (Brad)
Scott McLaughlin (Rachel)
Laura Lander Morgan (Richard)
Julie Schrimpf Moss (Robert)
Jim Powers (Cara)
Richard Roesch (Lynn)
Mike Thieman (Jeannine)
Michelle Prear Thomas

**CLASS OF 1990**
$3,180
CLASS PARTICIPATION 12%
Nickie Poelking Kaplan
Andrew Linegang (Bethany)
Kara Luckew Miller (David)
Beth Rensel Mitchell (Joe)
Timothy Moore
Michael Nolan
Melissa Ullmer Ost
Chris Riegel (Kathy)
Kathy Brady Riegel (Chris)
Angela Ruffolo (Alex Schuster)
Lisa Schrader
Laura Torbeck Skinner (Joseph)

**CLASS OF 1991**
$1,901
CLASS PARTICIPATION 10%
Amy Bishop Bensman (Brian)
Tim Brown (Stacey)
Stacey Hubach Brown (Tim)
Maureen Foley
Stephanie Pfeiffer Lacourt (Carlos)
Brian Leen (Jenny)
Jenny Mercurio Leen (Brian)
Adam Miller (Ellen)
Ellen Sand Miller (Adam)
Dennis Percy (Michelle Maladen-Percy)
Thomas Pohl (Rita)
Carolyn Roberts
Ryan Sharkey
Patrick Stewart (Ty)

**CLASS OF 1992**
$6,900
CLASS PARTICIPATION 9%
Daniel Arengo
Julie Johnson Barnett (Clifford)
Jennifer Bean Beringer
Todd Duplain (Suzanne)
Suzanne Zimmer Duplain (Todd)
Amanda Riegel Mascarenhas (Don)
Dawn Graf Morris (Jason)
Kim Koesters Ralph (Brian)
Elizabeth Riazzi Schaefer
John Schoen (Jennifer)
Stacey Parnell Sheets (Jason)
Jennifer Scott Snyder (Kyle)
Stacey Polito Sperow (Will)

**CLASS OF 1993**
$955
CLASS PARTICIPATION 8%
Michael Buening
Emily Adamson Collura (Peter)
Andy Fitzpatrick
Jenny Sammon Furber
Casey Findley Green (Matt)
Michael Linegang
Angie Kerr Mahoney (Bryan)
Jason Naguit
Emily O’Brien
Denise Scarpelli
Matt Uchtman

**CLASS OF 1994**
$8,690
CLASS PARTICIPATION 13%
Liz Cerar Anderson (Bill)
John Borchers (Jessica)
Ben Carter (Brenda)
Christine Rogero Drab (Scott)
Jon Gehring (Jennifer)
Andy Goetz (Julie)
Julie Balazs Goetz (Andrew)
Michael Krug (Amy)
Amy Krisko Krug (Mike)
Matthew Moore (Elissa)
Erin Roth Rusthoven (Peter)
Ned Ryan
Chris Rygielski
Jennifer Moore Schoen (John)
Valerie Watkins
Jacqueline Parnell Williams

**CLASS OF 1995**
$1,820
CLASS PARTICIPATION 10%
Matt Adamson (Mary Pat)
Melissa Tytko Andretta
Bradford Beckmann (Jennifer)
Michelle Clark Brooks (Steve)
Brian Brush (Melissa)
Susan Burkhardt Fredrick (Paul)
Zachary Goines
James Kavanaugh
Jeff Keller
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Kevin Sage (Ann)
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Class Participation by Year:
- **1996**: Jessica Willits Archibald, Karin Lundquist Arranz, Kim Krug Conde, Melissa Weiss Dungan (Michael), Amy Marie Lytle Hansley (Justin), Chad Larkin (Susan), Elizabeth Moore Osborne (Walter), David Rogero (Maureen), Anthony Schoen (Anne), Jay Tant (Natalie), Wes Van Autreve (Abby).
- **1997**: Matt Bruggeman (Kerry), Kyle Carone, Caroline Castleforte, Mike Elsner, Katie Burkhardt Goeke (Jeff), Daniel Haas, Joanna Kolber Hankey (Bob), Brett (B.J.) Mahle, John Wanke, Doug Wimsatt.
- **1998**: Sara Meunier Drozda (Joseph), Anthony Fuchs (Michelle), David Ireton (Angie), Angie Minch Ireton (David), Laura Kavanaugh, Jacklyn King, Amy Barstow Koval, Kristen Uchtman Mann, Joe Mappes (Kellie), Carrie Hochwalt Mokros, Robert Neff (Christina), Andrew Oakes, Natalie Robinson Reeder, Katie Seifried, Vlad Vasiliiu (Nina), Jeff Wenzke (Jennifer).
- **1999**: Mary Carol Burkhart (Devon Namaky), Jonathan Heil, Vivian White Owen (Steve), Danielle Kuczak Poling (Gabe), Keith Waleskowski, Jennifer Davis Wenzke (Jeff).
- **2000**: Kerry Crotty Bruggeman (Matt), Jacob Groshek (Robyn), Jillian Kirchoff, Ben Koller (Kate), Alex Moore (Sara), Diane Rogero Powers (Jeff), Beth Boyle Schloss (Brian), Nina DiGuardi Vasiliiu (Vlad), Irina Vasiliiu.
- **2001**: Ashley Middelberg Brown, Chase Freshwater, Sara Howard Moore.
- **2002**: Boomer Bristow (Diana), Diana Fischer Bristow (Boomer), Molly Kiggins Hallock (Mike), Amber Burgett Kramer (John), Andrew Severyn.
- **2003**: Jeff Carr, Lindsay Becker Hernandez (Marvin), Jack Hilgeman (Danielle), Marianne Hinde Hudelson (Steve), Ashley Kavanaugh, John Kavanaugh, Bob Neff (Christine), Christine Loncaric Neff (Bob), Molly Roth.
- **2004**: Kathryn Codeluppi Beck (Nicholas), Ryan Mahle (Rachel), Kevin Riazzi, Josh Shearer, Chris Vermillion.
- **2005**: Nathan Harvey, John and Krista Dorsten Henehan, Patrick Rizer (Kathleen).
- **2006**: Ben Beachler, Gail Cengia Danneman, Lynn Grunkemeyer.
- **2007**: Katie Esselstein Cain, Paul Sobecki.
- **2008**: Kristen Fornes, Kari Vangsness ’08 Hagee (Danny), Matt Knapke (Lindsey).
- **2009**: Ellie Lane Gossett, Max Plunkett.

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- **$10,000 - $49,999**
- **$50,000 +**
Contributors by GRANDPARENTS, CURRENT & ALUMNI PARENTS

YOUNG ALUMS 2010-2019

Nicoletta Anuci ’19
Shannon Bailey ’18
Sydney Bailey ’16
Sam Bertrams ’10
Katie Boeckman ’12
Natalie Bolek ’15
Abby Brabender ’15
Ben Brabender ’12
Carl Braunshweiger ’12
Kayla Butler ’11
Andrew Gross ’16
Greg Heine ’12
Alexandra Hoefflin ’16
Sarah Hoying ’13
Mary Issenmann ’13
Megan Janz ’13
Allison Kendo ’16
Thomas Kendo ’12
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Anna Lechleiter ’18
Elisa Lewis ’13
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Caroline Miller ’17
Arielle Munyankindi ’14
Nolan Plate ’10
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Nathan Popp ’18
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Tim Ruiz ’14
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David and Carol Trombley

In Memory of Don Vermillion
Fred and Maureen Willits and Family

In Memory of Fernando Villarreal
Anonymous
Terry and Kathy Akers
Gary and Ann Balster
Dan ’72 and Deb Brinkman
Gerald and Sheridan Bruno
Joyce Ciccolella
Wilbur Cline
Emily Diefendorf
Dennis and Sadra Dieterle
Brian and Lisa Esselstein
Mike and Tami Freshwater
Michael and Nancy Goldman
Andrew and Stephanie Hager
Homefull
Sue Krisko
Suzanne Lang
John Long
Ron and Sharron Lovett
Steven and Diane Ludwig
Norman and Terry Mayne
Armonde McElligott
Bob Mitsch
John and Tina Patterson
David and Joan Paulick
Joan Paus
Loretta Prugh
Lisa Reeder
Patrick ’05 and Kathleen Rizer
Kenny and Emily Sullivan
Bill and Anne Tant
Carol Williamson
Fred and Maureen Willits and Family
William and Marie Wolff
Mary Wyderski

In Memory of Dan Wagner ’82
Rick ’82 and Melissa Koehler

In Memory of James and Mary Ann Walsh
Martha Walsh ’77

In Memory of Jack Ward
John and Norma Hagan
Robert Harris

In Memory of Donna Wemple
Dick Wemple

In Memory of Maggie Traynor ’66 Zimmer
Anonymous
Janice Culver
Ed and Mary Jane Hinde
Knights of Columbus Council #14995
Mark and Nancy McHale

MATCHING GIFTS
$19,137

Abbvie
Nickie Poelking ’90 Kaplan

Air Products
Joe Wehrman ’70

Altria Group
Sara Meuner ’98 Drozda

Ameriprise Financial
Cathleen White

Archer Daniels Midland
Catherine Sprauer

Assurant
Doug Grilliot

Baird Foundation
John Bradley

Bank of America
Bill Anderson (Liz Cerar ’94 Anderson)
John Borchers ’94
Jay Schwieterman

Boeing
William Bucher (Mary Dey ’78 Bucher)
Scott Spring ’79

Discover Financial Services
John Walsh ’86

Duke Energy
Jack Steffen

Eli Lilly
Jack Mees ’84
Mark Nagy ’81
John Schoen ’92

Fifth Third Bank
Jonathan Duffy ’89
Elizabeth Moore ’96 Osborne

GE Foundation
Matt Fowler ’79

IBM
David Bradley ’67

JBT Corporation
Jacob Groshek ’00

Kuntz Foundation
Peter Kuntz

LexisNexis
Bob Portman

Microsoft
Jennifer Beckmann (Bradford Beckmann ’95)
Tom Martino ’80

Northwestern Mutual
Michael Whalen ’68

Peak Measure
Willie Bruns ’68

Perfetti Van Melle
Rachel Finke ’88 Chambers

Pfizer Foundation
Philip Rose (Margaret Whelan ’71 Rose)

Pinney Bowes
Thurman Mattingly

Sales Force
John Wanke ’97

Sisters of Charity
Sister Katie Hoelscher, S.C.

Strada
Erin Roth ’94 Rusthoven

Synchrony
Paul Boeckman

Target
Patrick Uchtman ’95

Wells Fargo
Tom Laufersweiler
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ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL GIVING SUMMARY

2019 FISCAL REPORT

ANNUAL FUND $275,929
RESTRICTED GIFTS $1,293,908
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN $197,517
SPONSORSHIP & FAN PASS $79,301

BOOSTERS (GROSS REVENUE) $460,260
   ALTERFEST $385,000
   FISH FRY $57,260
   GOLF OUTING $18,000

OTHER REPORTED FUNDRAISING $253,344
*DOES NOT INCLUDE COMMUNITY SUPPORT, FOOD OR CLOTHING ITEMS COLLECTED

TOP 10 REPORTED FUNDRAISERS:
   FOOTBALL LIFT-A-THON $93,300
   MUSIC DEPT MULCH SALE $52,128
   LANCERETTE KICK-A-THON $21,650
   BOYS BASKETBALL SHOOT-A-THON $18,650
   MUSIC DEPT CROWDFUNDING $18,538
   BASEBALL PONSETTIA SALE $11,600
   GIRLS SOCCER CAR WASH $9,435
   YEARBOOK ADS $9,100
   GIRLS SOCCER PANCAKE $7,120
   GIRLS BASKETBALL SHOOT-A-THON $7,000
   KEY CLUB TURKEY DRIVE $4,823

TOTAL GIVING $2,560,259

NOTE: Unaudited data based on fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
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YEAR OF THE TEACHER

2019-20, is our Year of the Teacher, so we are honoring our past and present teachers, who have given and continue to give 110% daily, by issuing the 110% Challenge to the Alter Community.

THE 110% CHALLENGE IS THREE FOLD:

1. Give 110%! For example, if you made a gift of $100 in 2018-19, we are asking you consider $110. The additional 10% ($10 in this example) would go to our Teachers Endowment Fund. This fund is specifically for teacher pay, classroom tools, training and professional development. It will enable Alter High School to retain, train and hire the best faculty, staff and coaches.

2. Name an Alter faculty, staff or coach that made a difference in your life along with your gift.

3. Reach out to us at advancement@alterhs.org, if you have a short story you would like to share.

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