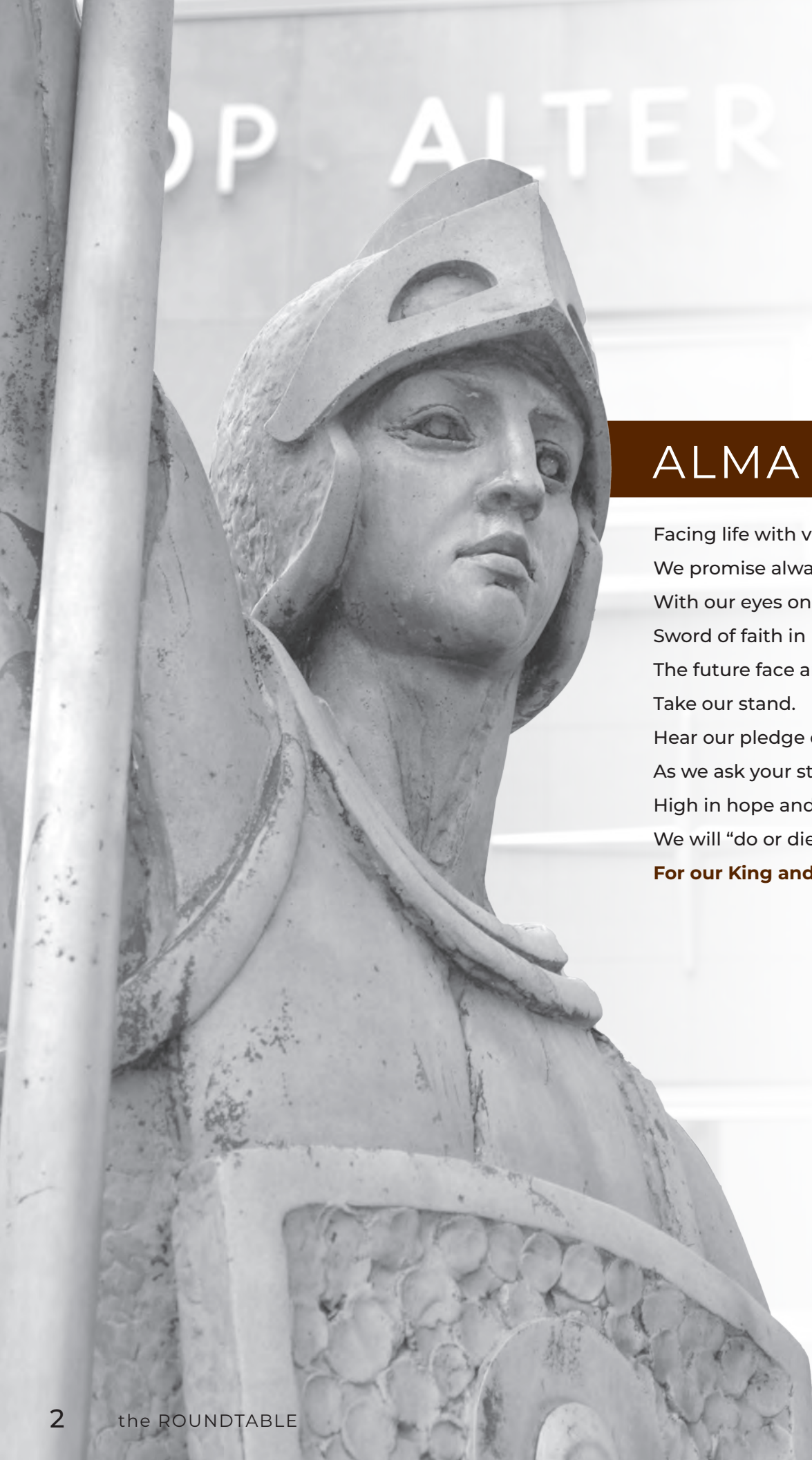


the RoundTable

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CONGRATULATIONS
BOYS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONS!





ALMA MATER

Facing life with valor like the knights of old,
We promise always great ideals to hold,
With our eyes on heaven
Sword of faith in hand
The future face and with grace
Take our stand.
Hear our pledge of fealty to you,
As we ask your strength to see us through.
High in hope and spirit,
We will “do or die”
For our King and Alter High.



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FRONT COVER

Congratulations to
the Boys Golf State
Championship Team!

Pictured left to right:
Andrew Gochenouer

TJ Kreusch

Grady Tabar

Gavin Leen

Davis Gochenouer

Matthew Kreusch

Head Coach

Alex Schuster

BACK COVER

Congratulations to the
Boys Basketball State
Championship Team!

Look for details
about their season
in the Fall edition of
The RoundTable.



Lourdes Lambert,
Principal/CEO

“It’s easy to beat a team, but tough to beat a family.”

Family, Devotion, and Success

Dear Alter Knights,

What a year the 2023-24 school year has been thus far! The school year began with new partnerships with Dynamic Catholic for enhanced focus on our Catholic Identity, and Class 101 Dayton for College and Career Planning. You will read more about our Holy Moments effort with Dynamic Catholic in this issue, and about our unique partnership with Class 101 Dayton in the next issue of *The Roundtable*. As we continue to partner with various organizations in our community, we endeavor to bring the best opportunities to Archbishop Alter High School for our students and their families.

The Fall season was quite a fun and successful one as we celebrated four teams competing in their state championships. **We are so proud of our Boys’ Golf Team for earning their second consecutive State Championship!** As this edition of *The RoundTable* went to print, our Boys’ Basketball Team was competing in their State Championship, and our win necessitated a change in this letter as well as the addition of the picture to the back cover as a preview for a more in-depth story to come in our next issue. The boys’ basketball team was the third winter sports team to compete in a state championship, for a total of seven so far this year. This is simply an unbelievable accomplishment, and I am sure that the Spring will bring even more success both in and out of the classroom. Add to this the success of the Marching Knights, the Science Olympiad team, and the Castle Players, and it is no secret that blessings truly abound at our school!

I was recently in a meeting with two very special community members who shared their personal mantra, “It’s easy to beat a team, but tough to beat a family.” That quote really hit home for me as I think it describes our school perfectly. I am often asked about the secret to our schools’ successes in academics, the arts, athletics, and life in general, and my answer always comes back to the amazing community who loves and supports us in unwavering fashion. We are a family, and our faith, pride and spirit are tough to beat!

Thank you for your prayers, and for sharing your gifts with us. We could not be successful without your devotion and encouragement. May God continue to bless us all, and, as always, GO KNIGHTS!

With hope and gratitude,

Lourdes Lambert

Lourdes Lambert,
Principal

OUR FAITH

HOLY MOMENTS

January kicked off our “Holy Moments” curriculum through Dynamic Catholic. Students were divided into God Squads – 18 to 20 person groups comprised of multiple grades with two faculty and/or staff moderators. A weekly prompt is presented each Monday in students’ respective Theology class and then on Friday of the same week, God Squads meet for discussion.

A goal of Holy Moments and God Squads is to begin seeing holy moments in our everyday lives. What is a Holy Moment? Matthew Kelly, author of the Holy Moments book, defines it as “...a single moment in which you open yourself to God. You make yourself available to Him. You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is calling you to do.”

Director of Campus Ministry Heather Dunn encourages students by challenging them with this idea, “Perhaps God has placed you with this group of people for reasons you may not yet know.”

An example of prompts that have been discussed during God Squads:

- ◆ Reach out to someone who has impacted your life and tell them what they mean to you.
- ◆ Ask someone how you can pray for them.
- ◆ Say thank you to someone who does something kind for you.
- ◆ Take a break from Social Media.
- ◆ Forgive someone.
- ◆ Do something extra to help out at home.
- ◆ Reach out and check in on a friend in need.

Perhaps you can challenge yourself each week to think about where Holy Moments exist for you?

Friday’s gathering always closes with a prayer in concert with the prompt for the week. Below you will find two thoughtful prayers used this year.

“Lord, we thank you for this time together day in God Squads. We ask that you open our eyes and ears to notice those people in our lives who do things for us every day without us noticing. Help us to see more people and to stop and give our gratitude to them. Open our hearts to notice you in each person we meet. In your name we pray, Amen.”

“Heavenly Father, help us to take breaks from social media and focus on the people you have placed in real life right in front of us. Help us to see the goodness of those people and things you place in our lives. Open our eyes to realize that not everything that everyone posts online is the whole story. Give us the courage and desire to look beyond a post, reel, or snap and to truly connect with our friends. In your name we pray, Amen.”



“Perhaps God has placed you with this group of people for reasons you may not know yet.”



FALL SPORTS RECAP

Let's take a look at our fall sports teams' accomplishments & the success of our student athletes.

The **boys golf team** won their second consecutive state championship and sixth overall with a powerful win over Wyoming High School by 51 strokes. Senior Davis Cochenouer received 1st Team All-State honors while juniors TJ Kreusch and Grady Tabar, and sophomore Andrew Cochenouer finished with 2nd Team All-State honors.



The **girls tennis team** brought home their fourth consecutive GCL title with the doubles team of Annie Gayonski and Annie Schaefer finishing in the top 16 out of 347 doubles teams at the state tournament.



The Fall RoundTable will include details about our winter and spring athletic achievements during the 2023-2024 school year.

The Alter **football team** qualified for the state football playoffs for the 23rd straight season and finished as the State Runner Up. The Knights started their playoff run against Roger Bacon High School, beat Indian Hill High School handily, took on Clinton-Massie High School in the regional-semifinals and clinched the regional championship by beating Wyoming High School 17-0. Finally, our Knights made it to the State Championship game with a win over Steubenville High School.



Sophomore Lauren Miller had an eighth-place finish in the **girls' state golf tournament** as an individual player. She also received 2nd Team All-State honors.



CROSS COUNTRY



BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES



The **Castle Players** brought the musical, *The Spitfire Grill*, and play, *The Audition*, to life the first semester. As lesser-known works, they presented both a challenge and a growth opportunity for the students. While there were lighthearted moments in both productions, these shows addressed some difficult topics and emotions. Storylines in both shows proved there can be triumph after tragedy and reminded us again of the power of theatre to not only entertain, but to provide hope and healing.



Alter's Lancerette team performed in the Philadelphia Holiday Parade on Thanksgiving. They also stopped in New York City to see the Radio City Rockettes AND were invited to participate in a workshop with the Rockettes. What an amazing opportunity for all our Lancies!



Alter's Marching Knights put on amazing shows across the area and at the Bands of America competition in Indianapolis during the fall. Their show, *Scenes from an Italian Restaurant*, featured the music of Billy Joel.

IT'S ALL ABOUT STEM!

Alter High School began its Science Fair in 2006 and has developed it into a mentorship program that introduces our students to professionals in their interested field of research. Each Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry student is paired with a mentor that matches the student's science fair topic. Mentors come from local colleges, universities, medical facilities, businesses, WPAFB, Greene County SWCD, and many other organizations.

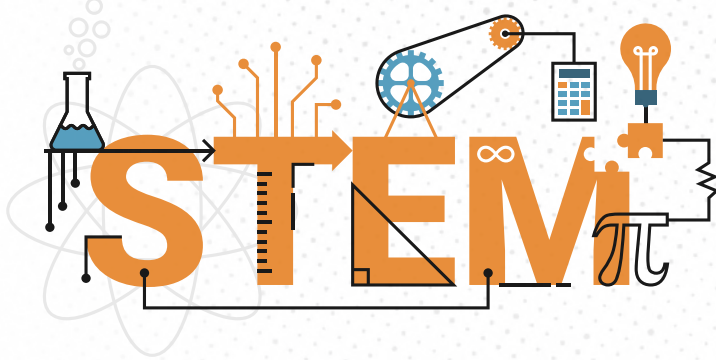
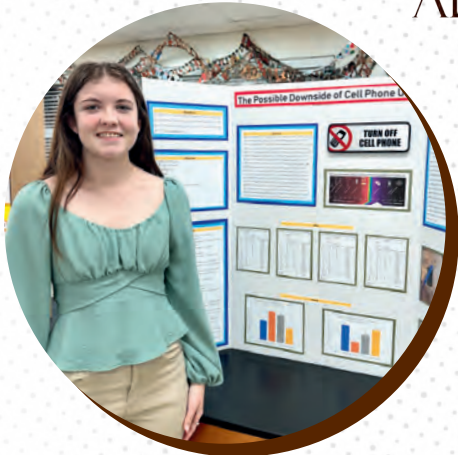
We believe that students can benefit by expanding the ways in which they communicate with adults in the STEM world. Depending upon the field, students may receive access to lab space and equipment outside of school and through internships. Students then experience the collection of valid data and are afforded the ability to connect with others to communicate ideas and hypotheses about that data. Alter's science fair program continues to evolve due to the high intensity of STEM that is included in many professional fields today.

"Being able to provide students STEM insight and practical application in project development, data collection, and practice in communicating explanations of mathematical trends from data is one of the many reasons I enjoy chairing and running the Science Fair every year," said Honors Biology teacher Jen Butler.

Alter had sixteen students compete at the District Science Fair this year. **The following students received Superior ratings:**

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| Corinne Simpson | Evan Sharbaugh |
| Bennett Rau | Alexis Drake |
| Tim Marsh | Libby Klatte* |
| Fernando Montoya* | Annabelle Boone |
| Megan Brandt | Noah Johnson* |
| Iris Van Hoose | Keith Butler |
| Paxton Jecker | Chris Franco-Toro |

*Received additional awards beyond their Superior rating.



The fall admissions season was a busy one. Alter welcomed 193 students to one of several "Shadow Days." Students from across the Miami Valley were paired with current students to experience what a day in the life at Alter is like.

We extended invitations to become Alter Knights in January. The annual Knight of Celebration for the Class of 2028 was held in February. Students and their families were treated to performances by the Alter Jazz Band, cheerleaders, Lancerettes, and Castle Players. Theology faculty member and **Alter alumnus, John Ruff '16, gave an inspiring message to our newest Knights.** And let's not forget, they got some great Alter swag to start their Forever Knights journey!



Campus GUESTS



We recently had the pleasure of 117 seventh graders join us for visits from St. Luke, St. Charles, St. Albert, and Ascension schools. Our student ambassadors provided campus tours and they were recognized at an all-school Mass. Afterward, our visitors were treated to lunch and a panel discussion with current students.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **2024** HALL OF FAME —♦—INDUCTEES—♦—



Paul Beyerle
Distinguished Alumnus
Class of 1971



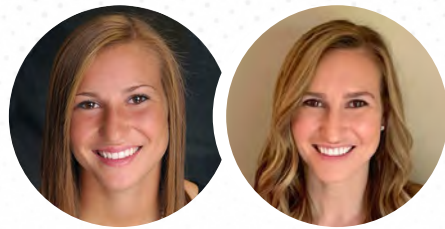
Dr. James Borchers
Distinguished Alumnus
Class of 1989



Mayor Madeline Rogero
Distinguished Alumnus
Class of 1970



Adam Waleskowski
Athletic Alumnus
Class of 2001



Courtney Bruner (Chihil)
Athletic Alumnus
Class of 2008



Keith Waleskowski
Athletic Alumnus
Class of 1999

The most recent class of Hall of Fame inductees were welcomed at the Induction Dinner on April 18, 2024. Each of these individuals has achieved great success in their professional careers, personal life, or throughout their athletic endeavors while at Alter and beyond.

To view a list of past inductees, please visit our website, www.alterhs.org.

*Jack Zimmerman '76 has deferred induction until 2025.



2008 State Champion Girls Basketball Team



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Do you know an exceptional
Alter alumni?

Let us know at
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ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS OF 1969



55TH REUNION

Saturday, July 20
Presidential Banquet Center
\$55 per person | RSVP by July 1st
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CLASS OF 1974



50TH REUNION

Friday, July 26 (Casual Night)
Geez Pub and Grill
Saturday, July 27
NCR Country Club
\$74 per person | RSVP by July 1st
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Sunday, July 28
50th Reunion Mass (organized by Class)
Special Brunch (hosted by Advancement Dept.)



CLASS OF 1979



45TH REUNION

Saturday, August 17
NCR Country Club
\$105 per person for Golf Outing
\$50 per person for Reunion Evening
RSVP by July 1st
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Classes of 1989, 1994, 1999,
2004, and 2014:

It's Reunion Time!

If you are planning a reunion, please
contact the Advancement Office.

We can assist with planning
activities, provide class lists, sending
"Save the Date" or formal invitations.

Contact **Heidi Van Antwerp**,
Director of Engagement, at
Heidi.VanAntwerp@alterhs.org
or (937) 428. 5331 for information.



CLASS OF 1984

40TH REUNION

Saturday, August 31
Details coming soon!
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CLASS OF 2009

15TH REUNION

Saturday, August 31
Joui Wine Bar
\$25 per person | RSVP by June 1st
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CLASS OF 2019

5TH REUNION

Friday, August 30
AlterFest Alumni Lounge
Saturday, August 31
Kings Point Pub
\$15 per person | RSVP by August 1st
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“It is our hope that this gift will help preserve Alter’s traditions for many years to come with the same foundation of faith and education that played such a significant role in our, and our children’s formative years.”

Dan '74 and Lynn McIntosh '76 Graham generously decided to include Alter in their estate plan to preserve the school's unique traditions for future generations.

The 1962 **HERITAGE** **SOCIETY**



The 1962 Heritage Society honors those who have thoughtfully included Alter High School in their estate plans through bequests, trusts, insurance policies, or other forms of deferred giving. Gifts from the 1962 Heritage Society members help provide a strong financial foundation for continued excellence at Alter High School.



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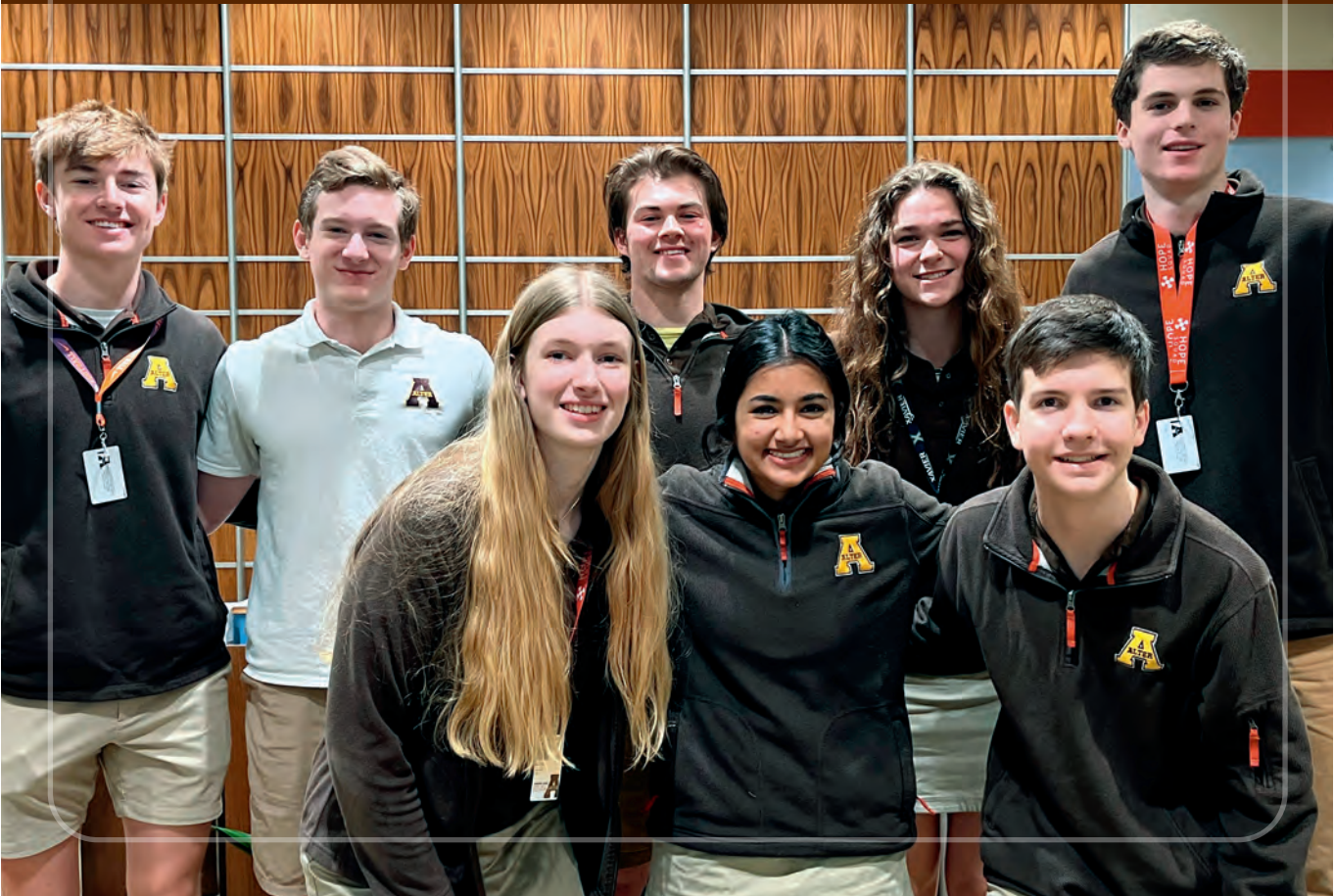


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In Memoriam

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

We have been informed by family or friends between September 2023 and March 25, 2024 of the following passages.

Dr. Sergio San Jose Alejandrino (October 2023); Father of Rachel Alejandrino '79 Louis Bon (deceased), Rebecca '80, Suzanne Alejandrino '82 Homan, Sarah Alejandrino '89 Mouse; Grandfather of Josh Mouse '19, Abigail Mouse '21, Lindsay Homan '23, Grant Mouse '27

Carol Angerer (June 2023); Class of 1971 graduate

Gail Sullivan Banasiak (January 2024); Class of 1969 graduate

Donald Barker (March 2023); Class of 1971 graduate; Brother of Gregory '76

Ralph Bergdoll (December 2023); Former Teacher and Coach

Elizabeth Lander Califf (March 2023); Class of 1982 graduate

Laura Moore Carter (February 2024); Class of 1995 graduate; Wife of Andrew '00, Sister of Andrew Moore '98, Jennifer Moore '94 Schoen

Patricia Cassidy (August 2023); Mother of Kevin Cassidy '80

James Cassano (September 2023); Class of 1967 graduate

Leo Chico (March 2024); Father of Sandy Chico '72 Torgerson, Peggy Chico '74 Keelan, John '79, Nancy Chico '84 Butlin

Margie Collins (October 2023); Mother of Peggy Collins '72 Gaier, Patty Collins '75 Ross, Jim '79

Cynthia Miller Copas (November 2023); Class of 1976 graduate; Sister of Frances Miller '68 Schlegel, Julie Miller '70 Feinblum, Bonita Miller '71 Schultze

Scott DeMariano (January 2024); Class of 1995 graduate

Clarence Eckley Jr (March 2024); Father of Mike '68, Tim '69 and Kevin '75, Father-In-Law of Mary Weckesser '68 Eckley; Grandfather of Jennifer Eckley '92 Fisher, Beth Eckley '94 Ayres, Jeff '97, Joe '05

Michael Farmer (November 2023); Class of 1971 graduate; Father of Amanda Farmer '94 Elliott; Grandfather of Ava Elliott '23, Isaiah Elliott '26

Steven Fortener (October 2023); Class of 1979 graduate

John Geis Jr. (July 2023); Class of 1969 graduate; Wife of Mary Ann Zink '69 Geis

Susan Reisinger Goedde (January 2024); Class of 1979 graduate

Patrick J. Grady (December 2023); Father of Tom '98

Katherine Rawers Guzman (October 2023); Class of 1991 graduate; Sister of Michael Rawers '94, Christy Rawers '97

Patricia Reisinger Hale (May 2023); Class of 1971 graduate

Joanne Garland Hiatt (March 2024); Class of 1979 graduate

Maura Homan (December 2023); Class of 2020 graduate; Daughter of Amy and Dave '87; Sister of Sam '18, Max '22, Ellie '26

Patricia Jarosz (October 2023); Mother of Becky Jarosz '80 Miller, Susan Jarosz '81 Kenefick, teve '82, Joan Jarosz '84 Woollard

Mary Wenning Kinniger (March 2024); Class of 1968 graduate; Sister of Carol Wenning '72 Ballweg

Christopher W. Kuhlman (May 2022); Class of 1995 graduate; Husband of Mary Schuermann '95 Kuhlmann, Brother of David '94, Laura Kuhlman '98 Mann

Michael Lawless (2023); Class of 1987 graduate; Brother of Matthew '84, Catherine Lawless '86 Frank, Dan '90

William LaVanche (October 2023); Class of 1976 graduate; Brother of Kathy LaVanche '72, Jan LaVanche '74 Garske, Laura LaVanche '79 Gleason

Kimberly Karpiak Lindley (February 2024); Class of 1977 graduate, Mother of Casey '10 Csrnko and Nash '12, Sister of Sharon Karpiak '80 Charbat, Deanna Karpiak '82 Rasso, Deborah Karpiak '83 Gabriel

Tim Lindquist (March 2023); Class of 1971 graduate

Gregory Link (January 2024); Class of 1997 graduate, Brother of Brian '94, Laurel Reeber '01 Link

Vernon Mangold Jr (November 2023); Father of Nick '02, Kelley Mangold '06 Voss, Holley '08, Maggie '17

LaDonna Mastromatteo (September 2023); Mother of Andrea Mastromatteo '83 Royce, Matthew '85, Kirk '89(deceased), Mitchell '01

Timothy Moorman (October 2023); Class of 1972 graduate

Suzanne Reiling (June 2023); Mother of Walter '81, Mary Reiling '84 McMahon, Joe '86, Jennifer Reiling '98 Richter; Grandmother of Kirsta '09, Anthony '12

Joyce Reinert (August 2023); Mother of Diana Reinert '72 Olmstead, Deborah Reinert '73 Mancz, Denise Reiling '75 Westendorf (deceased), Dorian Reinert '76 Eads, John '78, James '79, Danita Reinert '83 Nelson, Danell Reinert Bonanno '85; Grandmother of Danielle Westendorf '00, Stephanie Mancz '01, Jennifer Henry '02, Jessica Mancz '04, Heather Gaul '04, Sarah Reinert '05, Brittany Reinert '07, Molly Mancz '07, John Reinert '10

Joyce Ryan (December 2023); Mother of John '67 (deceased), Kathleen Ryan '70 Bledsoe, Susan Ryan '72 (Deceased)

Richard Scaia Jr. (July 2023); Class of 1992 graduate; Brother of Stephen '94 and Alan '99

Earl Shively (October 2023); Class of 1971 graduate; Father of Courtney Shively '99 Lindberg

Maureen Suttman (September 2023); Class of 1980 graduate; Sister of Eric '77 (deceased), Joseph '78, and Thomas '81

Susan Stewart (December 2023); Class of 1967 graduate

William Stueve (January 2024); Father of Lynn Stueve '82 Ginaven, Jill Stueve '84 Gaydos and Kim Stueve '87 Mays

James H. Trageser (November 2023); Father of Jim '79, Theresa Trageser '81 Hernandez

Anne Patrice Trick (September 2023); Former Faculty; Mother of Sarah Trick '94 Peterson, Emily '97, Benjamin '99

Janet Van Arsdale (October 2023); Mother of Connie Van Arsdale '83 Hill and Denny '77; Grandmother of Taylor Hill '16, Jordan Hill

Virginia Wade (August 2023); Mother of Lori Wade '82 Moodie, Mark '84, Sharon Wade '88 Maurer

Gertrude Whelan (October 2023); Mother of Dan '69, Barbette Schmitz '69 Whelan, Peggy Whelan '71 Rose, Mike '74, Kurt Stueve '75, Patty Whelan '81 Stueve

Sue Ann Wiedeke (December 2023); Mother of Joe Maloney '75, Mike Maloney '77, Molly Maloney '83 Purdy

Carolyn Wittmann (January 2024); Mother of Chris '79, Anne Wittmann '80 Athmer, John '81, Beth Wittmann '82 Wright, Martha Wittmann '85 Kramer, Amy Sableski Wittman, Joe '89

Beth Ann Borgert Yablonski (December 2023); Class of 1980 graduate; Sister of Valerie Borgert '66 Senkowski, Nick Borgert '69, Joan Borgert '71 Rammel, Randy Borgert '73, Matt Borgert '79

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