

FOOTPRINTS



[SUMMER 2013]



THREE Generations

**Congratulations
Class of 2013**

**Scholarship
Established**

Dear Friends,

As you walk down the aisles of any store this time of year you will quickly start seeing book bags, pencil cases and binders... Oh my! 'Tis the season for back to school gear. This is the telltale sign that summer is quickly coming to an end and school will soon be back in session. With three years firmly under our belt, we are looking forward to another exciting school year at Marquette Academy where we will continue our work of educating our students in a Catholic faith-filled environment.



Each summer as we prepare for the new school year, I wonder if it will be difficult for us to top the prior year. As the start of the year gets closer, I get more excited each day to hear the goals of our students, faculty, staff, and friends and how they will be accomplished during the school year. Once again, I believe this will be a year for the record books. With our largest freshman class entering the halls of Marquette Academy high school and the addition of several new families to the grade school, we are continuing to grow. The increased enrollment brings increased participation and accomplishments in our various athletic, fine arts and extracurricular programs. However, most importantly we continue to see our students' excel academically through various opportunities

offered at the Academy such as the Accelerated and Honors courses and Dual Credit and Running Start programs. With all that is occurring at Marquette, some days it feels like a whirlwind, but it is wonderful to watch our students learn and grow into adult Catholics who will lead us into the future. Too often we hear people talk about our future generations and where they will take us. With our students continuing to grow and thrive, I believe we will have many strong leaders in the very near future.

Many things are happening at Marquette Academy as we continue to move forward in our mission of Catholic education. Now is such an exciting time to be a Knight or Crusader. If you have not had the chance to stop in recently, stop in and get to know your school again. To those of you, who we see often, welcome back for another year and thank you for continuing to support your school. It is the Marquette family that makes this more than just a school. I would also like to welcome the new families that will join us and the new friends that we will make in the coming year. I hope you all enjoy the remainder of the summer and we can't wait to kick off another year as Marquette Academy.

Respectfully yours,

Brooke Rick, *Principal*

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Memorial Scholarship Established

To commemorate their 2013 induction into the John Pocivasek Hall of Fame and to honor their deceased teammates; James Renner '84, Tom Doermann '85 and Mike Stoudt '85, the 1983 MHS football team has established a scholarship for Marquette Academy High School.

The team was the first in school history to reach the quarter finals of the Class 2A state playoffs. They finished the regular season undefeated with a final record of 10-1. A total of \$2,720 has been collected to date to fund the scholarship. The team members hope to continue to fund the scholarship on an annual basis to keep it viable for many years.

The inaugural contributors include: **Dana P. Bilyeu, Brett E. Carroll, Dean J. Crowley, Timothy R. Durdan, Friends of 1983 Football Team, Steven M. Gonzalo, Marcos G.A. Gonzalo, Joseph P. Hettel, Daniel A. Krause, Shane T. Nagel, Ronald T. Paquette, Chad J. Peruba, Daniel J. Sabol, Glenn E. Serby, Kevin C. Townsend, Martin J. Wheatland, John T. Walsh, Daniel T. Weber**

If you were a team member or a fan and wish to help in this endeavor, you can send your contribution to the school or contact Dean Crowley at deancrowley@westfieldgrp.com for information.



Marquette alumni blessed with triplets!

Born to Megan (Wheeler '02) and Jayme Novotney '01 on May 22, 2013 were Isabella Irene at 4 pounds, 6 ounces, Frederick Edward, 3 pounds, 7 ounces and Emory Jaymes at 4 pounds, 2 ounces. Proud Grandparents are Jack and Mary Jo Novotney, Jerry Wheeler and Mary Ann (Vercimak '68) Dorsett.

FAMILY THIRD GENERATION CRUSADERS!

Pictured to the right are third generation Crusader cousins; Jackson Durdan (class of 2019), Joe Garland (2014), Emily Durdan (2014), Neal Durdan (2015) and Drew Garland (2016). They are the grandchildren of Roy '63 and Janet (Maccono '63) Garland, Bob '63 and Cheryl Durdan and the late Joe and Millie Shanley. Parents of Drew and Joe are Brian '87 and Jean (Shanley '83) Garland. Parents of Emily, Neal and Jackson are Tim '85 and Amy (Garland '84) Durdan.



CELEBRATIONS!

Marie Ruhland celebrates 95 years!

MHS mother and grandmother recently celebrated her 95th birthday on June 19. Marie and her husband Norbert owned Ottawa Milk Products in Ottawa for many years. Marie served as president of the St. Columba and Marquette Parents' Clubs, and had children in those schools for 31 years. She has 21 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She is pictured below with her 8 children who all graduated from St. Columba and Marquette. Norma '58 (Jim '57) Messaglia, Bob '60 (Joyce), Alan '62 (Pat), Marty '64 (Sally Hughes '67), Gary '65 (Nancy), Anne '67 (Gene) Borsatino, Tom '75 (Sharon Hoffman '77) and Terry '77 (Jeanie).



MAY MERRIMENT IS A HUGE SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

On Saturday, May 4th, the Marquette family took a trip back in time to The Roaring Twenties. We celebrated our 31st annual dinner/auction gala in style. This annual event continues to be our most successful fundraiser and one of the top social events in the Ottawa area. Thanks to Co-chairpersons Jeff and Chris Newbury and Paul and Sally Salt and honorary chairpersons Jacky and Mary Jo Novotney; along with a HUGE thank you to all of our donors, volunteers and guests, the event raised a total net profit of \$183,400.00. Planning has begun for the 2014 May Merriment XXXII. The co-chairpersons have been chosen. They are: Tom and Sherri Martini, Dave and Renee Rhoades, Dennis and Debbie Allen and honorary chairmen Bill and Josephine Parrott. It promises to be a "hoe down" of a time.



Father David Kipfer, pastor

of St. Columba parish and teacher and pastor's board president at Marquette Academy celebrated his Silver Jubilee of ordination to the priesthood on May 19th. A Mass of Thanksgiving was offered at St. Columba Church followed



by a reception and "roast" hosted by family and friends at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus. Father was ordained on May 28, 1988 at the diocesan ceremony in the Cathedral. He served as Vocations Director for the diocese from 1993-1997 before taking up his current assignment at St. Columba parish in Ottawa.

75th Birthday Party!

The MHS Class of 1956 plans to celebrate their 75th birthdays on Sunday, October 13th. The festivities will begin with a 9 a.m. memorial mass at St. Columba Church honoring their parents and deceased classmates. Friends and families of the deceased are cordially invited to attend. A class picture, luncheon and social gathering are scheduled for the afternoon at Montes Riverside Inn. Between the mass and luncheon, class members will have the opportunity to experience "We Are Marquette" in a special way by viewing meaningful commemorations on the walls of the hallowed halls.

Alumni Spotlight!



Stephanie Young '03, daughter of Sonia and Leonard Young is pictured above with first lady Michelle Obama (just behind her right shoulder) as she presents the Oscar for Best Picture in February. Stephanie is a 2007 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard and is a lieutenant assigned to the national capital region in Washington D.C. She is manager of the service's social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr and the official blog-Coast Guard Compass. An additional duty is to serve as one of 45 young officers of the armed services as a White House Military Social Aid. Aids serve as an extension of the Obamas in their roles as official hosts of the United States by assisting with introductions to the first family during receiving lines, guest seatings and overall flow of events. Steph has attended State dinners, Medal of Honor ceremonies, the 57th Inauguration and the Academy Awards. She had the honor to work the platform at Mr. Obama's inauguration to seat former presidents, dignitaries and guests. She saluted the new president as he walked off the platform having just taken his oath and then celebrated with the first family later that night at the executive mansion.

"Serving my nation as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard is an honor. While I am proud to serve, I am also grateful for service members currently deployed and in harm's way. The sacrifices our nation's service members and their families make every day are extraordinarily humbling."

-Stephanie Young, Class of 2003.

Let us know what's going on!

Help us tell the entire Marquette Academy family YOUR story - where you are and the amazing things in your life today. Look for FOOTPRINTS, on our web site and Facebook.



On Top of the WORLD!



Brandon Halcott, Class of 2001 completed a successful climb of Mt. Aconagua in the Andes mountains of Argentina. This is the second highest peak in the world. The expedition took 15 days. Brandon also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding peak in the world in Tanzania in 2008. At Aconagua, an estimated 40% do not make it to the top. More than 135 climbers (3 per year) have died at the 22,841 foot mountain from altitude sickness, heart attacks, falls and hypothermia. We thank God that Brandon was not one of those, and congratulate him on this outstanding life accomplishment! Brandon is the son of Bill and Barb Halcott of Streator. He graduated from The University of Chicago in 2005 with a degree in economics and ancient Egyptian studies and from Harvard Business School in 2010 with a Masters of Business Adm. He is the senior vice-president of strategy and operations at Tricoci University of Beauty Culture.

Faculty Spotlight!

Heinz Suppan is beginning his 31st year as a German and History teacher at Marquette Academy High School this fall. In addition to his teaching expertise, Heinz is also an expert on Illinois history and spent some time working at the Lincoln museum in Springfield. In May he was honored to be selected among several candidates around the nation as a presenter at the Conference of Illinois History in Springfield. His topic will be The Indian Creek Massacre and its relationship to the Black Hawk War and the subsequent development of settlements in northern Illinois. The conference will be held at the Prairie Convention Center in September, 2013. Besides Illinois history, Mr. Suppan's passion is traveling-especially to Europe and his native country of Germany. He has sponsored and guided 32 overseas tours to Europe and Australia. Glyckwunsch und danke Herr Suppan!



Heinz Dietrich Suppan



Student Spotlight!

MAHS seniors
Olivia Rhoades and
Corey Bugelholl

attended the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. in June. They were selected for this honor by the faculty because they are considered outstanding leaders among their peers.

Milestones

BIRTHS

- Daughter, Emily Grace on May 3rd to Jennifer and Josh Kazmierczak '97. Emily weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 ½ in. long. Grandparents are Jim and Linda Duff and Dave and Evelyn Kazmierczak.
- Son, Nolan Thomas to Kevin '85 and Amanda Rockey on October 20th. Nolan was a bouncing 8 pounds, 13 ounces and 20 inches long. Grandparents are Richard and Diane (Moss '65) Kennedy, Dennis Rockey and Vic and Cheri Hackler.
- John Miller '99 and Heather (Graham '00) Miller are the proud parents of future Crusader, Michael Lawrence. Michael was born on April 9th and weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces and 20 inches long. He is welcomed home by his big brother Thomas John, age 1. Grandparents are Michael '72 of Ottawa and Rose (Bell '72) Anadel of Joliet and Tom '71 and Chris (Kuhn'71) Miller.
- Daughter, Ella Grace to Christian '03 and Hillary Newbury. Ella was 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and is welcomed home by brother Noah. Proud grandparents are Schuyler and Karen Wells, Jeff '79 and Chris (Huseman'79) Newbury and Brian '85 and Peggy (Lieske '82) Allen.
- Born to Matt '02 and Monica (Coleman '04) Feller on July 3rd was Myles Joseph Feller. Myles weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Gene and Lori Feller and Rick and Donna Coleman.

Milestones continued!

- Twins! Liam Patrick and Ainslee Marie to Brett and Laura (Reynolds '00) Gross on March 8th. Liam weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and Ainslee weighed in at 5 pounds, 1 ounce. They were welcomed home by Finley, 5 and Keelin, 3. Grandparents are Tom and Kay Gross and Dan '64 and Linda Reynolds.

ENGAGEMENTS

Maureen Murry and J.C. Thumm '06 will be married on August 17th at St. Columba Church. Parents of the happy couple are Matt and Mary Murry and Jim '84 and Debbie (McDonnell '84) Thumm, all of Ottawa.

MARRIAGES

- On January 17 Elisabeth Ragan '08 and Kelly Rath were married. An additional ceremony took place on January 19 in Las Vegas.
- Congratulations to James Thrush, Jr. and Joan Miller '06 who were married on June 22nd at St. Patrick's Church.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

40th

- Patrick '70 and Diane Whalen will celebrate their 40th anniversary on September 8th. They were married at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Edward Ryan. They are the parents of one daughter, Shawna '94 Beleckis and one grandson. Diane is a 20 year employee of Marquette Academy High School.

45th

- On February 17, 2013, Mike '64 and Carol (Cunningham '66) Monterastelli celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of two children; Tony of Chicago and Mark of Tiburon, Cal. The couple has two grandchildren.

50th

- Bill '56 and Phyllis Durdan of Grand Ridge celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 1, 2012. They were married at Immaculate Conception in Streator by the late Msgr. R.J. Boyle. The Durdans are the proud parents of three Crusader alumni; Andrew '85 (Maria Hanley '85), William '87 and Amy '90 Thomas. They have five grandchildren.

- Bob '60 and Joyce Ruhland will celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on September 28, 2013. They are the parents of three children; Lisa '82, Kurt '85 (Kate) and Scott '91. They have four grandchildren.

- Art '57 and Mary (McCormick '59) Aubry celebrated their 50th Anniversary on November 17th. They were married at St. Columba Church and are the parents of Mark, Eric and Kami Pitstick. They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

- Congratulation to former Marquette music teacher Mary Dycus Ryan and Edward who celebrated their 50th on April 20th.

60th

- Patricia (Nielsen '53) and Donald Mathieu celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 7, 2013. The couple has one daughter Shelley Nelson, and two grandsons.

- Congratulations to Carol (Tunnacliffe '53) and Donald Underhill who will celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss on December 5th. The couple has four children; Linda (Larry '68) Barra, Loren, Lisa Prochnow and Lance. They have four grandchildren. Carol is proud to tell people that she graduated from MHS in 1953. She says: "best time to have been in high school were the 50's!"

- Donald and Margaret (Stoudt '50) Donnelly celebrated their 60th. They were married at St. Francis Church on October 3, 1953. They are the parents of five children; Don, Doreen Charbonneau, Deeann Piercy and David. They have 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Curtiss Johnson '13, is the first ever athlete from Marquette to be named as the News Tribune **Male Prep Athlete of the Year**. Curtiss was a four year, three sport athlete at The Academy while maintaining a GPA average of over 4.0. During his senior football year, Curtiss rushed for 1,413 yds. and scored 21 TD's-the best in the area. He helped to lead the Cru to a 9-0 regular season, and earned All-State honors. Next was basketball where he averaged 14.6 points and 3 assists per game. He was an all Tri-County Conference pick. In baseball, Curtiss led the area with a .618 batting average tying him for 7th all-time in IHSA history regardless of class. 54 runs and 43 RBI's and again was named to the All-State team. Cujo will be attending Parkland College where he plans to play baseball. He is the son of Lloyd and Susan Johnson.

The 8th Grade Class spends a day in the city together before graduating!



CONGRATULATIONS MARQUETTE ACADEMY ELEMENTARY CLASS OF 2013

Alyssa Rose Brooke	Lexi Victoria Lawry
Melissa Marie Chilson	Thomas Robert Lechtenberg
Molly Ann Jordan Darm	Nathan DiedrichLindhout
Samuel Shannon Donahue	Ryan William Mann
Madeline Anne Dougherty	Emily Elizabeth Meine
Brandton Joseph Eller	Hannah Elizabeth Miskell
Bryce Thomas Fanti	Gracey Maria Neilsen
Dariyn Marie Fergus	Indira Carolina Reinert
Aurora Sue Flavel	Caitlin Ann Richmond
Julie Kathryn Frick	Timothy John Richmond
Dylan Patrick Gerding	Jordan Michael Savageau
Nolan Austin Gerding	Nicole Marie Schalk
Joseph John Hawks	Nicholas Marion Smith
Austin Cole James Jones	Mary Catherine Thompson
Elizabeth Franciska Jones	Stephaney Faye Tipsord
Layne Stuart Kelley	Joseph Jacob Vicich



Marquette graduating senior **Luke Hill** finished his storied Cross Country and Track careers at Marquette with a fifth place finish at the State Track finals in the 3200 meter run with a personal best time of 9:31.52. *“It’s bittersweet to have my career end, but it’s nice to go out on the medal stand”*, stated Luke. Luke is the son of Gregg and Kellee (Donahue '84) Hill.

We Are Marquette Academy!
Here, traditions are embraced, dedication is the norm,
and excellence is the expectation.



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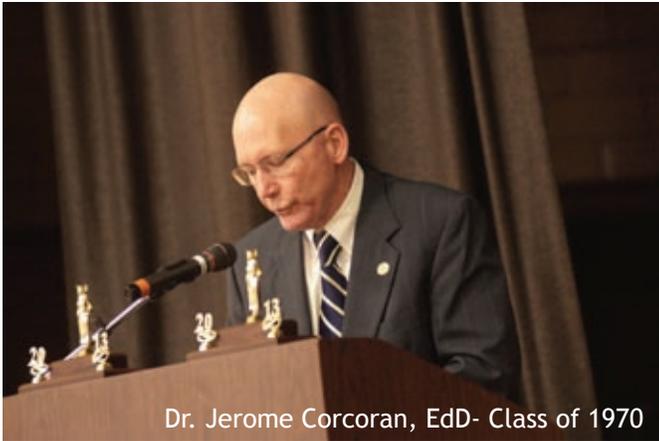
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Riley Adison Bongartz
Alexander Colton Brooke
Emily Jessica Burich
Quinn William Crowley
McKenzie Raye Darm
John Patric Donahue
Emily Renae Durdan
Elizabeth Frances Dyche
Mikaela Christine English
Angela Josephine Evola
Marissa Marie Gama
Lindsay Lynette Gerding
Treyton Alec-George Haage
Terisa Marie Hanna
Tyler Vernon Hellman
Lucas Joseph Hill
Isaac Corban Jewett
Lloyd Curtiss Johnson, III
Mackenzie Nicolle Killelea
Kelsey Rose Kinney

Abigail Elizabeth Koetz
Taylor Rudolph-Francis Komater
John Elliot Kowalski
Lexis Lynn Leiteritz
Chandler Drew Majerus
Marlene Joan Malmborg
Austin Patrick McDonnell
Christopher Lawrence McGrogan
Carlos Agustin Nieblas
Patricia Irene Pruitt
Amy Marie Rogowski
Alice Edith Rose Salt*
Andrea Marie Schalk**
Douglas Austin Skromme
Hannah Leigh Smith
Logan Kenneth Sparks
Scott David Sypniewski
Allison Nicole Taylor
Channing James Voss
Collin Jensen Waite
Margaret Louise Wenzel
Emma Marie Whalen
Brandon Joseph Wheeler
Andrea Burla Wilson

* Valedictorian

** Salutatorian

2013 Marquette Hall of Fame



Dr. Jerome Corcoran, EdD- Class of 1970

Dr. Corcoran is the current president of Illinois Valley Community College. He holds a doctorate in education in curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University. Jerry has had several articles published and has served on many education committees. He is a prominent advocate of education. He is responsible for the implementation of the Running Start program at Marquette. He is a great role model for future educators.



Mr. Michael Hughes, ChFC, CLU-Class of 1960

Mr. Hughes graduated from St. Ambrose University in 1964 and then returned to Ottawa to begin work with Equitable Insurance Company. He has worked for that company for 50 years. Mike has been an avid supporter of Marquette his entire life. He has served on the Marquette Foundation, Co-chairman of May Merriment and on the school board for multiple terms. He has served our community on the youth football board and as a Rotarian. Mike has used his solid Catholic values to instill a strong work ethic, balanced with compassion and respect for others to his family and everyone around him.

Marquette students
cross bridge to
friendship...



Ottawa Friendship House
Changing Disabilities Into Abilities

A student mentor/scholarship program has been established between Marquette Academy H.S. and Friendship Village. Friendship Village is a living and learning facility for developmentally disabled adults. Social interaction with normally functioning people is an important part of the daily lives of these adults. Marquette high school students sign up for the program which involves spending social time with the consumers and generally being their "buddies". The consumers attend a few activities at the school throughout the year such as a football and basketball game, spring musical and lunch. In return, the high school students spend time with the consumers at activities and events at Friendship Village throughout the year. They also acknowledge birthdays and other holidays with their friends. At the end of the year, the Friendship Village consumers vote on scholarships totaling \$2,000 that are awarded to some of the high school students for tuition at Marquette or in the event of a senior, for their ensuing college careers. The scholarships are funded by the family of Don and Bernice Guyette in whose honor and memory the program Bridge to Friendship was established. This year's winners were: Mitch Endress \$600, Andrea Schalk \$500, Hannah Smith \$300, Lindsay Gerding \$300 and Alex Kissel \$300.

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Let us know where you are and what you are up to!

Send us your email address, along with accomplishments and experiences.

The Advancement Office maintains a database of all alumni for reunion purposes.

Please drop us an e-mail with your current contact information including mailing address, cell phone and e-mail. We will keep you up-to-date!

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