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BE THE CHANGE!



'Being the change' is the thought behind Kathryn Ewers' method of teaching here at Marquette Academy. In her tenth year on staff at MA, she believes that students learn best by working hard and taking advantage of opportunities Marquette offers. Kathryn has brought many new learning opportunities to her students at the high school and the junior high level. Kathryn received an Associates in Science Degree from IVCC, Bachelor of Science in Biology from Northern Illinois University and a Masters of Science in Biology from Northern Illinois University. She lives in Ottawa with her husband of twelve years, Jason and her soon to be 4-year-old daughter Jae, the loves of her life!

Each year in February, Mrs. Ewers takes students to the ACES Competition (Academic Challenge in Engineering & Sciences) formerly known as WYSE. It is her 'Pride and Joy' of events. Students participate in testing for Biology, Engineering Graphics, Math, Physics, Chemistry and English. Marquette Academy has had State qualifiers every year! She credits their successes to MA's dual credit classes with IVCC and our facility where they are able to learn lab sciences and other important building blocks.

Some of the other educational activities Mrs. Ewers heads up, above and beyond her normal class load are: **CSI Week** held every February where she works with the Ottawa Police Department to create a 'Crime Scene' at the Grade School for 8th graders to learn about evidence collection, DNA Biotechnology, blood typing and forensic science, all STEM related studies; **A Lone Buffalo Brewery Tour** to learn the chemistry behind the brewing process; **IVCC Cadaver Lab Tour** where students apply their knowledge of anatomy and physiology hands-on; **IVCC Global Environment Class tour at U.S. Silica** to learn about mining and environmental health at the plant; and **Career Day**, partnering with Mrs. Naomi Pickens, bringing in 20-25 local professionals to teach students about careers and what to expect in the real world.

We are so thankful for Mrs. Ewers' hard work and dedication to Marquette Academy students. She is definitely MAKING a difference to change the way young Crusaders see the world.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFO

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Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Marquette Academy celebrated Catholic Schools Week on January 26-31, 2020. MA observed this annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families and a volunteer appreciation lunch. Through these events, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to our young students. It's a great reminder of why our mission is so important. Make sure to follow us on social media to see photos of current events!

CRUSADERS *for Life*

PRO-LIFE EVENT 2020

A group of Marquette Academy students, supervised by volunteer parents and Father Mattingly, traveled to Washington D.C. in January to attend the world's largest Pro-Life event, March for Life. This annual trip is something our students look forward to every year and is filled with life-changing events, music, speakers, rallies and spiritual growth.



Students who attended March for Life:

Evelyn Biggins, Nick Graham, Jeffrey Lafleur, Abby Leskanich, Sophia Leskanich, Kaitlyn Magoonough, Evan Mann, Ben McGrath, Patrick McGrath, Jake Mitchell, Grace Rinearson, Andrea Sanderson, Nathan Scherer, Eliza Smith, Alexia Solis, Emma Thomas, Angelo Weyer, Ben Weyer

Todd Hopkins **COACH OF THE YEAR**

Marquette Academy baseball coach **TODD HOPKINS** has been named the Illinois High School Association Baseball Coach of the Year (for all classes) and the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association Class 1A Coach of the Year. Hopkins guided the Marquette Crusaders to the Class 1A State Championship this past spring. Marquette ended the 2019 campaign with a 33-1 record.

He has accumulated a 542-171 over 22 seasons as the Crusaders' skipper — his teams winning 11 regional championships, six sectional titles, 15 Tri-County Conference crowns and capturing two fourth-place state final finishes, as well as the 1A state title this past spring.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNI!



DR. ROBERT L. DOHERTY, Esq./CPA, Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

Dr. Robert Doherty was inducted into the Marquette High School Hall of Fame, Class of 1955. He is an attorney/CPA and adjunct professor of business law and international business at Florida State University. He has earned doctorates in law and education at Northern Illinois University and Columbia University, respectively, was a tenured professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and taught at Princeton University as a postdoctoral fellow in medieval romance narrative. With advanced degrees in accounting, business administration, public administration, and several foreign languages as well, he served as an army officer and diplomat for nearly 32 years, retiring as a colonel.

Dr. Robert Doherty has reached the highest levels of professional accounting as a certified forensic accountant and has held both state and federal licenses to practice law. A diplomat forensic examiner, he was named to the Legal Advisory Board of the American College of Forensic Examiners Institute in 2012. Among his other interests are opera, travel and massage therapy, wherein he has attained national recognition with specialty certification in prenatal and postpartum therapy. Dr. Doherty and his wife, Anneliese, live in Tallahassee, Florida.

Student Spotlight Kathryn Siena



To say Marquette Academy senior, Kathryn Siena, is an accomplished student is just the tip of the iceberg. Congratulations Kathryn, your future is bright!

Awards:

National Merit Commended Scholar
Illinois State Scholar
October Student of the Month
Recipient of the local Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award
Starved Rock IPA John Ourth Outstanding Student Award

Activities:

Cross-Country (four years, team captain senior year)
Track (four years, team captain senior year)
Academic Challenge (four years, 5th place in state last year for biology, 1st place in regionals this year for biology)
Scholastic Bowl (four years, team captain senior year, made all-conference team)
Fine Arts Club (three years, vice president senior year)
Tech Crew for plays and musicals (four years)
Sports Medicine Club (three years, secretary junior and senior years)
Teen Columnist for the local paper (senior year)

Volunteer:

Sunday School Assistant Teacher (four years)
Over 200 hours community service in high school

Other:

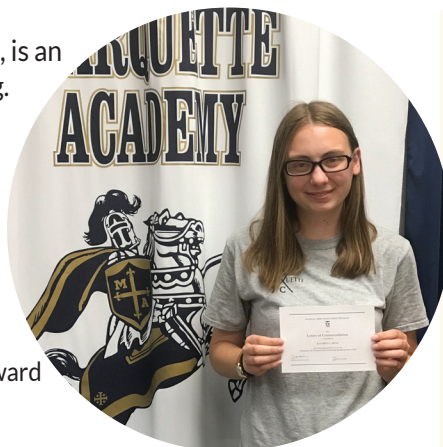
Phi Theta Kappa Member, National Honors Society Member

Background:

I started kindergarten at St. Columba Grade School until it converged into Marquette Academy and I have gone to MA ever since.

Future Plans:

I hope to attend a four year university and study chemistry.



KUDOS!

- Sean Kissel and Kathryn Siena were named Illinois State Scholars.
- Hallie Nelson traveled to London in January for the NCA All-Star National Cheer Championship.
- Anabelle Kribbs traveled to Rome in January for the UDA National Dance Team Championship.
- Molly Snook advanced to the State finals for the 3-point Shootout competition.
- Emma Thomas was named to the All-State Volleyball team.
- Angelo Weyer recently achieved the highest attainable Eagle Scout rank.

Ready to support MA and its students, but don't know how or what to support?

Here are just a few areas that will benefit from your gift: Scholarships, WYSE Team, STEM, Go Club, Fine Arts Club, Tuition Assistance, Sponsor an event, or shop with SCRIP. Please contact the Advancement Office at 815-433-0125 ext. 1018.

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marquetteacademy.net

MMM XXXVIII

— THE —
**RED
CARPET**
Affair

— MAY 2, 2020 —

We all dream in blue in gold here at Marquette Academy. May Merriment, our school's biggest fundraiser, is a crucial part of raising the funds necessary to keep those dreams alive for many students. Join us on **Saturday, May 2, 2020** for the **Red Carpet Affair**. With your support, we continue to keep traditions alive and dreams affordable for our students. Last year we were able to give over \$300,000 to assist families with tuition costs. We thank all of our donors and alumni for your continued generosity, and invite you to celebrate **MMM XXXVIII, the Red Carpet Affair!**

We're rolling out the red carpet for an evening of VIP treatment to celebrate our school and students. Tickets cost \$90 per person and include gourmet appetizers and entree stations, dessert, open bar, bidder number and valet service. It's a great time to reconnect with friends and other alumni to support Marquette Academy!

Marquette Academy is proud to announce this year's Fund-a-Need is to acquire a new FlexCourt System gym floor to replace the 40+ year old tile floor at our elementary campus. We are very blessed to have top tier athletic programs which have produced multiple state tournament wins and titles by our beloved Knights. Being our main feeder school, these programs have become the foundation from which our high school athletic teams build and continue to thrive and grow. Please consider helping our future Crusaders.

Don't miss out on our **\$25,000 Big Cash Raffle!** With 5 other cash prizes available. Tickets cost \$100, Contact Diane Whalen today at 815-433-0125 ext 1018. **If you would like to be a table or event sponsor, underwriter or donate to MMM38, please call us at 815-433-0125.**



Committee Chairpeople are: (from left to right)
Brian & Sally McCallum, Beth Melvin. Honorary:
Sandy & Ray Kotek

Preview the auction items ahead of time or donate to our cause online at **www.bidpal.net/mmm38**.

Get your group of 8 together and be a Table Captain! Contact Julie Verona in the Advancement Office today for your Cash Raffle Ticket or to make a reservation at **815-433-0125 ext. 1017**.

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